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Fifth Sunday of
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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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A summary of Pope Benedict's Message for Lent 2013

The celebration of Lent offers us a valuable opportunity to meditate on the relationship between faith and charity: between believing in God – the God of Jesus Christ – and love, which is the fruit of the Holy Spirit and which guides us on the path of devotion to God and others.

In my first Encyclical, I observed that “being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” The entire Christian life is a response to God's love. The first response is faith as acceptance, filled with wonder and gratitude, of the unprecedented divine initiative that precedes us and summons us. And the “yes” of faith marks the beginning of a radiant story of friendship with the Lord, which fills and gives meaning to our life. When we make room for the love of God, then we become like him, sharing in his own charity.

The Christian life consists in continuously scaling the mountain to meet God and then coming back down, bearing the love and strength drawn from him, so as to serve our brothers and sisters with God's own love. In sacred Scripture, we see how the zeal of the Apostles to proclaim the Gospel and awaken people's faith is closely related to their charitable concern to be of service to the poor (cf. Acts 6:1-4). Sometimes we tend to reduce the term “charity” to simply humanitarian aid. It is important, however, to remember that the greatest work of charity is evangelization, which is the “ministry of the word”. There is no action more beneficial – and therefore more charitable – towards one's neighbour than to break the bread of the word of God, to introduce him to a relationship with God. Lent invites us to nourish our faith by careful listening to the word of God and by receiving the sacraments, and at the same time to grow in charity and in love for God and neighbour, not least through the specific practices of fasting, penance and almsgiving.

Dear brothers and sisters, in this season of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the event of the Cross and Resurrection – in which the love of God redeemed the world and shone its light upon history – I express my wish that all of you may spend this precious time rekindling your faith in Jesus Christ, so as to enter with him into the dynamic of love for the Father and for every brother and sister that we encounter in our lives. For this intention, I raise my prayer to God!

The full version is available at www.vatican.va

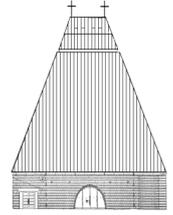


ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

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Parish Office: open Monday—Friday 9am—2pm



Parish Diary

Sun: Music ministry: 9 am Choir; 11am: Popley Group and 6.30pm Piano.

Refreshments after the 9 am Mass
Repository open after all Masses

Mon: Fr. DG: day off

St. Vincent de Paul Society mtg, 7.30pm SB
Knights of St. Columba 7.30pm SB Hall

Tues: Toddler Group, 1.30—3.15 pm SB

Journey in Faith (2) 7.30—9 pm SB Hall
Kneeler Group 7—9 pm SB

Wed: Journey in Faith (RCIA) after 7.30pm Mass.

Fri: Fr DG: St Bede's Primary School Lenten Penance Liturgy, 10.30 am

Nurture Group 7.30—9 pm SB
New Eucharistic Ministers Training 7.30 pm SB

Sat: Fr. DG: Bapt/Wedding apps 10.30 am —12.30 SB

First Holy Communion Session 10 am SB
The Lord's Flock 5—8.30 pm
Polish Mass, 6pm HG.

Mass in the Extra-Ordinary Form

This will be at St Joseph's Church, Basingstoke on the second Sunday of Lent at 6pm (Sunday 24 February). The celebrant: Fr Phillip Harris from St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. More details available from the Latin Mass Society at: www.lms.org.uk

Parish Website

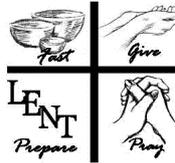
Our new parish website needs two people willing to be trained by Chris Olding (who set the website up) to become its webmasters. If you're interested in giving some time each week to the parish uploading data and checking all is working okay please email Fr Dominic whose address is on p.1 of the newsletter. You must have IT skills and easy computer access to the internet.

Altar Servers Bowling Trip

Those servers who want to join the bowling trip on Wed 20 Feb (during halfterm) will need to have their parents complete and return the parental consent forms which are now in the sacristy. There are only 25 spaces booked (with 5 accompanying adults) so if you want to come return the forms soon.

Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £1,823.71.



Lent begins...

A time to prepare for Holy Week's commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Ash Wednesday: Masses: 12.15pm Holy Ghost & 7.30pm St Bede's. It is a day of fasting & abstinence when Catholics aged 18-59 and whose health enables them to do so are asked to fast by noticeably reducing their intake of food and drink and to abstain from something they like giving them time for spiritual things like reading the Bible or works of charity.

~~~ *Things to do as Lent begins* ~~~

**Get up for an early Mass:** starting this Thursday there will during Lent be a 6.30 am Thursday Mass at St Bede's followed by breakfast in the Hall. Do come. Last year over fifty of us did and loved the experience.

**Support CAFOD with a soup lunch:** if you would like to organise one during Lent either at St Bede's or in your own home please sign up on the relevant sheets in the foyer. All we ask is that you invite your guests to donate to CAFOD and at the end of Lent we will send the donations off to them. The lunches should be held anytime between 18th Feb and 23rd Mar.

**Deepen the faith you have:** Starting last week and continuing through Lent and Eastertide is a new series of weekly sessions for Catholics wishing to discover more about their faith. Last week we explored what it means to profess faith in God the Father. This Tuesday at 7.30pm we will explore what it means to profess faith in Jesus Christ. Further sessions will explore other parts of the Creed, the Church's option for the poor and our devotion to the saints. Do come along. For more info: contact Julie Leonard on 07989 448213.

**Go to Confession:** either on a Sunday between 5.30 – 6.15 pm at St Bede's or at our Parish Lenten Liturgy on the Monday of Holy Week (25 Mar) at 7.30 pm.

**Take and read the Sacred Scriptures:** especially this year the Passion of Our Lord according to Luke or read something else spiritual. Fr Dominic's choice is 'Daily Reflections for Lent & Easter Week' by Ron Rolheiser copies of which will be available from Ash Wednesday.

**Pray the Stations of the Cross:** try doing so this year on your own or with a friend. Both of our churches are open every day for private devotions.

**Parish Mass Timetable**  
**Week beginning 10th February 2013**

Sun: *Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (year 1)*  
 9.00 am SB People of the Parish  
 11.00 am SB Ned Fagan RIP (McCauley)  
 6.30 pm SB John Reilly RIP (Reilly)

*The readings and responsorial Psalm for this Sunday begin on p. 136 of 'The Parish Mass Book.'*

Mon: *Our Lady of Lourdes*  
 9.30 am HG Int. Charlotte Goodier (Taylor)

Tues: *Feria*  
 9.30 am SB Natalie Dane RIP (Sauleek)

Wed: *Ash Wednesday*  
 12.15 pm HG Bridget Stonier RIP (Sims)  
 7.30 pm SB Paddy Lawlor RIP (Lawlor)

Thurs: *SS Cyril & Methodius, Bishops*  
 6.30 am SB Gerald Hicks RIP (Sims)

Fri: *after Ash Wednesday*  
 9.30 am HG Int. Tom Merriam (Budynski-Seymour)

Sat: *after Ash Wednesday*  
 9.30 am SB Josephine & Daniel Murphy (Hearne)

*Next Sunday's intentions (17th February): 9am Louis & Mary Harper RIP, 11am Ted Enright RIP: 6.30 pm People of the Parish*



**Confessions**

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

**Sunday Homily:** Fr Dominic's is usually available online at [www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

**Adoration of the BI Sacrament**

is now on a Friday and for one hour after the daily Mass in Holy Ghost Church.

**Reluctant Organist?**

If you're a pianist and go to church the chances are that one of these days you'll be asked "to play". Playing the organ usually strikes fear into the hearts of pianists because they know it's different – but once mastered, the organ opens up a whole new world of music. This brief introduction is a taster for those who feel they might be called upon – or for anyone else who would just like to "have a go" and is around Grade 3 – 4 on the piano. The session will be about 2 hours for about 4 people at times/dates to be agreed and probably at Kempshott Methodist Church. Leaders are Mrs Gillian Lloyd FRCO and Ian Harrison. For more info contact: Ian Harrison 01256 326081 or email him at [ian.b.harrison@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.b.harrison@btinternet.com)

**Please pray for the sick and housebound**

including: June de la Roque, 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 Scatone, 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.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

*Adult Helpers & Young Helpers Meeting: Fri 15 Feb at 7.30pm at St Joseph's.* Fr John Cooke will be hosting a meeting/information session for anyone interested in travelling as an adult or young helper (aged 17-25 in August) with the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Pilgrimage is from 23-30 August. Come and meet others who have been before and find out what it is all about. All are v. welcome to come and join us in the foyer (interested parents can come too). Pizza will be provided!

**United Service & ABC (Alliance of Basingstoke Churches) AGM**

The annual unity service was to have taken place in January but got cancelled due to the snow. It's now rescheduled for Sunday 3 March at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Western Way, South Ham. The AGM is at 4pm followed by tea and the Service will begin at 6.30pm.

**Right to Life—Sponsored Fast**

Thank you to the many people who sponsored Michael Davidson for his 24 hour fast. He has now done it.... If you missed the chance to sponsor him, then there will be another opportunity to do so today after Mass.



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. Contact Jenny Filkins at the Wote Street shop if you can help in any way.

### Pastoral Assistant

Pastoral Assistant required for Southampton Central & West Pastoral Area. Applications are invited from a practicing Catholic who is a self-motivated, graduate for this full-time salaried position. For application form and job description please phone 023 8033 3589 or email: catholic14@btinternet.com Web address: www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk. Closing Date: Tuesday 19th February 2013

### 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.



**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).

### Women'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.

### Significant Weddings 2013

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year such as your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th? If so you are invited to come and celebrate Mass with Bishop Philip at the annual Diocesan Significant Weddings Anniversary Mass which will take place here at St. Bede's on Saturday 8th June. To come you do need an invitation. To obtain one please contact the parish office as soon as possible.



### National Marriage Week 7-14 February 2013

How are you celebrating National Marriage Week? Why not book on a Marriage Encounter Weekend? Weekends are available all around the country with the one closest to us being held at Wokefield Park near Reading on June 21st-23rd. A Marriage Encounter weekend is a weekend for happily married couples who would like to deepen their relationship and look at ways of improving their already good marriage. It is a very private experience for each couple and is not intended for marriages which are in difficulty. There are also Marriage preparation weekends known as Engaged Encounter weekends. The nearest one to us is at Park Place, Fareham on 19-21 April. For more information visit <http://www.wwme.org.uk/> or contact Tony & Pam Darroch on 0118 981 1105.



### Yr 10 Youth Pilgrimage to Rome

Bishop Challoner School (BCS) and the Pastoral Area Youth Team hope to lead parallel pilgrimages to Rome in October 2013 half-term for those currently in Yr 10. We are trying to gauge how many young people who do not go to BCS would also be keen to go on this pilgrimage. If you don't attend BCS but might be interested in joining the group, please contact Angie Carroll, our PA Youth Ministry Co-ordinator asap 07713 567161 or (acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

### 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. £1 donation is welcome

### YOUcat & Young People

YOUcat is the Catechism of the Catholic Church written with young people in mind, enhanced with images and quotes to explain the teachings of the Catholic Church. This evening, repeated in three venues, is for those working with young people: priests, deacons, chaplains, parents, Confirmation catechists and youth leaders. It will help them to use YOUCAT, as well as other key resources, with young people:

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013, Christ the King Hall, Northumberland Avenue, Reading, Berkshire, RG2 8NR
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013, Immaculate Conception and St Joseph Hall, 67 Purewell, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 1EH
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013, Christ the King and St Colman Church, Dean Road, Bitterne, Southampton, SO18 6AP

All from 7.30 – 9.30 pm. Further details from Dave Hill Department for Pastoral Formation, email: [dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)