

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 28th June 2026

Ss PETER & PAUL, solemnity

Year A, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 28th June	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
Mon 29th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs O'Connor Family
Tues 30th			First Martyrs of the Church of Rome, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary, Joseph Palliyan RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	Hourly Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed 1st			St Oliver Plunkett, Martyr, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Cordelia Obidegwu RIP
Thur 2nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yvonne Grasso, Ronald McAulay RIP
Fri 3rd			ST THOMAS, Apostle, feast
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Kudiyirickal, Kuppiyil Families RIP
	4.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar St Thomas Day Celebration
Sat 4th			St Elizabeth of Portugal, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs of Liddell Family (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	St Peter's Small Christian Community Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week II

Sun 5th July	9.00 am	SB	Mass: John Okpaloafe & Michael Jackson RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Richard Luker RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What does it mean for us to be "properly ordered"? It means loving more those things that are more worthy of love. The first of these, of course, is God, who is pure love, the fountain of love, a love that is stronger than death. Only by making Christ the focus of our lives will those lives be well ordered. When we have dared to let in the warmth of divine love, we will need yet more courage, the courage to bear witness to our own transformation - even though as yet it has only just begun. Offering our testimony to Christ's love for all the world, whether aloud or in the silence of deeds, we will bring Christ's rewards to everyone we meet.

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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.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

This Sunday, 28th June, is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (transferred from Monday 29th to the adjacent Sunday). On this feast day, please pray for the whole Catholic Church, for the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, for all the clergy, religious and laity, for the unity of the Church and for its evangelising mission.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

This week a group of pilgrims led by Fr John will be departing for Rome and Assisi. Please keep them in your prayers, along with Ryan Hawkes who will be ordained deacon on Sunday 5th July in Rome.

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.

SET THE CAPTIVES FREE

An Inter-Diocesan Prayer Ministry Training Day 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.

PLANT SALE

Many thanks to all parishioners for supporting generously the plant sale last Sunday in support of St. Michael's Hospice. A grand total of £550 was raised. A big THANK YOU to everyone. Blessings to all. Alfredo

LUCKY ME WINNER

The Knights of St Columba 'Lucky Me' monthly draw winner for May is Val Barham, and for June is Roger Poole. Many congratulations to both supporters.

CHURCHSUITE

In preparation for launching the new parish database ChurchSuite, the new parishioner option on the website will be disabled and old style registration forms removed from the Cloister. Further information on how to register and QR codes will be in next week's newsletter.

ADORE MINI RETREAT

ADoRe invites you to join them on Saturday 27th June for this month's online spiritual mini-retreat: "Love One Another" discovering how the Holy Spirit empowers us to share Christ's love with others. The meeting will include live-streamed Holy Mass, Adoration, Prophecy, Praise, and Prayer. You can register at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

PARISH NAME VOTE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone across our Pastoral Area who took the time to pray, discern and vote on the name of our future parish.

We received an excellent response, with just over 1,400 votes submitted across our churches and schools.

The results showed three clear front-runners. The following names were by some distance the most popular choices:

- Christ Our Light
- Our Lady, Queen of Peace
- St Carlo Acutis

What is quite extraordinary is how close the voting was. All three names received very similar levels of support across the Pastoral Area.

These three names will now be submitted to Bishop Philip, who will prayerfully discern and choose the final name for our new parish.

This marks an important milestone in our journey towards becoming a single parish. In simple terms, this means that our churches will remain as St Joseph's, Sacred Heart, St Bede's, St Michael's and St Oswald's, while together becoming one parish, officially recognised by the Church and united by a shared mission and future as we seek to become missionary disciples together.

Thank you for your participation, your prayers, and your continued support as we continue this journey together.

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](#)

POPE LEO JULY PRAYER INTENTION

During July Pope Leo asks us to pray for respect for human life. *Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.*



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 21st June amounted to £2,499.84. from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. Second collection for Day for Life amounted to £400.95. Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The Peter's Pence collection takes place this weekend. This 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.

