

28th October 2012

30th 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

Today's Gospel is a lesson in faith and prayer. The story starts in a place of dark desperation and raw need. It is a place many of us will be familiar with, when we pray from the depth of our souls for something we badly need. Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, is in just such a place. At the same time he shows us what faith is all about. He knows that Jesus is passing by and that this might be his one and only chance of being healed. He seizes the opportunity with both hands. He shouts out and keeps shouting, despite others telling him to keep quiet and not make a show of himself. He is so eager and full of hope, he does not care what others think. It is only what Jesus thinks that matters. We see a wonderful example of complete faith in God's power. Bartimaeus shows us that faith is all about believing that God can do something that we cannot do for ourselves. It shows us that we cannot "go it alone"; we need God.

The story of Bartimaeus is not just about healing. It is also a story about vocation, about being called. The phrase from the Gospel: " he followed him along the way" does not simply mean that he joined the crowd on the road to Jerusalem. Bartimaeus followed Jesus along the way of Christian discipleship. Having encountered Jesus, he then embarked upon a life of commitment to Christ. This story was used in the early Church as a means of encouragement to believers and would-be believers. Bartimaeus can serve as a model for those who are spiritually blind and whose lives lack direction. He demonstrates how through faith they can find a sense of purpose, a source of energy and direction in their lives. Once we have understood how Jesus works in our lives, it then becomes so much easier to place him at the centre of all we do.

*Father Austin Gurr OSB*

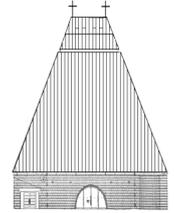
### DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (28 October—3 November)

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 in the Bournemouth Pastoral Area. **Mon:** Parishes, Communities & Schools in the Alton—Petersfield Pastoral Area. **Tues:** Parishes, Communities & Schools in the Solent Pastoral Area. **Wed:** Organisers and ongoing formation for clergy. **Thurs:** To attain the company of the saints. **Fri:** Faithful departed of the Diocese. **Sat:** Diocesan Department for Finance and Property; companions of St Martin de Porres .



## ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX  
Holy Ghost Church, Sherborne Rd. Basingstoke. RG21 5TX  
Tel 01256 465214; Parish Secretary: Liz Murphy  
www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk; Email: stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk  
Parish Office: open Monday—Friday 9am—2pm



### Parish Diary

Sun: Music ministry: 9 am Choir; 11 am Filipino Choir; 6.30pm Cantorg.  
Signed Mass at 11 am for the hard of hearing  
Mass count at all Masses during October  
Tea and coffee after 9am Mass  
Repository open in the Hall after all Masses  
Mon: *Fr. DG: Day off*  
Tues: *Fr. DG: Diocesan Tribunal Sandhurst 11—5 pm*  
No Toddler Group meeting this week  
Wed: Journey in Faith (RCIA) 7.30 pm SB  
Sunday 9am Choir practice, 7.30 pm  
Thur: *Fr. DG: Diocesan Tribunal Sandhurst 11-5pm*  
Church cleaning, 11—Noon, SB  
Sat: *Fr. DG: Bapt/Wedding appts, 10.30—12.30 SB*  
The Lord's Flock (Filipino Grp), 5pm

### All Saints/ All Souls Days

This Thursday we begin November with the solemnity of All Saints. In England and Wales this is a holy day of obligation. Our parish masses are 9.30 am at Holy Ghost Church and 7.30pm at St Bede's. This Friday we further remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith by the commemoration of All Souls Day—Friday's Mass is 9.30am at Holy Ghost. And on Sunday 11 November from 2.30pm to 4pm (note the earlier time) Fr Dominic and other local priests will bless graves at Worthing Road Cemetery.

### Church cleaning

This Thursday between 11—12 noon. Please come and help keep St Bede's Church clean inside and out.

### St. Michael's Hospice

There is a raffle after all Masses today in support of our local hospice. Please support it if you can.

### Missio (APF) Boxes

If you haven't done so already please return to church your red Missio (APF) boxes as soon as possible so they can be emptied and the money sent off.

### Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £1,944.40p and the second collection for the Missions last weekend which amounted to £446.61p. Next Sunday there is a second collection for our twin diocese of Bamenda in the Cameroon.

### Car parking

A local resident has rightly complained that those coming to Mass at St Bede's on a Sunday are parking on the grass verges on Popley Way. Doing so can impede the view of motorists trying to leave the car park. Last Sunday morning the parking was particularly silly such that when an ambulance was needed for a parishioner it had difficulty gaining access. So in an effort to stop daft parking we will from this Sunday be making additional parking space available. This will be on the grass area directly in front of the church on Popley Way. Please use it instead of parking all the way down the driveway. And help us all stay safe.

### Craft & Art Fair: URC Church, London Street

Being held on Saturday 10 November from 10am to 4pm. Free admission. There will be art, greeting cards, calligraphy, Christmas labels, parchment art, commemorative scrolls, Christmas decorations, cakes, jewellery, lace making, toys and much more. Refreshments will be available. Please do come along.

### Basingstoke Choral Society

Will perform Handel's 'Messiah' at the Anvil Theatre, Basingstoke on Sunday 2 December at 7pm. Tickets from £10 to £25 (under 16s and full time students £5) from the Box Office: 01256 844244.

### Thanks for the Rosaries

Many thanks for the dozens of rosaries you donated to Holy Family Parish in St Lucia. One of our parishioners who's originally from there has taken them to deliver.



### Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Our parish 'Journey in Faith' course for adults wishing to be baptised and/or confirmed began last week and continues this **Wednesday** 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.

### Catholic Truth Society

We have moved the pamphlets to the end of the wall display cabinet adjacent to the newspapers. Please place money for any such purchases in the box marked 'cards and pamphlets' under the office hatch.

## Parish Mass Timetable

### Week beginning 28 October 2012

Sun:	<i>Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)</i>		
	9.00 am	SB	Maureen McCauley RIP
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Maureen Burnand RIP
	<b>Resp Ps: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.</b>		
Mon:	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Gladys & Patrick O'Sullivan RIP (O'Sullivan)
Tues:	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Desmond Donnelly RIP
Wed:	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Intentions of Larry Moore
Thurs:	<i>All Saints Day, Solemnity</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Heather Miller RIP (nee Bulley)
	7.30 pm	SB	Karen Braisli RIP (Keating)
Fri:	<i>Commemoration of All Souls</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs Stowell & Verde Families (Stowell)
Sat:	<i>Feria/ St Martin de Porres, priest</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Neville Paul Davis RIP (Ritch)

*Next Sunday's intentions (4 November) : 9am : Paddy Hurl RIP (Power)  
11.00 am People of the Parish : and 6.30pm John Hennessy RIP (Hennessy)*

**Please pray for the sick and housebound including:** 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.

### New Parish website & email

Launched last weekend was our new parish website at [www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk). It features the newsletter in pdf format, parish ministry rotas, Fr Dominic's homily and much else. Our parish email has also changed and is now [stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Our sister parish of St Joseph's, Basingstoke has also now changed their email address to [stjbas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjbas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Please amend your address books.



### Christmas cards

Now on sale from today in our Parish Repository is a selection of Christmas cards and other seasonal items. The Repository is located in the Church Hall and is open after Mass.

### 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.

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



### Confessions

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



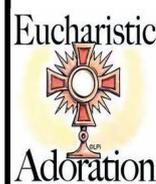
### Morning Prayer

Join us at 9.15 am at Holy Ghost Church before weekday mass. Also downloadable for iPad, iPhone or ebooks from [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)



**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).



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



### The “door of faith”

‘The “door of faith” is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. It begins with baptism, through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life, fruit of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, whose will it was, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, to draw those who believe in him into his own glory.’  
(Pope Benedict XVI, Porta Fidei [‘The door of faith’])

#### **BAMENDA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND (3rd / 4th Nov.).**

Every year we have a special collection to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please ensure you see a copy of the ‘Bamenda Briefing’ (inserted in the current issue of Portsmouth People): see how we benefit from our twinned relationship and how much your help is needed.

#### **BAMENDA/PORTSMOUTH LINK**

In 1960, the French Cameroon gained independence and a year later, that is, in 1961, the British Cameroon merged with it and was called the Federal Republic of Cameroon. It was renamed United Republic of Cameroon in 1972 and Republic of Cameroon in 1984 till date. The Flag of Cameroon has always been Green, Red and Yellow, with a yellow star on the Red colour found between the Green and yellow colours. Originally, there were two yellow stars found on the green colour indicating the two federated states of Cameroon. But after the 1972 plebiscite merging the two stars also merged indicating a one and undivided Cameroon. The change of the star to the centre colour indicates the one equality that should exist between Cameroonians. Since independence in 1961, Cameroon has been ruled by two presidents. Amadou Ahidjo (1961-1982) and Paul Biya now for 30years (1982 to present date).



#### **Great South Run for CAFOD**

Fr Mark Hogan, along with several parishioners from St Joseph’s, Mr Corish, the head teacher of Bishop Challoner, and other members of staff, will be running the Great South Run (10 miles) in Portsmouth in aid of CAFOD on Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. This is CAFOD’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and they have over 50 runners competing to raise money for the excellent work which they do on our behalf to work for, and alongside, communities across the world, particularly those most in need. If you would like to sponsor Fr Mark, please go to [www.justgiving.com/Mark-HoganGSR](http://www.justgiving.com/Mark-HoganGSR)

#### **Pastoral Area Youth Ministry**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> Nov at St Bede’s Church from 7:30-9pm.

**Savio:** College age group meets at St Bede’s on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov from 7:30-9pm. A £1 donation is 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.

#### **Youth Mass and Diocesan Youth Day**

Young people from all over the Diocese will gather and celebrate faith and friendship on the 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. We will start the day at 12:45pm at Bishop Challoner School where there will be talks, music, workshops, drama, games etc. and will end with a **Youth Mass at St Joseph’s church from 6-7pm.** The theme of the day is "Rejoice in the Lord always" and you are welcome to help in the running of any aspect of the day. The cost of the day is £5 and cheques are payable to **PRCDTR NWHANTS PA.** For consent forms and to register your attendance, please contact Angie. acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07713567161.

#### **Child Protection**

A training session has now been organized for:- Wednesday 21st November 2012, at St Joseph’s, 171A St Michael’s Road, South Ham, Basingstoke – 7.00pm – 9.00pm – Child Protection. To book please contact: Soraya Ciccarone, Tel: 023 92 816396. Email: [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)