

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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## Sunday 21st June 2026

### TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year A, Psalter Week IV*

#### *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses*

<b>Sun 21st June</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Peter McDonnell RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Ryan Hawkes
<b>Mon 22nd</b>			<b>Ss JOHN FISHER &amp; THOMAS MORE, Martyrs, feast</b>
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Laski Family
<b>Tues 23rd</b>			<b>St Etheldreda, Abbess, optional memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mathew Thomas RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	Men's Group
<b>Wed 24th</b>			<b>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, solemnity</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Terry, Breda O'Reilly RIP
<b>Thur 25th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Michael Davidson RIP
<b>Fri 26th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Lyons RIP
<b>Sat 27th</b>			<b>St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, optional memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Paddy Payne RIP (Fond)
	10.00 am	SB	Syro Malabar Celebration
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

### Ss PETER & PAUL, solemnity

*Year A, Psalter Week I*

<b>Sun 28th June</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Bernadette & Vernon Jones
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Vocations to the Priesthood

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Do not be afraid” is a frequent and consoling saying on the lips of Jesus. He says these words to us because we are often afraid: very afraid. We fear the unknown. We fear what we cannot control. We fear what other people may think, say or do to us. We fear to have arguments with people. We fear losing their approval or their love. We fear illness and disease. We fear what tomorrow may bring. We fear death. There are so many things in this world to fear. Simply being told not to be afraid does not sound like a remedy for our fear, but the Lord gives us great reason not to be afraid. Someone is watching over you. Someone knows you very well and loves you for yourself. Jesus is telling us that we are not abandoned children. We are greatly loved by God, who is our Father. That is why we say the greatest words it is possible to say when we pray the Lord's Prayer. We express our belief in God as a father who cares for us. Our strength is in God our Father, and we are all His children. There is a family of God and we are members of it.

*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.

## SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the Significant Weddings Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip. You all helped to make it a special day for the couples and guests who came to St Bede's Church from across our Diocese. Congratulations also to all our Holy Ghost & St Bede's couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year.



## FATHER'S DAY

This Sunday we remember and pray for all Fathers, and those who are no longer with us, but live in our memory. May they Rest in Peace.

## TEA & COFFEE AFTER 11AM SUNDAY MASS

Firstly, we would like to thank all parishioners for your support for the 11am tea and coffee after Mass. Can we please remind all parents that for Health and Safety reasons we cannot serve children hot drinks unless a parent is with them and takes responsibility for their child. Unfortunately, it has become necessary to ask all children are accompanied by an adult when attending tea and coffee in the hall, this is for the safety of the children. Donations given at these occasions are for CAFOD during Lent and the rest of the year St. Michael's Hospice. Cakes and biscuits are donated by volunteers in order to raise money for this purpose.

## DAY FOR LIFE

This weekend there will be a second collection for Day for Life. The theme this year is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God for all eternity. To donate online click the link: [Day For Life Second Collection 2026 - Give as you Live Donate](#)

## 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](mailto: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.

## SET THE CAPTIVES FREE

An Inter-Diocesan Prayer Ministry Training Day under is being organised by the Arundel & Brighton and Portsmouth CHARIS Diocesan Service and Communion (CDSC) Teams at St Bede's Church on Saturday 18th July at 10.30 am. Have you discerned a charism of Intercessory Prayer, Healing or Prophecy? If you want to use your gifts further, please come and join us. Further details and a registration link to follow.

## A NAME FOR THE PARISH WE ARE BECOMING

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to pray, discern, and vote on the name of our future parish. Voting has now closed across Sacred Heart, St Michael's, St Oswald's, St Joseph's, and St Bede's. As Scripture reminds us, the Church is built of living stones, and we are grateful for the participation of so many parishioners. Final counts are being completed in our schools this week. Once all votes have been received and counted, the three most popular names will be submitted to Bishop Philip, who will discern and confirm the final parish name. We look forward to sharing the voting results with you in the coming weeks.

## PLANT SALE

This Sunday, 21st June, there will be a plant sale after all Masses in aid of St Michael's Hospice.

## LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

From September 2026, St Bede's School are seeking to appoint a full-time Learning Support Assistant (LSA). There may be the opportunity for this role to be as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) for the right candidate. Please visit the school website for more information: [Vacancies and teacher training - St Bede's Catholic Primary School](#)

## BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY

Basingstoke Choral Society presents an evening of light and hope on Saturday 18th July 2026. The concert starts at 7.00 pm and will be held at All Saints Church, Odiham. The Conductor will be Jordan Theis. It will be an evening of inspirational music celebrating the hope and joy of community, with songs written or arranged by American composers. Tickets cost £20 and under 18's free. A glass of wine or soft drink is included in the ticket price. To book go to: [Basingstoke Choral - 18/07/2026 7:00pm - Sure on this Shining Night - Songs of Light and Hope](#)

## 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.*



## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 14th June amounted to £2,585.60. from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. Thank you for your generosity.

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Peter's Pence collection, which will take place next weekend, is an annual opportunity for Catholics worldwide to support the Holy Father's charitable initiatives, including emergency relief for victims of war and natural disasters.

## 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.

