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32nd 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

One of our parishioners at St. Joseph's was telling me this weekend about a class he supervises at a leisure centre, where there is a big pit of foam balls and shapes, which help soften the landing if and when people fall. There is one boy, though, who loves nothing more than to just lie back in this bed of foam shapes, stretch himself out and snuggle in. It is so soft and comfortable and he feels so secure and relaxed. It is, for him, a wonderful place to be, free from fear and anxiety.

It struck me that this giant foam pit was a wonderful analogy for the love of God and the invitation to allow that love to take the strain for us and to hold us, gently yet securely. When we allow ourselves to trust in that love, we feel lighter and our worries and burdens can lessen as we hand them over to Him. "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

In today's readings, we are presented with two inspirational women, both widows, who, although they faced very serious struggles in their own lives, had come to trust in God and in His love. They were able to allow themselves to be held by Him and this meant that they in turn were able to reach out and give with incredible generosity, offering everything they had. Their trust in God and in His Love was complete and so they did not rely on or cling to their possessions but were able to share them freely.

Look around. Notice the beauty of nature, the love of our families; think about the talents you have, the house you live in, and so on. All of these things are gifts from God. He loves us so much that He makes sure we are blessed beyond measure, and cared for beyond our ability to understand. That's not to say He has made life easy for us. Some of us have encountered major difficulties throughout life and some of us are going through severe hard times now. Life isn't easy. But when we surrender control, when we give all we have and all we are to God and we allow Him to lead us, to care for us, there is a peace in knowing that we will indeed be taken care of. But that requires great trust.

How do we learn to trust? By trusting.

How does a duck learn to swim? By swimming.

Father Mark Hogan

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (11—17 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:** Society of St Dismas. **Mon:** Ukrainian Chaplaincy in the Diocese. **Tues:** The Parish, Communities & Schools in the Bailiwick of Guernsey Pastoral Area. **Wed:** Parish of Blessed Hugh Faringdon, Faringdon. **Thurs:** Chaplains in Higher Education in the Diocese. **Fri:** God's blessing on the Diocese; Parish of St Edmund, Horndean; Chapel of St Margaret of Scotland, Tichborne. **Sat:** Bishop Crispian Hollis.



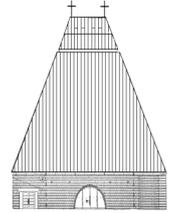
ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX
Holy Ghost Church, Sherborne Rd. Basingstoke. RG21 5TX

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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 Popley;
6.30pm Piano

Tea and coffee after 9am Mass

Repository open in the Hall after all Masses

Blessing of Graves, 2.30pm WortingRd Cemetery

Mon: *Fr. DG: Day off*

St. Vincent de Paul, St. Joseph's Church, 7.30 pm

Knights of St. Columba, 7.30 pm SB

Tues: Toddler Group, 1.30—3.15 pm SB

Post Confirmation Gathering, 7.30 pm SB

Wed: Journey in Faith (RCIA) 7.30 pm SB

Sunday 9am Choir practice, 7.30 pm

Thur: Parish Pastoral Council, 8pm SB

Youth Evening 7—8.30 pm SB

Sat: Pastoral Area Council 10—12 noon, Sacred
Heart, Hook

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

Margaret Golding RIP

Fr Dominic writes: since my Mum died a week ago yesterday I have been inundated with cards, letters and emails from so many of you. Your care and concern has meant more than I can say and is a gift I will long treasure—thank you. Mum's funeral will be at St Joseph's Church, Southampton this Wednesday at 11am. This is where my parents have gone to Mass since my sisters and I were young—it's also where my predecessor here Mgr Vincent Harvey is now parish priest. Parishioners are welcome to attend but do know that the church is not big and there is no car park. I know many of you will be praying for me this Wednesday as I offer Mass for my Mum. That will mean a lot to me. Because of the funeral Mass there will not be a Mass in our parish this Wednesday.

Repository

We need people to help run the parish repository after all three Masses. If you are able to help please contact Joyce Stevens on Tel. 850406. The repository sells cards, missals, rosaries and other devotional items.

Blessing of Graves

Today at Worting Road Cemetery Fr Dominic and other local priests will bless the graves from 2.30 pm to 4 pm. A short liturgy will be held outside the cemetery chapel at 2.30pm—best dress warmly.

Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30—9pm for any adult wishing to think about becoming a Catholic. Come along and find out more if you're interested.

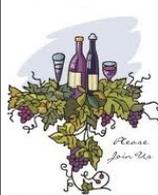


Where did you park today?

Please do not park in the driveway to the church or on the grass verges on Popley Way. Park sensibly and keep everyone happy!

Fairtrade

items for sale after all Masses next Sunday (18 Nov)



Parish Wine tasting evening:

24 November, 7.30pm

Our next parish social, organised by the Parish Pastoral Council, will be a wine tasting evening in conjunction with CAVISTE. Light refreshments will be provided, wine will be available for tasting and purchasing. Tickets can be bought from Council members after each Sunday Mass. Tickets £10 per head but please note this event is for over 18s only. If parishioners are unable to attend due to lack of, or no transport, please contact the parish office as we may be able to assist with transport. More info at the parish website.

SVP Christmas Party

Here at St. Bede's Parish Hall on Saturday 8th December. To come along, please give your name, telephone number to the Parish Office. Fun, food and entertainment by Shamrock, Rose and Thistle.

Christmas at Festival Place

www.basingstoketownchaplaincy.org.uk
Suite 1, Paddington House, Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LJ Telephone (01256) 842232

We need outgoing people to dress up as characters to wander around Festival Place and interact with people on these busy weekends and to join in the carol singing procession from the Market Square and in the "live" Nativity on Christmas Eve. Don't miss out on these opportunities to bring the real meaning of Christmas to our Town. Let's make a real splash of colour this Christmas and show off the Christian Faith.

Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £2,277.22p. Second collection last week for our twin diocese of Bamenda amounted in £1,275.84p

Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning 11 November 2012

Sun:	<i>Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)</i>		
	9.00 am	SB	Rosa Harvey RIP (Office)
	11.00 am	SB	Ronald McAulay (Grasso)
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
	Resp Ps: My soul, give praise to the Lord		
Mon:	<i>St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Anna Nessman (Togher)
Tues:	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mickey McDonald RIP
Wed:	<i>Feria</i>		
	<u>No Mass today</u>		
Thurs:	<i>Feria/St Albert the Great, Religious, Bishop</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Int. Peter Mark Braunton (Davidson)
Fri:	<i>St. Edmund of Abingdon, Co-Principal Patron of the Diocese</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Karen Brazille RIP (Traynor)
Sat:	<i>Feria/St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Des Donnolly RIP

*Next Sunday's intentions (18 November) : 9am : Sylvia Cullinane RIP
11.00am People of the Parish : and 6.30pm Kathleen & Patrick Bruen RIP*

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, 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

Did you know our website and email have recently changed? Our new website is at this address: www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk and the parish office email is now: stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Infant baptism

If you wish your child baptised please contact the parish office to arrange to meet with one of the priests. Baptisms in this parish are usually on the first Sunday of the month but we've no more available dates this year.

CAFOD Mass of Remembrance

Will be held at 10.30am Sunday 25 November at St Swithun's, Firgrove Road, Yateley, Hants GU46 6NH. They will remember and hold in prayer all deceased CAFOD supporters from our diocese and celebrate their lives, faith and compassion. Everybody is welcome to attend. If you would like to remember a loved one (even if you cannot attend the Mass), please send their names to portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone the CAFOD office on 01252 329385 and they will be included in the Book of Remembrance.

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



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

The Two Minute Silence at 11am on 11th day of the 11th month

Remembrance Day and the Two Minute Silence have been observed since the end of the First World War, but their relevance remains undiminished. When we bow our heads in reflection, we remember those who fought for our freedom during the two World Wars. But we also mourn and honour those who have lost their lives in more recent conflicts. Today, with troops on duty in Afghanistan and other trouble spots around the world, Remembrance, and this two minute tribute, are as important as ever.



BAMENDA/PORTSMOUTH LINK

(Fr Thom's narrative on Bamenda - Part 4 of 7)

RELIGION

Cameroon enjoys a high level of religious freedom with Christianity occupying about 70% of the population. Islam enjoys about 20% meanwhile other religions like the Judaism, Bahai Faith etc occupy the remaining 10% of the population. Catholics occupy about 65% of the Christian population of Cameroon.

BAMENDA

Bamenda is the capital of the North West region of Cameroon, one of the two English speaking Regions of Cameroon occupied by the British after WWI. It is the seat of one of the five Archdioceses of Cameroon. Bamenda Diocese was created in 1972 with territory carved from the diocese of Buea and created an Archdiocese in 1982. It has been blessed with two bishops since its creation, Mgr Paul Verdzekov (RIP) 1972-2006, and Mgr Cornelius Fontem Esua, 2006 to present date. Mgr Agapitus Nfon was recently appointed and ordained his Auxiliary. The ecclesiastical province of Bamenda is made up of the diocese of Buea, Kumbo, Mamfe and Bamenda.

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: 0023 92 816396/023 92 825430



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 available in youth ministry. The gathering is on the 13th Nov at St Bede's Church from 7:30-9pm.

Savio: College age group meets at St Bede's on 15th 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

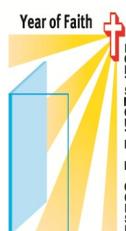
Nov. Doors open at 4.30pm, Face off at 5.30pm. Tickets are £5.00 (usually £9.90) and for every ticket sold, £1.00 will be donated to our youth ministry fund. Tickets must be pre-purchased and will be on sale after mass. SPOC for parishes are as follows: St Joseph's-Caroline Manuel on 077868172238; St Bede's- Ros Deighton on 07931577749; St Michael's – Roy Singh on 07557411101.



Youth Mass and Diocesan Youth Day

Young people from all over the Diocese will gather and celebrate faith and friendship on the 24th 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.

The Year of Faith 2012: The growth of faith



'Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy. It makes us fruitful, because it expands our hearts in hope and enables us to bear life-giving witness: indeed, it opens the hearts and minds of those who listen to respond to the Lord's invitation to adhere to his word and become his disciples. Believers, so Saint Augustine tells us, "strengthen themselves by believing". [...] Only through believing, then, does faith grow and become stronger; there is no other possibility for possessing certitude with regard to one's life apart from self-abandonment, in a continuous crescendo, into the hands of a love that seems to grow constantly because it has its origin in God.'

(Pope Benedict XVI, *Porta Fidei* ['The door of faith'] para 7)