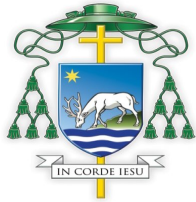


# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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## Sunday 21st May 2023

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Year A, Psalter Week III*

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

<b>Sun 21st May</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Martin Kelly RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Chidimma Ebochuo RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 22nd	12 noon	SB	Mass: Keith Howard RIP
Tues 23rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Sheila Budgen RIP
Wed 24th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Norma Clarke RIP
Thur 25th			<b>St Bede the Venerable</b> , Religious, <i>memorial</i> 9.30 am SB Mass: Dorothy Liddell RIP (Fond) <i>St. Bede's School will be joining us for Mass today</i>
Fri 26th			<b>St Philip Neri</b> , Priest, Founder, <i>memorial</i> 9.30 am SB Mass: Donor's St. Bede's Church (Fond)
Sat 27th			<b>ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY</b> , Bishop, <i>feast</i> 7.00 am SB Mass: Int. Adam & Rebecca Sawko (Wedding) <i>Please note Mass today is at 7.00 am as Fr. John will be joining our Confirmation Candidates at their Retreat</i>

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

*Year A, Psalter Week IV*

<b>Sun 28th May</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Vocations
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Alan Carver, Graham Healey RIP Youth Mass



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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is no accident that World Communications Day comes on the Sunday before Pentecost. Our first reading tells us that Mary and the apostles prayed constantly in the upper room, and St Peter in our second reading describes how the Spirit of glory thereafter "rested" upon them. They did not just preach and publish Gospels - through them, other people encountered God for themselves. And that same Spirit of glory rests upon you and me. We, too, have been gifted to communicate something of the truth and beauty of God. World Communications Day gives us an opportunity to reflect upon what kind of message we are giving. The Internet has provided a more effective means of communicating than was available to previous generations, and it is our responsibility to ensure that what we are communicating is glorifying. As St Francis said in his famous prayer, "Grant that I may not so much seek to be understood as to understand." "Preach the Gospel at all times," he also said, "and, if necessary, use words." For the truth of God is best told as Jesus told it, by reaching out in love. We are men and women who come in peace, just as those first lunar explorers did. And we too step very respectfully into other people's worlds.

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who join us for Mass whether in our Church or via the live-stream.

## MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHN: PARISH CENSUS

Dear friends, on Sunday 4th June - Trinity Sunday - I will be inviting you to take part in a Parish Census. This census - the first since my appointment as Parish Priest - is an exercise that should be undertaken regularly to keep our parish records up to date. I am very aware that since my arrival last September a number of individuals and families have joined our parish community. Welcome to you all! Accurate and complete information is vital to strengthening our identity as a Catholic community. When you come to Mass on Trinity Sunday you will receive a census card and a pen. What I am looking for is one card per household / family / individual. Can you please complete the card before you leave the Church after the Mass you attend. The census cards will be gathered up and held in a secure place. We will use the information to keep you informed by post, email, and telephone about parish news, events, and fundraising initiatives such as the forthcoming Closer to Christ Campaign. Completing the card is a straightforward exercise and should not take you long to do. We will place a census card on our parish website. This will help you prepare for the Parish Census to be run on Trinity Sunday. Thank you so much for your participation and cooperation!

## YOUTH MASS AT ST. BEDE'S CHURCH - PENTECOST 2023



Inspired by the 8,000 plus younger brothers and sisters who turned up at Wembley for FLAME 2023, the youth of St. Bede's have dared to dream of gathering together the young people of Basingstoke. Inviting you to come celebrate the 6pm Mass with us on 28th May, the Feast of Pentecost! This Mass will be celebrated by the young people for young people and their families. We look forward to seeing you!

## TEA/COFFEE

There will be tea and coffee after the 9 am and 11 am Masses this weekend.

## PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

We are holding a Parish Quiz Night on Saturday 3rd June at 7.30 pm in St Bede's Church Hall. Admission is free, there will be a welcome drink, and light refreshments will be provided. Please add your details to the sign up forms in the Cloister.

## AFTERNOON TEA

The next 'Afternoon Tea' will take place on Sunday 25th June at 3.30 pm in St. Bede's Church Hall. Please note the slightly later start time. The tea in July will be the last one before the Summer holidays and will be held on Sunday 23rd July at 3.00 pm. All are welcome!

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*"Do what you can and pray for what you cannot yet do"*  
St. Augustine

## FEAST OF ST. BEDE

On Thursday 25th May we celebrate the Feast of St. Bede, who is the patron of our Church and Primary school. He was an English priest, monk and scholar who is also referred to as "the Venerable Bede" due to his holiness and intellect. St. Bede pray for us.

## POPE FRANCIS MAY PRAYER INTENTION

During May, Pope Francis asks us to pray for Church movements and groups. *We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.*

## BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism programme will take place on Sunday 9th and Sunday 16th July at 1.30 pm. For further details please email: [baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## BACCA

BACCA will be meeting in the Church Hall after 11 am Mass next Sunday, 28th May.

## EVENTS AT DOUAI ABBEY

The next Weekend Retreat: ***How can we pray?*** will be led by Dom Peter Bowe OSB, a Monk of Douai Abbey from **Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th June**. God lives within us! How can prayer, in our hectic, secular world, fit comfortably with living? What is your experience of prayer? Can meditation be prayer? What does the Bible, and Jesus, tell us about prayer? We explore the restlessness of heart which first brought us to God alerting us to His call. You can book via the Abbey website: [Bookings - Douai Abbey: The Monastery of St Edmund, King & Martyr](#) Details of how to get to Douai Abbey and the full programme of events being held throughout the year are also available via the website.

## WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Pope Francis, has designated Sunday 21st May as World Communications Day. In his message for World Communications Day, the Holy Father stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, also in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live." There will be a second collection this weekend or you can give online at: [World Communications Day second collection 2023 | Give as you Live Donate](#) Many thanks.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 14th May amounted to £2,903.11 (this includes two First Holy Communion Masses). Thank you for your generosity to the Parish.

## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is online at: [Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#) or via our new contactless terminal by the Hall. If you are not registered on the Parish Gift Aid Scheme and would like to join, please email: [accounts@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:accounts@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

