

24 February 2013
Second Sunday
of Lent



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

Every Second Sunday of Lent we are reminded of the tremendous majesty of the God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. It is a majesty which frightens the human being who encounters it; a power which reminds us that we stand in The Presence of the Living God

A power experienced by Abram, the first to recognise that there is only One God; who is honoured by Jesus, Christians and Moslems for accepting and living the revelation. Having sacrificed to the One God he falls into a deep sleep; a time of terror, of awe concerning the God he worships. But this is a gracious God, who enters into a covenant, a Solemn Agreement, with Abram, promising him and his descendants the lands "from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River".

A power experienced by Peter, John and James on the Mount of Transfiguration, as they see the glory of the Beloved Son, the Chosen One filled with God's glory. Entering into the cloud which had accompanied Israel in its desert wanderings, they know that they are on holy ground.

Our Western Society has lost its sense of fear of God's majesty and power – for many God does not even exist! Men and women have become measure of all things. As Paul declares in Philippians: "They make foods into their God and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things".

Lent calls us to reflect upon who is walking to the cross for us; to tremble in fear, as the Negro Spiritual "Were you there?" exhorts us to do. And a time, in the faith of that Jesus who is God with us, to look in expectation for the Resurrection, when "he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body."

Fr Patrick Tansey

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

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (24 Feb 2 March)

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:** Brownie and Guide Groups in the Diocese. **Mon:** Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts in the Diocese. **Tues:** Diocesan Spirituality Development Group. **Wed:** All Parish/Community Pastoral Councils. **Thurs:** Community of St Oswald, Burghfield Common. **Fri:** Parish of St David, East Cowes. **Sat:** Catholic Women's Network.

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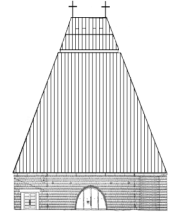


ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

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Holy Ghost Church, Sherborne Rd. Basingstoke. RG21 5TX
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www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk; Email: stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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



Parish Diary

Sun: We welcome Fr Peter Codd who will preside at the morning Masses enabling Fr Dominic to be in his other parish of Hook.

Music ministry: 9 am Choir ; 11am Filipino:
6.30pm Cantorg

Signed Mass for the hard of hearing at 11 am
Fairtrade Sale after the 9 and 11 am Masses

Refreshments after the 9 am Mass

Repository open after all Masses

Syro Malabar Mass 4 pm HG

Mon: St. Vincent de Paul Group, 7.30 SB

Tues: Fr. DG: Diocesan Tribunal, Sandhurst 11—3pm &
at St. Bede's Primary Curriculum Comm 5 pm
Toddler Group 1.30—3.15 pm SB

Journey in Faith 2, 7.30—9 pm SB Hall

Wed: Journey in Faith (RCIA), 7.30 pm SB

Thur: Fr DG: Diocesan Tribunal, Sandhurst 11—5 pm

Fri: Fr. DG: St Bede's Primary Admissions Comm,
10.30am & Clergy lunch, St Joseph's, 2pm

Sat: Fr. DG: Wedding/Bapts appts. 10.30—12.30

Popley Music group practice 12 noon SB

CAFOD soup lunch 12 noon—2.30 pm

The Lord's Flock (Filipino Grp) 5—8.30 pm SB

Holy Ghost Church: New Greetings Cards

Now available at both our churches are greeting cards (50p each) featuring a lovely painting of Holy Ghost Church recently done by Michael Jones, a parishioner. A lovely gift for anyone who loves our parish church.

Altar Servers

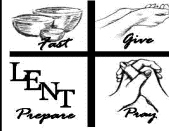
Lots of them went bowling one day last week with Fr Dominic. Many thanks to the other accompanying adults for enduring the noise!

The Popley Music group

welcomes new singers and instrumentalists. We play at Mass once a month, and usually have a practice two Saturdays in advance. If you would like to give it a try, we are having an open rehearsal on Saturday 2nd March in St. Bede's at 12.00. You'll be very welcome!

Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £1,907.77. This Sunday there is a second collection for CAFOD following last Friday's Lenten Fast Day.



Lent

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

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. The numbers attending continue to rise—will we make a hundred early risers?

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 the Church's option for the poor. 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 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.

Do you live in the Winklebury area and attend the 6.30 pm Mass? We have a gentleman in a wheelchair who would appreciate a lift to Mass once a month. If you are able to assist, please contact the Parish office.

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

Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning 24 February 2013

Sun:	<i>Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)</i>		
	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Fay Redmond RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Jean-Marie Thiriet RIP
	<i>The readings and responsorial Psalm for this Sunday begin on p. 156 of 'The Parish Mass Book.'</i>		
Mon:	<i>Lent (Year 1)</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Int. Larry Moore (Moore)
Tues:	<i>Lent</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Fay Redmond RIP (Short)
Wed:	<i>Lent</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Anne Hickey RIP
Thurs:	<i>Lent</i>		
	6.30 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Quinn Family
	9.30 am	SB	Michele & Pino Colella RIP
Fri:	<i>St. David, Bishop</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Ned Jameson RIP (Flynn)
Sat:	<i>Lent/St. Polycarp</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mary Donnelly RIP (Roache)

Next Sunday's intentions (3 March): 9am John & Emily Liddell RIP : 11am People of the Parish: 6.30 pm Int. Anita Davidson

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

Please pray this week for

- Pope Benedict XVI as he prepares for his retirement this Thursday (28 February) and for the College of Cardinals who will meet soon to elect his successor.
- The Catholic Church in Wales and all who live there as they celebrate this Friday (1st March) their patronal feast of St David
- 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.



"LUCKY ME" DRAW

Organised by the Knights of St Columba

The winner of the February draw, worth £25, is K.E. Cooper of Chippenham, Wilts.

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.



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

**Marie Curie
Cancer Care**



provides care for the seriously ill in the comfort of their own home. Unfortunately at present they are unable to provide nurses in the Basingstoke area but they also fund research into Palliative Care which they share with other organisations. Last year £811.29 was raised in Chineham, this year the collection is on 2nd March at Chineham Shopping Centre, if you can help, please ring (Tel. No. 023 8026 3123). Thank you for your support.



Women's World Day of Prayer

Is this 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 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.

Parish Website

Thank you to the five parishioners who have volunteered to take over the running of the parish website. Chris Olding who set it up will be meeting with them soon.

Other local churches

Sunday Mass times

Sacred Heart, Hook

- Sat 6pm & Sun 10am

St Joseph's, Basingstoke

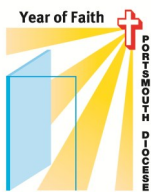
- Sat 6pm & Sun 9am and 11am

St Michael's, Tadley

- Sat 6pm & Sun 9.30 am

St Peter & St Paul, Kingsclere

- Sun 11.15 am



Vatican II's understanding of Scripture (27.01)

The Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum*, recognised and accepted the enormous advances that had taken place in biblical scholarship in the 19th and 20th centuries. Scripture has God as its author, but is also the work of its human writers, who made full use of their abilities. The Council affirmed that "the books of scripture, firmly, faithfully and without error, teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to them" (para 11). This does not mean that everything in the Bible is scientifically or historically accurate – rather that it is accurate from the perspective of the saving truths that are offered to us through it. In our encounters with Scripture, we must ask what the authors wanted to communicate, paying attention to their historical context and the literary form of their writing.

Scripture in the life of the Church (03.02)

The Constitution on Divine Revelation compares Scripture to the Eucharist, reminding us that we are fed "from the one table of the word of God and the body of Christ" (para 21). Through the Scriptures, "the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children and talks with them" (para 21). The Council Fathers stressed that all the faithful should have access to the Scriptures; this nourishment "enlightens the mind, strengthens the will and fires the hearts of men and women with the love of God" (para 23). Consequently, they encourage all the faithful, clergy and lay, to become more familiar with the Scriptures. This is not an academic exercise, but a reminder that prayerful reading of and reflection on Scripture "becomes a dialogue between God and the human reader" (para 25).



**POLSKA
+ MSZA ŚWIĘTA+
Polish Mass
17 MARCA (NIEDZIELA)
GODZ. 18.00**

17.03.2013 (Sunday) 6pm

Zapraszamy na próbę śpiewu około 1 godz. przed Mszą - od 17.00 (Teksty będą wydrukowane)!
Okazja do Spowiedzi pół godziny przed Mszą – od 17.30.
Kościół rzym.-kat. Holy Ghost, Sherborne Road, RG21 5TD
Serdecznie Zapraszamy!

Divine Mercy Retreat

**Saturday, 2nd March, 11:00am - 4:00pm at
St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.**

Programme: 11:00 am - Praise & Worship, Divine Mercy Enthronement; 11:30 am - Talk; 12 Noon - Holy Mass; 1:15 pm - Lunch (please bring packed lunch); 2:15 pm - Talk 3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Hour; 3:45 pm - Veneration of Relic of St Faustina. **All welcome** - Bring your family & friends to the Merciful Jesus Further information: *Divine Mercy Apostolate, Marian Fathers* 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY, Great Britain T: 020 8998 0925
Email: Info@divinemercy.org.uk

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 Tadley

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

Following the Resignation of the Pope

Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass in the cathedral on 24 February at 10am for the Holy Father's intentions. He would like to invite every parish in the diocese to join him in offering Mass that day themselves for the Holy Father's intentions, so that the whole diocese might offer a spiritual bouquet for him



JP3 (Yr7,8&9) and PPP (Yr10&11) groups

Go the extra mile during lent!. Why not joining our weekly sessions of Pizza Ponder and Prayer groups? Sessions will be running on these dates:

24th Feb St Michaels Church in Tadley (One off session with the Sion Youth team) 6:30-8pm
3rd, (no session on mother's day), 17th and 24th Mar- St Joseph's 5-6:30pm

SAVIO (college age +)

Our next Session is on 14th Mar at St Bede's Church from 7:30-9pm. A £1 donation is welcome. Please also note our future sessions so you can put them in your diary: 18th & 19th April, 12th May, 9th Jun and 11th Jul.

PASTORAL YOUTH COUNCIL

"A BIG Thank you to Jess Elliot, Tom Hickey and Tom Messenger for their service during 2012 representing their parishes in the Pastoral Area Youth Council. They had to stand down due to personal commitments; please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for University. New appointments will be announced soon."

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