

15th Sept 2013

24th Sun 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

Sometimes in the Old Testament God comes across as angry and jealous, who will resort to terrible punishments when his law is disobeyed. In today's first reading the people have abandoned God and gone back to their idolatrous ways. God is not happy and looks as if he is about to punish his people; but then it all changes. Moses pleads for the people and God has mercy on them and forgives them. This the main message of the reading.

When Jesus came on earth he had to correct a number of misapprehensions about God. The Pharisees assumed that God would have nothing to do with sinners, just like themselves. You can imagine the shock that they got when they saw Jesus welcoming sinners and having meals with them. Jesus shows us a very different God from the Old Testament. He shows us a God of mercy and forgiveness. That is why the stories of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son are told, to get the message across to the people. Everybody matters to God, everybody is worth saving.

One might ask: why all the fuss over one lost sheep or a coin worth about 4 pence. To a good shepherd each sheep is important and precious, worth searching for. A drachma was the equivalent of a day's wage. To both the shepherd and the woman the sheep and the drachma were precious. To God we are all precious and worth seeking out. Jesus was not really talking about sheep and coins, he was talking about people, sinners to be more precise. Jesus did not wait for sinners to repent before befriending them. He befriended them in their sinfulness. He was trying to show them a better way, but he could only do this by associating with sinners and being sympathetic towards them. In acting this way, Jesus revealed the mercy of God towards sinners. He reveals to us God's love and mercy. **Father Austin Gurr**

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (15-21 Sept)

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 intention-s are:

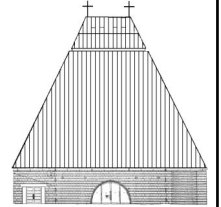
Sun: Community of St Patrick, Sandown. **Mon:** Parishes, Communities & Schools in North East Hampshire. **Wed:** Franciscans in the Diocese; Secular Franciscan Order; Society of Franciscan Pilgrims. **Thurs:** Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Newport. **Fri:** Community of St Matthew, Coin Varin, Jersey. **Sat:** Parish of St Joseph, Aldershot.

Welcome to St. Bede's. If you are a visitor or just moved into the parish, then please make yourself known to us. Also if you are unable to receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come forward at Holy Communion time for a Blessing.



ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX
Holy Ghost Church, Sherborne Rd. Basingstoke. RG21 5TX
Fr. Christopher Rutledge: Parish Priest
Parish Secretary: Liz Murphy
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Parish Diary: 15th September

Sun: Music: 9.am Choir ; 11 am Cantorg (R)
6.30 pm Cantorg
Children's Liturgy 9 and 11 am Masses
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass
Repository open after all Masses
Baptisms at 3 pm SB
Mon: Fr. Chris Pastoral Area Appt. 11 am
Tues: Fr. Chris day off (Clergy Support Group)
Toddler Group meet SB 1.30—3.15
Wed: 9 am Choir practice at 8 pm SB
Thurs: 7.15—9.30 Youth Ministry Meeting SB
Fr. Chris—Funeral Service at 11 am HG
Fri: Fr. Chris—Wedding rehearsal 7 pm HG
Jennifer White / Lee Richardson
Confirmation Session 1 7.30 pm SB
Sat: Auditors' Day SB 11 am
The Lord's Flock 5.30—8.30 pm

Confirmation 2014

If you wish your child to be Confirmed next spring please email or write to the parish office with your child's name, address, contact telephone number and email address. The course commences on **Friday 20th September 2013** and in order to be enrolled on the programme your child must be in year 9 or above from September 2013.

First Holy Communion Programme for 2013/14 is now full. Anyone who missed this year will have to wait until next Summer to enrol.

Congratulations to

Jennifer White & Lee Richardson
who are getting married in Holy Ghost
Church on Friday 27th September



Red Mission Boxes

Please bring your red boxes on Sunday 6th October after all the Masses—this is to enable the money to be counted. The latest **Mission Today** magazine is available on the newspaper stand.... Please take a copy home with you—they are **FREE**



CAFOD

Harvest Fast Day for CAFOD is on October 4th.



Funeral Service in Holy Ghost Church at 11 am on Thursday 19th September for Antonio Salzano RIP. We remember his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace.



September is the SVP awareness Month the theme is 'Giving the Time to Love and Serve'

The annual report will also be issued and available to all parishioners - it will be on our noticeboard.

Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection Training at St Bede's

The Portsmouth Diocese have arranged for 2x training sessions to be held at St Bede's Church to cover Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection training. The dates are:

- **Weds 25th September (7-9pm)** for Child Protection & Vulnerable Adult REFRESHER training, for those having already undertaken training +3 years ago
- **Sat 26th Oct (10.30am-1pm)** for INITIAL training on Child Protection (not Vulnerable Adult), for those that have never undertaken any prior CP training with the parish

Both courses are open to those that do work within our parish and surrounding parishes with such groups of people ie children's liturgy etc.

Spaces must be booked in advance so please contact Serena Lee (Parish Safeguarding Rep) on safeguardingstbedeschurch@gmail.com to register for either course or ask any questions. Thank you!

Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £1,891.34p.

Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning 15th September 2013

Sun: *Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)*

9.00 am SB Paddy Hurl RIP
11.00 am SB Antonio & Venera Grasso RIP
6.30 pm SB People of the Parish

See Parish Mass Book, p.136

Mon: *Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop*
9.30 am HG Dec. Mbrs Broadbent Family

Tue: *St. Hildegard of Bingen, Religious, Doctor*
No Mass at St. Bede's

Mass in St. Joseph's at 9.15 am

Wed: *Feria*
9.30 am HG Sheila Deasy RIP (Murphy)

Thurs: *St. Januarius Bishop, Martyr*
9.30 am SB Int. Byrne Family (Byrne)

Fri: *St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest*
9.30 am HG Int. Flitcroft Family

Sat: *St. Matthew*
12 noon SB Int. Auditors of the Diocese

Sun: 22nd September (25th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

9.00 am People of the Parish
11.00 am Pino & Michelle Colella RIP
6.30 pm: Kathleen Patrick Bruen RIP

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

Rosary: recited after the weekday Mass.

To ask for Mass to be offered for a particular intention please contact the Parish Office., where we will try to accommodate your request.

St. Bede's Kneeler Group—First Birthday Draw

Grateful thanks to all you bought tickets £325 was raised. List of winners in the cloister area:

1st Prize: Fr. Mark Hogan ; **2nd Prize:** J Knowles ; **3rd Prize:** Margaret O'Boyle

Please pray this week for the sick and housebound of our parish

including: Sir Iain Fraser, Teodora Gatchalian, Elizabeth Kelly, Andrea Trower, John Hickey, Helga Sony, Evelyn Dyke, Denis Grehan, Kathleen O'Connor, Charlotte King, Carmel Hyland, Larry Hynan, James Lickey, Olivia Chard, Esther Clarkson, Sean Walsh, Norleen Mejico-Cruz, Gary Smith, Bernabe Estrade, Christine Williams, Guiseppina Colella, Michelle Morley, Betty Dyer, Ameila, Dante & Anna Scattone, Jacqueline Hudson, Jemma West, Ian Williams, Juliet Mitchell, Anne & Stephen Neale, Maureen Donnelly, Irene Manzano, Eileen Maloney, Joan Gomes, Carmel Harding and Pat Olohan.



Confessions

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

Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament

Will take place in Holy Ghost Church after the 9.30 am Mass every Friday.



Loop system

at St Bede's Church—to use it please switch your hearing aid to 'T'coil.'

Arranging a Baptism

Any Catholic parent living in our parish and wishing their child to be baptised should collect a form from the cloister area, please complete and return to the Parish Office. Due to the large number of such baptisms we currently celebrate this Sacrament on designated Sundays, this being the First Sunday of the Month at 3 pm in St. Bede's Church only.

Christian Counselling & Spiritual Direction

Counselling offers us an opportunity to share concerns and difficulties in a confidential relationship. Spiritual direction is similar enabling a believer to discern what God is revealing to them. Tony Cashman is a local counsellor and spiritual director, an accredited member of the Association of Christian Counsellors and is now able to offer an agreed programme of hourly sessions. Contact him on 07976 356192 or pick up an information sheet from the church foyer.

Other local churches Sunday Mass times

Sacred Heart, Hook

- Sat 6pm & Sun 10am

St Joseph's, Basingstoke

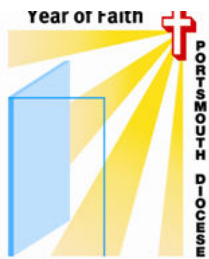
- Sat 6pm & Sun 9am and 11am

St Michael's, Tadley

- Sat 6pm & Sun 9.30 am

St Peter & St Paul, Kingsclere

- Sun 11.15 am



1st September

The Sacraments of Healing -- PENANCE and RECONCILIATION *But we have Baptism, which reconciles us with God; why then do we need a special sacrament of Reconciliation?*

Baptism does snatch us from the power of sin and death and brings us into the new life of the children of God, but it does not free us from human weakness and the inclination to sin. That is why we need a place where we can be reconciled with God again and again. That place is confession.

It does not seem like a modern thing to go to confession; it can be difficult and may cost a great deal of effort at first. But it is one of the greatest graces that we can receive again and again in our life—it truly renews the soul, completely unburdens it, leaving it without the debts of the past, accepted in love, and equipped with new strength. God is merciful, and he desires nothing more earnestly than for us, too, to lay claim to his mercy. Someone who has gone to confession turns a clean, new page in the book of his life.

Dig Deeper: Corresponding CCC section (1425-1429)
Source: YouCat 226

8th September

The Sacraments of Healing -- PENANCE and RECONCILIATION *Who instituted the sacrament of Penance?*

Jesus himself instituted the sacrament of Penance when he showed himself to his apostles on Easter day and commanded them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn 20:22a-23).

Nowhere did Jesus express more beautifully what happens in the sacrament of Penance than in the parable of the Prodigal Son: We go astray, we are lost and can no longer cope. Yet our Father waits for us with great, indeed, infinite longing; he forgives us when we come back; he takes us in again, forgives our sins. Jesus himself forgave the sins of many individuals; it was more important to him than working miracles. He regarded this as the great sign of the dawning of the kingdom of God, in which all wounds are healed and all tears are wiped away. Jesus forgave sins in the power of the Holy Spirit, and he handed that power on to his apostles. We fall into the arms of our heavenly Father when we go to a priest and confess.

Source: YouCat 227

Sorry we've not been able to do the Year of Faith for a few weeks, but we'll do double until we catch up.



YOUTH MASS

Our next youth mass will be held on 22nd Sep at St Bede's Church 6:30pm, all are welcome.

ROME 2014

If you are starting Yr10 and Yr11 this September, you may be interested in our youth trip to Rome during October's half term in 2014. There will be an information evening on the 24th Sep from 7-8:30pm at St Joseph's church where parents are welcome to attend. The registration period will be during the month of October 2013. For further information, please contact Angie on 07713567161.

Youth Sleepover

A night full of challenges! We are inviting young people to take part in our 3rd annual youth vigil from Friday 4th Oct 7pm to Saturday 5th Oct 8:30am at St Bede's Church. This is basically a sleepover packed with music, workshops, games, video clips, prayer-adoration, food and some surprises! If you are in yr 9-yr11 and would like to attend to this event, please register before the 27th Sep by contacting Angie.

Sion Community Events Autumn 2013-09-03

FAMILY DAYS 13th October & 8th December

Come together as family; a time to receive, celebrate and relax. The day will include Mass with children's liturgy. Participation is on a donation only basis. Please bring packed lunch; tea/coffee provided. To let us know you are coming and for more dates, please contact Kay 01277 215011 / admin@sioncommunity.org.uk

CALLED TO MORE.....? 2ND - 3RD November

Have you ever thought about belonging to a Catholic community? Do you have a desire to deepen your faith and learn how to share it? Have you ever thought about how God wants **you** to build his kingdom? Yes? Here's your invitation to join us for a weekend when you can find out more about what it means to be part of Sion Community. All ages welcome, 18-70. Can't make it? There will be another opportunity in **2014, March 1st-2nd**. For more information contact Kay on 01277 215011 or email admin@sioncommunity.org.uk Visit our website www.sioncommunity.org.uk and www.sionyouth.org.uk

"Beloved" WEEKEND FOR WOMEN 15TH - 17TH November.

A weekend retreat for women of all ages which aims to help women come to know and to experience that: *"I am my Beloved's and His desire is for me"* (Song of Songs 7:10). It is an opportunity to give God space to become the first in our hearts. Cost: £100 (waged), £70 (unwaged). **This weekend is scheduled also for 14th-16th February 2014**

SILENT RETREAT 22ND-24TH November "BE STILL, MY SOUL"

"Before you speak, it is necessary for you to listen, for God speaks in the silence of the heart." Mother Teresa