

# North West Hampshire Catholic News

## Weekly Newsletter

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

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6th January 2013

The Epiphany of the  
Lord  
(Year C)

### An Epiphany Poem: Rise Up Within Us Like A Star

Beckoning God—  
Who called the rich to travel towards poverty,  
The wise to embrace your folly,  
The powerful to know their own frailty;  
Who gave to strangers  
A sense of homecoming in an alien land  
And to stargazers  
True light and vision as they bowed to earth -  
We lay ourselves open to your signs for us.

Stir us up with holy discontent over a world  
Which gives it gifts to those  
Who have plenty already  
Whose talents are obvious  
Whose power is recognised;  
And help us  
Both to share our resources with those who have little  
And to receive with humility the gifts they bring to us.

Rise within us, like a star,  
And make us restless  
Till we journey forth  
To seek our rest in you.

Kate Compston

'Shine On, Star of Bethlehem', Canterbury Press, 2001



The Pastoral Area Website: [www.nwhantspa.org.uk](http://www.nwhantspa.org.uk) has links to all Pastoral Area Churches

### DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (6-12 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:** Ethnic Communities in the Diocese **Mon:** Judicial Vicar & work of Diocesan Tribunal. **Tues:** 'Marriage Care'. **Wed:** Engaged Couples. **Thurs:** 'Marriage Encounter' & Parish groups supporting the Sacrament of Matrimony. **Fri:** Parishes & Communities in the New Forest East pastoral Area. **Sat:** Catenian Association

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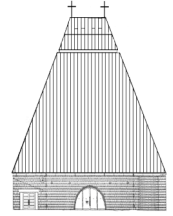


## ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

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: 6th January 2013

Sun: Music ministry: 9 am Choir:  
11 am Cantorg: 6.30pm Piano  
Refreshments after the 9 Mass  
Repository open after all Masses  
Infant Baptisms at 3 pm SB  
Mon: *Fr. DG: Day off*  
Tues: Fr DG: clergy support group, Basingstoke  
Toddler Group 1.30 pm SB  
Wed: Journey in Faith (RCIA) 7.30 pm SB  
Thu: Fr DG: Dioc. Tribunal, Sandhurst, 11—5pm  
Youth Ministry 7—9 pm SB  
Fri: First Holy Communion Parents Session  
7.30—9 pm SB  
Parish Pastoral Council, 8pm SB  
Sat: First Confessions: 11 am SB  
Kneeler Project Group, mtg, SB  
The Lord's Flock (Filipino Group) SB 5—8.30 pm

### From the Parish Registers for December

**Baptisms:** Harry George Appleton, Kiahne Seldon Owiti, Makiah Angeuma Owitt, Julia Arambo Boma, Zoe Sophia Handley, Kristina Marie Vysniauskaite, Bonnie Marie Sheridan, Brody Theodore Walker, Sean Ryan Cordier-Bache, Ollie Liam Cordier-Bache, Daniel Charles Coyne, Jolaoluwa Chloe Atokanmi Bamidele and Lukas Laurinavicius

**Deaths:** Sr Mary Patrick RIP



### Rest in Peace

Your prayers are asked for Georgia Goodey, who has died and whose funeral will be at St. Bede's at 10.30 am on Tuesday 15th January. Please pray too for Belinda Macve who died just before Christmas and whose Funeral Mass was at St Bede's last Friday (4th Jan). May they rest in peace.

### Kneeler Project

This Saturday afternoon at \*\* pm the group creating unique kneelers for St Bede's Church will meet at the church. If you'd like to get involved either to create a kneeler or sponsor one please come along or contact Susan Beard (01256 417764; email: susan.beard@ntlworld.com).

### Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £1,693.79 and for the Christmas collection for the clergy amounting to £4,378.48.

### New Carpet

A sample of the new carpet for the sanctuary of Holy Ghost Church is now available to view at the church. It has been chosen by Fr Dominic and the Parish Finance Committee and will be laid in the spring. The carpet it replaces has lasted well but is now old and worn.

### Car parking

The overflow car park has with the recent rain become a muddy field. Since cars have had difficulty getting on and off this area we have now closed it. It is our intention to lay a new surface there in the new year. When parking for Mass please do not block the driveway.



### First Confessions

This Saturday the children preparing for First Communion will celebrate their First Confession at a liturgy beginning at 11am at St Bede's—parents, please bring them on time so we can be finished for the party which follows. Please pray for these children that they may discover this Saturday and in the days ahead how helpful this sacrament is in helping us grow in our faith.

### Confirmation for teens

We will not be offering preparation for Confirmation 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. Our next confirmation programme will begin in 2014.

### Parish Pastoral Council

Meets this Friday at 8pm. Any concerns please speak to one of the members after our Sunday masses or email them via the parish office.

### African rhythms

Fr Thom is currently at home in Cameroon visiting his family. He returns on 17 Jan. On 29 January he will be teaching songs of African rhythms. This will be at St Joseph's (his other parish!). If you would like to go along please email him (his address is on p.1) or call the parish office at St Joseph's on 323595.

### Lucky Me Winners

The winners of the monthly Knights of St Columba Draw are: £100 – June Bowers, £50 - Maria Colella, £25 – Hannah Monaghan.

## Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning 6 January 2013

Sun: *The Epiphany of the Lord*  
9.00 am SB Dec Mbrs Colella & Bibbo Families  
11.00 am SB People of the Parish  
6.30 pm SB Veronica & Robert Leckie RIP (Clague)

*The readings and responsorial Psalm for this Sunday begin on p. 115 of 'The Parish Mass Book.'*

Mon: *St Raymond of Penyafort, priest*  
No Mass today  
Tues: *Christmas tide*  
9.30 am SB Mary & Douglas Sims RIP (Sims)  
Wed: *Christmas tide*  
9.30 am HG Elizabeth Murray RIP (Fleming)  
Thurs: *Christmas tide*  
9.30 am SB Intentions of Larry Moore  
Fri: *Christmas tide*  
9.30 am HG Margaret Golding RIP (Driscoll)  
Sat: *St Aelred of Rievaulx, abbot*  
9.30 am SB Keith Brennan RIP (Adam)

*Next Sunday's intentions (13 January): 9am Rachael Barlow RIP: , 11am Tom Bowers RIP: 6.30 pm People of the Parish.*



### Confessions

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



### Morning Prayer

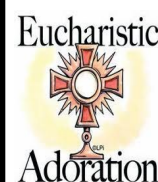
Join us at 9.15 am at Holy Ghost Church before weekday mass. Also downloadable for iPad, iPhone or ebooks from

[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.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](http://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.

### 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, 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.

### Parish Safeguarding

Our Parish safeguarding team is Serena Lee (Parish Safeguarding Officer), Paul and Joy Neary. If you have any queries or concerns about the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in our parish please contact them by emailing the parish office—they'll have an email of their own very soon.



### 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. 7:30pm—9:00pm on Wed 20 Feb 2013 in St Joseph's Church, Reading, RG31 5JJ.

Diocesan Department for Pastoral Formation

### Lent in the year of Luke

On Saturday 2 February, 10.30 am—3.30pm  
At St Swithun Wells School, Chandlers Ford (just off the M27, Jct 12).  
During this day we will explore how the Lenten gospels can be used in our parishes by individuals and small groups (e.g. Liturgy of the Word for children, RCIA, music groups). Refreshments provided from 10am. Please bring a packed lunch. For more info and to book: contact Eileen Stephenson (01329 835583; [estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)). See poster in porch.

### 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

**Recently published articles which are worth reading: 'Marriage in its current form is essential to the common good'.**

By Archbishop Peter Smith, Vice-President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales  
This article originally appeared in *The Daily Telegraph* on Wednesday, 12 December and can be viewed at  
[www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News-releases/marriage-definition](http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News-releases/marriage-definition)

Bishop Philip's Statement on: **David-Cameron's-Intention-to-Legislate-for-Gay-Marriage.**  
Bishop Philip's: **Letter-to-PM on Gay Marriag** Bishop Philip's pamphlet: **Care of the Dying**  
All available on Diocesan website: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



Next Youth Mass—St Joseph's Sunday, 20th Jan @ 11am  
**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 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7:30-9pm at St Bede's Church. Parents are also welcome. YOU WILL NEED TO BE 18 YRS OLD BY JULY 2014.

**PA girls-only retreat**

Yr8-yr9 | @ Kintbury retreat centre | 17-19 May  
£75 per person. More information soon. For info or to book a place, contact Angie Carroll on 07713 567161; [acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Theology on Tap' Dates for 2013**

*Next Session:* Thu 10 Jan 2013 7pm for 7.30pm at St Josephs Speaker: *Sr Gemma Simmonds:* 'Women in the Church - a future full of hope?' Gemma Simmonds is a sister of the Congregation of Jesus. After a career in teaching she worked as chaplain in the University of Cambridge and at Heythrop, where she also co-ordinated student support services. Since her return from study and work among women and street children in Brazil in 1992 she has been a volunteer on the chaplaincy team in Holloway Prison. She has worked in spiritual direction as a teacher and retreat-giver after training in the Jesuit Centre for Spiritual Growth, Wernersville, USA, and has been involved in religious and priestly formation internationally since 1993. Free curry made by Fr Mark - from 7pm - need to book by Mon 07 Jan. Future Dates: Thu 28 Feb, Thu 02 May, Thu 13 Jun, Thu 11 Jul, Thu 19 Sep

**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](mailto:mike.woolf@btinternet.com)

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH  
SUPPORTERS' MEETING  
Saturday 19 January,**



10am-1.30pm (with optional session in the afternoon till 3.30pm), St Bede's Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX – The day will provide an overview of the Lent 2013 resources, focusing on food, and an update on our current Hungry for Change campaign. Our main speaker will be Anne Lindsay, Private Sector Policy Analyst. There will be an optional afternoon session (2-3.30pm) to introduce our "Emmaus Meal" Lenten resource. Agenda available on request. Tea and coffee provided, please bring your own lunch. Booking essential - please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth Office ([portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or 01252 329385) by 15 January.



**Significant Wedding Anniversary ?**

The diocese's fifth Significant Anniversaries Mass and Reception will take place at 11.00am on Saturday, 8th June 2013 at St Bede's for those celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2013. Attendance is by invitation only, so if you are celebrating one of the anniversaries listed above, or know anybody who you think might like to attend, contact Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583; email: [estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



**Charity Quiz & Live Music Night  
in aid of Hoima Hospital**

on Saturday 19 January in Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. Live music from local band: 'Future.' Bring your own drinks/nibbles. Doors open from 7.30 pm for 8 pm start of Quiz—up to six in a team. Adults: £4; Children £1. Tickets available from Mary Lee: [stmichaelsarchangels@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsarchangels@gmail.com) or 0118 981 3221.

**Final thought**

*God is at home, it is we who have gone out for a walk.*  
Meister Eckhart (1260-1327)