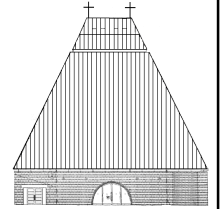




WELCOME TO ST. BEDE'S CHURCH

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Thought for the week

At the heart of our faith is the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount; and yet we may be tempted to ignore it because it seems so radical and difficult. But our vocation is to imitate Jesus and His teaching, just as Stephen did when he forgave his enemies as he died as the first martyr. In a world that is so full of hatred and vengeance, both at the individual and national level, can we follow the teaching of the gospel? Or do we go on bearing those grudges that we rather enjoy nursing and hating the enemies that give us our identity? Does the Church give a different example, or is it like any other group that loves its friends and reciprocates hospitality to its own set?

Jesus tells us to be perfect just as our Heavenly Father is perfect. What does this mean for us today? We cannot be morally perfect in this world, but we can respond to Jesus with an undivided heart and a faithful devotion. When we try to turn the other cheek and love our enemies we bear witness to the graciousness of a Heavenly Father who wants us to embody the amazing love of His Son in our lives.

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Lent 2014

The season of Lent lasts for 40 days. (excluding Sundays). Lent starts on Ash Wed. 5th March and ends on Holy Thurs. 17th April

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 12.30 pm in St. Bede's Church. Also Stations of the Cross in Holy Ghost Church at 7.30 pm on Friday evening
Friday Mass at Holy Ghost Church at 9.30 am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 10.00—11 am.

Lenten Lunches in aid of CAFOD:

Following the 12.30 pm Stations here at St. Bede's Church, there will be a soup and roll lunch. The following dates are available if you are willing to host a soup lunch, **14th, 21st, March, 11th April** in the Church hall, please sign up on the form in the cloister area.

Significant Wedding

Anniversaries



The Diocese's sixth Significant Anniversaries Mass and Reception will be celebrated at 11 am on Saturday 28th June 2014 here at St. Bede's, for those celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ Wedding Anniversaries in 2014. Bishop Philip will preside at the Mass. Attendance is by invitation; if you are celebrating one of these anniversaries, please contact the Bishop's Office on 023 9282 0894 or email at: bishopspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Parish diary: 23rd February 2014

Sun: Music : 9 am Choir: 11 am Filipino : 6.30 pm: Cantorg
Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass
Refreshments after the 9 Mass
Repository open after the 9 and 11 am Masses
Signed Mass for the hard of hearing at 11 am
Mon: Fr. Chris: Wedding appt SB @ 11 am
St. Vincent de Paul SB @ 7.30 pm
Tues: Fr. Chris: Day off
Toddler Group SB meet 1.30—3.15 pm
St. Bede's Kneeler Group SB 7 pm
Wed: Fr. Chris: Wedding appt. SB @ 11 am
Fr. Chris: Bishop Challoner School Reconciliation 10.30
Fr. Chris: Meeting at 4.30 pm
Journey in Faith SB @ 7.30 pm
Thur: PFC meet SB @ 7.30 pm
Fri: Confirmation Session SB 7—9 pm
Sat: Fr. Chris: Wedding appt. SB at 11 am
Wedding in HG @1 pm
The Lord's Flock 4.30—8.30 pm

Sunday collection amounted to £1,849.14p. Grateful thanks

Saint Jude: Feast Day 28th October. Patron Saint of lost causes and desperate cases. St. Jude was one of the Twelve Apostles appointed by Jesus Christ.

Parish Mass Timetable

Sun: 23rd February—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Psalter 3; Yr. 2)

See Parish Mass Book, p 139

9.00 am SB Ned Fagan RIP (Fagan)
11.00 am SB Dec. Mbrs Coelho Family (Norwoози)
6.30 pm SB People of the Parish

Mon: *Feria*

9.30 am HG Bridget Foy RIP (Foy-Oram)

Tues: *No Mass today at St. Bede's*

9.15 am at St. Joseph's—Basingstoke

Wed: *Feria*

9.30 am HG Dec. Mbrs. Carr, Sadler Families

Thurs: *Feria*

9.30 am SB Anne Hickey RIP

Fri: *Feria*

9.30 am HG Keith Stockdale RIP (Connor)

Sat: *St. David, Religious, Bishop*

9.30 am SB Jack Betts RIP (Irving)

Sun: 2nd March—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am SB People of the Parish
11.00 am SB Fay Redmond RIP (Short)
6.30 pm SB In thanksgiving Hynes family

Pope Francis: *"In the Liturgy God is present. We must put ourselves in God's time and space, without looking at our watches"*

EXPLORING THE OLD TESTAMENT"

Dr Bridie Stringer PhD

Thursdays at 7.30 pm : Starts Apr 24, May 1st, May 8th and May 15th(Refreshments at 7pm)

Bridie is a parishioner of Fleet Parish, an experienced Catechist and Teacher and visiting lecturer at St Mary's University, Twickenham. She is an informative and entertaining speaker and author. We approached her last year to ask if she would be willing to lead some sessions on the Old Testament because often as Catholics we are very familiar and comfortable with the New Testament, but do not always understand the diversity and importance of the Old Testament. Bridie has agreed initially to offer 4 "taster" sessions at St Joseph's and **all in the Pastoral Area are welcome.**

This will be very accessible and the idea will be to add to your understanding of some of the texts and books and their significance which may inspire you to learn more. We hope as many of you as possible will come along. * Two of Bridie's recent publications are: ***Baptising Babies and Clearing Gutters:*** A Fresh Appraisal of the Permanent Diaconate

To be a Pilgrim An account of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Confessions: On Sunday between 5.30—6.15 pm. Also on Saturday after the 9.30 am Mass here at St. Bede's

Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 9.30 am Mass on Friday

Loop system

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



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You can now find the parish on facebook. 'Like' us at facebook.com/stbedesbasingstoke or read the latest posts on our website. You can follow James Budzynski on his travels.

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.

Please pray for all the Sick in our Parish

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us for Mass in your safe-keeping. We remember: Sean Walsh, Theodora Gatchalian, John Hickey, Joan Gomes. Carmel Hyland, Larry Hynan, Jillian Simms, Anne Quinn, Jacqueline Hudson, Jenny McMahon. Renante Evangelista.

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