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30<sup>th</sup> 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

A few weeks back, I received a message from a friend as follows: *the lawyer hopes you get into trouble, the doctor hopes you fall ill, the policeman hopes you become a criminal, the coffin maker wants you dead, and only the thief prays that you succeed in life.* All these for selfish reasons. Just imagine what life offers. I dare to ask, what will God hope for us? Obviously, a virtuous and prayerful life not for His own good, but for ours, that is, for our salvation.

As Christians God calls us to a life of prayer, not like that of the Pharisee boasting of himself but like that of the tax collector, accepting responsibility for his own failings. Such prayers easily get a positive response from God, because, as the Gospel tells us, *the tax collector went home at rights with God due to his humility.* Looking at the two people praying in the temple, whom can we identify ourselves with? Obviously that of the tax collector will have meaning to us Christians, because he was not boasting and priding himself in his achievements but accepting and acknowledging God's power to forgive sins.

In today's Gospel, Luke believed the purpose of this parable was to challenge self-righteousness and to promote humility. The lead-in to the parable speaks volumes, because, *He told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt* (cf Luke 18:9). For any who are prone to the dangers of pride and self-righteousness, the parable calls us to look over in the corner to where our teacher stands with bent head. For the tax collector becomes the teacher of the Pharisee in the parable. The invitation to enter into the kingdom of God shows up where we least expect it. It shows up in our inward lives, in the ember of humility that still burns, yet it needs to be fanned to warm and illuminate our inner life. In our families, our churches, our communities, the gate to the kingdom of God opens before us in the example of those who are humble before God.

Let us make this week a real reflection in the manner we make our prayer. Praying in humility for an increase of faith, hope and charity, for the Lord hears the prayer of the just and rescues them in all their distress (Psalm) and fosters our relationship with God.

*Fr Thom Amungwa*

### DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (27 Oct-2 Nov)

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:** Jersey Pastoral Services. **Mon:** Parishes, Communities & Schools in the Bournemouth Pastoral Area.

**Tues:** Parishes, Communities & Schools in Alton-Petersfield Pastoral Area.

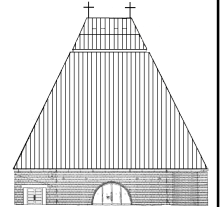
**Wed:** Parishes, Communities & Schools in the Solent Pastoral Area. **Thurs:** Organisers of ongoing formation for Clergy. **Fri:** To attain the company of the saints. **Sat:** Faithful departed of the Diocese..

**Welcome to St. Bede's Catholic Church**



## ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX  
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Fr. Christopher Rutledge: Parish Priest  
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### Parish Diary: 27th October 2013

**Sun:** Music: 9.am Choir: 11 am Filipino:  
6.30 pm Cantorg:  
Signed Mass for the hard of hearing SB at 11  
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass  
Repository open after all Masses  
Syro Malaba Mass HG at 10 am.  
Final Mass Count for national statistics in  
October (thank you to the counters) !!  
**Mon:** Fr. Chris Appointments SB  
**Tues:** Fr. Chris day off  
No Toddler group this week  
**Wed:** Fr. Chris— Catenian Mass HG at 7.30 pm  
Fr. Chris—Appt SB at 2 pm  
9 am Choir practice at SB 8 pm  
**Thurs:**Fr. Chris All Saints Vigil Mass St. Mary's  
Overton at 8 pm  
**Fri:** **Feast of All Saints**  
**Sat:** **Feast of All Souls**  
Fr. Chris Wedding Appt SB at 11 am  
The Lord's Flock Seminar SB 1—6.30 pm

**Grass car park**—Due to the change in weather the entrance way is becoming impassable, however, work should commence on upgrading the driving surface in November.

### Taise Bells before Mass

I have noticed it is extremely noisy before the start of Mass, when we should all be quietly preparing ourselves for the Celebration of Mass. Last week, you may have heard a chime of bells ring out over the PA system. This is something I would like to have at each weekend Mass. When you hear the bell ring, it is a time to stop talking and all practice of music etc. to stop as the bell is our call to prayer. It lasts 2 minutes 17 sec, after which should be a period of complete silence to herald the start of Mass.



Fr. Chris

**The repository** have a good supply of Christmas cards and other items on sale now.

### Email:

Whenever necessary, private e-mails can be sent direct to Fr Chris's new e-mail address..... and as before, all parish matters via parish office e-mail address please.

### November—Month of the Holy Souls

#### Friday 1st Nov. Feast of ALL SAINTS

**Masses are: 9.30 am in Holy Ghost Church  
7.30 pm in St. Bede's Church**

Prayers for our Parishioners and Deceased loved ones. Please write the names of your loved ones on a slip of paper, and place in the basket which is situated before the Altar.

### School Applications Forms

Due to the large volume of these forms, and as Fr. Chris is only new to the Parish, this task remains overwhelming. If you have a form, please leave it in the parish office, when all the forms have been collected, Fr. Chris will sign them with the help of the Parish Secretary.

We are being asked to sign school admissions forms for St. Bede's School from parents who are at the same time requesting baptism for their child. This is unacceptable behaviour. The school admission form does require confirmation from the Priest that Sunday Mass attendance is either weekly or less often. This should ensure that places at our school are firstly filled by baptised and practicing Catholics—those for whom the school primarily exists.

### Collections

Grateful thanks for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1,917.62p. Second collection last weekend for the Foreign Missions amounted to £529.28p.. Second collection next weekend for Bamenda.

**Bamenda Sunday 3rd Nov.** Linking the Diocese with the Archdiocese of Bamenda Cameroon since 1974. Every year we have a special collection to support the projects in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda.

## Parish Mass Timetable

**Week beginning 27th October 2013**      **Psalter week (2)**

**Sun:**      **Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)**  
 9.00 am    SB    People of the Parish  
 11.00 am   SB    Maureen McCauley RIP (McCauley)  
 6.30 pm    SB    Cecilia Taylor RIP (Taylor)

**See Parish Mass Book, p. 155**

**Mon:**      *Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles*  
 9.30 am    HG    Maureen Burnand RIP

**Tue:**      *Feria*  
 9.30 am    SB    Annette Hill RIP (SVP)

**Wed:**      *Feria*  
 9.30 am    HG    Annette Hill RIP (Short)

**Thurs:**     *Feria*  
 9.30 am    SB    Jan Arwen Aquino RIP (Rosellern)

**Fri:**      **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**  
 9.30 am    HG    Int Ron Adams (Goodier)  
 7.30 pm    SB    Heather Miller RIP (Bulley family)

**Sat:**      **ALL SOULS**  
 9.30 am    SB    Annette Hill RIP (Foran)

**Sun:** 3rd November - Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 9.00 am    SB    Margaret Golding RIP  
 11.00 am   SB    Dave Webb RIP (Redmond)  
 6.30 pm    SB    John Hennessy RIP (Hennessy)

*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.*

### Blessing of Graves

Worting Road Cemetery on Remembrance  
 Sunday 10th Nov at 2.30 pm. Short service followed by individual prayers and blessing at each family grave.



**Holy Ghost Church**—please note there is no heating in Holy Ghost Church. We hope heating will be restored early November.

### 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 usually 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.

### Seating in St. Bede's Church

You will see that as you enter the Church, the seating by the font has been rotated to face the **Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle.**



This enables more people to easily pray before Our Lord, for quiet and reflective prayer

### Catholic Newspapers

You can purchase the Universe, Catholic Herald & Catholic Times here weekly.

### 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

### ROME TRIP (Yr10 & Yr11)

We have extended the registration deadline to Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. Please return your consent form and deposit to the Youth Office, St Bede's Church, Popley way, RG249DX. For more info about the trip please contact Angie asap.07713567161

### SWELL@Bournemouth (Yr11 and upwards)

Our first diocesan youth retreat will take place in Bournemouth from 1st-3rd November; this will be an amazing event lead by "YOUTH 2000" and will conclude with a Mass presided by Bishop Phillip. The cost of the weekend is £50 including food, accommodation and transportation. If you would like to attend, please book your place by contacting Angie.

### YOUTHSTORM day of renewal – 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

This day will inspire your faith! We are having 2 Franciscan brothers as guest speakers, live music, faith sharing, great workshops, time for reflection and much more. The day will start at 12:30 at Bishop Challoner concluding with a youth mass at 6pm at St Joseph's church. For a registration form or further info please contact Angie Carroll on 07713567161.

**Fr. Thom**—grateful thanks for all your prayers, best wishes and gifts received for my 40th birthday celebrations. All funds received will be sent to support St. Joseph's Primary School, Esu in Bamenda. This is an ongoing project and any more donations will be gratefully received and sent to the School.

### "LUCKY ME" DRAW

#### Organised by the Knights of St Columba

The winners of the October draw, worth £25, are Pam & Tony Darroch of Tadley

### 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.

The next **Mass of Healing** at St. Joseph's, Ashurst, is on Monday 4th November @ 7.15pm

### Sale for Indian Missions

On Saturday 9th November, in St. Bede's Hall, from 10 am to 4 pm and after the 9 and 11 am Masses on Sunday 10th.

Lots of things to buy... raffle, books, toys, jewellery, bric-a-brac, plants, cakes, tea and coffee.

Come and enjoy a pleasant few hours in Aid of the Missions.

### WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

15th - 17th November 2013:

"Beloved." 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 the space to become the first in our hearts. Cost: £100 (waged), £70 (unwaged). For further information or to reserve your place, contact Kay 01277 215011 or [admin@sioncommunity.org.uk](mailto:admin@sioncommunity.org.uk) This weekend is also scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February 2014

### SILENT RETREAT

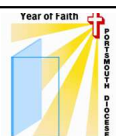
22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013 **"BE STILL, MY SOUL "**

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

**Mother Teresa** This silent retreat offers an opportunity to step out of the daily routine and spend time with the Lord. Mass, prayer & quiet reflection will form part of the weekend. Arrivals from 4.30pm Friday, depart after lunch on Sunday. Cost: £100 Residential, £70 Non-residential/unwaged. For more information, Contact: [allegra@sioncommunity.org.uk/](mailto:allegra@sioncommunity.org.uk/)

### PENANCE and RECONCILIATION

**Are there sins that are so serious that not even the average priest can forgive them?**



There are sins in which a man turns completely away from God and at the same time, because of the seriousness of the deed, incurs excommunication. When a sin results in "excommunication", absolution can be granted only by the bishop or a priest delegated by him, and, in a few cases, only by the Pope. In danger of death, any priest can absolve from every sin and excommunication.

A Catholic who, for example, cooperates in an abortion automatically excludes himself from sacramental communion; the Church simply acknowledges this fact. The purpose of "excommunication" is to correct the sinner and to lead him back to the right path.

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