

**27th January 2013**  
**Third 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

The human body is an amazing thing. It is composed of so many different parts. Each part is very different, and has different functions. However, the body needs all of its part to be complete and the parts need each other. So it is with the Church. We, though many, form the one body of Christ. We have become the parts, or members of the Body of Christ, the Church, by means of our baptism. We cannot go it alone, independent of the community. There can be no such thing as an isolated Christian. We are part of one another and must not try to cut ourselves off from the rest of the body. If we deliberately separate our- selves from the community, the community is wounded.

To be part of a community of any sort is not easy. It makes demands on us. That is why it is so tempting to opt out, and do our own thing. But we need each other, just as the parts of the body need each other. Moreover the Church needs all of us. We have to get involved even when we would rather look after ourselves. People who say they do not need to go to Mass, because they can pray just as well on their own at home, are missing the point. It is not what we want, it is what others need from us.

Being part of a community has benefits. Great strength can result from being together, because people take courage from other people's example, encouraging us as we stand together. Great things can happen when people work together. Jesus used the image of the vine and the branches to illustrate the importance of unity and interdependence. The fruit that Jesus wants from us is unity amongst ourselves. It is this which shows the world that we belong to him. The work towards Christian Unity is witness to the need for unity and co-operation among Christians. The world needs to see the bond that exists between Christians and the care we show for one another.

Fr Austin Gurr OSB

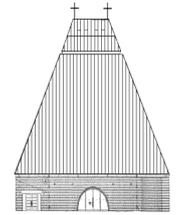
### DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (27 January—2nd February )

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:** Staff and pupils, governors, parents & chaplains in our Primary and Secondary Schools. **Mon:** Staff and Students in higher education. **Tues:** Salesian Cooperators of Don Bosco. **Wed:** Parish of St John Bosco, Woodley. **Thurs:** Salesians in the Diocese. **Fri:** Community of St Brigid, West End. **Sat:** Community of Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham.



## 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 : Filipino Choir  
6.30pm: Cantorg  
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass  
Repository open after all Masses  
Knights of St Columba Survey: all Masses  
Mon: *St. Vincent de Paul meets at St. Joseph's*  
Tues: Toddler Group 1.30 pm SB  
Wed: Journey in Faith (RCIA) 7.30 pm SB  
Fri: St. Bede's School Disco, SB 3—9pm  
Sat: Basingstoke African & Caribbean Christian  
(BACCA) mtg 3—4.45 pm SB  
The Lord's Flock (Filipino Group) SB 5—8.30 pm

### Recently died

- Ed King who has died aged 69 and whose funeral will be at Holy Ghost Church this Friday at 12.15pm. Our condolences to his family.

### Catholic Education Service (CES)

There is a second collection today for the CES. This is an agency of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales tasked with supporting and promoting our Catholic schools. Its Digest of 2012 Census Data shows the prominent role of Catholic education in England and Wales with 2257 Catholic schools and colleges educating 838,756 pupils and employing 52,436 teachers and 39,102 support staff. The data shows a number of positives:

- 20 % of pupils at Catholic secondary schools live in the most deprived areas (17% nationally).
- 33.5% of Catholic primary school pupils are from ethnic minority backgrounds compared with 27.6% nationally.)
- 74.7% of Catholic primary schools have Ofsted grades of good or outstanding (64% nationally)
- At age 11, Catholic schools outperform national average English and Maths SATs scores by 6%
- At GCSE, Catholic schools outperform the national average by 4.9%

Bishop Malcolm McMahon OP, Chairman of the CES said *"These figures show the enormous and important contribution that Catholic education makes to the common good of our society. The strength of our Catholic sector is based upon the respect for the individual, as a Child of God. Our Catholic schools continue to be a reflection of the diverse communities which we serve."* **Mindful of the above please support today's second collection.**

### Fr Dominic is away this week

Off on holiday to snowy south Wales with his dog.

### Nurture Group

Fancy some needlework based inspiration? Join us for a trip to the National Textile Archive in Greenham this Saturday 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.

### '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 next Sunday—3 February.*

### Journey of Faith 2

Making a welcome return in Lent will be our weekly sessions for Catholics wishing to discover more about their faith. Throughout Lent we will be using a series of DVDs to stimulate thought and discussion—they're from the widely acclaimed CAFÉ which is part of the Catholic Evangelisation Service. The topics include looking at the Creed, the Saints and the tradition of the Church. We'll be meeting on a Tuesday at St Bede's Hall from 7.30 9pm from 5th March. For more info: contact Julie Leonard on 07989 448213



### 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 £1,420.27.



### African rhythms

This 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 27 January 2013

Sun: *Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)*  
 9.00 am SB Michael Kennedy RIP (Murphy)  
 11.00 am SB Tom Shorten RIP (Shorten)  
 6.30 pm SB Kathleen & Stephen Synnott RIP (Byrne)

*The readings and responsorial Psalm for this Sunday begin on p. 129 of 'The Parish Mass Book.'*

Mon: *St. Thomas Aquinas, Religious,*  
 9.30 am HG Margaret Golding RIP

Tues: *Feria*  
 9.30 am SB Priest's Intention

Wed: *Feria*  
*No Mass today*

Thurs: *St. John Bosco, Founder*  
 9.30 am SB Int. Simon Goodier (Taylor)

Fri: *Feria*  
 12.15 pm HG Funeral Mass for Ed King RIP  
*Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament is after Mass*

Sat: *Presentation of the Lord—No Mass today*

*Next Sunday's intentions (3 February): 9am People of the Parish, 11am John Reilly RIP : 6.30 pm Alice & Jim Peters 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](http://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](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)



**Adoration of the  
 Blessed Sacrament** is  
 now on Friday for  
 one hour after the  
 daily Mass in Holy  
 Ghost Church

### Ministry to the Sick and housebound

Our Eucharistic ministers are  
 available to take Holy Commun-  
 ion to any parishioner unable to  
 get to Sunday Mass due to sick-  
 ness 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

### 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 Hawksworth, Ramona Otero-Aldao, Carmel Harding and Pat Olohan.

### Altar Servers News

- The medals for those servers who have completed either one year or ten years service have been ordered and provided they arrive in time will be presented by Fr Dominic at the Masses on Sunday 3 March.
- A Spring half-term outing for the servers will be to go bowling at BowlPlex Basingstoke on Wednesday 20 January. More details soon but book the date now so you don't get tied up doing something else!

### Snow Clearers

Thanks to all those who cleared the church car park last weekend of the snow. Hopefully your proven skills won't need to be employed again soon.

### Woman's World Day of Prayer

Is on Friday 1st March and the local area service will be at 10.30 am in St. Mary's Church, Old Basing. Refreshments available. The guest speaker is the Rev. Alex Battey, recently appointed Vicar of Old Basing.

### 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.



**SAVIO group (College age)**

7<sup>th</sup> Feb @ St Bede's 7:30-9pm. Mission Trip 2014 will be available. £1 donation is welcome.

**PPP Junior & Senior (Secondary age)** 17th Feb @ St Joseph's, 5-6:30pm. Senior PPP will be part of the preparation process for those wanting to go to Rome to celebrate the year of faith. More info to follow. £1 donation is welcome

**ICE HOCKEY- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 6:15pm**

Another fun night at the Planet Ice arena in aid of our youth fund. Come and cheer for the Bisons against Steeldogs (Sheffield) and have a free skate after the match. Tickets are £5 and £1 comes back to us. You will need to pre-purchase your tickets in advance. Please call 077134567161 or 07868172238 to obtain your tickets.



**CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT  
Sacred Heart, Hook  
Sat 9th Feb @ 7.30 pm**

Bring food and drink. Drinks will also be available from the bar for a donation. Admission £3; tickets available from Jan Hughes at the door.

**STEP INTO THE GAP.**

How would you 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](http://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](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)



**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: [estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



The **LIFE shop** currently in Wote Street, Basingstoke, will be moving in mid- February to 7 Winchester Street, RG21 7ED.

The shop number is 01256 475637. We will give the exact dates once we have had the shop refurbished. Please continue to bring donations as we need to sell as much as possible to accumulate funds 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 Wote Street shop if you can help in any way.



**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)

**Yr 10 Youth Pilgrimage to Rome**

Bishop Challoner School (BCS) and the Pastoral Area Youth Team plan to lead parallel pilgrimages to Rome in October 2013 half-term for those currently in Year 10. We are trying to gauge how many young people who do not go to BCS would be keen on this pilgrimage. If you don't attend BCS but might be interested in joining the group please contact Angie Carroll, our pastoral area youth coordinator ASAP. Her contact details are on p1 of this newsletter.

**Gather**

A series of evenings for young people (14+) to gather and celebrate the Year of Faith. Each evening will include a talk, reflection and discussion, music, prayer as well as social time. All evenings are from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. See details: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**Knights of St Columba: Lucky Me Draw**

The winner of the £25 January draw is Peter Mulholland.