

25th Nov 2012

Christ the King
(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

To give Jesus the title of “King” would at first glance seem to be most inappropriate. It smacks of all the things that he would have rejected. When we think of a king we think of a throne, a crown, a palace, great wealth, power, prestige, servants, and of course, an army. When we look at Jesus in the Gospel, we see no crown, no throne, no palace, and as Jesus points out to Pilate, no army. All he has is a small band of followers. He is surrounded by the poor, the sick, and also by the sinners and outcasts.

Yet the title “King” is very appropriate, when you think about it more deeply. The title, king, reminds us of Christ’s divinity. God is Lord of all, the King of the universe. He is the one to whom we owe allegiance. Christ spoke of a kingdom – the Kingdom of Heaven. However, his Kingdom represents all those things which the world does not stand for; all that is right and true, just and good. He exercises authority and influence, as opposed to the power and control that earthly rulers display. Jesus did not need to flaunt his power and might. Jesus had immense spiritual and moral authority, just by being the person he was. Some people of power can make others feel small. But the really great person makes everyone feel great. That was the kind of king that Jesus was. He could change people’s lives beyond recognition just by his presence. See how his kindness towards sinners caused them to change the course of their lives.

Although Christ the King does not need or want soldiers and tanks, he does need spiritual warriors. He needs people who are ready to fight for justice, truth and peace. There is a battle going on, between darkness and light, lies and truth, evil and good. We know that good will eventually triumph, God’s Kingdom will come on earth. Let’s make sure that we are on the winning side, the side of Christ the King.

Dom. Austin Gurr OSB

The Pastoral Area Website: www.nwhantspa.org.uk has links to all Pastoral Area Churches

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (25 November -1 December)

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:** Chapel of Christ the King, Sandhurst. **Mon:** Parishes, Communities & Schools in the Southampton Central and West Pastoral Area. **Tues:** Benefactors and Management Board of the Diocesan Clergy Retirement Fund. **Thurs:** Managers of the Diocesan website. **Fri:** Community of St Andrew, North Baddesley; St Edmund Campion, Bournemouth. **Sat:** Parish of St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead.

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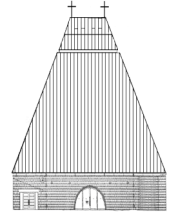


ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

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 Cantorg

First Communion children will participate in a particular way at all Masses today.

Tea and coffee after 9am Mass

Aid to the Church In Need talk, all Masses

Repository open in the Hall after all Masses

11 am Mass is signed for the hard of hearing

Basingstoke African & Caribbean Group meet after 11 am Mass

Celebration of Baptisms, 3 pm SB

Syro Malabar Mass, 4 pm HG

Mon: *Fr. DG is away this week until 1st Dec.*

Children's Liturgy Catechists mtg 7.30 pm SB

Tues: Toddler Group, 1.30—3.15 pm SB

Wed: Journey in Faith (RCIA) 7.30 pm SB

Sunday 9am Choir practice, 7.30 pm

Sat: The Lord's Flock (Filipino Grp) 5—8.30 pm SB

Please pray for Kathleen Hennessy who has died aged 91 yrs. Funeral Mass at Holy Ghost Church next Monday (3rd December) at 11.45 am. We remember her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

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 Sunday 9th December. Thank you for your support over many years.... The children really do appreciate it very much.

Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled ££1,776.44. 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.

Aid to the Church in Need

This Sunday we welcome Nick Fogg, the 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. Nick will speak at all Masses about their work and invite us to support them in a variety of ways.

Which Eucharistic Prayer?

That's the priest's choice but as from this Sunday you will be able to tell which he intends to use from looking at the hymn board. If you see displayed EP1 it means Eucharistic Prayer 1 will be used, EP2 means Eucharistic Prayer 2 etc. Hope it helps!

Advent is a-coming

It starts next Sunday. To help us make the most of the season that prepares us for Christmas Fr Dominic's choice of an Advent read will be available next Sunday and too Advent stuff for children. Also available from next Sunday will be 'The Parish Mass Book' containing the readings and prayers for each Sunday. These books will like the hymn books be for everyone's use.

Mince Pies

will be served after the 11am Mass on Sunday 2nd December, in St. Bede's hall, all proceeds towards the Kneeler Project. Mince pies gratefully accepted.

St. Joseph's College, Reading.

Religious Studies Teacher—temporary part time. Starting January 2013

Details and an application form are available from St. Joseph's College. Tel. No. 01189 661000 or email: mailbox@sjcr.org.uk Closing date: Wed. 28th Nov.

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.

Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning 25 November 2012

Sun:	<i>Solemnity of Christ the King (Year B)</i>		
	9.00 am	SB	John Reilly RIP (Reilly)
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Des O'Sullivan RIP (O'Sullivan)
	Resp Ps: The Lord is king with majesty enrobed		
Mon:	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Dec'd members of Bibbo & Colella families
Tues:	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.45 am	SB	John Webb RIP (Webb)
Wed:	<i>Feria</i>		
	<i>No Mass today</i>		
Thurs:	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Ted Enright RIP
Fri:	<i>St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Dec'd members Gouder & Sauleek families
Sat:	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Hugh Spilsbury RIP (Spilsbury)

Next Sunday's intentions (1 December): 9am: Chris McGill's friend's intention, 11am: 11.00am Maureen McCauley RIP & Ned Fagan RIP and 6.30pm People of the Parish. To ask for Mass to be offered please contact the parish office but be aware you often need to give us plenty of notice.

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.

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.

Basingstoke Tappers Christmas Show 'Let It Snow' & Pearly Queen's Festive Market

At Queen Mary's College today (25th Nov) from 1pm. Show starts 3.30pm. Admission for adults is £10 and for children £5. The fun includes a visit from Santa and great entertainment to help us get ready for Christmas. For more info: www.basingstoketappers.com



The Basingstoke Life Shop's 1st Birthday!

We are celebrating the first birthday of our shop on Wote Street by holding a raffle this 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.



Confessions

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



Morning Prayer

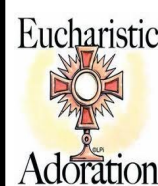
Join us at 9.15 am at Holy Ghost Church before weekday mass. Also downloadable for iPad, iPhone or ebooks from

www.universalis.com



Rosary: recited after 9.30am weekday mass.

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



Adoration is every Wednesday at Holy Ghost Church. It begins after the morning Mass and continues until 7pm. Please come 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

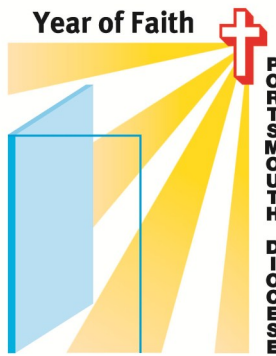
- Sat 6pm,
- Sun 10am.

St Joseph, Basingstoke

- Sat 6pm,
- Sun 9am, 11am.

St Michael's, Tadley

- Sat 6pm,
- Sun: 9.30am



Insights from Vatican 2 on the Liturgy

The first Council document, Sacrosanctum Concilium, set the global agenda for the Council as a whole: increasing vigour in being a Christian, updating and adapting institutions, promoting Christian unity, evangelization. 'The Council therefore sees particularly cogent reasons for undertaking the reform and promotion of the liturgy.' (para 1)

'In order that the Christian people may more certainly derive an abundance of graces from the sacred liturgy, holy Mother Church desires to undertake with great care a general restoration of the liturgy itself. For the liturgy is made up of immutable elements divinely instituted, and of elements subject to change. These not only may but ought to be changed with the passage of time if they have suffered from the intrusion of anything out of harmony with the inner nature of the liturgy or have become unsuited to it.' (para 21)

BAMENDA/PORTSMOUTH LINK

(Fr Thom's narrative on Bamenda - Part 6 of 7)
Linking the Diocese of Portsmouth with the Archdiocese of Bamenda Cameroon since 1974

Over nearly 38 years, about 10 Portsmouth priests have worked in Bamenda, namely; Rev. Frs. Ronald Hishon, Michael Peters, Francis Isherwood, Peter Codd, Anthony Gatt, Joseph McElhinney, Felix Muscat, Michael O'Kelly etc, and also, a number of Cameroonian priests have come to Portsmouth Diocese both to study and to work in parishes of this Diocese. Over the years, Bishop Derek Worlock, Anthony Emery, and more recently, Bishop Crispian have visited Bamenda regularly, and Archbishop Paul has on several occasions visited us here. A new agreement was reached in 2010 between the two dioceses for priests to be sent from Bamenda as Fidei Donum to work in Portsmouth Diocese. Two priests following this agreement have been sent to work in Portsmouth Diocese. These are Frs Bonaventure Ndong (Reading) and Thom Amungwa (Basingstoke).

Pastoral Area Youth Ministry

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.

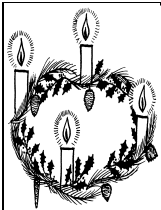
Youth Christmas party (Yr9 up to college age)

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.

"LUCKY ME" DRAW

Organised by the Knights of St Columba

The winner of the November draw, worth £25, is Barbara King of Lychpit.



Advent Talks

The Gospel of St Luke and Acts of the Apostles

Sacred Heart, London Road,
 Hook, RG27 9LA

Thursday, 6th, 13th and 20th December
 2-3pm and repeated 7.30—8.30 pm

Fr Peter Codd will give a series of three talks during Advent on the Gospel of St Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. In order for those who have children or are not able to attend in the evening, there will be both an afternoon and an evening session. The afternoon session will take place in Maryfield Convent (next door to Sacred Heart) and the evening session will be in the parish hall.

Advent Reflection Materials

This year's Diocesan Advent reflection materials are called 'Standing on the Threshold: doorways into faith'. There are six leaflets: one each for the four weeks of Advent, one for Christmas and one for Epiphany. The packs are available for free download from <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/advent2012/index.php>. If you would like colour hard copies, these are available from Eileen Stephenson (estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for the cost of the printing (£1.75)

Fundraising Concert for Hoima, Uganda

On Saturday 1 December, BPH (the official charity for the Basingstoke - Hoima hospitals partnership) has organised a fundraising classical music evening to be held at St Michael's Church, Basingstoke. West End singer, James Paterson will be performing live (best known for his role in "Phantom of the Opera" and more recently in the Susan Boyle musical "I dreamed a dream"), alongside other singers / musicians. The evening will begin at 7 pm and tickets cost £10. Please contact Anne Reilly for tickets or further information: 0118 982 1255 or ae_reilly@yahoo.co.uk