

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 7th May 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 7th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Joanna Laska
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Pat & Geoff Manley RIP
Mon 8th	10.00 am	SB	Mass including the Baptism of Okechukwu Richard Okoye & Chilotam Yvonne Okoye
			Welcome to Frs Leo and Anthony Ikhenoba who will be celebrating the Mass <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass today</i>
Tues 9th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Luciano Limbo RIP
Wed 10th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Holy Souls
Thur 11th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Congratulations Lloyd Wedding Anniversary
Fri 12th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Kurian Philip RIP
Sat 13th	11.00 am	SB	Parish First Holy Communion Mass

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A, Psalter Week II

Sun 14th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Maria Nocera
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Patrick Cantwell RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our world is troubled by many things and so are our hearts. Life does not present us with constant joy. Jesus' words at the beginning of today's Gospel offer us comfort. He says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Jesus Himself knew what it felt like to be troubled. He knew disillusion and despair. Prior to Jesus' betrayal, and again in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus uses the word "troubled" to describe how He feels. At these times Jesus is troubled deeply, or as He Himself says, His "soul is troubled". Even Jesus, the cornerstone of our faith, had to call on the Father in His moments of doubt and struggle. Jesus had to live His faith with the weight of the world bearing down on Him, as we ourselves do. Honesty in our relationship with Christ and His Father are vital to keeping the foundation of our lives and our faith secure amid the earthquakes of life. If we seek to follow Christ faithfully, we can be reassured that He understands what life is like for each one of us. The readings today offer us an invitation to look at what is key or foundational to our lives. Were you to be asked, what is the most important thing in your life today, how might you respond? It might involve those you love, those you care for and possibly what you own. It may be worth spending some time this week asking how key your faith and your relationship with Christ is to your daily life. If it is key how do you express it? How is it reflected in your life?

WELCOME

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

TEA/COFFEE

There will be tea and coffee after the 9 am and 11 am Masses this Sunday, 7th May.

THE CORONATION - A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP

"This weekend, I am sending a Pastoral Message to be read and some prayers to be recited before the Final Blessing at Mass. In the Message, I note how the King has chosen a religious ceremony to mark the beginning of his reign, showing how Christianity remains "integral" to the UK's national identity. We should give thanks for the King's Christian faith, while noting that there are secular forces which seek to eradicate Christianity from public life. The Message will also highlight the many charitable causes the King is committed to: "As Catholics, we rejoice that our new King shares the same love for Jesus Christ that his mother Queen Elizabeth did, and that he too strives to put that love into practice in public service, not least through charitable endeavours at home and abroad towards the needy, the young and the environment. As we give thanks to God for his strength and conviction, let us pray for him."

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children from St. Bede's School who are receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Congratulations also to our Parish First Holy Communion Children, 9 boys and 9 girls, who receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion next Saturday. Thanks to Jayney Lampard and her team of Catechists who have been guiding our children through the programme since last Autumn. Thanks also to our wonderful Flower Team who have decorated the Church so beautifully, and to our 'Holy Dusters' for giving the Church a powerful clean.

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 (yes, we exist) 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 the young people and their families. If YOU are between 13-35 years of age and would like to get involved, please find me in the foyer after Sunday Mass (any of 'em!) or email me, Amrutha, via the Parish Office: office@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk. Give your time in exchange for food, fun, and faith! Celebrating Youth Celebrating Jesus!

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. If you are interested in coming, please add your details to the sign up forms in the Cloister this weekend.

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.*

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

Next Tuesday, 9th May, is the annual Day of Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This is observed on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales. It is a day of prayer for those who have been abused and is held in a season of hope and new life.

ADORE MINI RETREAT FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL



Join us for ADoRE, a special mini-retreat of spiritual renewal on Saturday 20th May at St Bede's Church from 9.30 am - 3.25 pm. Through Mass and Adoration, joyful praise and inspiring teaching, each month we develop our understanding and

appreciation of how it is possible to respond to Jesus' call to mission. Showing how we are all anointed, inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do as Jesus did, bringing people into His Kingdom. Guest speakers this month are Fr Jon Bielawski and Michele Thompson of "Genesis Mission." Through powerful examples, they will show ways we can all share the good news. Fr Jon is Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation & Catechesis in Plymouth Diocese. Michele has a background as a Parish Youth Leader and Catholic University Chaplain. They both have a passion for empowering people to share the Good News of the Gospel.

THE MONTH OF MAY



We have now begun the month of May, which traditionally among Catholics is known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 2020, Pope Francis wrote a Letter to the faithful about the Month of May. In his Letter he reminded us that it is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family, and he encouraged all of us to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary.

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Edna Primrose Wilkinson RIP on Wednesday 17th May at 12 noon in Holy Ghost. Requiem Mass for Clive Adams RIP will take place at Holy Ghost Church on Friday 19th May at 11 am. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 30th April amounted to £2,557.39. 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.





Southwark Province Youth Fund Challenge 2023

Raising Funds for Youth Work in our Diocese

In 2022 Br David walked across the entire length of our diocese from Westminster Cathedral to Canterbury, a distance of over 90 miles / 145 kilometres, in just five days so as to raise funds for youth projects in our province. Together we realised over £1200 which has gone a long way to support Catholic students in higher education and the chaplaincies themselves.



In 2023 we will go one step further as we aim to raise £2000 so that we can provide even more support to our youth communities. A higher target demands a greater challenge so this year Br David will undertake an even greater distance to realise our fundraising goal. Starting on the 1st of May he will be walking from...

England to Spain!

Starting from Reading Abbey, the home of the relics of St James and starting point for many pilgrims in the Middle Ages, from there he will walk 68 miles / 110 kms through the Hampshire countryside to Southampton in five days. Following this he will fly to Spain to start the second leg of his journey where he will then walk from Ferrol on the north coast to Santiago de Compostela, another 72 miles / 115 kms. This will be a total journey of 140 miles/225km and he will complete this in just 10 days!



To support Br David and donate scan the QR code below or go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/youthsantiago>

You can also contact Br David at

Scan the QR Code to action.youth@kscsouthwark.org



CHORAL DIRECTOR

Full Time: 35 hours per week (part time would be considered)

Fixed Term Contract (2 years)

Salary: £26,000 to £28,000 per annum

Based: At St. Edmund House, Portsmouth, with travel to schools

Starting: September 2023

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and appropriately qualified Choral Director who, working with the diocesan Education Service, will be responsible for partnering with local diocesan schools to implement and develop the National Schools Singing Programme (NSSP).

The Choral Director will work with up to 12 schools in the diocese and will be responsible for the development of choral singing in those schools, nurturing potential in our diverse communities. The core work of the Choral Director takes place during the school day in diocesan primary schools. Children in the NSSP with a particular interest in singing will be encouraged to take part in afterschool choirs and to sing in church. A key aim of the role is to create opportunities for children to participate in the music provision for their own parishes, so the role incorporates some Sunday working to facilitate and lead this.

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth covers the areas of Berkshire, South Oxfordshire, Hampshire, IOW, Bournemouth and the Channel Islands. Initially participating schools will come from Maidenhead, Reading, Bournemouth and Southampton. The post-holder must have a full driving licence and access to a car. Mileage expenses are paid.

While it is not essential to be a Catholic, it is expected that the post-holder will engage positively with Catholic environments and be willing to develop a deep knowledge of Catholic liturgy and the relevant musical repertoire.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on 15 May 2023.

Interviews will take place in Portsmouth on 22 May 2023.

For more details about the role, please email the Director for Education, Catherine Hobbs chobbs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk