

17th February 2013  
1st Sunday of Lent  
(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

Lent is a time to learn to travel

Light, to clear the clutter

From our crowded lives, and

Find a space, a desert.

Deserts are bleak; no creature

Comforts, only a vast expanse of

Stillness, sharpening awareness of

Ourselves and God.

Uncomfortable places, deserts.

Most of the time we're tempted to

Avoid them, finding good reasons to

Live lives of ease; cushioned by

Noise from self-discovery,

Clutching at world's success

To stave off fear.

But if we dare to trust the silence

To strip away our false security,

God can begin to grow his wholeness in us,

Fill up our emptiness, destroy our fears,

Give us new vision, courage for the journey,

And make our desert blossom like a rose.

*(Ann Lewin, from Watching for the Kingfisher)*

#### Pope Benedict's resignation

Like me you will I am sure have been surprised last week to learn of the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI. Although no pope has resigned since 1415 there has long been such a provision in canon law: 'should it happen that the Roman Pontiff resigns from his office it is required for validity that the resignation be freely made and properly manifested.' (canon 332) Pope Benedict had clearly read this before saying what he did—he deliberately said he was 'freely resigning' and he would have known his resignation speech would quickly be global news.

Given that the Holy Father is aged 85 it is, in my opinion, quite understandable that he wishes to pass on the mantle of responsibility to someone younger. The burdens of his office have left him noticeably tired. That he has soldiered on as long as he has is a testimony to his honesty and holiness. Now we must pray for him to enjoy his retirement which begins when his resignation takes effect on 28 February. And too we should pray for his successor whoever that may be. Theoretically, any baptised Catholic male can be elected—ordained or not!

Fr. Dominic Golding

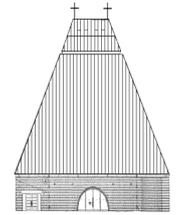
#### DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (17 23 February )

These are arranged so that in a year we pray for each parish of our Diocese and the Catholic organisations working here. This week's intentions are: **Sun:** Candidates for the Sacraments. **Mon:** All New Religious Movements. **Tues:** Priests no longer in active ministry. **Wed:** Diocesan Pastoral Council. **Thurs:** Union of Catholic Mothers. **Fri:** The Holy Father. **Sat:** Community of St Bernadette, Les Quennevais, Jersey.



## ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX  
Holy Ghost Church, Sherborne Rd. Basingstoke. RG21 5TX  
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Parish Office: open Monday—Friday 9am—2pm



### Parish Diary

Sun: Music ministry: 9 am Choir; 11am: Cantorg  
6.30pm Priest-led  
CAFOD Fast day talk after all Masses today  
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass  
Repository open after all Masses  
Mon: Fr. DG: day off  
Tues: Fr. DG: Diocesan Tribunal, Sandhurst 11—5 pm  
No Toddler Group this week  
Journey in Faith 2, 7.30—9 pm SB Hall  
Wed: Altar Servers Bowling Trip, 3 pm  
Journey in Faith (RCIA), 7.30 pm SB  
Thur: Fr DG: Dioc. Trustees Mtg, Bishop's House,  
Portsmouth, 10.30 am  
Fr Thom: Bapt appointments 10.15—12 noon SB  
Fri: CAFOD Lenten Fast Day  
Flower Ladies mtg 10.30am SB  
New Eucharistic Ministers Training 7.30 pm SB  
Sat: CAFOD Soup lunch 12.- 12.30 pm SB  
The Lord's Flock (Filipino Grp), 5—8.30 pm SB

### First Holy Communion 2013

The children preparing for their First Holy Communion this summer will this Sunday participate in particular ways at our Sunday Masses. As they proclaim the Scriptures, lead us in our intercessions, take the collection and bring up the offertory gifts please keep them, their parents and catechists in your prayers.

### Nurture Group

Ladies, take some time out in a Day of Calm Reflection with the Dominican Sisters in Sway on Saturday 9th March. We shall be leaving Basingstoke at 9am and arriving home for around 5pm. Cost £10. For more details contact Jacky on 07961 666113 or j.tustain@ntlworld.com

### Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year? If you're celebrating your 25th-30th-40th-50th or 60th wedding anniversary and would like to attend the annual Bishop's Mass for all such couples please contact the parish office for an invitation. The Mass is here at St Bede's on Saturday 8th June.

### Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £2,138.62.



### Lent

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

### Catechumens and candidates (RCIA)

Yesterday at his cathedral in Portsmouth the Bishop welcomed a large number of adults from across the diocese who are preparing to be baptised and confirmed this Easter. Among them from this parish were: Jason, Hannah, Clive, Philip, Natalie and Joshua. Please pray for them.

**Rise and Shine for 6.30 am Mass:** On Thursdays throughout Lent there is a 6.30 am Mass followed by breakfast in the hall. Last week (due to one parishioner's vigorous Facebook campaign) over eighty people came—the neighbours will have been curious!

**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:** throughout Lent and Eastertide we have a new series of weekly sessions for Catholics wishing to discover more about their faith. This Tuesday at 7.30pm we will explore what it means to profess faith in the Holy Spirit. Further sessions will explore 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.

**Support CAFOD:** this Friday we are asked to fast from one meal and give what we would have spent to CAFOD for their charitable works across the globe.

**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 are available for a small donation.

**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 17 February 2013**

Sun: *First Sunday of Lent (year 1)*  
 9.00 am SB Louis & Mary harper RIP (Harper)  
 11.00 am SB Ted Enright RIP (Butler)  
 6.30 pm SB People of the Parish

*The readings and responsorial Psalm for this Sunday begin on p. 153 of 'The Parish Mass Book.'*

Mon: *Lent*  
*No Mass today*

Tues: *Lent*  
 9.30 am SB Margaret Golding RIP (Power)  
 5.30 pm HG Bridget Foy's Coffin received into church

Wed: *Lent*  
 11.00 am HG Funeral Mass for Bridget Foy RIP

Thurs: *Lent*  
 6.30 am SB Rose Clayton RIP (Bedford)

Fri: *The Chair of St. Peter*  
 9.30 am HG Rita Moore RIP (Moore)

Sat: *Lent*  
 9.30 am SB Eric Appleby RIP (O'Boyle)

*Next Sunday's intentions (24 February): 9am People of the Parish: 11am Fay Redmond RIP: 6.30 pm Jean-Marie Thiriet RIP*

**Morning Prayer:** 9.15 am Mon, Wed & Fri at Holy Ghost Church

**Rosary:** recited after the weekday Mass.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** for one hour after the Friday Mass



**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)

**Mass in the Extra-Ordinary Form**

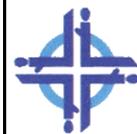
This will be at St Joseph's Church, Basingstoke on the second Sunday of Lent at 6pm (24 Feb). The celebrant will be Fr Philip Harris from St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

**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.

**Fairtrade**

sale next Sunday 24th February after the 9 and 11 am Masses... an opportunity to buy Fairtrade Easter Eggs.



**Women's World Day of Prayer**

Is on Friday 1st March and the local area service will be at 10.30 am at St Mary's Church, Old Basing. The guest speaker is the Rev. Alex Battey. The theme for this year's day of prayer is 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me' and the materials for reflection are written by women from France. For more info: [www.wwwdp-natcomm.org](http://www.wwwdp-natcomm.org).

**Please pray this week for**

- Bridget Foy who has died aged 85 and whose funeral is at Holy Ghost Church this Wednesday at 11.00 am followed by burial. Our prayers and condolences to her daughters Ann, Ita and Mary.
- Pope Benedict as he prepares for his retirement on 28 February and for the College of Cardinals who will elect his successor.
- And for the sick and housebound including: Toni Harper, 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, 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.

**Right to Life—Sponsored Fast**

Thank you to those who sponsored Michael Davidson for his 24 hour fast. He has now done it... You can leave any unpaid sponsored money in the parish office for Michael.

**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 wedding. This is to give sufficient time for the pre-nuptial enquiries which include attendance on a local marriage preparation course.

**Other local churches**

**Sunday Mass times**

**Sacred Heart, Hook**

- Sat 6pm & Sun 10am

**St Joseph's, Basingstoke**

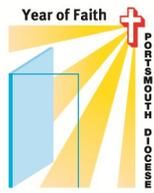
- Sat 6pm & Sun 9am and 11am

**St Michael's, Tadley**

- Sat 6pm & Sun 9.30 am

**St Peter & St Paul, Kingsclere**

- Sun 11.15 am



### How did Vatican 2 understand Revelation?

Prior to Vatican 2, revelation was generally understood as the transmission of propositions, of information about God. However, the 1965 Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*) presents revelation in a much more relational way. Revelation is an encounter with God *himself*. "The invisible God, from the fullness of his love, addresses men and women as his friends, and lives among them, in order to invite and receive them into his own company" (para 2). God reveals himself to us most intimately in Jesus Christ, "both the mediator and the sum total of revelation" (Para 2). Revelation is not 'information' but 'relationship'. The grace of God and the Holy Spirit moves our hearts and opens our minds and enables us to respond in faith to the God who loves us and reveals himself to us.



### CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Friday 22 February.

This Lent Fast Day we continue to reflect on the theme of food and the story of 3-year-old Tabita from Kenya, who nearly died of hunger as a baby, but was kept alive by the nutritious milk of a dairy goat provided by your generosity. Now Tabita and her family are stronger and can grow their own food. Please keep families like Tabita's in your prayers this Fast Day, and the one-in-eight people around the world who are going hungry every night. To support Lent Fast Day please pick up an envelope on the way out. For more information visit [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday)

#### Curry & Quiz Night

At St Joseph's Church on Sat. 16th March - 7.30 to 10.30 pm. In aid of CaFOD. Teams of 4-6 persons. £5.00 per head. BYO drinks. Raffle etc. Med./mild curry available. Tickets, call Mike: 07747027882

#### 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 introduction is a taster for those who feel they might be called upon – or for anyone else who would like to "have a go" and is around piano Grade 3 – 4. 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 Gillian Lloyd FRCO and Ian Harrison. For more info: Ian Harrison 01256 326081 or email him at [ian.b.harrison@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.b.harrison@btinternet.com)

#### The LIFE shop

Is currently in Wote Street, but will be moving in mid- February to 7 Winchester Street, RG21 7ED. The shop number is 01256 475637. Official opening date is 1st March, but they hope to start on 27th February. They welcome all donations as before and are also able to recycle mobile phones; torn items; old curtains and linens and books. Do lend them your support.



#### PPP for Years 7-9 and also Year 10+

Being held weekly throughout Lent (although not on 24 Feb or 10 Mar). It does exactly what it says on the tin: Pizza—eat pizza! Ponder—discuss a related topic. Prayer—take some time to pray. 5pm-6.30pm

#### 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 (07713567161) or [acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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

#### Tadley & Kingsclere Parish Mission

*Listen To My Voice*

The final Parish Mission in the series led by the Sion Community in our Pastoral Area takes place from Saturday 16 February to Sunday 3 March, based at St Michael's Church, Bishopswood Road, Tadley, RG26 4HG.

- Sun 24 Feb 6.30 pm Youth Event for Yr 7+: Faith, Fun & Pizza
- Mon 25 Feb 7.30 pm God the Father
- Tues 26 Feb 7.30 pm Jesus Christ the Son of God
- Wed 27 Feb 7.30 pm Healing, Reconciliation, Salvation & Forgiveness
- Thurs 28 Feb 7.30 pm The Holy Spirit
- Fri 1 Mar 7.30 pm Church, Community & Mission
- Sat 2 Mar 10.30 am Healing Service

Full details are in the Mission Programme available in each Pastoral Area Parish. All welcome!