

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 7th June 2026

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

Year A, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

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
Mon 8th	12 noon	SB	Mass: John, Sean Hynes RIP
Tues 9th			St Ephrem , Doctor of the Church, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	7.30 pm	SB	Men's Group
Wed 10th	11.00 am	SB	Funeral Mass for Michael Davidson RIP <i>There will be no 9.30am Mass today</i>
Thur 11th			St Barnabas , Apostle, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Cordelia Obidegwu RIP
Fri 12th			THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS , <i>solemnity</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Cicily, Jacob Peter RIP
	2.00 pm	SB	Funeral Service for Peter McDonnell RIP
Sat 13th			St Anthony of Padua , Religious, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Gregorio Micabalo RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week III

Sun 14th June	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Mendonca Family Members RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Anna & Jack Bowman RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Mass for Corpus Christi, St Paul reminds us that "we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf". Together we seek forgiveness and then join the angels of Bethlehem singing "Glory to God in the highest", peace to people of goodwill. The Collect is prayed, so called because it collects our individual prayers together. Then we listen to God's word, attentively and prayerfully. If we silently pray, "What, Lord, do you want me to hear today?" He may have a personal word with us. This is what happened to St Francis when he heard the Gospel read one day in Assisi. Through the words of consecration, through the power of the Holy Spirit, St Francis tells us: "Christ, the Son of the living God, is present on the altar in the hands of a Priest! Let everyone be struck with fear, let the whole world tremble, and let the heavens exult." On this feast day we remember that every Mass is, for us, a foretaste of heaven.

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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.

MINISTRY OF LECTOR

This 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.

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

ORGAN PROJECT UPDATE

Over the past few months significant progress has been made with plans to restore our organ. Three organ specialists submitted proposals, and one has now been chosen as the preferred option for our Business Case, which will soon be presented to the Diocese. To proceed with the upgrade and repairs, we will need to raise £15,000. A big thank you for all the generous offers we have so far received. If you would like to support our fundraising efforts please contact Fr John directly.

UNWANTED ITEMS / LOST PROPERTY

An increasing amount of unwanted items, both religious and non religious are being left at St Bede's Church. Unfortunately, space is at a premium and much as we would like to help, we simply cannot accommodate any more items. There are also a number of items in the Lost Property cupboard. Please check the cupboard for anything you may have left behind. Items will soon be put out for display and anything unclaimed will then be disposed of.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed after morning Mass on Friday 19th June to help setup the hall for the Significant Weddings Anniversary Mass. If you can help, please come along.

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.*

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.

A NAME FOR THE PARISH WE ARE BECOMING



Voting for the name of our new Parish closes this Sunday, Corpus Christi Sunday, 7th June. Voting is available online (via link or QR code) or through paper ballots at your church. Link: [Discerning the Name of Our Parish](#). Please don't forget to vote if you have not already done so.

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!

ST BEDE'S SOUND SYSTEM

Work will soon be undertaken to replace the Audio Processor in the church sound system. The current one has worn out and is the cause of a lot of the sound problems we are experiencing. At the same time we will also be improving the loop system by installing a new loop driver unit. Thank you for your patience while we have been working to identify the cause of the sound interference.

ADOREMUS 2026

Save the date for the Adoremus all night Vigil! Overnight Adoration will take place at St Bede's Church on Friday 9th October ending with Mass on Saturday morning. More details to follow in September! Hope to see you there! Adoremus is a National Eucharistic Congress initiated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to deepen devotion to the Eucharist and encourage adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

SEEKER SATURDAY

The next Seeker Saturday will be on 13th June from 11am-3pm at Sacred Heart Church, Fareham. PO16 ONQ. Pope Leo XIV recently called for the creation of communities where young people can feel accepted, listened to, and encouraged in their vocational discernment. If you are discerning if the Lord is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, then spending time with like-minded people can be really beneficial. Our time together includes prayer, discussion, Mass, Adoration and lunch too. To find out more or to enquire about attending (booking is required for the hospitality we offer) please email us: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FUNERALS

Funeral Mass for Michael Davidson RIP at 11am on Wednesday 10th June at St Bede's Church. Funeral Service for Peter McDonnell RIP at 2pm on Friday 12th June at St Bede's Church. May they Rest in Peace.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 31st May amounted to £2,842.78 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. Thank you for your generosity.