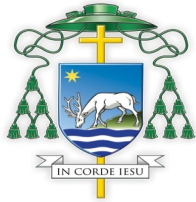


THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 31st May 2026

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Year A, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

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
Mon 1st			St Justin, Martyr, memorial
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Joseph KP RIP
Tues 2nd			Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dennis Healy RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 3rd			St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Catherine Morrish RIP
Thur 4th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Irma Silano RIP
Fri 5th			St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
Sat 6th			St Norbert, Founder, Bishop, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Marie Mills RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

CORPUS CHRISTI, solemnity (The Body and Blood of Christ)

Year A, Psalter Week II

Sun 7th June	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Mary Huntley 90th Birthday
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Vocations

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

From the beginning, God has shown himself as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. We hear of Moses on Mount Sinai experiencing a God of mercy, love and faithfulness. Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds us that if we live in love and harmony, the God of love and peace will be with us. In John's Gospel Jesus declares that God's merciful love saves us from ourselves, with all our weaknesses, and gives us eternal life. Each reading today points us toward the dynamic life of the Trinity, a communion of all-embracing love that gives life meaning. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father, and the Spirit is that love poured out, binding them together. This eternal exchange of love is not closed in on itself; it overflows into creation, into redemption, into sanctification. Through baptism, we are drawn into the life of the Trinity, becoming children of the Father, disciples of the Son and temples of the Holy Spirit.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

WELCOME

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

NEWLY CONFIRMED

This Sunday we will welcome our newly confirmed young people to 11am and 6pm Masses.

MINISTRY OF LECTOR

Next Sunday, Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Fr John will confer upon Vernon Jones the Ministry of Lector during the 9am Mass. This marks another important step in Vernon's preparation for the Permanent Diaconate. Please pray for Vernon and ALL our candidates who are in formation at this time. Pray too for their wives and families who are supporting them.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI, 30TH JUNE - 7TH JULY

There will be a meeting for all our pilgrims after Mass on Sunday 14th June at 12.30pm.

BANNS FOR ORDINATION

We are pleased to inform you that Ryan Hawkes, a student of the Venerable English College and a member of our parish, is due to be ordained to the Sacred Diaconate on 5 July 2026. If anyone knows of any reason why he should not be ordained could you please inform me at the earliest opportunity. Fr John Lee, Parish Priest of Holy Ghost Parish

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 and be followed by a buffet lunch. 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.



FLOWER ARRANGERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed after morning Mass on Friday 19th June to help with flower arrangements for the Significant Weddings Anniversary Mass. If you can help, we would love to hear from you, please contact Sue in the Parish Office.

POPE LEO JUNE PRAYER INTENTION

During June Pope Leo asks us to pray for the values of sports. *Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.*

GETTING MARRIED

If you are thinking of getting married at St Bede's or Holy Ghost Church, please remember that we require at least twelve months notice to allow time to complete all the necessary documents. You will also be required to take part in a marriage preparation course. For more information please contact the Parish Office. This also applies if you wish to have a Convalidation Service.



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 feedback 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!

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Many parishioners choose to leave a gift to their parish in their will. These gifts are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to parish life. To support parishioners in planning ahead, the Diocese have created a range of helpful resources to assist with getting personal affairs in order. These include:

- * An Asset Inventory Record
- * A Will Planner
- * Instructions for a Catholic Funeral
- * Guidelines for Funerals and the care of the terminally ill

The materials are available at: [Leave a Gift in Your Will - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding training will take place on 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. Training is valid for three years. Please register via the Diocesan Website or email: SAFEGUARDING@PORTSMOUTHDIOCESE.ORG.UK

FUNERAL

Funeral Mass for Michael Davidson RIP at 11am on Wednesday 10th June at St Bede's Church. Please also pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Peter McDonnell who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 24th May amounted to £2,496.39 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. 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](#)