



# **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**

If we take this message seriously we will no longer walk past a homeless person or beggar in the street. At the very least we will give more to charities. Yet the parable prompts deeper reflection. There is something dramatically wrong in a situation where the rich have everything and the poor are like Lazarus—dying of starvation and at the mercy of the elements. We are being taught to see structural social injustice as sin and to take on responsibility for it. Could it be that you and I are living with Lazarus at our door, in absolute poverty and starving—30,000 children dying every day from hunger or hunger-related causes.

The Gospel highlights this distance between rich and poor people and communities, which continues in our own time. One-third of the world's population owns almost everything, leaving the other two-thirds to suffer. Jesus warns us to do something about it. Was Abraham right when he said that we would not listen.

We can learn from what the prophet Amos says in the first reading today. It isn't wrong to have material things, but it is wrong to live a lifestyle completely focused on self. It is our responsibility to try to reach out to the poor people of the world who are deprived of a full human life because the world has been structured to suit the needs of the "haves" rather than the "have-nots". That means we are called to engage ourselves in action for justice, participating in the transformation of the world, picking up on the rich heritage of the Church's social teaching. Let us reflect on Paul's instructions to Timothy in the second reading today: "You must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle." Let us too aim to live that life that we received at baptism—a life that calls us to pursue justice, compassion and love.

Taken from "The Living Word" a Redemptorist Publication

#### DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (29 Sept—5 Oct)

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:** Parish of St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park; Community of St Michael, Bembridge. **Mon:** Parish of St Michael, Tadley; Community of St Michael, Hythe. **Tues:** Parish of Sacred Heart & St Thérèse of Lisieux, Ringwood. **Wed:** Parish of St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Totton. **Thurs:** All Franciscan Sisters in the Diocese [of St Mary of the Angels, of the Divine Motherhood, Missionaries of Mary]. **Fri:** Community of Holy Ghost, Crowthorne; Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Milford-on-Sea. **Sat:** Community of St Bernard, Holbury.



#### ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

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Parish Diary: 29th September

Sun: Music: 9.am Choir; 11 am Filipino

6.30 pm: Priest Led

Pastoral letter from Bishop Philip will be read at all Masses today, there are also copies in the cloister area, please take one home.

Second collection TODAY for the upkeep of St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth Children's Liturgy 9 and 11 am Masses Refreshments after the 9 am Mass Repository open after all Masses

Mon: Fr. Chris meeting Fr. Mark, Fr. Thom SJ's

Tues: Fr. Chris day off

Toddler Group meet SB 1.30—3.15

Wed: 9 am Choir practice at 8 pm SB

Fr. Chris: PFC meeting Hook at 8 pm

First Holy Communion Catechist meet SB 8 pm

Thurs: Parish Finance Committee meet SB 7.30pm

Church Cleaning SB 11—12 noon

Fri: Requiem for George Chooping-Kwan RIP

Sat: The Lord's Flock SB 5.00—8.30 pm

Mass Count for national statistics every weekend

in October

Children's Liturgy—We are always in need of help with this Ministry. If you would like to know more please contact the Parish Office. If there are insufficient helpers we will not be able to have Children's Liturgy every week. Tel. No. 465214

#### **FHC 2014**

If you have registered with the Parish Office for First Holy Communion in 2014, and have not received/collected the information booklet and diary dates, can you please collect from the Parish Office. Thursday 17th October is the first Parent's session at 7.30 pm in the church hall.

**Funeral Mass** for George (Foong Choon Choo Ping Kwan) RIP. Please pray for George a parishioner who has died recently. Requiem Mass for George will take place on Friday 4th October here at St. Bede's Church at 2 pm. We remember his family in our prayers at this sad time. May he rest in peace.

**Fr. Chris** will be celebrating Mass every Monday in the Convent in Hook, when Fr. Thom is available to celebrate Mass here .

## JOURNEY IN FAITH (JIF)

If you're not a Catholic, but want to know more about the Catholic Church; if you are simply seeking answers; or if you are seeking more - then maybe the Journey in Faith course is for you.

You may simply want to know what we Catholics believe. Your child may come to St Bede's school and you would like to learn more in order to support them. You may have been coming to mass for years, but never gone up for communion.

You may have fallen away from your faith and not found your way back. Now is the time to do just that...

Absolutely no commitment is requested or required – we are happy always, to share our journey with you for however long or short a period you choose.

Our programme starts on 9th October 7.30 - 9 pm

#### **Collections**

Grateful thanks for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1,688.19p.

## Job Vacancy St Bede's Catholic Primary School

We are looking to appoint 3 enthusiastic, friendly colleagues to join our team of Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants. Duties include supervision of pupils, cleaning spillages and surfaces in the dining areas. Playground duties include supervision/promotion of "positive play" and also assisting with first aid. Uniform and training provided. 7.5hrs a week (term time only). Salary: £13,353 (pro-rata). Start ASAP

Closing date October 1<sup>st</sup> Interviews: w/c October 1st. For an application pack, please contact Joanne Wyllie on 01256 473379. All successful applicants will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Services checks.

# **Parish Mass Timetable**

Week beginning 29th September 2013

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

9.00 am SB Kate Ratmund RIP 11.00 am SB People of the Parish 6.30 pm SB Jim Lennard RIP

See Parish Mass Book, p.143

Mon: St. Jerome

9.30 am HG In thanksgiving Gibson family

Tue: St. Teresa of the Child Jesus

9.30 am SB James Ronald Cole RIP (Cole)

Wed: The Holy Guardian Angels

9.30 am HG Madge, John O Brien RIP

Thurs: Feria

9.30 am SB Ted Enright RIP (Lee)

Fri: St. Francis of Assisi

2.00 pm SB Requiem Foong ChoonChoo Ping

Kwan RIP

Sat: Our Lady on Saturday

9.30 am SB Mary & Harold Vickers RIP

Sun: 6th October (27th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

9.00 am Int Ann O'Brien (Cole)

11.00 am Jessica McCully RIP, Terry Sullivan RIP

6.30 pm: People of the Parish

Morning Prayer: 9.15 am before each weekday Mass

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.

#### **Urgent appeal on behalf of Basingstoke Street Pastors**

Could you spare a few hours once a month on a Friday or Saturday night to join a small team of people from various churches on the streets of Basingstoke? Full training given and uniform provided. To register an interest and receive information about training sessions, without obligation, please contact Basingstoke@streetpastors.org.uk or ring Malcolm Murray on 07899 913220.

Please pray this week for the sick and housebound of our parish including: Maria Colella, Alex Tilley, 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

Fr. Chris will be available to hear Confessions every Saturday after the 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am. Also on Sunday evenings from 5.30 pm—6.15 pm in St. Bede's Church.

Morning Prayer can refresh and recharge your soul as you get ready to take on the day. 'Morning Prayer' will be recited each morning before Mass in both Holy Ghost Church and St. Bede's Church.

#### Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament

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

#### **Red Mission Boxes**

Please bring your red boxes on



## 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. Parents should be attending Church on a regular basis. 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.

#### Loop system

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



# Other local churches Sunday Mass times

#### Sacred Heart, Hook

Sat 6pm & Sun 10am

#### St Joseph's, Basingstoke

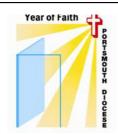
Sat 6pm & Sun 9am and 11am

# St Michael's, Tadley

• Sat 6pm & Sun 9.30 am

# St Peter & St Paul, Kingsclere

Sun 11.15 am



Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Sacraments of Healing --**PENANCE and RECONCILIA-TION** 

Question 231: What are the two basic elements required

for the forgiveness of a Christian's sins to occur in the sacrament of Penance?

What is required for the forgiveness of sins is the person who undergoes conversion and the priest who in God's name gives him absolution from his

### Question 232: What must I bring to a confession?

Essential elements of every confession are an examination of conscience, contrition, a purpose of amendment, confession, and penance.

The examination of conscience should be done thoroughly, but it can never be exhaustive. No one can be absolved from his sin without real contrition, merely on the basis of "lip-service". Equally indispensable is the purpose of amendment, the resolution not to commit that sin again in the future. The sinner absolutely must declare the sin to the confessor and, thus, confess to it. The final essential element of confession is the atonement or penance that the confessor imposes on the sinner to make restitution for the harm done.

Dig Deeper: Corresponding CCC section (1440-1454) Source: YouCat 231-232

#### **Basingstoke Choral Society Present**

Grieg- Piano Concerto in A Minor **Peer Gynt** (with soloists & choir) Sibelius -Hvmn of the Earth

New London Sinfonia & Basingstoke Choral Society. Conductor - David Gibson 7pm Sunday, 24th November 2013 The Anvil Basingstoke Tickets available from The Anvil Box Office 01256 884244 or www.anvilarts.org.uk

#### **Singers Required**

Calling all singers and musicians in the Pastoral Area! Confirmation 2013 takes place at 7pm on Monday 14 October at St Joseph's Church Basingstoke. If you would like to contribute your talent to this special occasion please attend both music rehearsals on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October between 7pm and 10pm. I look forward to seeing you - Marianne Cook.



#### **Youth Sleepover**

A night full of challenges! We are inviting young people to take part in our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual youth vigil from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 30th Sept by contacting Angie.

#### JP3 (Yr7-Yr9)

Our Junior pizza, ponder and prayer group will commence running on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct at St Joseph's Church from 5-6:30pm. If you have never been in this group before, why don't you give it a try and make new friends? A £1 is welcome.

#### SALT (yr10-yr11)

Our after school group will run on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> Oct from 4-6pm at St Joseph's Church. A £1 donation is welcome.

#### **SAVIO**

Our college age group will meet at St Bede's church on the 10<sup>th</sup> Oct from 7:30pm-9. All are welcome!

### CAFOD'S Harvest Fast Day



This Harvest, CAFOD's patron Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor is encouraging Catholics to take up CAFOD's call to 'Make a Place at your Table' by committing to a regular gift to help millions of hungry people in the world. Please pick up a Harvest Fast Day envelope and prayer card in your church on 28/29 September and bring it back the following weekend.

# Become an MP Correspondent and Visit The Houses of Parliament with CAFOD **Monday 4 November**

Are you passionate about global issues? CAFOD is looking for new MP correspondents (volunteers who will contact their MP 3/4 times a year, via letter/email or face to face) to make sure global justice stays at the top of the political agenda. Training and support provided. For new MP correspondents, CAFOD is organising a guided visit to the Houses of Parliament on Monday 4 November at 10.30am, followed by a meeting with Alan Whitehead MP (who is sponsoring the visit) and a briefing on the role. Places are limited so early booking is essential. For more information please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth Office: portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329385.