

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 24th May 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 24th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Billy Masterson RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Dave McKenna RIP
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 25th	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, memorial		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dorothy Liddell RIP (Fond)
Tues 26th	St Philip Neri, Priest, Founder, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs St Bede's Church
	<i>Diocesan Prayer: Community of St Bede, Basingstoke (dedicated 26.5.2007)</i>		
Wed 27th	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mike Took RIP (Fond)
Thur 28th	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Elsamma Dominic RIP
Fri 29th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Carol Carter RIP
Sat 30th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joseph, Mary Palliyan RIP
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Year A, Psalter Week I

Sun 31st May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Tom Merriam RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Michael Davidson RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We're surely called to attend carefully to the Pentecost experience, fifty days after we celebrate the resurrection. The Holy Spirit is sent into the world to be our helper amid the confusion, the struggle to believe and live according to the values of the kingdom; the struggle to proclaim truth rather than fake news. What do we notice happens on this birthday of our Church? Firstly, everyone's invited – that's tough because many of us in our communities today might feel excluded for one reason or another. But the message is that absolutely no one is left out; the Church is inclusive at its core. But not just inclusive in the sense that we use that word. No, it runs much deeper than social inclusion for community cohesion; that everyone's welcome and respected for their God-given dignity is part and parcel of what makes the Church truly Catholic. Secondly, everyone can understand each other – another ideal which is hard to live up to, especially in this age of fake news. But this is a reversal of Babel where all were confused and unable to understand not just what language the other was speaking, but also what they were desperate to say, to represent, to bring to the community.

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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.

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.

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.



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.

BISHOP CHALLONER GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR ALUMNI CELEBRATION

Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School is 50 this year. To end our Jubilee Year we are holding an Alumni Celebration on Saturday 11 July 2026 from 7.00pm until 11.00pm. We would love former students, colleagues and supporters of the school to join us for our final celebration of this Jubilee Year. If you would like to come, please complete the short form: [Alumni Celebration - Saturday 11 July 2026 - 7-10 pm](#)

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

An international exhibition 'The Eucharistic Miracles of the World' is coming to Wokingham from Saturday 23rd May to Tuesday 7th June. Everyone is invited to visit this exhibition at Corpus Christi Church, Sturges Road, Wokingham, RG40 2HE. Entry is free. The exhibition was created by St Carlo Acutis (1997-2006), an Italian teenager and computer whiz kid, referred to as the "patron saint of the internet". The Relic of St Carlo Acutis will also visit the church on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st May. A number of events are planned over these two days. More details can be found on the parish website.

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.



ADVENT FAIR UPDATE

Anyone with any comments about the Advent Fair last year is invited to a meeting on Monday 15th June at 7.30pm in the hall. If you are unable to attend but would like to comment, please contact Judith via the Parish Office email: office@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk. We will also start planning this year's Advent Fair that will be held on Saturday 28th November. Come and give us your ideas!

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

LIGHT OF TRUTH COURSE FOR CATECHISTS

Find out more about the Light of Truth Certificate in Catechesis run by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. This is a two-year, part-time, distance learning certificate, for both new and experienced catechists. It aims to develop understanding of mission in the Church and of the mysteries of faith which are transmitted to others in a changing cultural context. Register for the online open evening here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

FUNERAL

Funeral Mass for Michael Davidson RIP at 11am on Wednesday 10th June at St Bede's Church. May he Rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 17th May amounted to £2,759.98 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. Second collection for Catholic Communications Network amounted to £275.92. 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.