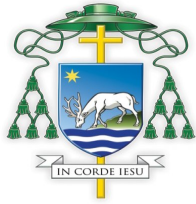


THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 3rd May 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 3rd May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Gladys Deards 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
Mon 4th	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1535-1680), feast		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Beatrice Ferguson RIP
Tues 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Gaiger Family (Fond)
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 6th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
Thur 7th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Caroline Dsouza RIP
Fri 8th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Benny K Varkey RIP (Fond)
Sat 9th	11.00 am	SB	St Bede's Parish First Holy Communion Mass

There will be no 9.30 am Mass or Confessions today

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A, Psalter Week II

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Shortly before His death on the cross, Jesus speaks to His disciples. They are worried and afraid. He has already told them that He will be betrayed and denied. He has let them know that He will only be with them for a little while longer (John 13). They haven't really understood, but He knows they are wondering what is happening. He wants to reassure them. "Let not your hearts be troubled," He says. But they are struggling to understand. Philip is still looking for a clearer sign, a visible sign. Thomas is not sure how to follow when he does not know where Jesus is going. These are very human worries, similar to concerns we might have ourselves. Jesus tells them to have faith in Him. He invites them to trust in Him. He will give them the strength and courage to face all their difficulties. He tells them: "in my Father's house are many rooms," and says there will be a place for them. In the end they will be where He is. "How can we know the way?" Thomas asks. Jesus explains that He is the Way. His way is the way of love. Shortly after this, He tells them again that to love Him is to keep His commandments (John 14:15). Love of God and love of neighbour are the heart of His teaching.

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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.

CONFIRMATION



Please keep in your prayers the young people from our Pastoral Area who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth this Sunday, 3rd May. Grateful thanks also to all our catechists for giving your time to prepare our young people.

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 return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), in Bishop's Office. Thank you.



EXAM SEASON

As exam season begins, let us pray for the Holy Spirit to calm and guide all who are preparing to sit exams.

MARY'S MONTH

The month of May is traditionally known among Catholics as "Mary's Month," because it is 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.



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.

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.*

PRAY IN MAY

The OneChurch Basingstoke Pray in May initiative is back! This is an initiative of OneChurch Basingstoke on behalf of all the churches in the Basingstoke area. Please pick up a leaflet per family from the pews this Sunday and pray for people in your street this month. See God's blessing rest upon every home, school, college and business.

A NAME FOR THE NEW PARISH WE ARE BECOMING

There is much to look forward to in the weeks ahead. Over the coming weeks, we will hear more about the Local Mission Plan and the vision it sets before us. As part of this, we will soon be invited to help **discern a new name for the parish we are becoming**.

At its heart is a simple Gospel moment. Like Bartimaeus, we are called to hear the voice of Jesus and respond:

"Take heart. Rise. He is calling you." Mark 10:49

This is the invitation for us. To become a parish where people truly belong, encounter Christ, and grow in faith, together.

As we move towards becoming one parish family, our individual church names, like St Bede's Church and Holy Ghost Church will remain unchanged. Alongside them, a **new parish name will be given**. A shared name that reflects who we are becoming and the mission we share.

Key dates:

Sunday 10th May (Sixth Sunday of Easter): Shortlist of six names shared

Sunday 7th June (Feast of Corpus Christi): Voting concludes
Bishop Philip will make the final decision.

For now, take heart, listen, and pray for where the Lord is leading us.

Take some time to read the Local Mission Plan magazine using the link below:

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/fae88b7530.html>



Or point your phone camera at the QR code.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - SAVE THE DATE

Please save this date, 6th June 2026. 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.

VOCATIONS PRAYER

"Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do." Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for His kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognise God's call.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 26th April amounted to £2,451.79. Last weekends second collection for Clergy Training Fund amounted to £643.83. Thank you for your generosity.