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31st Sun Ordinary Time

(Year C)



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Weekly Newsletter

Serving the parishes of Andover, Basingstoke, Hook, Tadley and Kingsclere

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Thought for the Week

In the Carmelite convent the sisters always took a short mid-morning break from work. They would have fifteen minutes for a coffee in the refectory, and then return to their jobs. A number of younger sisters felt this was not a good use of their time; breaking their pattern of work in the morning seemed inefficient. Why not just get a coffee and take it back to your workplace? The prioress listened, and saw they had a point; and so the practice was changed, and each sister worked through, drinking her coffee at the same time.

That is until one day the prioress, spending the morning answering correspondence, found herself snatching sips of an increasingly lukewarm coffee, and trying to think about how to answer an especially tricky email. Suddenly she stopped. "What exactly am I doing here, Lord? Am I having a coffee? Or am I attending to this person's message?" In that moment she realised that the important, simple discipline of the Carmel—with its focus on being present to the task or conversation before you—was being undermined by this apparently harmless change in arrangements for a coffee break. The convent went back to its original pattern, newly aware of how precious it is to let each thing in life have its own proper space.

We live in a world that is not only unprecedentedly busy and filled with activity, but one that also prizes these things. Multitasking, working long hours, filling our schedules with activities—all these things are not only normal for many people, but things that are aspired to. Today's readings remind us that even when we are small, and crowded out, Jesus is present. The challenge is whether we can stop what we're doing long enough to find a way of putting ourselves in a more spacious place, a place where we can see the Lord and he can look directly at us. We can be certain that, when we do this, a deeper relationship with the Lord will follow. He wants to come into our homes and eat with us.

Taken from the Redemptorist publication

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (3—9 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:** Our twinned Diocese of Bamenda & the Bamenda Committee; Companions of St Martin de Porres. **Mon:** Diocesan Department for Finance and Property. **Tues:** Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption. **Wed:** All deceased clergy of the Diocese. **Thurs:** Faithful departed of each parish or community. **Fri:** Parishes, Communities & Schools in the West Berkshire Pastoral Area. **Sat:** Recipients of awards

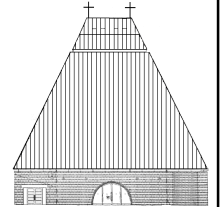


ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

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Parish Diary: 3rd November 2013

Sun: Music: 9.am Choir :11 am Cantorg (H):
6.30 pm Priest-Led:
Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass
Refreshments after the 9 & 11 am Masses
Repository open after all Masses
Baptisms SB at 3 pm
Mon: Bereavement Group SB @ 7.30 pm
Tues: Fr. Chris day off
Toddler group SB 1.30—3.15 pm
Supervising SB 10—12.30 pm
Wed: Journey in Faith SB @ 7.30 pm
9 am Choir practice at SB 8 pm
Fri: Setting up for Bring & Buy Sale SB @ 7.00pm
Sat: 'Bring & Buy Sale' SB 10—4 pm

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

Prayers for our Parishioners and Deceased loved one.

Please write the names of your loved ones on a slip of paper, and place it in the basket which is situated before the Altar. Do not insert money.



Blessing of Graves—next Sunday 10th November at 2.30 pm in Worting Road Cemetery.

This short service reminds us to honour the graves of our loved ones and to pray that their souls are now with the Lord sharing in His promise of eternal life. Where they have gone we hope to follow !!

Holy Ghost Church— Work to start on the heating and sound system on Monday. **ALL MASSES** transferred to St. Bede's Church for the week.

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

Taizé 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

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 where Fr. Chris will sign them with the help of the Parish Secretary for the next two weeks.

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 £2,090.29p.
Second collection **TODAY** for Bamenda.

Mass Books, Hymns Books, Kneelers

To keep the church tidy. Please collect a Hymn and Mass book on arriving and return it to the book stands in the cloister area..... Also please try to put the kneeler back in its place !!

Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning 3rd November 2013 Psalter week (3)

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

See Parish Mass Book, p. 157

PLEASE NOTE ALL MASSES WILL TAKE PLACE IN ST. BEDE'S CHURCH THIS WEEK

Mon: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
9.30 am SB Rita Moore RIP (Moore)
Tue: *Feria*
9.30 am SB Private Intention (Huntley)
Wed: *Feria*
9.30 am SB Georges Choo RIP (Sauleek)
Thurs: *St. Willibrord, Bishop*
9.30 am SB Mary O'Neill RIP (Hurl)
Fri: *Feria*
9.30 am SB Jimmy Hanafée RIP
Sat: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
9.30 am SB In thanksgiving Gabryel Vergara (Vergara)

Sun: 10th November Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.00 am SB Paddy Kehoe RIP (Burns)
11.00 am SB Ronald McAulay RIP (Grasso)
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., where we will try to accommodate your request.

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.

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.

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.

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 this week only at St. Bede's Church

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

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PENANCE and RECONCILIATION

May a priest later repeat something he has learned in confession?



No. Under no circumstances. The secrecy of the confessional is absolute. Any priest who would tell another person something he had learned in the confessional would be excommunicated. Even to the police, the priest cannot say or suggest anything.

There is hardly anything that priests take more seriously than the seal of the confessional. There are priests who have suffered torture for it and have gone to their deaths. Therefore, you can speak candidly and unreservedly to a priest and confide in him with great peace of mind, because his only job at that moment is to be entirely "the ear of God".

What are the positive effects of confession?

Confession reconciles the sinner with God and the Church.

The second after absolution is like a shower after playing sports, like the fresh air after a summer storm, like waking up on a sunlit summer morning, like the weightlessness of a diver Everything is contained in the word "reconciliation" (from a Latin verb meaning "to bring back together, to restore"): we are at peace with God again.

Dig Deeper: Corresponding CCC section (1467-1498)

Source: YouCat 238-239

A PRODIGAL RETURNS TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

You are invited to be part of a life-changing Catholic Bible tour that will re-ignite your love for the faith. Catholic speaker, author and theologian, Jeff Cavins, will be visiting from the United States and embarking on a six-day Bible and Evangelisation Tour delivering four of his most powerful and popular talks for the first time in England. This event is open to anyone and is free. Each of Jeff's topics will touch on key aspects of our beautiful and rich Catholic faith leaving you with a greater understanding of the Scriptures and a deeper relationship with Christ. You will be empowered to both share and live your faith more fully. Thursday, 14 November at 1900

Venue: St John's Catholic Cathedral, Bishop's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 3HG

Table Top Sale at Bishop Challoner School on Sat. 16th Nov. 10—12 noon, as part of its fundraising activities for its Bamenda Twinning Project

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.

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

ROME TRIP (Yr10 & Yr11)

We have extended the registration deadline to Fri 15th 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

YOUTHSTORM day of renewal – 23rd 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.

SALT- (Yr10&Yr11)

Our next SALT sessions are on the 14th and 28th Nov from 4-6pm at St Joseph's church; bring a friend!

ADVENT TALKS AND PRAYER

SACRED HEART—HOOK

Each Thursday of Advent (Four Weeks)

The opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, exposed for half an hour. This will be preceded by a 20 minute talk on **Christian Prayer** given by Fr Peter Codd and a 10 minute discussion (based on Section IV of the Catechism of the Catholic Church).. **EVERYONE MOST WELCOME**

Thursday: 28th Nov, 5, 12 & 19 Dec in the church 2-3pm and again in the evening 7-8 pm

Join Cabrini's Brighton Marathon Team

This year we have 12 gold bond places on offer for Brighton Marathon taking place on 6 April 2014. For a limited time only there is no registration fee. Fundraising target £500. As a member of the Cabrini team you'll receive great support to prepare you for race day. Contact Frances Lawrence 020 8668 2181

BAMENDA SUNDAY

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND.

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers this weekend and be as generous as you can in your donation for the many parishes, schools, health establishments and social projects we support in our twinned diocese in Cameroon. For details of our joint ventures please see your copy of the **Bamenda Newsletter** or visit our website: www.bamendaandportsmouth.com