

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 17th May 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

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
Mon 18th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Bernadette Briltow RIP
Tues 19th	9.30 am	SB	Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service
	2.00 pm	SB	St Bede's School Marian Procession
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 20th	9.30 am	SB	Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service
Thur 21st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. St Bede's School <i>St Bede's School will be joining us for Mass today</i>
Fri 22nd			St Rita of Cascia, Religious, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Attendees of Life in the Spirit
Sat 23rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Sheila Budgen RIP <i>Welcome to everyone attending the Life in the Spirit Day</i>

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Sun 24th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Billy Masterson RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Dave McKenna RIP
	1.00 pm	SB	Baptism
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The words, "God is love" come from the first letter of St John in the Bible and we've heard from John in our Gospel reading. Today's reading is taken from what is called the Last Supper Discourse, where Jesus reveals His thoughts to the apostles before His arrest and crucifixion. But the chapter we've just read is almost eavesdropping on a conversation between God the Son made man, and God the Father. In His prayer Jesus embraces all of us who hear and accept His word. It's as if we're taken up into the Trinity while we're still here on earth. Jesus says, "And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." He goes on, "I am praying... for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them". And the "them", of course, are "us," if we believe.

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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.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

World Communications Day, celebrated this Sunday, is observed annually by the Catholic Church. It is a day to reflect on all aspects of communication. Pope Leo has chosen "Preserving human faces and voices" as the theme for this year's 60th World Day of Social Communication. For the full Vatican announcement click the link: [Vatican announces theme for 60th World Day of Social Communications - Vatican News](#)

MASS CHANGES THIS WEEK

There will be some changes to the usual Mass schedule on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Fr John will be away on Retreat and Fr Paul, in his capacity as Chaplain to the Union of Catholic Mothers, will be attending the UCM's National Council and Annual General meeting in Derbyshire. There will be a Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service at St Bede's, or alternatively Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's at 9.15 am. Mass Intentions will be moved to the next available dates, thank you for your understanding.

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 ANNIVERSARY MASS

We are seeking singers to join the choir for the Significant Weddings Anniversary 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.

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.

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.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

There will be Safeguarding training on the 6th June from 10am to 1pm. The training is for Children and Adults combined and will be held in St. Bede's hall. Can all DBS checked people that have not completed their training online please register, this is a requirement of the Portsmouth Diocese. The training lasts for three years but it must be completed. There is a poster on the church noticeboard. Please register via the Diocesan Website or email: SAFEGUARDING@PORTSMOUTHDIOCEDE.ORG.UK

1CB PENTECOST PRAISE SERVICE

1CB (OneChurch Basingstoke) Pentecost Praise is taking place at St Joseph's Church, St Michael's Road, Basingstoke with their music group on Sunday 24th May at 7pm. The service will be followed by tea and cake. Please come and pray for Basingstoke.

FUNERAL

Funeral Mass for Michael Davidson RIP at 11am on Wednesday 10th June at St Bede's Church. We remember Michael's family and friends at this sad time. May he Rest in Peace.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network. To donate online go to: [Catholic Communications Network Second Collection - Give as you Live Donate](#)

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 10th May amounted to £2,929.08. 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.





PENTECOST PRAISE

AN EVENING OF WORSHIP, MUSIC & CELEBRATION

 SUNDAY 24TH MAY |  7:00 PM

 ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

ST MICHAEL'S ROAD, BASINGSTOKE, RG22 6TY

 **MUSIC**
Uplifting. Inclusive.

 **PRAYER**
Together. Expectant.

 **CELEBRATION**
The power of Pentecost!

OPEN TO ALL CHRISTIANS – ALL TRADITIONS WELCOME

UNITED IN CHRIST, DIVERSE IN WORSHIP, ONE IN THE SPIRIT.

ALL ARE WELCOME – BRING A FRIEND!



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