

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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## Sunday 12th May 2024

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Year B, Psalter Week III*

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

<b>Sun 12th May</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: William Bush RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Cicily & Jacob RIP
<b>Mon 13th</b>			<b>Our Lady of Fatima, optional memorial</b>
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Private Intention
<b>Tues 14th</b>			<b>ST MATTHIAS, Apostle, feast</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Paddy, Ann Byrne RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Wed 15th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dolores McKeogh RIP
<b>Thur 16th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Fr Kieran Kirby RIP
	11.30 am	HG	Funeral Service Kari Manter RIP
<b>Fri 17th</b>			<b>St Dunstan, Bishop, optional memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Santan, Ana Victoria Loba
<b>Sat 18th</b>	10.00 am	SB	First Holy Communion Mass
	12 noon	SB	First Holy Communion Mass

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

*Year B, Psalter Week III*

<b>Sun 19th May</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Paul Agnew RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs, Hynes Family

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

World Communications Day reminds us of our responsibility and enormous privilege as Jesus' disciples: to use our human words to make the Divine Word become flesh in our society and in the hearts and minds of the people who hear us. It is a day when, rightly, we remember those who work in the media. Their work is not easy and, for some, it means risking their lives to inform us of matters which should be at the forefront of our minds and prayers. Today we also pray that our media might be responsible, uplifting and enriching. It is sometimes difficult to ensure integrity and truthfulness in the face of money, political and technological pressures, and we therefore praise and congratulate those for whom truth does not mean big headlines and maximum publicity. If this is true of our electronic and printed media, it is even more true when it comes to transmitting the message of faith. The Synod on Synodality has uniquely allowed the entire Church to share the Gospel message in a global effort to communicate Jesus' words to today's people. We often face situations which were never imagined or encountered 2,000 years ago. May Jesus accompany us into our future.

*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 livestream.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please keep in your prayers all the children from our Parish and St Bede's School who will be making their First Holy Communion. Thanks to St Bede's School and Jayney Lampard and her team of Catechists, who have been preparing the children.

## CARD SALE

Handmade cards will be sold on the morning of 12th May. FHC, Father's Day and Birthday cards available. Special occasion orders accepted. Minimum donation of £2 but please give what you can. All proceeds going to CAFOD.

## UNWANTED GIFTS SALE

We are very sorry that the 'Gift Sale' on Sunday 19th May has to be postponed to a later date. If any gifts have been brought to the church they will be kept for the sale.

## ST BEDE'S CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS

During the last week of May, repair work will begin to waterproof two areas of the Cloister roof which are badly leaking. As part of this there will be two areas of scaffolding in the courtyard, and three car parking spaces will be used for welfare facilities. The work will take several weeks to complete and will be undertaken from Monday to Friday. We aim to keep disruption to a minimum but your patience during this period will be appreciated whilst this vital repair work is undertaken.

## LOURDES

The Portsmouth Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is looking for young people to come forward to support the pilgrims on this year's trip. During the trip young people support with wheelchairs and other similar activities to enable the elderly pilgrims to manage the trip. It's a great way to live out your faith and gain some volunteering experience which looks great on a university application! The trip runs from Monday 22nd July to Friday 26th July, flying out from Gatwick. A full tour itinerary is provided, 4 night accommodation with full board. The cost is £780 per person sharing. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office. If you want to find out more or have a chat about the trip please contact Emily who is the Youth Ministry Team Leader for the trip: [emilybudzynskiseymour@yahoo.com](mailto:emilybudzynskiseymour@yahoo.com).

## AFTERNOON TEA

The next 'Afternoon Tea' will be held in St Bede's Church Hall on Sunday 26th May at 3pm. All our welcome to come along and join us. Hope to see you there!

## POPE FRANCIS MAY PRAYER INTENTION

During May, Pope Francis asks us to pray for the formation of religious and seminarians. *We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.*



## PARISH DIARY

Mon 13th: First Confessions Church, 1 – 3.30 pm (SB)  
Mon 13th: KSC, 7 – 9 pm (SB)  
Tues 14th: First Confessions Church, 1 – 3.30 pm (SB)  
Tues 14th: Kneeler Group, 7 – 9 pm (SB)  
Tues 14th: Holy Hour, 7.30 - 8.30 pm (SB)  
Wed 15th: Choir, 7.30 - 9.00 pm (SB)  
Wed 15th: RCIA, 7.30 - 9.00 pm (SB)  
Thurs 16th: Funeral Service, 11.30 am (HG)  
Fri 17th: FHC Flower Team, 10.30 – 12.30 pm (SB)  
Fri 17th: FHC Rehearsals, 1.45 – 3.15 pm (SB)  
Sat 18th: First Holy Communion Masses 10 am and 12 noon (SB)  
Sat 18th: Lord's Flock, 4 - 8 pm (SB)  
Sun 19th: Baptism Preparation Course, 1.15 pm (SB)  
Sun 19th: Syro Malabar Mass, 2.30 pm (SB)

## THE MONTH OF MAY

The month of May, which traditionally among Catholics is known as "Mary's Month," is a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this month we are encouraged to attend Mass and recite the Rosary. Go to our website and pray the mysteries of the Rosary with Bishop Philip: [Online Rosary – St Bede's, Basingstoke \(stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk\)](http://stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, is World Communications Day and there will be a second collection. You can also donate online at: [World Communications Day second collection 2024 | Give as you Live Donate](http://World Communications Day second collection 2024 | Give as you Live Donate). Pope Francis has issued a Message for the Day, the theme of which is *Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication*. You can read the message here: [LVIII World Communications Day, 2024 - Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication | Francis \(vatican.va\)](http://LVIII World Communications Day, 2024 - Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication | Francis (vatican.va)) The Pope's theme is about the role that Artificial Intelligence plays in the development of information technology, and Pope Francis is keen to stress that communication needs to be authentic and human.

## DEMENTIA FRIENDS

Caritas Portsmouth is hosting an online Dementia Friends Information Session on Tuesday 21st May at 7pm for anyone interested in supporting people with Dementia in their parishes, community or family. Everyone welcome. Please register at: [Webinar registration | Microsoft Teams](http://Webinar registration | Microsoft Teams) Further information at <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk> or send an email to: [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 5th May amounted to £2,191.60. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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](http://Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate) or via our contactless terminal by the Hall.