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29th 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 for the Week

Over the last few weeks St Mark's Gospel has been concerned about the cost of discipleship. Jesus has taught the disciples that the Son of Man will suffer grievously and that they are called to share that suffering. His followers have been taught that the Christian way demands constant acceptance of God's will, from the rejection of divorce to the need to lose everything, if necessary, to be one with God. Alongside this challenging instruction we find the disciples squabbling about which of them will be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven! Their focus, as is ours most of the time, is on earthly things – importance of wealth and of status. Like us they do not want to focus on the reality of Christian discipleship in this world – sacrifice, rejection, possible martyrdom before the glory of resurrection.

In our Gospel this weekend Jesus puts James and John on the spot "can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?" They reply " We can." Do they really understand what they are accepting? At this stage, probably not! Jesus is offering them the greatest sign of discipleship, the willingness to drink the cup of suffering for the Kingdom and baptism in the blood of the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Probably unknowingly, they agreed to conform themselves to Christ the Suffering Servant, to be one with their master in the fulfilment of the prophesy of Isaiah in our first reading.

Whenever we enter into the celebration of the sacrifice of the Mass we too, often unknowingly, reply with James and John that we accept cost of discipleship before reaching its glory. Whenever we drink the blood of the Lord in Eucharist we say "yes!" to joining the Suffering Servant who is Christ. As the second reading reminds us "we must never let go of the faith that we have professed."

Fr Patrick Tansey

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (21 –27 October)

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. This week's intentions are: **Sun:** Parishes, Communities & Schools of the Great Park Pastoral Area. **Mon:** Editorial Team of 'Portsmouth People'. **Tues:** Sisters of Providence in the Diocese. **Wed:** Community of St Yves & St Magloire, Guernsey. **Thurs:** The work of the Secular Clergy Common and New Common Funds. **Fri:** Parish of Christ the King & St Colman, Bitterne. **Sat:** Jersey Pastoral Services.

The Pastoral Area Website: www.nwhantspa.org.uk has links to all Pastoral Area Churches.
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ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

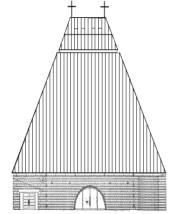
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Parish Office: Open Monday—Friday 9am—2pm



Parish Diary

Sun: Baptism of Abigail Armor, 11am Mass, Basingstoke African & Caribbean Catholic Association celebrate Black History Month, 11am Mass and after in the Hall, Music ministry: 9 am Choir; 11 am Cantorg & BACCA; 6.30pm Guitar
 Mass count at all Masses during October
 Tea and coffee after 9am Mass
 Repository open in the Hall after all Masses

Mon: St Vincent de Paul Grp, 7.30pm SB

Tues: Toddler Group meet 1.30—3.15 pm SB

Wed: Sunday 9am Choir practice, 7.30 pm SB
 Journey in Faith (RCIA), 7.30 pm SB

Thur: Fr Thom: Baptism appts, 10.30—Noon SB

Sat: The Lord's Flock (Filipino Grp), 5pm

APF (Missio) Boxes

If you forgot to bring your red box to church today for emptying please bring it as soon as possible. If you would like a red box to support the Church's mission work please contact Kate Webb via the parish email.

Black History Month

This Sunday at our 11am Mass the Basingstoke African & Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA) will contribute some of the music and much else to our liturgy. They invite us to join them in the Hall after Mass for food and drink to celebrate Black History Month—and do look at their displays too.

1st Holy Communion 2013

The children who yesterday began their preparations for First Communion next summer will today play an active part in each of our Sunday Masses. They'll be doing this once a month as a way of helping them grow in their understanding of what it means to be part of Christ's body the Church.

Memorial Mass for Fr Danny Burns RIP

There will be a Memorial Mass for Father Danny in Sacred Heart, Hook, RG27 9LA, on Friday 26th October at 7.30 pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. Everyone most welcome.

Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £1,733.72. Today there is a second collection for the Church's missionary work at home and abroad.



Confirmation 2012

Congratulations to the following from our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Bede's last Friday: *Jodelyn Apolar, Ines Alves Araujo, Kierra Barker, Lauren Barker, Mary Brazier, Sam Brown, Oliver Brown, Danielle Concepcion, Ben Cottam, Hannah Deighton, Megan D'Souza, Liam Easton, Bethany Ellis, Anne Flitcroft, Joe Forde, Maria Irwin, Kieran Kearney, Max Kelleher, Talitha Langlois, Jakub Mieldzicz, Solenne Moore, Holly O'Brien, Mary O'Sullivan, Victoria Ralph, Alina Sajish, Harry Setrum, and Megan Strong.* Filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit may they breathe new life into the Church local, national and beyond!

New Parish website & email

This Sunday we launch our new parish website at www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk. It features the newsletter in pdf format, parish ministry rotas, Fr Dominic's homily and much else. Many thanks to Chris Olding for bringing this initiative of the Parish Pastoral Council to completion. And many, many thanks to Pat Vincent who got our former website up and running and who maintained it week after week for so long. Our parish email has also changed and is now stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Rest in peace

Please pray for Paul Breslin who has died and whose funeral Mass will be at Holy Ghost Church at 10 am on Wednesday 24 October.

Fr Dominic writes

Thank you for your many messages of prayers and support for me and my family as we help my Mum Margaret in her dying days. She has chosen to die at home and is I know ready to meet with the Lord. At this time I am trying to be with my parents as much as possible so if I'm not here I trust you'll understand why.

Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Our parish 'Journey in Faith' course for adults wishing to be baptised and/or confirmed begins again **this Wednesday** (24 Oct) at St Bede's at 7.30pm. It runs until Easter and will give an introduction to the Catholic faith to help people decide whether they wish to join the Church. Please come along if you think you'd like to consider becoming a Catholic or being already baptised a Catholic have yet to be confirmed.



Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning 21 October 2012

Sun: *Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)*
 9.00 am SB People of the Parish
 11.00 am SB Jim Stowell RIP (Stowell)
 6.30 pm SB Italo & Maria Labagnara RIP (Labagnara)

**Resp Ps: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
 as we place all our hope in you.**

Mon: *Feria*
 9.30 am HG Eileen & Harold White RIP (Farrelly)
 Tues: *Feria/ St John of Capestrano, priest*
 9.30 am SB Reginald Osborne RIP (SVP)
 Wed: *Feria/ St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop*
 10.00 am HG *Funeral Mass: Paul Breslin RIP*
 Thurs: *Feria/ Six Welsh Martyrs & Companions,*
 9.30 am SB Bridget Whitwell RIP (Stella)
 Fri: *Feria/ SS Chad & Cedd, bishops*
 9.30 am HG Int of Patricia & Brian Madden
 Sat: *Feria/ Our Lady on Saturday*
 9.30 am SB Int of Philippe Jean-Louis (Brown)

Next Sunday's intentions (21 October): 9am Maureen McCauley RIP; 11am: People of the Parish; 6.30pm: Maureen Burnand RIP



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



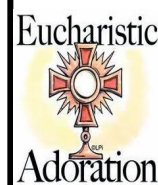
Morning Prayer

Join us at 9.15 am at Holy Ghost Church before weekday mass. Also downloadable for iPad, iPhone or ebooks from www.universalis.com



Rosary: recited after 9.30am weekday mass.

Sunday Homily: Fr Dominic's is usually available online at www.holyghost.org.uk.



Eucharistic Adoration is every Wednesday at Holy Ghost Church. It begins after the morning Mass and continues until 7pm. Please come along and make use of this opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Ministry to the Sick and housebound

Our 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

Please pray for the sick and housebound including: Charlotte King, Dave Webb, Kathleen O'Connor, Charlotte King, Jean Dry, Carmel Hyland, Larry Hyman, James Lickey, Sister Paddy, Olivia Chard, Esther Clarkson, Cathy Short, Margaret Golding, Sean Walsh, Norleen Mejico-Cruz, Gary Smith, Bridget Foy, Bernabe Estrade, Christine Williams, Guiseppina Colella, Michelle Morley, Simon Goodier, Betty Dyer, Ameila, Dante & Anna Scattone, Jacqueline Hudson, Jemma West, Ian Williams, Juliet Mitchell, Anne & Stephen Neale, Rosemarie Jordy, Maureen Donnelly, Shirley McKenzie, Irene Manzano, Eileen Maloney, Joan Gomes, Alison Hawksworth, Ramona Otero-Aldao, Carmel Harding and Pat Olohan.

Year of Faith

This was inaugurated by the Pope to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. He hopes it will inspire us to find new and old ways of sharing and celebrating our faith. Booklets and bookmarks about it are available from the church foyer. Please help yourself.

Basingstoke Food Bank

The store is now full enabling the Food Bank to get off to a good start. The organisers have asked us to hold off collecting more until after Christmas.



Sacramental Preparation

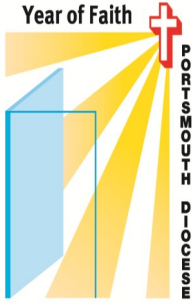
For more information contact the parish office
 01256 465214; email: office@holyghost.org.uk



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.

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.

Year of Faith



The Catechism of the Catholic Church – what is it?

The Catechism aims to present the teaching of Sacred Scripture, the living Tradition in the Church and the authentic Magisterium, as well as the spiritual heritage of the Church, so that the power and beauty of the faith is made clear. It is a reference text addressed primarily to bishops and other teachers of the faith. The Catechism is arranged in four parts: The Profession of Faith (the Creed), The Celebration of the Christian Mystery (the liturgy and the sacraments), Life in Christ (Christian witness), and Christian Prayer (especially the 'Our Father'). In order to make the Catechism more widely known and deeply understood, the Church has produced two other (shorter) texts: The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and YOUCAT: Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church.

BAMENDA/PORTSMOUTH LINK, Part 2

By Fr Thom Amungwa

Cameroon, officially the Republic of Cameroon is a country in west Central Africa. It is bordered by Nigeria to the west; Chad to the northeast; the Central African Republic to the east; and Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and the Republic of the Congo to the south. Cameroon's coastline lies on part of the Gulf of Guinea and the Atlantic Ocean.

The country is called "Africa in miniature" for its geological and cultural diversity. Natural features include beaches, deserts, mountains, rainforests, and savannahs. Cameroon was discovered by the Portuguese in the 15th century when they arrived the coastal regions and discovered lots of Prawns. They named it Rio de Cameroes, meaning "River of Prawns". It was from this that the name Cameroon developed. Cameroon became a German colony in 1884 and they called it Kamerun. After the First World War which ended in 1918, in which Germany was defeated, all her territories were seized by the victorious nations led by Britain and France. Cameroon was one of these territories and the two leading powers of the victorious nations (i.e France and Britain) shared the territory as League of Nation Mandates. The British took just about 20% of the territory of what is known today as the North West and South West Regions of Cameroon. The remaining 80% of the country was occupied by the French. These two territories of the French and British Cameroons were administered separately by their occupying masters.

Sion Mission begins at St Joseph's

The Sion Community who led our Parish Mission in St Bede's and in Sacred Heart, arrive this Saturday to lead a mission for St Joseph's. Please pray for them all that the mission will be a time of renewal of faith. Everyone is welcome to attend the mission masses and liturgies at St Joseph's—call them on 01256 323595 for more info.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal)

Saturday 27th October 2012; St Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, GU34 5LL The theme for this year is The New Evangelization – 'Let His Light Shine'. We start with Rosary at 11am – followed by Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer for Healing and a shared lunch at 1.00 pm. After lunch there is Praise & Worship, Revd. Deacon John Edwards will speak on 'Focus on the Value of Youth' and the day ends at 4pm with tea. There will be a collection to cover expenses. For more information, ring: Revd. Deacon John Foley on 01189 333420

Today is World Mission Sunday



Today, World Mission Sunday is our chance to be united with Catholics all over the world in prayer, friendship and support. We share in the work of missionaries and the young Churches as they, inspired by their faith, build schools, provide healthcare and build the Church, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances. Through Missio, Catholics are able to actively share in the mission of Jesus: proclaiming the boundless love of God to all peoples and pursuing a life of dignity for all. The money collected today will go to support mission projects worldwide. Please give what you can; every gift makes a difference and, if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided.

Pastoral Area Youth Ministry

Youth Mission: The Sion community will lead a session for young people of secondary school age on the 27th Oct from 7pm-9pm at St Joseph's Church. You are welcome to come for reflection, games and faith sharing. You are also welcome to attend Mass prior to the session, Mass starts at 6pm.

Pastoral Area Post-Confirmation gathering: A chance for all the confirmation groups to come together to share their experience and look at different activities that are available in youth ministry. The gathering is on the 13th Nov at St Bede's Church from 7:30-9pm.

Savio Youth Group: Now meeting regularly this college age group meets next at St Bede's Church Hall on 15th Nov from 7:30-9pm. A £1 donation would be welcome.

Ice hockey fund-raising event: Everybody is invited to another of our youth ministry social events. Come and have fun at the Planet Ice Arena by cheering for the Bison's Hockey Team on Sunday 18th Nov. Doors open at 4.30pm, Face off at 5.30pm. Tickets are £5.00 (usually £9.90) and for every ticket sold, £1.00 will be donated to our youth ministry fund. Tickets must be pre-purchased and will be on sale after Mass during October. SPOC for parishes are as follows: St Joseph's-Caroline Manuel on 077868172238; St Bede's- Ros Deighton on 07931577749; St Michael's – Roy Singh on 07557411101. Other parishes please contact Angie Carroll on 07713567161.

**Please remember the Church is God's House
where people come to pray.**

