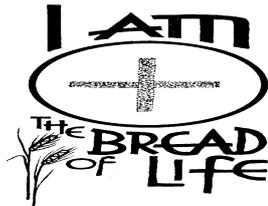


5 August 2012

18th Sunday of Ordinary  
Time (Year B)



## North West Hampshire Catholic News

### Weekly Newsletter

Serving the parishes of Andover, Basingstoke, Hook,  
Tadley and Kingsclere

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#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Food sustains life without which we will starve and probably die of hunger. Hunger displeases everyone and so we work hard daily to earn the food we eat. The Israelites in our first reading complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness because they were hungry. In his love for his chosen people, God gave them manna from heaven. Christ continued the same exercise last week to the amazement of the people who are still behind him today for more bread. The reason for Christ's response, "...you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs, but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat". They just wanted easy and free food without working for it. Do we not sometimes like these Israelites look for God only when in need?

The London 2012 Olympic Games are on. Everyone is in need of a Gold Medal. This is with the background of serious training and preparations for the games for a long time now, which involved a lot of discipline. Prayers have not been left out in this exercise for God to assist their efforts and grant them the much desired Gold Medals. Just as God heeded to the cries of the Israelites and granted them their hearts desires, so will he grant the Gold Medals to some Athletes at London 2012 due to hard work and determination. This will be their greatest achievement in their sporting career.

As Christians, the race of our own *Olympic games* is our spiritual lives. We too need to go into strict training and discipline of our bodies to win the *Gold Medal* of our lives which is eternal life. When we meet with hurdles on this expedition, we should not give up. The Israelites complained and gave up on God when they met with difficulties. They could not see the treasure of freedom they had from Egypt and preferred the well-fed days of their slavery. But like athletes of an Olympic game, let us fight to the end until we win our highest achievement - the *Gold Medal of life* which is eternal life. Jesus therefore invites us this week to recognise the treasures that God in his love is offering, but which we so often overlook or fail to appreciate. The challenge is for us to listen to the voice of those who – like Moses – call us to recognise the goodness of God; the freedom God brings us and the Promised Land to which God is leading us. Let the Olympic spirit of determination, hard work, loyalty and participation guide and help us in our different parishes in the work of evangelisation.

Fr. Thom Amungwa

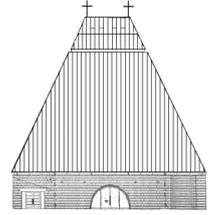
#### DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (5-11 August)

These are arranged so that in the course of a year we pray for each parish of our Diocese and the Catholic organisations working here: **Sun:** Catholic Association of Young Adults. **Mon:** Church Fabric Committees. **Tues:** Lay Dominicans and Dominican Secular Institute. **Wed:** Dominican Sisters (of Malta, of Saint Joseph and of the Presentation) in the Diocese. **Thu:** Dialogue with other faiths, and especially the work of the Council of Christians & Jews. **Fri:** Parishes, Communities & Schools in the North West Hampshire Pastoral Area. **Sat:** Caritas Christi.



## ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX  
Holy Ghost Church, Sherborne Rd. Basingstoke. RG21 5TX  
Tel 01256 465214; Email: [office@holyghost.org.uk](mailto:office@holyghost.org.uk)  
Parish Secretary: Liz Murphy



### Parish Diary

Sun: Music Ministry: 9 am Priest-Led; 11 am: Steve Drake organist: 6.30 pm: Priest-led Celebration of Sacrament of Baptism: 3 pm SB Repository open after all Masses, Hall  
Mon: Fr. DG: day off  
Tues: Fr. DG: Dioc. Tribunal Sandhurst 11—5 pm  
Wed: Fr. DG: Wedding/Baptism appts. 11 am—1pm SB  
Thur: Fr. DG: Dioc. Tribunal Sandhurst 11—5 pm Church cleaning 11—12 noon SB  
Fri: Fr DG: Jellalabad Barracks, Tidworth, 11am, Parish Nurture Group, 7.30 pm SB  
Sat: Fr. DG: Wedding/Baptism appts. 11 am—1 pm SB The Lord's Flock (Filipino Grp) 5.30—8.30 pm

### Choirs take a break

Our parish choirs and musicians are taking a well deserved break during August. So our Sunday masses this month will consist either of no music or of priest and congregation singing unaccompanied— so when called to do sing loud and well!

### St Bede's Got Talent Night!

Get planning for our next parish social which will be a talent evening on Saturday 22 September.

### Holy Day of Obligation

Next Wednesday August 15th is a holy day of obligation in England and Wales: the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parish masses are 9.30 am in Holy Ghost Church and 7.30 pm in St. Bede's.

### From the Parish Registers for July

**Baptisms:** Owen Paul Mark Freeth Bower-Bowden, Lauren Olivia Freeth Bower-Bowden, Declan Francis O'Connell, Lauren Olivia Dispinseri, Ronan Juanxi Lee, Alexander Charles Strickland.

**Marriages:** Leon Powell to Sian Bolger

**Deaths:** John Joseph Clarke RIP

### Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £2,111.15p Second collection for the Annual Mission Appeal (Holy Ghost Fathers) amounted to £717.73p.

### St. Bede's Kneeler Project

Sponsor a kneeler form will be available in the cloister area, if you are interested in this project please collect a form and return to the parish office. More information to follow.



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*I understand some people have asked that I re-consider my recent decision to reduce the time of this devotion to one hour a week. I am very willing to re-consider provided enough people 'keep watch.' As parish priest it is my responsibility to ensure the Eucharist is protected when left out for adoration and too that those 'keeping watch' are not left vulnerable. Several times lately those supposedly watching have not turned up leaving the Eucharist at risk. If we are to continue Adoration from 10 am to 7pm on a Wednesday it is important that at least two people keep watch together each hour. If you wish to accept this responsibility and preserve the day of Adoration from September onwards there is a sign-up sheet at Holy Ghost Church. Provided enough people volunteer the usual Adoration will resume in September. (Fr DG)*

### Parish Safeguarding Officer

Cathy Sullivan our safeguarding officer wishes to retire from this voluntary role. We are keen to find someone to take over this important work of liaising with our Diocesan Safeguarding Office in ensuring ministers and catechists are properly trained and CRB cleared. If you are interested in finding out more please either speak to Fr Dominic or email him. No one has offered themselves as yet. The work may sound intimidating but you won't be working alone.

### New to the Parish?

Please complete one of our New Parishioner forms and hand it in to the Parish Office. The forms are blue and on the wooden racks by the newspapers stand.

## Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning 5 August 2012

Sun: *Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)*  
9.00 am SB Kathleen O'Connor RIP (Baker)  
11.00 am SB Moya Meredith RIP (Meredith)  
6.30 pm SB People of the Parish

**Resp Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven**

Mon: *Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast*  
No Mass today  
Tues: *Feria /St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs.*  
9.30 am SB Sean Dunne RIP (Abbotts)  
Wed: *St. Dominic, Founder*  
9.30 am HG Kevin Martin RIP (Martin)  
Thurs: *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Co-Patron of Europe*  
9.30 am SB Sean Bruen RIP (Reid)  
Fri: *St. Laurence, Deacon, Martyr*  
9.30 am HG In thanksgiving Colella Family  
Sat: *St. Clare, Foundress*  
9.30 am SB John & Betty White RIP (Farrelly)

Next Sunday: Sunday of Ordinary Time (August 12)  
9.00 am SB Brian Gaiger RIP (Gaiger)  
11.00 am SB Int Ralph Ford Family (Bakski)  
6.30 pm SB People of the Parish

*To ask for Mass to be said for your intentions please contact the parish office but be aware that due to the large number of such intentions it is not always possible to arrange a mass for the exact day you wish.*



### Confessions

On Sunday at St. Bede's Church from, 5.30—6.15 pm or by appointment with the priest.

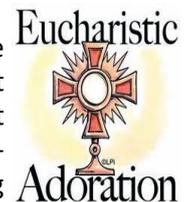


**Rosary:** recited after 9.30am weekday mass.

**Sunday Homily:** Fr Dominic's is usually available online at [www.holyghost.org.uk](http://www.holyghost.org.uk).

**Morning Prayer:** 9.15 am at Holy Ghost Church before weekday mass.

The weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Ghost Church is discontinued during August. It will resume on September 3rd.



### Ministry to the Sick and housebound

Eucharistic ministers are available to take Holy Communion to any parishioner unable to get to Sunday Mass due to sickness or being housebound. To arrange this please contact the parish office on 465214.



### Other local churches Sunday Mass times

#### *Sacred Heart, Hook*

- Sat 6pm,  
Sun 10am.

#### *St Joseph, Basingstoke*

- Sat 6pm,  
Sun 9am, 11am.

#### *St Michael's, Tadley*

- Sat 6pm,  
Sun: 9.30am

#### *SS Peter & Paul, Kingsclere*

- Sun 11.15 am



### Sacramental Preparation

For more information contact the parish office 01256 465214; email: [office@holyghost.org.uk](mailto:office@holyghost.org.uk)



**Baptism:** the baptisms of infants and children are held monthly at St Bede's on designated Sundays only either during Sunday Mass or at 3pm. First time parents are required to attend a baptism preparation course.

**R.C.I.A:** our parish 'Journey in Faith' course for adults wishing to be baptised and/or confirmed runs from September to Easter and is advertised in advance in our parish newsletter and website.

**Marriage:** couples wishing to marry in the Catholic Church here or elsewhere should notify the parish office at least six months before the proposed marriage. This is to give sufficient time for the pre-nuptial enquiries. Couples are required to attend a marriage preparation course.

**Pastoral Area Youth Ministry Summer Activities**

**Savio group on 23 August:** We will do a social, dining out in the evening instead of the planned group session. Members (16 yrs+) to choose a venue. For more info, please contact Angie Carroll at [acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**Beach barbeque in Bournemouth** for young people aged 15-17 yrs (date TBC but possibly during the last week of August). A donation of £7 towards food and transport is welcome. To reserve a place, please email Angie Carroll at [acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**St Michael's Night Barn Dance**

Saturday 29 September 2012 from 7.30 pm

Pamber Heath Memorial Hall, RG26 3TQ

Dancing to the

**Live and Kicking Barn Dance Band**

Please bring your own refreshments

Tickets: Adults £6 Children £2 Family £15

Tickets may be booked by emailing the Archangels Social Group at [st.michaelsarchangels@gmail.com](mailto:st.michaelsarchangels@gmail.com) or calling Mary on 0118 981 3221

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