

20th January 2013
Second Sunday of
Ordinary Time
(Year C)



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

This week-end the Church in England and Wales keeps Peace Sunday. During this Year of Faith, we are asked to look again at the Second Vatican Council document "Gaudium et Spes" which looked at our modern world towards the end of the last century. One of its important statements is that Peace cannot be seen merely as the absence of war; Peace is intimately linked with the establishment of Justice in our daily lives and in our systems of government. Without a proper understanding of Justice, hatred, selfishness, xenophobia and other evils will result in unrest, disorder and even war.

In his message for this Peace Sunday, Pope Benedict reminds us of some important facts about Peace; on how to be peacemakers. True peacemakers "are those who love, defend and promote human life in all its dimensions", actively opposing abortion and euthanasia, so upholding the right of life for all, especially those who are innocent.

Essential to a peaceful society, he declares, is a proper understanding of marriage and the family, without which society will eventually collapse. In the 20th Century, Communism and Nazism attempted to obliterate a Christian idea of marriage, resulting in a morality which was incapable of developing societies concerned with the good of all rather than a political elite focused on its own aims and objectives.

Pope Benedict also condemns the inequality which exists between the rich and the poor, the result of "the prevalence of a selfish and individualistic mindset which also finds expression in an unregulated financial capitalism".

Many will be surprised to learn that he regards the greatest threat to peace to be Relativism, which encourages a morality empty of the "natural moral law inscribed by God upon the conscience of every man and woman." We are called not to seek our own individual comfort and serenity, but that of all people as children of God. Peace Sunday this year asks us: do We? Fr Patrick Tansey

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (20-26 January)

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:** The Anglican Communion. **Mon:** The Free Churches; Community of St Agnes, Liss. **Tues:** The Byzantine Orthodox & Oriental Orthodox Churches. **Wed:** Association of Inter-Church Families. **Thurs:** Parish of St Francis of de Sales, Wash Common. **Fri:** Local Covenants of Churches. **Sat:** Diocesan Department for Schools.

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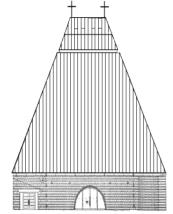


ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

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 Priest Led
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass
Repository open after all Masses
Mon: Fr. DG: Day off
St. Vincent de Paul Group mtg St. Joseph's, 8pm
Tues: Fr DG: Dioc. Tribunal, Sandhurst, 2– 5pm
Toddler Group 1.30 pm SB
Safeguarding Team: CRB checks, 6pm SB
Wed: Fr. DG: Baptism appts 10.30—12 noon SB
Journey in Faith (RCIA) 7.30 pm SB
Thu: Fr. DG: Dioc. Tribunal, Sandhurst, 11– 5pm
Sat: The Lord's Flock (Filipino Group) SB 5—8.30 pm
Polish Mass 6 pm HG

Nurture Group

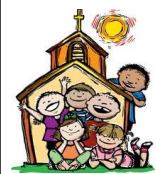
Fancy some needlework based inspiration? Join us for a trip to the National Textile Archive in Greenham on Sat the 2nd Feb. Entry £3.50 on the door. Meet in the church car park at 10am. Contact Susan on 01256 417764 or susan.beard@ntlworld.com for more details and to organise transport.

Eucharistic Ministers

Those who currently assist in this parish with the distribution of Holy Communion are invited to come to St Bede's on 15 and 22 February at 7.30pm. Fr Dominic will be training all those he has asked to begin this ministry and the existing ministers are invited too.

'Right To Life – Sponsored Fast

Michael Davidson is doing a sponsored 24 hour fast to draw attention to the moral fight against the attacks in our culture on many 'pro-life' issues such as abortion and euthanasia; and to raise funds for the political battles in which Right To Life is engaged. *Please sponsor him after Mass on 3 February.*



St Bede's Toddlers Group

Meet every Tuesday term time between 1.30—3.15pm. Come along to the Church Hall with your little darling(s) and be sure of a warm welcome.

Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £1,820.68. Next Sunday there is a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Parish Office

Closed this Monday and Tuesday (22-23 Jan).

Healing on the Streets

This Sunday we welcome Peter Lane to speak to us about Healing on the Streets. They are a group of Christians from across the Churches in the area who believe in the commission given by Jesus to heal the sick and spread the good news of the gospel. They follow an internationally recognised model of non-invasive contact with the general public whose primary aim is to show God's love to a needy world. They meet at the bottom of Wote Street on the first Saturday of every month at 1pm for two hours. If you would like to see what they do, you would be most welcome. If you want to get involved in praying for people, you will need to go through a day's training, which they provide. If you would like to know more, want to join us or just pray for us, contact either: Peter Lane: peter.lane@outlook.com; tel: 01256 475688 or Michael Davidson: tel: 01256 881335: email: michaeldavidson@uwclub.net

Recently died

- Margaret Gollyer aged 89 whose funeral is this Tuesday at 11am at Holy Ghost Church. Our sympathy to her sons Laurie, Ray and Pete.
- David Nelson aged 82. He died on 16 January and his funeral is Wednesday 30 January at 10.30 am at English Martyrs Church, Reading where his son Mgr John is parish priest. Our sympathy to David's wife Mary and to their children John, Catherine, Ian and Helen.

Syro-Malabar Mass

At Holy Ghost Church next Sunday (27th Jan) at 4pm. The church will be in use by our parish Syro-Malabar community from 10 am—6pm.

Polish Mass

At Holy Ghost Church next Saturday (26th Jan) at 6pm



African rhythms

On Tuesday 29 January Fr Thom will be teaching songs of African rhythms at St Joseph's—his other parish. If you would like to learn new musical techniques please email him for the time it starts or call the St Joseph's Parish Office on 323595.

Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning 20 January 2013

Sun: *Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)*
9.00 am SB People of the Parish
11.00 am SB Tom Shorten RIP (Shorten)
6.30 pm SB John Reilly RIP (Reilly)

The readings and responsorial Psalm for this Sunday begin on p. 127 of 'The Parish Mass Book.'

Mon: *St. Agnes, Martyr*

No Mass today

Tues: *Feria/St. Vincent, Martyr*

9.30 am SB Maureen Burnard RIP
11.00 am HG Funeral Mass Margaret Collyer RIP

Wed: *Feria*

9.30 am HG Patuto Nicola RIP

Thurs: *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop*

9.30 am SB Barbara Grodzicka RIP (Langevin)

Fri: *The Conversion of St. Paul*

9.30 am HG Dec. Mbrs Hynes Family (Murphy)

Sat: *SS. Timothy & Titus, Bishops*

No Mass today

Next Sunday's intentions (27 January): 9am Michael Kennedy RIP, 11am Tom Shorten RIP: : 6.30 pm John Reilly RIP.



Confessions

On Sunday at
St. Bede's Church
from 5.30—6.15 pm



Morning Prayer

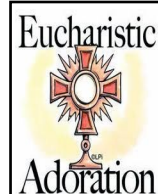
Join us at 9.15 am at
Holy Ghost Church
before weekday mass.

Also downloadable for iPad,
iPhone or ebooks from
www.universalis.com



Rosary: recited
after 9.30am week-
day mass.

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



**Eucharistic Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament** is
at now on Friday for
one hour after the
9.30 am Mass in Holy
Ghost Church

Please pray for the sick and housebound

including: Helga Sony, Evelyn Dyke, Denis Grehan, Dave Webb, Kathleen O'Connor, Charlotte King, Jean Dry, Carmel Hyland, Larry Hyman, James Lickey, 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 Hawsworth, Ramona Otero-Aldao, Carmel Harding and Pat Olohan.

Confirmation for teens

We will not be offering preparation for Confirmation in our parish this year. This is to enable us to 'catch up' a year with the other local parishes all of whom offer this sacrament to teenagers in year 9.

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.

Mass Intentions

To ask for Mass to be offered for an intention please contact the parish office. It is wise to do this long before the preferred date owing to so many requests.

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



Life Shop is one the move

We will be moving from Wote Street to 7 Winchester Street RG21 7ED in February. The shop number is 01256 475637. We will give exact dates once we have had the shop refurbished. Please continue bring donations as we need to sell as much as possible before we move. We are looking for volunteers to work in the shop. We are also looking for people to help clean and decorate the store area. Please contact Jenny Filkins at the shop.

Getting Married?

Couples wishing to marry in the Catholic Church here or elsewhere should notify the parish office at least six months before the proposed marriage. This is to give sufficient time for the pre-nuptial enquiries which include attendance on a local marriage preparation course.



Pizza, Ponder and Prayer group 20th January in the evening from 5-6:30pm at St Joseph's. £1 donation is welcome.

"ARISE" GIRLS RETREAT

Yr8 & Yr9 girls at Kintbury retreat centre (£75) 17th-19th May. If you would like to have a fantastic time with your friends whilst having the opportunity to make new ones, the Girls retreat is an opportunity that can't be missed. To book your place you will need to send a £15 non-refundable deposit to the Youth Office at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, RG249DX and pay the rest before April. Please make cheques payable to PRCDTR NWHANTS PA. Thank you.

Angie Carroll



Being Catholic in a Secular Culture

How does our relationship with Jesus lead us to respond to the world around us?

Speaker: Bishop Philip Egan

Wednesday 20 February:

St Joseph's, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5JJ

Thursday 7 March:

Immaculate Conception, Christchurch, BH23 1EH

Tuesday 19 March:

Cathedral Discovery Centre, Portsmouth, PO1 3QA

All from 7.30-9 pm (tea/coffee from 7.15 pm)

STEP INTO THE GAP with

CAFOD – Are you 18-30



and would like to spend a year volunteering with CAFOD both in the UK and overseas, exploring and expressing your faith, experiencing new cultures and meeting inspiring people along the way? Applications for our **Step into the Gap** programme for 2013 are now open (deadline for submission: 25th April 2013). For more information about the programme and what it involves, and to download an application form, please visit www.cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year If you have any questions, please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth Office on 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk



Quiz Season!

Bishop Challoner PTA Quiz Night

Friday, 25th January 7.15 to 10.30pm. Teams of 4-6 persons; £8.50 per head - includes Fish (chicken/sausage/veg burger) & Chip supper. Soft drinks bar. BYO alcoholic drinks. Contact Mike Woolf: mike.woolf@btinternet.com

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 9th Feb @ 7.30 pm Sacred Heart, Hook. Bring food and drink. Drinks will be available from the bar for a donation. Admission £3; tickets available from Jan Hughes on 07719012955 or at the door on the night



Lent in the Year of Luke,

Sat 2nd February, 10.30am-3.30pm
(tea/coffee from 10.00am)

An opportunity to reflect on each of the gospels we will encounter on the Sundays of Lent, exploring how they might be used by individuals and small groups. Venue: St Swithun Wells School, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandlers Ford SO53 2JP. To book a place contact Eileen at the Department for Pastoral Formation on 01329 835583 or email her at: estephen-son@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



Adult Volunteers wanted

We are inviting adult volunteers to:

- run catechetical sessions by either delivering a topic or helping young people to deliver them
- help with organising youth Masses, outreach activities, fundraising and social events
- take part in retreats, youth events or overnight activities when possible (i.e. youth vigils and youth congresses)
- help and invite other adult volunteers to minister to young people
- help in the advertisement and promotion of events
- to run an intercessory prayer group for the young people
- supervise internet social groups like Facebook and twitter accounts, and much more.

If you are passionate about your faith and would like to pass it on to the younger generations why not try an initial commitment of six months? All adults will have to be CRB checked and undertake a child protection training course as well as an introduction to youth ministry. For more information please contact Angie Carroll on 07713567161 or email at acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk