

4th November 2012

31st 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

Burial or cremation? This is one of several decisions to be made when someone has died. It may be they left instructions as to which of the two options they prefer. When they did not, the mourners will often ask the advice of a priest. 'Are Catholics allowed to be cremated?' Yes! The Catholic Church permits cremation provided it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body.

I mention this because each November we pray for and honour the dead. Graves are blessed, the dead of our wars are remembered, Masses are offered for all souls and such noble practices offer a necessary reminder that each one of us has a soul. We don't hear much these days about the soul. This is a shame because to hear of it is to remind ourselves of that innermost aspect of ourselves which cannot be buried or cremated.

The Catholic Church teaches that a soul does not perish when separated from the body at death. It cannot perish for it is created by God; it is not something produced by our parents who provide us with DNA - good looks too if we're lucky! We rightly honour our bodies with the dignity of a Christian funeral but our soul endures having an immortal nature. Now while it is right to pray for the repose of someone's soul it is also right to nourish this innermost aspect of ourselves here and now. We feed our bodies but we should not forget to feed our souls. In receiving and being blessed by the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist our soul is nourished with spiritual food. As then we prepare to be fed by the Lord this Sunday let us echo what a Roman centurion said astonished to hear that Jesus would come even to his home: 'Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.' (Lk 7)

*Father Dominic Golding*

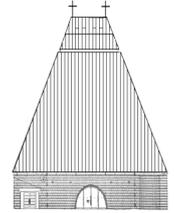
### DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (4—10 November)

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:** Our twinned Diocese of Bamenda & the Bamenda Committee. **Mon:** Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Thatcham. **Tues:** All deceased clergy of the Diocese. **Wed:** Faithful departed of each parish or community. **Thurs:** Parishes, Communities & Schools in the West Berkshire Pastoral Area. **Fri:** Recipients of awards 'Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice' and 'Bene Merenti', and of Diocesan medals, during the year. **Sat:** Parishes, Communities & Schools in the New Forest Pastoral Area..



## 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 Cantorg;  
6.30pm Priest-led  
Repository open in the Hall after all Masses  
Baptisms, 3pm SB  
Mon: Bereavement Group meet 7.30 pm SB  
Tues: Toddler Group meet 1.30—3.15 pm SB  
Wed: Journey in Faith (RCIA) 7.30 pm SB  
Sunday 9am Choir practice, 7.30 pm  
Catenian Mass 7.30 pm HG  
Thur: Nurture Group for Women mtg 7.30 pm SB  
Sat: St Bede's Kneeler Group, 2-4pm, SB  
The Lord's Flock (Filipino Grp), 5pm SB

### Blessing of Graves

**Next Sunday** in 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.

### Nurture Group

Meets this Thursday evening at 7.30pm at St Bede's. A time and space for women in the parish to chill, chat and do without life's annoyances—whatever they are!

### From the Parish Registers for October

**Baptisms:** Filip Masar, Erimangel Smith Agyapong, Jerico Migoel Yabot, Hallie Willow Wilby, Ethan James William Standcombe, Evie Rose Woodroffe, Rosie Seren Woodroffe, Harry William Woodroffe, Abigail Megan Armour.

**Deaths:** Edwin Val Enright, Paul William Breslin.

### 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.



### Giving Tree

Labels for the Christmas Giving Tree will be available as from Sunday 24th November.

### Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £1,899.12p. There is a second collection **today** for our twin diocese of Bamenda in the Cameroon. More information about Bamenda on p.4

### Fr Dominic's Mum

My Mum Margaret died yesterday evening (3rd Nov) at home after a long struggle with cancer. My Dad Malcolm, my two sisters and I had been with her for much of the week. To give her the last rites was something I will long remember; her faith was always so strong. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

### Missio (APF Red Boxes)

£520 has been collected and sent off from your boxes. Thanks from Kate Webb our Missio parish coordinator.

### Car Parking

Additional parking space available on Sundays only on the grassed area directly in front of the church on Popley Way. Please use this in addition to the church and school car parks but don't park in the driveway.

### Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Our parish 'Journey in Faith' course for adults wishing to be baptised and/or confirmed has now begin and continues this **Wednesday** at St Bede's at 7.30pm. It runs until Easter and gives 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 Wine tasting evening: 24 November

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 Mass as from today (Sunday 4th November). 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.

### St Bede's Kneeler Group

We are a group formed in September 2012 with the aim to provide beautiful and unique tapestry kneelers for St Bede's Church. Our next meeting is **next Saturday** 10<sup>th</sup> November at St Bede's Church Hall from 2 - 4 p.m. If you are interested in stitching a kneeler but are unable to attend meetings an out reach programme is to be launched for further detail contact Susan Beard, Tel 01256 417764 or e-mail susan.beard@ntlworld.com

## Parish Mass Timetable

### Week beginning 4 November 2012

Sun:	<i>Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)</i>		
	9.00 am	SB	Paddy Hurl RIP (Power)
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	John Hennessy RIP (Hennessy)
	<b>Resp Ps: I love you, Lord, my strength</b>		
Mon:	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Rosa Harvey RIP (Bedford)
Tues:	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Paul Breslin RIP (Breslin)
Wed:	<i>Feria/St. Willibrord, Bishop</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Madge & John Murray RIP (Byrne)
Thurs:	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mark Breslin RIP (Breslin)
Fri:	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Margaret Golding RIP
Sat:	<i>St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Joan & Frank McKenna RIP (McKenna)

#### Next Sunday's intentions (11 November):

9am : Rosa Harvey RIP (Office)  
 11.00am Ronald McAulay (Grasso)  
 6.30pm People of the Parish

**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

Launched recently 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.

#### Marriage Care

This is a national charity supported by the Catholic Church offering professional, confidential counselling for individuals and couples who are experiencing difficulties in marriage or other relationships. Counselling is free of charge although contributions are welcomed. Please telephone **Freephone 0800 389 3801** for an appointment with a Counsellor near you, or visit their website at [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) for more information.

**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



### Faith in the Trinity

'To profess faith in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is to believe in one God who is Love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8): the Father, who in the fullness of time sent his Son for our salvation; Jesus Christ, who in the mystery of his death and resurrection redeemed the world; the Holy Spirit, who leads the Church across the centuries as we await the Lord's glorious return.'

(Pope Benedict XVI, *Porta Fidei* ['The door of faith'] para 1)

### BAMENDA/PORTSMOUTH LINK

*(Fr Thom's narrative on Bamenda - continued)*

Cameroon is divided into Ten Regions with Yaounde as its political capital and Douala its economic capital. Cameroon is a bilingual country with French and English as its official languages. There is also broken English spoken and understood most in the English part of Cameroon, even though it gradually penetrates the other parts of Cameroon. This is mostly language for the uneducated. It is the language mostly used in our churches to let the common man understand the Word of God. This broken English is referred to as **PIDGIN ENGLISH**. Due to its bilingual nature and the influence of the English and the French, it belongs to both the Francophonie nations and the Commonwealth of Nations countries headed by France and Britain respectively. The population of Cameroon is about 18 millions given the recent census count. At 475,442 square kilometres (183,569 sq mi), Cameroon is the world's 53rd-largest country. Its currency is the CFA franc. Its exchange with the pound is 800frs to a pound. Its National Youth Day is celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup> February and the National on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May.



### BAMENDA SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

Please be generous in your donation this Sunday for the many parishes, schools, health establishments and social projects we support in the Archdiocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. We have been supporting one another since 1974 with prayer, funding and providing one another with clergy—Fr Thom being one good example and the priest who baptised him was one of our own priests then working in Cameroon. For details of our current joint ventures please see your copy of 'Bamenda Briefing' inserted in the October / November issue of Portsmouth People or visit our website: [www.bamendaandportsmouth.com](http://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com)

*May the Lord continue to bless our two dioceses with vocations to the Christian life.*

### Christ the King Parish, Whitley, South Reading

A competent part-time administrator with a 'can-do' approach is required for the parish of Christ the King in Whitley, South Reading. See full details at: [portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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". 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](mailto:acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or 07713567161.

### Child Protection

A training session is organized for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012, at St Joseph's, South Ham, 7.00pm – 9.00pm. To book contact: Soraya Ciccarone, Tel: 023 92 816396. Email: [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### CHRISTMAS IN FESTIVAL PLACE

[www.basingstoketownchaplaincy.org.uk](http://www.basingstoketownchaplaincy.org.uk)

Tel (01256) 842232. We need outgoing people to dress up as characters to wander around Festival Place and interact with people on the busy weekends leading up to Christmas and to join in the carol singing procession from the Market Square and in the "live" Nativity on Christmas Eve. Please contact the Chaplaincy office.