

18 November 2012
33rd 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

As we come towards the end of the Church's year and start a new one at the beginning of Advent, we are encouraged to think about the end of time and Judgement. This should not surprise us, because in the coming weeks we shall not only be thinking about Our Lord's Birthday. There should also be in our minds The Second Coming of Jesus, when hopefully we shall awake to everlasting life and not everlasting disgrace!

There is no doubt that many Catholics in our society do not wish to think about Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. Ours is a society which seems to have lost the ability to stop, to be silent and to reflect on eternity. It is a society in constant movement, unable to be still, constantly seeking something new to alleviate the boredom and futility of everyday life. In many ways, this is the result of putting God in a box, which is only opened when life becomes impossible – if opened at all!

As Catholics, we should, with other Christians, not fall into this existential nightmare our materialism and loss of spirituality has created. Our Catholic liturgy, for example, constantly reminds us that we stand on the threshold of eternity when we celebrate Mass.

Approaching the sacred moment of Communion, when the life of eternity comes to us in the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar, the prayers call us to look forward to the end of time and The Second Coming. In the Our Father we pray that God's Kingdom will come and before The Peace that, delivered from every evil, "we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ." Or do we?

Fr Patrick Tansey

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (18—24 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:** Prison Chaplains in the Diocese. **Mon:** Movement of Christian Workers. **Tues:** Presentation Sisters. **Wed:** Parish of St Edward, Windsor. **Thurs:** All musicians in the Diocese, and National Network of Pastoral Musicians. **Fri:** Presentation Brothers. **Sat:** Diocese of Cloyne & Associations with St Colman of Cloyne via dedications and devotions.



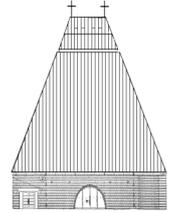
ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

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Holy Ghost Church, Sherborne Rd. Basingstoke. RG21 5TX

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



Parish Diary

Sun: Music ministry: 9 am Choir; 11 am Cantorg;
6.30pm Guitar

Tea and coffee after 9am Mass

Repository open in the Hall after all Masses

Fairtrade items for sale after all Masses today

Mon: Fr. DG: Day off

Tues: Fr DG: Dioc. Tribunal, Sandhurst, 2-5pm

Toddler Group, 1.30—3.15 pm SB

Wed: Journey in Faith (RCIA) 7.30 pm SB

Sunday 9am Choir practice, 7.30 pm

Thur: Fr. DG: Dioc. Tribunal Sandhurst 11 am—5 pm

Parish Pastoral Council, 8 pm SB

Sat: First Holy Communion Session 2, 10am SB

Wine Tasting Evening 7.30pm SB

Basingstoke Food Bank

The food bank have written to tell us that they have been blessed with a huge stock of food, so much so that another store room was needed to accommodate it all. Uptake by eligible recipients was slow initially, but is now increasing. The foodbank is looking for regular contributors to make an offering of, say, £5 pcm to help defray their running costs. If any parishioner feels they can make a commitment to a monthly payment, do please contact our Parish coordinator, Mr Pat Murphy, (pfm1906@aol.com) who has the necessary forms, including gift aid forms.

Thank you from Fr Dominic

Since my Mum's death on 3 November I have been inundated with cards and messages of sympathy. Thank you for these. Mum's funeral in Southampton last week was beautiful. Fifteen priests including Mgr Vincent Harvey (Mum's parish priest) concelebrated with me in offering the Mass and we did so supported by a full church of relatives, friends and parishioners – including I noted many from here and from Hook. My Dad, my sisters and I were very moved by everyone's support. It remains my privilege and joy to be your parish priest and I will long treasure your kindness.

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!



Parish Wine tasting evening: 24 November, 7.30pm

This Saturday we have our next parish social, organised by the Parish Pastoral Council. It's 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.

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.

Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £1,772.85. UK Tax payers note, gift aid envelopes are available from the newspaper stand in the church porch. If you would like to start gift-aiding your weekly offering please contact the parish office.

First Communion 2013

Second session for enrolled children begins 10 am and ends at noon this Saturday. Please be on time.

Children's Liturgy Catechists

Meet Mon. 26th November 7.30pm at St. Bede's hall.

SVP Christmas Party

Here at St. Bede's Parish Hall on Saturday 8th December. To come, please give your name and telephone number to the Parish Office, or sign up on the form on display in the cloister area. Fun, food and entertainment by Shamrock, Rose and Thistle.

Giving Tree 2012

Please support our local young people and families this Advent. Take a label and secure it to your choice of wrapped gift, please then return them as promptly as you can to church to avoid disappointment on the big day. All gifts to be in by 6.30 pm on Sunday 9th December. Thank you for your support over many years.... The children really do appreciate it very much.



Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning 18 November 2012

Sun:	<i>Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)</i>		
	9.00 am	SB	Sylvia Cullinane RIP
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Kathleen & Patrick Bruen RIP
	Resp Ps: Preserve me, God, take refuge in you		
Mon:	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Maria Sauleek RIP
Tues:	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Rosa Harvey RIP (Farrelly)
Wed:	<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs Colella & Harper Families
Thurs:	<i>St. Cecilia, virgin, Martyr</i>		
	9.00 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Broadbent Family
Fri:	<i>Feria/St. Clement, Pope, Martyr</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Int. Clare Nolan
Sat:	<i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions, Martyrs</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Holy Souls

*Next Sunday's intentions (25 November) : 9am John Reilly RIP:
11.00am People of the Parish : and 6.30pm Des O'Sullivan 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



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: Denis Grehan, 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.



The Basingstoke Life Shop's 1st Birthday!

We are celebrating the first birthday of our shop on Wote Street by holding a raffle on Saturday 1st December 2012 with activities for the children to do. If you have any new, unwanted gifts or items suitable for a raffle, please contact Chantal on 01256 320474. Many thanks for your continued support. Prizes will be displayed at the shop on the day.

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.

Aid to the Church in Need

Next Sunday we welcome Nick Fogg, diocesan promoter for Aid to the Church In Need, a Catholic charity that for over sixty years has supported persecuted and suffering Christians. Their website is well worth a visit: www.acnuk.org

Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30—9pm at St Bede's in the church hall for any adult wishing to think about becoming a Catholic. Come along and find out more if you're interested.

BAMENDA/PORTSMOUTH LINK

*(Fr Thom's narrative on Bamenda - Part 5 of 7)
Linking the Diocese of Portsmouth with the
Archdiocese of Bamenda Cameroon since 1974*

In 1974, a formal twinning link between the two dioceses was formed by Bishop Derek Worlock of Portsmouth and Bishop Paul Verdzekov of Bamenda at the time. This idea was sparked up by a Vatican II decree on the Bishop's pastoral Office in the church which stated that, "let Bishops, therefore, make every effort to have the faithful actively support and promote works of evangelisation and the apostolate... As far as possible, they should also arrange for some of their priests to go to such missions or dioceses to exercise the sacred ministry permanently or at least for a set period of time." (cf. Christus Dominus, art., 6) It is the practical expression of co-responsibility in the Church.

Bamenda is the Provincial capital of North West Cameroon in West Africa. In 1970 the Bamenda Diocese was created and Paul Verdzekov appointed as the first bishop. Later the diocese of Kumbo was split from Bamenda and Cornelius Esua appointed its bishop. In January 2006, Archbishop Paul retired and Bishop Cornelius was transferred from Kumbo to succeed him.

Pastoral Area Youth Ministry

Youth Mass and Diocesan Youth Day (13-25 yrs. old)

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, drumming, and games, 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 PRC DTR NWHANTS PA. **If you can't make the day, why not join us for the Mass?** For consent forms and to register your attendance, please contact Angie: 07713567161: or acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PPP Junior (Yr7-9) and PPP Senior (Yr10-11)

Our last session of the year is on the 2nd Dec from 5-6:30pm at St Joseph's. Newly confirmed young people are welcome! Please bring a £1 donation towards refreshments and pizza.

Youth Christmas party (Yr9 up to college age)

This is a chance to get together with friends and have a great time. The party will be held at St Joseph's Church on the 15th December from 7-10pm. There will be karaoke, Wii, music, food, games, a non-alcoholic cocktail bar, surprises and more! You can either bring a dish to share or contribute with a £3 donation. Dress code: Wear something red. Please let us know you are coming by the 10th Dec.

'Come and See' weekend with the Community of our Lady of Walsingham. Sat 1st - Sun 3rd Dec

Join other young men and women aged 18 plus, interested in exploring religious life, for a time of prayer and sharing with this new community based at the Diocesan House of Prayer near Brentwood, Essex. For further details please call us on 01277 373848 or visit www.walsinghamcommunity.org

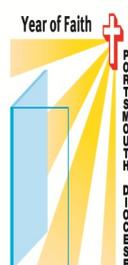
"I Have Done all These Things From my Youth" Fri 14th - Sun 16th Dec

An Advent Retreat for young adults aged 18 -35 who are asking questions regarding choice-making, the meaning of life etc. Led by Fr Seamus Mulholland OFM, a lecturer at the Franciscan International Study Centre, Canterbury. For further details please call us on 01277 373848 or visit the events page of www.free2become.org Any questions about the above please do not hesitate to get in touch: 01277 373848

Child Protection

A training session has now been organized for:-Wed 21st Nov at St Joseph's, St Michael's Road, - 7.00pm - 9.00pm - Child Protection To book please contact: Soraya Ciccarone, Tel: 0023 92 816396/023 92 825430 Email: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Handing on faith



'Faith is a personal act - the free response of the human person to the initiative of God who reveals himself. But faith is not an isolated act. No one can believe alone, just as no one can live alone. You have not given yourself faith as you have not given yourself life. The believer has received faith from others and should hand it on to others. Our love for Jesus and for our neighbour impels us to speak to others about our faith. Each believer is thus a link in the great chain of believers. I cannot believe without being carried by the faith of others, and by my faith I help support others in the faith.'

(Catechism of the Catholic Church para 166)