

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 26th April 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

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
Mon 27th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Carmen Esiorcio RIP
Tues 28th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Nelson Mendonca RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	Men's Group
Wed 29th			St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe, feast
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Kurian P.K RIP
Thur 30th			St Pius V, Pope, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Allie Joseph RIP
Fri 1st			St Joseph the Worker, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Rolando Domingo RIP
Sat 2nd			St Athanasius, Bishop, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Emilia Castelino RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A, Psalter Week I

Sun 3rd May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Gladys Deard RIP (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Brian Morris & Family
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

To know the Shepherd's voice, we must spend time with Jesus in prayer, scripture, silence and community. The more we listen, the more we learn to recognise the tone of His love, the quality of His mercy, the rhythm of His peace. And then comes the promise: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Not just survival. Not just getting by. Abundant life. Life that overflows with grace, with purpose, with joy. Life rooted in the security of being loved and led by the Good Shepherd. This abundance is not measured by wealth or success. It is not the absence of suffering. It is the presence of Christ in all things. It is the peace that comes from knowing we are held, even in the valley of the shadow of death. It is the freedom to love without fear, to serve without seeking reward, to live with open hands and open hearts. So today, let us ask ourselves: whose voice are we following? Which gates are we entering? Are we listening for the Shepherd who calls us by name? To follow Jesus means entrusting ourselves to His care, even when we cannot see the path ahead.

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WELCOME

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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for our seminarians and for Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood in our Diocese.

CONFIRMATION



On Sunday 3rd May over 70 young people from our Pastoral Area will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. Please pray for them, their sponsors and families at this special time. Grateful thanks also to all our catechists for giving your time to prepare our young people.

SEEKER SATURDAYS

Seeker Saturdays take place from 11am-3pm, at Sacred Heart Church, Fareham. PO16 ONQ. Why not sign up for the next Seeker Saturday? If you are discerning if the Lord is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, then spending time with like-minded people can be really beneficial to any vocational journey. Time together includes prayer, discussion, Mass, Adoration and lunch too. The next two Seeker Saturday dates are Saturday 16th May and Saturday 13th June.

PARISH RECRUITMENT

We are currently recruiting for a part-time cleaner, working 8 hours per week at St Bede's Church. For a detailed job description, person specification and more information about the role, please click the link: [Job Openings](#). The closing date for applications is 10th May 2026.

ONLINE TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS

Join the Dominican Sisters on Saturday 16th, 23rd & 30th May, from 9am to 12 noon for a short course of 3 sessions, to discover the essential nature and principles of catechesis, the sources of catechesis, and the best ways to prepare and deliver our catechesis. This course is open to everyone involved or interested in any kind of catechesis for adults, young people or children. This course is free, however any donation would be gratefully received. To register to attend please use the link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

BASINGSTOKE TOWN CHAPLAINCY

The Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy is looking for an administrator to work 8 hours a week in the town centre office from 1st September 2026. The work involves general office duties including publicity, helping to arrange events, keeping accounts for the Treasurer and liaising with Winchester Diocese Safeguarding Office for DBS checks. Self-motivation and admin/office experience including use of Microsoft Office, social media and website management is required. Current office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, but there is some flexibility. There will be a hand-over period. For a full job description contact Libby Ham: admin@basingstoketownchaplaincy.org.uk

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.*

DIOCESAN CLERGY TRAINING FUND

The Second Collection for the Clergy Training Fund takes place this Sunday, 26th of April. The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians, including the 10 men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination. Each seminarian brings to his training his own life experience, and then participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow. To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year. Please support our seminarians in their journey by making a donation to the fund. To donate online go to: [Clergy Training Fund 2026 - Give as you Live Donate](#).

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - SAVE THE DATE

Please keep this date, 6th June 2026, in your diaries. There will be Safeguarding Training from 10am to 1pm, the training is for Adult/Children combined. Further information regarding registration to come nearer the time. It is a Diocesan requirement that all Safeguarding Ministers attend the training, this will cover you for three years.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER 11AM SUNDAY MASS

Tea/Coffee will be cancelled for the weekend of 3rd May as it is May Bank Holiday. Thanking you all for your support.

SALESIAN COLLEGE OPEN MORNING

The whole family is welcome to come along to the Salesian College whole school Open Morning, from 9:15am - 12:30pm on Saturday 9 May 2026. During the event you will hear from the Headmaster, senior staff and students; have the opportunity to tour our facilities with a student guide, and take part in immersive activities in all subject areas. You will also have the opportunity for informal discussions with our Admissions Team. To book your place, please click: [Salesian College Open Morning Tickets, Salesian College Hall, Farnborough | TryBooking United Kingdom](#)

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 19th April amounted to £2,599.35. 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.

PARISH OFFICE

On Monday 27th April Sue Riley starts as our new Parish Administrator. Parish Office opening times will return to Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9am to 2pm.