

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 19th May 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Year B, Psalter Week III

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week

Sun 19th May	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
Mon 20th	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, memorial		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: John Belson RIP
Tues 21st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Slav Danilovich RIP
Wed 22nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Nelson Mendonca RIP
Thur 23rd	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Sheila Budgen RIP
Fri 24th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention <i>St Bede's School children joining us for Mass</i>
Sat 25th	St Bede the Venerable, Doctor of the Church, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dorothy Liddell RIP (Fond) <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Year B, Psalter Week IV

Sun 26th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Donors – St. Bede's Church
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Mike Took RIP (Fond)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"If only." If only you realise what I have given you already and what you will receive after I have gone. The Gospel passage today is part of what is termed "the farewell discourse." At the Last Supper, the night before He died, St John recalls Jesus' final words to His closest friends, His twelve apostles. What we hear today, on this feast of Pentecost, is His promise, or rather His revelation, that they would receive His spirit. It is the Holy Spirit which will enable them to continue His work of proclaiming to the nations the Good News of the Kingdom of God. In this passage, Jesus is telling His apostles that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be sent by the Father, will powerfully work in and through them to proclaim a future kingdom of truth. The Holy Spirit will complement all of the work of proclamation that Jesus has Himself already carried out. The kingdom of truth which He speaks of is the eternal life promised to those who are faithful. This was Jesus "if only" to His apostles. If only you can understand fully the mission you have been called to continue ... If only you can understand the power of the Holy Spirit that will be working in and through you ... Today, the feast and the scriptures we hear remind us not only of the fact that we have God-given gifts, but also that these gifts have been awakened through the Holy Spirit so that they can be put to good use.

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WELCOME

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

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Fr John will be away on Pilgrimage to Medjugorje and so we welcome Fr Jean-Patrice, Fr Bernie Luna and Mgr Vincent Harvey who will be covering Masses during the week.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Whilst Fr John is away there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass.

TEA/COFFEE

There will be tea and coffee after the 9 am and 11 am Masses this Sunday, 19th May.

THANK YOU

We have just completed the Season of the Sacraments for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Our Parish had 44 Candidates for Confirmation and 75 Candidates for First Holy Communion. Congratulations and enormous thanks to Matt Lyons and his Catechists for Confirmation, to Jayney Lampard and her Catechists for the Parish First Holy Communion, and to Jamie Carroll and his Catechists for St. Bede's School First Holy Communion Celebrations. Thanks also to Barbara Birt who wrote all the Certificates, the Flower Team for the beautiful flowers, the Musicians and the 'Holy Dusters' for cleaning the church. It is a truly combined effort by the Parish.

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.

CARD STALL

Thank you to everyone who supported the CAFOD card stall last Sunday. The sale raised a fantastic £200 for CAFOD.

BACCA SUMMER FETE

The annual BACCA Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 22nd June from 12 noon to 6pm on St Bede's School field. There will be a BBQ, bouncy castles, face painting, sack races, musical chairs and much more! Tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 for children (under 2's go free) and £30 for a family ticket (two adults and up to four children). All money raised is for the Parish.

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

Sun 19th: 1.30 pm Baptism Preparation Course (SB)
Tues 21st: 9 – 4 pm Diocesan event (SB)
Wed 22nd: 7.30 pm RCIA (SB)
7.30 pm Choir (SB)
Fri 24th: 9.30 am St. Bede's School joining us for Mass (SB)
Fri 24th: 6 pm Polish Group (HG)
Sat 25th: 10 – 4 pm El Shaddai (HG)
Sat 25th: 4 – 8 pm – Lord's Flock (SB)
Sun 26th: 12 noon BACCA Meeting (SB)

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE

CHARIS Portsmouth are holding a 'Life in the Spirit' course for 2024. The 7 sessions will be held via Zoom on Thursday evenings from 6th June to 18th July, 7.30 pm – 9 pm. There will be a Holy Spirit Day at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 29th June after the 9.30 am Mass until 1 pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee will be provided. You are welcome from 8.30 am for Adoration in the Church. To register for the course, which includes the option of attending the day in Basingstoke, please click the link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) If you are able to help cover the costs for the day, please follow the link below, offerings or donations would be gratefully received: [Crowd-funding to CHARIS Portsmouth for the annual Life in the Spirit course on JustGiving](#)

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church on Saturday 7th September at 2pm. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. To request a form to complete and return please email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. This address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office who will have the form you need to complete. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form. Again, if you have no access to the internet, you can post a COPY along with your completed form (please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass) to Liz Murphy at the Parish Office.



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!

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 12th May amounted to £2,502.90. 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](#) or via our contactless terminal by the Hall.