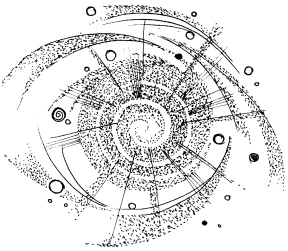


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North West Hampshire Catholic News

Weekly Newsletter

Serving the parishes of Andover, Basingstoke, Hook, Tadley and Kingsclere

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Thought for the Week

When the Queen goes visiting she is often 'treated' to the smell of freshly painted walls, apparently. This is because wherever she visits people seem to want to spruce the place up. When, for example, she visited the USA a few years ago the preparations involved many people over many weeks. Staff at the hotel in Virginia that was to provide her with one night's accommodation felt it necessary to wash the sheets on her bed four times – and that was before she used them! The hotel's painters and decorators were busy applying fresh paint to all the corridors just in case she turned an unexpected corner. Meanwhile in Washington DC the chefs preparing the food at the White House asked about her dietary preferences only to be told she never expresses any such preference – presumably in case she gets given it too often. And the man chosen to guide her round a local historic site went online to learn just how to address his distinguished guest.

This Sunday the Church begins making preparations for a different kind of visit and a different kind of distinguished guest. The season of Advent instructs us in how to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ who just last Sunday we acclaimed as Universal King. There are no sheets to be washed nor menus prepared but we are urged by the apostle Paul to 'make more and more progress in the kind of life' that God wants (1 Thess 3). The Son of Man is coming and while we wait we should, says Jesus, not become so caught up with the 'cares of life' that his arrival is sprung on us a sudden (Lk 21).

Such instruction from the Word of the Lord comes amid all the preparations for the celebration of the first coming of Christ. Amid that premature business I think it's helpful to be reminded that Christ's second coming is a visit we should not overlook. As we journey into Advent let us be unafraid to ask ourselves in prayer and silence: to what extent does our life now show a real readiness to welcome our distinguished guest, Jesus Christ our Saviour and King?

Fr. Dominic Golding

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (2-8 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:** Parishes & Communities in the North Downs Pastoral Area. **Mon:** All migrants. **Tues:** All Religious Orders which formerly served in the Diocese. **Wed:** Parishes, Communities & Schools in the Thames Isis Pastoral Area **Thurs:** Bishop Crispian Hollis (retired); Children in the Diocese. **Fri:** Immaculate Conception Sisters. **Sat:** Community of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst.

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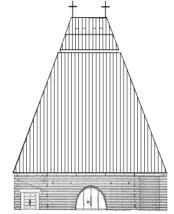


ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

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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 Cantorg; 6.30pm Priest-led
Tea and coffee after 9am Mass
Tea, coffee and mince pies after the 11 am Mass
Repository open in the Hall after all Masses
Celebration of Baptisms, 3 pm SB
Mon: Fr. DG : Day off
St. Vincent de Paul Society SB 7—9 pm
Tues: Fr DG: Dioc. Tribunal, Sandhurst, 11am—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, 11am—5pm
Hook Parish Pastoral Council 8 pm
Fri: Fr. DG: St. Bede's Sch Penance Liturgy 10.30 am
Sat: Fr. DG: Wedding/Bapt appts. 10.30am - 1pm SB
St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Party, 12—5pm SB Hall
The Lord's Flock (Filipino Grp) 5—8.30 pm SB

Which Eucharistic Prayer?

That's the priest's choice but each 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!

SVP Christmas Party

Here at St. Bede's Parish Hall this 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 needy local young people and families this Advent. Take a label and secure it to your choice of wrapped gift, then return them promptly to church to avoid disappointment on the big day. All gifts to be in by 6.30 pm next Sunday 9th December.

Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £1,631.18p. 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.

Advent begins

During Advent we focus in the liturgy firstly on Christ's second coming and then as Christmas gets near we focus on Christ's Incarnation. The purple colours that adorn the church remind us of the preparatory nature of the season and the Advent wreath with its candles, the first of which is lit this Sunday, serves as a count-down tool.

A book for Advent?

'With Humble Hearts' is a booklet offering a selection of Mother Teresa of Calcutta's simple, straightforward words to echo the themes of Advent. Do get yourself a copy—if you want to make a donation for it how about 50p. Read something spiritual in this spiritual time!

Advent for children

There are calendars for our children available today. Donations are welcome but more welcome will be to see all the calendars gone and being used.

Christmas Mass times

24 Dec: 6.30pm (Carols from 6pm)
Midnight (Carols from 11.30pm)
25 Dec: 10 am (yes, you are reading that right!)

Parish Mass Book

Available at St Bede's from today is 'The Parish Mass Book.' It contains the readings and prayers for each Sunday mass. They are intended for everyone's use so please don't take them home!



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kathleen Hennessy whose has died and whose funeral Mass is at Holy Ghost Church on Monday 3rd December at 11.45 am and for Katie Ayland who has died and whose funeral Mass is at Holy Ghost Church on Tuesday 4th December at 10.30 am. May their families find comfort and strength in the assurances of faith.

Aid to the Church In Need

Nick Fogg, the diocesan promoter for A.C.N who spoke at Mass last Sunday of their work has written to say he was "deeply impressed by the warmth of the welcome I received. I was not expecting any great funds to come in for ACN, but, in the event sales and donations to help persecuted and suffering Christians totalled over £650: a terrific effort. Many thanks to you all."

Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning 2 December 2012

Sun: First Sunday of Advent (*Year C*)
 9.00 am SB Chris McGill's friend
 11.00 am SB Maureen McCauley RIP & Ned Fagan RIP
 6.30 pm SB People of the Parish

Resp Ps: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Mon: 11.45 am HG Funeral Mass for Kathleen Hennessy RIP

Tues: *St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

9.30 am SB Richard Simpson RIP

10.30 am HG Funeral Mass for Katie Ayland RIP

Wed: *1st week of Advent*

9.30 am HG Patrick Corr RIP (Hurl)

Thurs: *1st week of Advent/St. Nicholas, Bishop*

9.30 am SB Eddie O'Brien RIP (O'Brien)

Fri: *St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

9.30 am HG Maria Stowell RIP

Sat: *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9.30 am SB Int. of Larry Moore

Next Sunday's intentions (8 December): 9am: People of the Parish, 11am Maureen Burnard RIP: 6.30 pm John Reid RIP. To ask for Mass to be offered please contact the parish office but be aware you often need to give us plenty of notice.



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

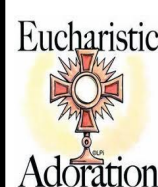
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Rosary: recited after

9.30am weekday mass.

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



Eucharistic Adoration

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.

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.

CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue for Christmas.

Now available in the foyer. Plenty of ideas for Christmas and a great way to support the charitable work CAFOD does around the world.



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Polish Mass
 08 Grudnia (SOBOTA)
 GODZ. 18.00

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Holy Ghost, Sherborne Road, RG21 5TD

Knights of St. Columba Christmas Carol Service

Mass at 7.30 pm followed by Christmas Carols in Sacred Heart Church, London Road on Wednesday 12th December.

Salesian College Farnborough will be holding their Entrance Examination on Mon 7th Jan 2013. For further information please contact the Admissions Secretary on Tel. No. 01252 89300 or email fullerb@salesiancollege.com

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



Other local churches Sunday Mass times

Sacred Heart, Hook

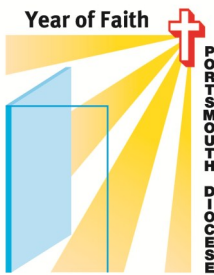
- Sat 6pm,
- Sun 10am.

St Joseph, Basingstoke

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

St Michael's, Tadley

- Sat 6pm,
- Sun: 9.30am



Insights from Vatican 2 on the Liturgy

Sacrosanctum Concilium is a document from the Second Vatican Council concerning the liturgy. It views the Church as a diversified people of faith, gathered in unity around the bishop, each with their own role. 'Liturgical services are not private functions, but are celebrations of the Church, which is the "sacrament of unity", namely, the holy people united and ordered under their bishops. Therefore liturgical services pertain to the whole body of the Church... they concern the individual members of the Church in different ways, according to their differing rank, office, and actual participation.' (para 26)
'All should hold in great esteem the liturgical life of the diocese centred around the bishop, especially in his cathedral church...' (para 41)

BAMENDA/PORTSMOUTH LINK

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

Linking the Diocese of Portsmouth with the Archdiocese of Bamenda Cameroon since 1974

As earlier mentioned, 70% of the population of Bamenda are in rural areas and carry out subsistent farming as their main occupation. Majority of the people of these areas are not literate and so, many of the children find it difficult going to school due to the inability of the parents to pay the fees. At the moment many charity groups have been assisting to alleviate the situation. It is in this light that I wish to appeal to groups, families, or individuals for assistance. In the Archdiocese of Bamenda, it costs about £20 to pay the fees of one child in the Primary school for one academic year, and about £40 for the nursery school. Are you able to support a child or more go to school? Then this is your opportunity to do so. If you may even like to link with a family that you support or a school that you want to support, then everything can be made possible
Structures needed. Many areas do not have structures or enough classrooms for studies. In many areas, two classes are merged into one and children are crowded in one room due to insufficient structures. Are you also able to do something in this regard?

In case you require or need any further information on the above matter, feel free to contact Fr. Thom in St. Joseph's church. My number and email are found at the top of the Sundays newsletter.



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.

Everyone most welcome.



Pastoral Area Youth Ministry

YOUTHSTORM NEWS

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.

Mission Trip 2014 -Info evening (18+)

If you are a young person who would like to have a faith experience by reaching out to others whilst having the opportunity to travel to another country, you will be interested in our Mission trip during July 2014. This is a fantastic opportunity to put your faith into practice. The information evening is on the 10th Jan, 7:30-9pm at St Bede's Church. Parents are also welcome. YOU WILL NEED TO BE 18 YRS OLD BY JULY 2014. Angie Carroll 07713567161

Being in a secular Culture

How does our relationship with Jesus lead us to respond to the world around us? Bishop Philip Egan will speak on this at three gatherings in the diocese open to all. The nearest one to us will be at St Joseph's Church, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5JJ on Wednesday 20 February, from 7.30—9pm. For more info: contact Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583.

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)