

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 12th April 2026

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER *of Divine Mercy*

*Year A, Second Week of Easter*

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses*

Sun 12th Apr	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Anna Steele
	12.45 pm	SB	Baptisms
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 13th			<b>St Martin I</b> , Pope & Martyr, <i>optional memorial</i>
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Daniel Kelly
Tues 14th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary & Edward Moore RIP
Wed 15th			<i>Sorry, no Mass today</i>
Thur 16th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Mahoney RIP
Fri 17th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Simon Burrows <i>St Bede's School joining us for Mass today</i>
Sat 18th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John & Linda Lyons RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>
	12 noon	SB	Baptism
	5.00 pm	SB	Filipino Mass

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Year A, Psalter Week III*

Sun 19th Apr	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Vocations
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Pat, Carl Grey
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 20th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Louise Grey RIP
Tues 21st			<b>St Anselm</b> , Religious, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Margaret McNamara RIP
Wed 22nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Agatha Mendonca RIP
Thur 23rd			<b>ST GEORGE</b> , Patron of England, <i>solemnity</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Tressa Thomas RIP
Fri 24th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Cicily, Jacob Peter RIP
Sat 25th			<b>ST MARK</b> , Evangelist, <i>feast</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary, Joseph Palliyan RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Year A, Psalter Week IV*

Sun 26th Apr	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Yves Lahémade RIP
	1.00 pm	SB	Baptism
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Lynn, Brendan Duffy

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors who join us for Mass and all who join us for our liturgies online.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have enabled us to celebrate the Triduum – the Pascal Mystery - with dignity, meaning and devotion; sacristans, singers and musicians, altar servers, cleaners, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, flower team, all who helped with setting up and tidying away. The list is endless. Thanks also to all who are actively involved in the life of the Parish: Deacons, Hospital Chaplains and those who take Holy Communion to the housebound.

Thank you also for your many good wishes, cards and Easter Eggs.

*Fr John, Fr Paul, Deacon Tony and the Parish Office*

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and welcome to all who were Baptised and Confirmed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. Please keep them, and their families, in your prayers. A big thank you also to our catechists for your dedication and support.



## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS



Life in the Spirit is being run again in the Portsmouth Diocese starting on Thursday 23rd April. There are seven sessions with the last one on the 18th June, due to Ascension Day and half-

term. The Holy Spirit Day will also be at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on 23rd May, the Eve of Pentecost, a brilliant time to receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. These sessions are being held online. For more details and to register please go to: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## CALLED AND GIFTED - REMINDER!

C&G will be starting with four 90 minute sessions on Monday evenings, 13, 20, 27 April and 11 May from 7:30 to 9:00pm at St Bede's Hall. These sessions will enable you to learn about the charisms and get an initial insight as to which ones you may have. You will then have the opportunity to book a personal discernment meeting with a trained member of the Called and Gifted Team to deepen your discernment. Finally you will have the opportunity to join a small group of people with similar charisms to you to help you complete your discernment and start using your charisms. If you can't make all four sessions, you can still take part as there are videos of the material available online for those who register so you won't miss out! The cost per person is only £30 which covers the learning, discerning and using stages mentioned above plus a comprehensive workbook that covers the whole journey and access to a library of online resources. To register, please email [Joan Kent at jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Joan.Kent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) with your name, contact details and the church you attend. If you have experienced Called and Gifted before and would like to either come along for a refresher or, even better, come along to support and encourage those discerning for the first time, you'll be most welcome.

## FILIPINO MASS

To our fellow Filipinos, Mabuhay!

We are very excited and blessed to share with you that we have arranged dates for Filipino Masses at St Bede's Church for 2026, and the first date is April 18th from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and is encouraged to wear our traditional Filipino attire. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in our native language, Tagalog. We hope to create an atmosphere just like home, even though we are far away from it. After the Mass, there will be refreshments in the parish hall from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please stay and join us for fellowship, and take this opportunity to meet both the "old" and the "new" Filipinos in our community. Invite your family and friends and be blessed! Maraming salamat po.

*Filipino Catholic Charismatic Communities in Basingstoke*

## CAFOD FUNDRAISING

Many thanks to everyone for your CAFOD fundraising efforts during Lent. Together we have raised a fantastic £1,818.58 for CAFOD.

## POPE LEO APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

During April Pope Leo asks us to pray for priests in crisis *Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.*

## PARISH STAFF UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Sue Riley as our new Parish Administrator. Sue will start with us on Monday 27th April. The Parish Office will then return to its usual opening hours of Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 2pm. Sadly, on Tuesday 21st April Liz Flitcroft retires from the Parish after over twenty years service. Thank you Liz for all that you have done for the Parish over the years, you will be greatly missed and we wish you well.

## ADoRE MINI RETREAT DAY

St Joseph's Christchurch are excited to be hosting the next ADoRE Mini-Retreat Day of Renewal Saturday 25th April. Continuing ADoRE's theme for this year of "The Greatest Gift is Love", this month we focus on drawing closer to God's amazing love through surrendering to Him in worship, love and trust. We will discover Praise as a way of life; a way of expressing our love for God; and a way to break spiritual strongholds. Join us in person for the day (10am-3.30pm) or via livestream from 10am-1pm. More details are available at: [ADoRE event 25 April 2026 – Avon Stour Pastoral Area](#)

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 29th March amounted to £3,566.90. Thank you for your generosity.

## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is online at: [Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#) or via our contactless terminal by the hall.