

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 10th May 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 10th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Margaret & Russ Ward RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	12.45 pm	SB	Baptisms
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Sean O'Sullivan
Mon 11th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Myrna Lyon RIP
Tues 12th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Carol Carter RIP
Wed 13th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. P Murphy & Family
	4.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
Thur 14th	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Holy Day of Obligation)		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Flitcroft Family
	<i>St Bede's School will be joining us for Mass</i>		
	7.30 pm	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish
Fri 15th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Anthony Mendonca RIP
Sat 16th	10.00 am	SB	St Bede's School FHC Mass
	12 noon	SB	St Bede's School FHC Mass
	<i>There will be no 9.30 am Mass or Confessions today</i>		

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A, Psalter Week III

Sun 17th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Salvador Baptista RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: George, Marion Bedford RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Someone once remarked that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments but Jesus, realising that they were difficult to follow, reduced them to one – the most challenging of all: to love God and love your neighbour as yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus declares His love for His disciples – but He isn't trying to generate a "feel good factor", a warm, fuzzy feeling that will make His followers feel that everything is alright with the world. When Jesus speaks of love, He's talking about showing it in action: in offering mercy to those who are hurting, justice for those who are oppressed, compassion to those who are lonely. If His disciples regularly misunderstand Jesus' teaching and are not the ideal role models for the days that lie ahead, Jesus knows that they need support. That is why He will not leave them alone: they will have the Holy Spirit to comfort, lead and guide them in peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness and wisdom. Through the Holy Spirit, they will literally live in the very heart of God. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, they will come to understand Jesus' message of love as God intends it. They will be unable to see Jesus, but they will find that his words will make sense and that he lives in their hearts and minds in ways they had never expected.

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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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 14th May is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses celebrated at St Bede's Church, 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children from our Parish are currently preparing for First Holy Communion. Please pray for them and their families. Thanks to St Bede's School, and Jayney Lampard and her team of Catechists, who have been preparing the children.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years?

If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church on Saturday 20th June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact Sue Riley in the Parish Office if you would like to attend. Sue will give a form for you to complete and then return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), in Bishop's Office. Thank you.



CHOIR FOR SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARIES MASS

We are seeking singers to join the choir for the Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at St Bede's Church on Saturday 20th June. If you can read music or hold a tune and would like to help make this a memorable celebration for the couples of our Diocese, we would love to hear from you. For more information please contact Chris Olding at: cjolding@wheatsheafmusic.co.uk.

MARY'S MONTH

As we begin the month of May, which traditionally among Catholics is known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when devotions are made in honour of the Blessed Mother. Let us pray for our Diocese, for one another and for peace.

POPE LEO MAY PRAYER INTENTION

During May Pope Leo asks us to pray that everyone might have food. *Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.*

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism preparation programme, which consists of two sessions, will be held on Sunday 12th and Sunday 19th July at 1pm in St Bede's Church Hall. These sessions are for parents of children under the age of 7. To enrol please send an email to: baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk. If your child is aged 7 years or above, please contact the Parish Office for more information about classes to attend.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

A NAME FOR THE PARISH WE ARE BECOMING

Through the "You Will Be My Witnesses" Diocesan Mission Plan, and guided by our Local Mission Plan, our four parishes are coming together as one Parish, with a shared mission. A shortlist of 6 names has been carefully and prayerfully discerned, in line with the direction of the Diocese.

Vote for your preferred name. You are invited to approach this prayerfully. Let the Holy Spirit guide you.

Voting is available online (via link or QR code) or through paper ballots at your church.



Link: [Discerning the Name of Our Parish](#)

Voting closes on Corpus Christi Sunday, 7th June.

VOCATIONS

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." Christ's command to love shapes the priesthood, where priests pour out their lives for God's people. Could this be your path to love others as Christ does? Contact Cn. John Cooke at: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

WHAT'S GIFT AID?

Gift Aid is a simple way to boost your donation. If you're a UK taxpayer, we can claim an extra 25p from the government for every £1 you give. So, a £10 donation becomes £12.50—without you paying a penny more. You can Gift Aid donations to as many charities as you like, if you've paid enough tax to cover it. If you don't already Gift Aid your donation and would like to sign up just fill in our quick Gift Aid declaration form via the link: [Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Gift Aid Declaration Form](#)



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.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 3rd May amounted to £2,434.99. Thank you for your generosity.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

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

