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Our Lord Jesus
Christ,
Universal King
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Thought for the Week

Nowadays, kings are a rare breed. At one time there were innumerable kings throughout the world, exercising absolute power over their subjects. It was this within the exercise of this power that the seeds of their own destruction lay. Most of the monarchies that still exist tend to be constitutional monarchies, where the royal power is drastically reduced to being a mere figurehead.

The feast of Christ the King celebrates a very unusual take on royalty. Absolute power has no place in this kingdom. It is not a constitutional monarchy either. The things that count in the kingdom of God are humility, service, love, truth, justice and peace. Christ's kingdom is one that looks out for those in need. The authority of Christ comes from his unique holiness. He does not have to throw his weight around for people to obey him. Christ's authority comes from his Father, who endowed him with the Spirit and with power.

In this week's gospel we see an unlikely scenario for a king. Christ is dying on the cross, which is the only throne he is given. His crown is of thorns, and his royal banner is a scribbled sign that he is the King of the Jews. It is fitting that Jesus should end up between two criminals, between the kind of people he came to tell about the good news of his Kingdom. One of the thieves rejects all Christ's efforts to save him. He can only think about saving his own skin. Whereas the other thief, recognised his own sinfulness and repented. Christ was able to offer him a place in his Kingdom, which is also a kingdom of forgiveness. There is a place in Christ's kingdom for each one of us. We can refuse to co-operate, like the unrepentant thief. Hopefully we will take our cue from the repentant thief who was freely given a place in Heaven because he placed his trust in Christ. The king and the thief entered the kingdom together. This is the king we celebrate. May his kingdom come.



Father Austin Gurr

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (24 —30 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: Chapel of Christ the King, Sandhurst.

Mon: Diocese of Cloyne, & associations with St Colman of Cloyne via dedications and devotions.

Tues: Parishes, Communities & Schools in the Southampton Central and West Pastoral Area.

Wed: Benefactors and Management Board of the Diocesan Clergy Retirement Fund.

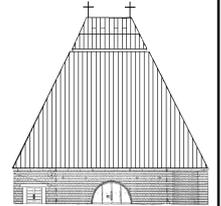
Thurs: 'Survive—MIVA'. **Fri:** Managers of the Diocesan website. **Sat:** Community of St Andrew, North Baddesley; Community of St Edmund Campion, Bournemouth.



ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

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Holy Ghost Church, Sherborne Rd. Basingstoke. RG21 5TX
Fr. Christopher Rutledge: Parish Priest

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Parish Mass Timetable

Sun:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King <i>See Parish Mass Book, p. 167 Psalter week (2)</i>		
	9.00 am	SB	John Reilly RIP (Reilly)
	11.00 am	SB	Antoni Budzynski RIP (Quinn)
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon:	<i>St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Martha O'Brien RIP (O'Brien)
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass Feast of Our Lady of Providence
Tues:	Feria		
	9.30 am	SB	Kate Murray RIP (White)
Wed:	Feria		
	9.30 am	HG	Sheila Fletcher RIP (O'Brien)
Thurs:	Feria		
	11.00 am	HG	Requiem Evelyn Dyke RIP
Fri:	Feria		
	10.30 am	SB	Requiem Edna O'Boyle RIP
Sat:	<i>St. Andrew</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Hugh Spillsbury RIP (Spillsbury)

Sun: 1st December—First Sunday in Advent

	9.00 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Goder & Sauleek Fam.
	11.00 am	SB	Maureen McCauley RIP & Ned Fagan RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	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.

Rest in Peace

Please keep in your prayers the Repose of the Soul of **Evelyn Dyke RIP.**



Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Holy Ghost Church on Thursday 28th November at 11 am. We pray also for **Edna O'Boyle RIP**, her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 29th November at 10.30 pm in St. Bede's Church.

Patricia O'Connor RIP. Service at Crematorium on 4th Dec at 1.15 pm May their souls and the souls of the Faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen. We remember all families who are going through a bereavement at this time.

Collection

Details of last weeks collection: £1,850.94p. Second collection in aid of the Filipino Disaster fund amounted to £1,601.58p.

Thank you very much for supporting the mission of the Church.

'Giving Tree'



Please take a label to support the Giving Tree. Your gifts are always very much appreciated by all the children of our town who receive them. Please wrap your gift, stick on your label and return to the Parish Office by 6th Dec. or on Sunday 8th Dec., when all gifts will be sorted out ready for Social Services to collect on Tuesday 10th December. If you commit to taking a gift label, please, do return it, because, if you do not, there will be a child in the town on Christmas Day, who will not receive a gift.....

Grateful thanks to Liz and Tony Spiteri, who take on this massive task every year.

Basingstoke foodbank & Filipino Disaster appeal

Last weekend, it was decided that the food originally kindly donated by St Bede's Parishioners for the foodbank, should be offered to the Filipino Community, to go as aid to the devastated parts of the Philippines, along with all the other aid that their community in Basingstoke had gathered together. It is hoped that Parishioners agree that, on this occasion, the decision was the right one, especially as the foodbank are having a supermarket appeal for donations at Tesco's in Chineham very soon.

On behalf of the Filipino Community, an enormous grateful thanks for all your prayers, generosity and support, it is much appreciated

Parish Diary: 24th November

Sun: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:
6.30 pm Cantorg:
11 am Mass Signed for the hard of hearing
Syro Malabar Mass HG at 4 pm

Mon: St. Vincent de Paul St. Joseph's at 7 pm

Tues: Fr. Chris—day off
Toddler Group SB 1.30—3.15 pm

Wed: Journey in Faith SB @ 7.30 pm

Thur: Requiem Evelyn Dyke RIP HG at 11.00 am
Savio meeting SB 7—9 pm

Fri: Requiem Edna O'Boyle RIP SB at 10.30 am
Confirmation SB 7—9 pm

Sat: Kneeler Group SB 2—4 pm
N.E.Hants Evangelist Group Day SB 10-4
The Lord's Flock SB 5.30—8.30 pm

Sun: Baptisms SB at 3 pm

Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this week, due to a Requiem in St. Bede's Church

Facebook

You can now find the parish on Facebook. We are running a page for a trial period with a thought for the day and latest news. 'Like' us at facebook.com/stbedesbasingstoke or read the latest posts on our website.

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. We currently celebrate this Sacrament on designated Sundays, this being the First Sunday of the Month at 3 pm Bede's Church only.

Sr. Marie-Anne, wishes to thank all those who helped raise £516.34p. for the Missionary Work of the Sisters of Our Lady of Providence in India.

Advent starts next week:

An Advent Prayer

God, Christmas is coming and I thought that I should send you a list of things that I want this year. I am sending it early, so that you will have enough time to do the shopping. I know that I should not confuse you with Santa Claus; however, I think I might need some of the following:

1. A place to go to get away from all the adverts.
2. A day of silence to just be with the mystery of incarnation.
3. A chance to be of service to the poor.
4. A little more time to be with my family and friend.
5. Some time to meditate on the fact that Jesus was born poor.

Please pray for all the Sick in our Parish

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us for Mass in your safekeeping. We remember: Sean Walsh, Theodora Gatchalian, John Hickey, Joan Gomes.

Support them in your love.

Be near them in moments of sickness and anxiety.

And Bless all those who care for those in need.

We are reviewing our Parish Prayer for the Sick list. Please submit names of those who might like to be included in our Parish Prayer to the Parish Office.

St Bede's Kneeler Group

If you are unable to commit time to making a complete kneeler we are about to launch a community kneeler for each member of the community project to have in their home for 1 or 2 weeks at a time.

If you would like to take part in this project or just want to see our progress do join us our next meeting on Saturday 30th November in St Bede's Church Hall 2—4 pm or contact Susan Beard e-mail: susan.beard@ntlworld.com

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



**Framework for Collaboration
"Forming
Teams to Collaborate and Facilitate
Practical Action"** Could you:

- (i) Pray for the mission of the Church in our Diocese of Portsmouth?
- (ii) Witness to your faith to help others encounter Jesus Christ
- (iii) Put your faith into action to allow Christ to transform the world with his justice and love?

If you have answered 'yes' to any of these questions could you consider volunteering to be part of the Framework for Collaboration?

If you would like to know more please look on the Diocesan website where Bishop Philip speaks about the Framework for Collaboration. There is additional information including details of teams currently recruiting. If you would like to be involved and are not sure how or in what area the Framework will be running interviews to help you discern whether God is calling you to be involved. These will begin in January 2014.

Application forms are on the web site. If you have difficulty accessing these please contact cvirgo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Job Opportunity – St Swithun Wells Parish

St Swithun Wells Parish requires an Office Manager/Administrator for the administration of the six churches in the parish covering Eastleigh, Fair Oak, Chandlers Ford, Bishops Waltham, Romsey and North Baddesley. The job is part-time (21 hours - three days per week) with a salary of £10,400 per annum (FTE £17,290). Please see the Diocesan website at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more details and an application form. For informal enquiries please email or call Deacon Paul Owen at powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Tel: 02380 658251

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter
'The Big Promise'**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is organising an event during 'Marriage Week' in February 2014 called 'The Big Promise'. The intention is to have as many couples as possible renew their marriage vows on Saturday 8th February, 2014 at 5.15pm. With Marriage so under threat at the moment, it is a good way of promoting marriage. For more details, visit www.thebigpromise.org.uk



**Diocese of Portsmouth
III Extraordinary General Assembly
of the Synod of Bishops "Pastoral
Challenges of the family in context
of evangelization"**

Across the dioceses of England and Wales a Questionnaire is being circulated that will allow many to actively participate in helping the preparations for the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in October next year to consider questions surrounding the proclamation of the Gospel in the context of "Pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization". Do take the time to look at the questionnaire which is available by going online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014>. if you are not able to do the questionnaire on line, there should be paper copies available in your church. The closing date for submissions is 13th December online and 30th November for paper copies.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS -

If you're stuck for ideas this Christmas or want to try and give your friends, colleagues and loved ones something really meaningful, why not consider buying a CAFOD World Gift and help people fight poverty and injustice all over the world? Gifts start from as little as £4 and range from queen bees to drought-resistant crops to goats and chickens. Gifts can also be bought on a sale or return basis for your Christmas fayres. For a catalogue please visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or freephone 0800 14 000 14.

POLSKA + MSZA ŚWIĘTA+ Polish Mass

30.11.2013 (Saturday) 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

SALT- (Yr10&Yr11)

Our next SALT sessions is on the 28th Nov from 4-6pm at St Joseph's church; bring a friend!



WELCOME TO ST. BEDE'S CHURCH

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