

3rd February 2013

Fourth Sun 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 most recent crisis facing the church is “gay or same sex marriage”. David Cameron, has said he is an enthusiastic supporter of marriage and does not want “gay people to be excluded from it”. This intends to be introduced in the parliament shortly. It is an unpopular decision in the Christian circle because it is not only irrational but naturally unattractive, even to lower irrational animals. One does not need to be a Christian to see that it is against nature.

Marriage as an institution is between a man and a woman because from the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female’ (cf. Mtt 19:3ff). A human being exists either as a man or a woman. A strong power of natural attraction results from this difference between the sexes. They naturally feel drawn towards one another, delighted to be together, see, talk, touch, and caress one another. This is natural because God made them so (cf Gen 1:27ff). Otherwise, the attraction is abnormal and unfortunate, something to sympathise with rather than propagating.

Marriage according to God’s plan is open to procreation and Children are the fruits of this love union. How can gay partners go about this? The prophet Jeremiah tells us in today’s first reading, ‘before I formed you in the womb I knew you ; before you came to birth I consecrated you’. Surely, in same sex marriage, nothing of this sort can be perceived.

In his second pastoral letter on the Feast of the Holy family of Nazareth, Bishop Philip said, ‘As Catholics, we believe in the natural way of life. We believe that the purpose of sexual intercourse is to express the love between a man and a woman, a love which within the permanent commitment of marriage is open to being fruitful to life’. Let all Christians continue the fight against the legalisation of same sex marriage. This is only an attempt of some civil leaders to destroy the dignity of marriage which is a lasting, loving and life-giving union between a man and a woman. The church does not and will not operate on sentiments. Shall we sit with folded arms and watch marriage destroyed? NO. Make your view known to your MP as soon as possible.

Fr Thomas Amungwa

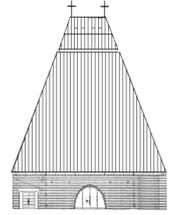
DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (3 9 February)

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:** Brigidine Sisters in the Diocese. **Mon:** Community of Holy Rood, Folly Bridge, Oxford. **Tues:** Parish of Sacred Heart, Bournemouth. **Wed:** Chapel of St Amand, East Hendred. **Thurs:** Guild of St Agatha. **Fri:** Fair Trade Networks in the Diocese. **Sat:** Community of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hungerford.



ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX
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 Parish Office: open Monday—Friday 9am—2pm



Parish Diary

Sun: Music ministry: 9 am Choir; 11 am Cantorg:
 6.30pm Guitar
 Infant Baptism at 3 pm SB
 Refreshments after the 9 & 11 am Masses
 Repository open after all Masses
 Mon: Fr. DG: day off
 Tues: Toddler Group 1.30 pm SB
 Journey in Faith (2) 7.30—9 pm SB
 Wed: Journey in Faith (RCIA) 7.30 pm SB
 Thurs: Youth Ministry 7—9 pm SB
 Fr. DG: Hook PPC 8 pm
 Fri: Fr. DG: Bishop's House Portsmouth
 Sat: Fr. DG: Baptism/Wedding appts. 10.30—12.30 SB
 Filipino Mass 6 pm SB

From the Parish Registers in January

Baptisms:

Archie Michael Tanner, Eliana May Gook, Heidi Eliza Gook, David Babu, Amelia Filipek, Emmanuela Chinwe Okon, Josh Filiper

Deaths:

Ed King RIP, Belinda McVie RIP, Margaret Collyer

Church Flower Team

Thank you to the flower team who give their time and talent freely, we in now in a position to recruit new members, if you are keen to join, please contact the parish office.



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 to 9pm starting 5th February For more info: contact Julie Leonard on 07989 448213

Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £2,668.15p. Second Collection for Catholic Education Society amounted to £424.88p.

Lenten soup lunches

Mon. 18th Feb until Sat. 23rd March

Our Parish is proposing to hold soup lunches during Lent to raise money for Cafod. This is a very good way of getting to know one another while enjoying a sharing, caring lunch and at the same time raising money for CAFOD. There will be lists in the cloister for you to sign if you wish to either host or attend a lunch. With your continued support this will be another great success for our Parish.



Can you believe it?

Lent starts in ten days time Ash Wednesday 13th February



LENT

Lent is the period of six weeks 40 days (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter, the most important festival in the Christian calendar. .

Lent is the time of preparation for Easter and ends in Holy Week.

Shrove Tuesday

The day before Lent starts is Shrove Tuesday. This day was traditionally the last chance to use up the foods Christians would not be eating during Lent. Today people often give up chocolate or alcohol. Festivities take place in many cities all over the world, including Mardi Gras in New Orleans (USA), Carnival in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and Venice (Italy).

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday Christians are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes. This is a sign of saying sorry to God for any wrong doing (penitence) and mortality. The ashes come from burning the palm crosses from Palm Sunday of the previous year.

Ashes will be distributed during the 12.15pm Mass at Holy Ghost and the 7.30 pm Mass at St. Bede's

Lent in the Year of Luke

Sat 2 Feb 10.30 - 3.30 pm - St. Swithun Wells School, Hillcrest Ave. Chandlers Ford. SO53 2JP
 A day to explore how the Lenten Gospels can be used throughout the parish by individuals and small groups.

Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning
3rd February 2013

Sun: **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (year 1)**

9.00 am SB People of the Parish
11.00 am SB John Reilly RIP
6.30 pm SB Alice & Jim Peters RIP

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

Mon: *Feria*

9.30 am HG David Nelson RIP (Murphy)

Tues: *St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr*

9.30 am SB Lily Beatrice Russell RIP

Wed: *St. Paul Miki & Companions Martyrs*

9.30 am HG Intentions of KHS

Thurs: *Feria*

9.30 am SB Linda Sastenberg RIP (Longevin)

Fri: *St. Jerome Emiliani, Founder & St. Josephine Bakhita, Religious*

9.30 am HG Margaret Golding RIP (Gomes)

Sat: *Our Lady on Saturday*

9.30 am SB Jimmy Holland RIP (Burns)

Next Sunday's intentions (10th February): 9am People of the Parish, 11am Ned Fagan RIP : 6.30 pm John Reilly RIP (Reilly)



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



Rosary: recited
after 9.30am week-
day mass.

Sunday Homily: Fr Dominic's is
usually available online at
www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk



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

Please pray for the sick and housebound

including: Rose De le Rozue, 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.

If you have just moved into the parish, then please make yourself known to us by contacting the Parish Office

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 February. More details soon but book the date now so you don't get tied up doing something else!



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.

Ministry to the Sick and housebound

Our Eucharistic ministers are available to take Holy Communion to any parishioner unable to get to Sunday Mass due to sickness 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



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

SAVIO group (College age)

7th Feb @ St Bede's 7:30-9pm. Information for the Mission Trip in 2013 will be available. A £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. £1 donation is welcome **Angie Carroll 07713567161**



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 on 07719012955 or at the door.

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)



Theology on Tap

St Joseph's, Basingstoke

Next Session: Thu 28 Feb 2013 - 7pm for 7.30pm Future

Dates as follows : Thu 02 May, Thu 13 Jun, Thu 11 Jul,

Catholic Pastoral Worker in Portsmouth

The Pastoral Area of Portsmouth is seeking to appoint a full time post providing leadership and support, to liaise and co-ordinate activities across a pastoral area incorporating diverse communities, as well as being a point of contact for all those involved in building the faith primarily of our children and young people. The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic with a motivated and enthusiastic approach to pastoral ministry with excellent interpersonal skills. This exciting new position offers an opportunity to develop the role with support from a committed management team. Salary: by negotiation but not less than £25,000.00 For an information pack please contact the PCPW Administrator. Email: info@catholicportsmouth.org.uk. Closing Date: 15 February 2013



ADULT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are inviting adult volunteers to:

- run catechetical sessions by either delivering a topic or helping young people to deliver them
- help with organising youth Masses, outreach activities, fundraising and social events
- take part in retreats, youth events or overnight activities when possible (i.e. youth vigils and youth congresses)
- help and invite other adult volunteers to minister to young people
- help in the advertisement and promotion of events
- to run an intercessory prayer group for the young people
- supervise internet social groups like Facebook and twitter accounts, and much more.

If you are passionate about your faith and would like to pass it on to the younger generations why not try an initial commitment of six months?

All adults will have to be CRB checked and undertake a child protection training course as well as an induction course for youth ministry. For more information please contact Angie Carroll on 07713567161 or email at acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk