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**2014**

**Corpus Christi**



**North West Hampshire Catholic News**

**Weekly Newsletter**

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

What does *Corpus Christi* mean to me? It does not only bring the Liturgy to mind; for me, it is a day on which heaven and earth work together. In my mind's eye it is the time when spring is turning into summer; the sun is high in the sky, and crops are ripening in field and meadow.

The Church's feasts make present the Mystery of Christ, but Jesus Christ was immersed in the faith of the people of Israel and so, arising from this background in Israel's life, the Christian feasts are also involved with the rhythm of the year, the rhythm of seedtime and harvest.

How could it be otherwise in a Liturgy which has at its centre the sign of bread, fruit of earth and heaven? Here this fruit of the earth, bread, is privileged to be the bearer of Him in whom heaven and earth, God and man have become one. The way the Church's feasts fit in with the seasons of the year is therefore not an accident. Consequently we must go on to discover the inner rhythm of the Church's year and see the place *Corpus Christi* has within it.

First of all, clearly, it grows out of the mystery of Easter and Pentecost: it presupposes the Resurrection and the sending of the Spirit. But it is also in close proximity to the Feast of the Trinity, which reveals the inner logic in the connection between Easter and Pentecost. It is only because God Himself is the Eternal Dialogue of love that He can speak and be spoken to. Only because He himself is relationship can we relate to him; only because he is love can he love and be loved in return. Only because He is threefold can he be the grain of wheat which dies and the Bread of Eternal Life.

Ultimately, then, *Corpus Christi* is an expression of faith in God, in love, in the fact that God is Love. All that is said and done on *Corpus Christi* is in fact a single variation on the theme of love, what it is and what it does. In one of his *Corpus Christi* hymns Thomas Aquinas puts it beautifully: *nec sumptus consumitur* - Love does not consume: it gives and, in giving, receives. And in giving it is not used up but renews itself. Since *Corpus Christi* is a confession of faith in Love, it is totally appropriate that the day should focus on the mystery of Transubstantiation.

Love is Transubstantiation, transformation. *Corpus Christi* tells us: Yes, there is such a thing as love, and therefore there is transformation, therefore there is hope. And hope gives us the strength to live and face the world. Perhaps it was good to have experienced doubts about the meaning of celebrating *Corpus Christi*, for it has led us to the rediscovery of a Feast which, today, we need more than ever.

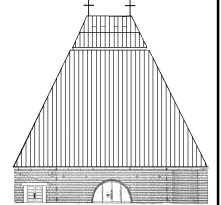
**Joseph, Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)**

**WELCOME TO ST. BEDE'S CHURCH**



## ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX  
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### Parish Diary: - 22nd June 2014

**Sun:** Music: 9.00 Choir : 11.00 Filipino :  
6.30 pm Cantorg  
Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass  
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass  
11 am Mass signed for the hard of hearing  
Confirmation Candidates—'Going Forth'  
today at the 11 am Mass  
Foodbank collection after all Masses today.  
**Mon:** SVP SB at 7.30 pm  
Fr. Chris: Requiem St. Martin's Church  
Ellisfield at 1.30 pm  
**Tues:** Toddler Group meet SB 1.30—3.15 pm  
Kneeler and Nurture Group SB at 7 pm  
**Wed:** 9 am Choir—practice SB at 7.30pm  
**Thur:** Church Cleaning SB 11—12 noon  
Office closed—Diocesan Secretary's Day  
**Fri:** Significant Weddings—setting up  
**Sat:** Significant Weddings Celebrations  
The Lord's Flock SB 5.30—8.30pm

**Welcome to Bishop Philip** who will be joining us for the Significant Weddings Mass at St. Bede's on Saturday 28th June



### Kneeler and Nurture Group

This months Kneeler Group and Nurture meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th June 7 pm until 9 pm at St Bede's Hall.  
Come along and join us either to work on a kneeler or enjoy a relaxing evening chatting drinking tea and eating cake.  
Contact detail: Susan Beard 01256 417764 or e-mail [susan.beard@ntlworld.com](mailto:susan.beard@ntlworld.com)

Collection last Sunday amounted to £1,750.01p  
Grateful thanks. Second collection next weekend for Peter's Pence

### Farewell

Alyssa, the cantor at 6.30pm Mass is leaving to go to university. Her last service is TODAY. Alyssa has grown as a singer enormously over the past two years, she has been a great asset to the 6.30 pm Celebration of Mass... We shall be sad to see Alyssa go, but wish her every success and Blessings as she embarks on her life journey to University.

### Baptisms:

Congratulations to the following who were baptised recently: Olivia Czapul, Lucas Francis Joseph Dickinson, Charlie James Beere, Thomas Ondrej Ward, Siobhan Anne Hunt and Sophia Rose Murphy.



### Church cleaning

If you have an hour to spare next Thursday 26th June between 11 and 12 noon, we ask you please to come and help us with a 'Spring cleaning' operation, in preparation for the Significant Weddings Celebrations which take place here on Saturday. We thank those who come here fortnightly without fail, who keep our Church clean and tidy.



### Liturgy Planner

Musicians please collect your new edition of the 'Liturgy Planner' from the Sacristy—they have been there for two weeks now ready for collecting !!

### Corpus Christi

This is one of the Holy days of obligation which the Bishops of England and Wales have transferred to the nearest Sunday—which is **TODAY**

**Before Mass:** pray to God. **During Mass:** listen to God. **After Mass:** talk to everyone

## Parish Mass Timetable

22nd June 2014  
(Psalter Week 4)

9.00 am SB Larry O'Reilly RIP (Reilly)  
11.00 am SB Int. Jason & Isabella Bell  
6.30 pm SB People of the Parish

See *Parish Mass Book*, p. 83

### Week beginning 23rd June

Mon: *St. Etheldreda, Abbess*  
9.30 am HG Int. Pat Cooke  
Tue: *The Nativity of St John the Baptist*  
10.30 am HG *Requiem Paul Walsh RIP*  
Wed: *Feria*  
9.30 am HG Patricia Norton RIP  
Thurs: *Feria*  
9.30 am SB Sean Hynes RIP (Byrne)  
Fri: *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*  
8.15 am SB In thanksgiving Darlene  
(Durangparang)  
Sat: *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*  
11.00 SB Significant Weddings Celebrations  
Sun: **29th June—Feast of Ss Peter & Paul (Psalter Week 1)**  
9.00 am SB People of the Parish  
11.00 am SB Halina Godamska RIP Justyna)  
6.30 pm SB Cullen & McCarthy Families RIP

*Morning Prayer: 9.15 am before each weekday Mass*  
*Rosary: recited after the weekday Mass.*

## Confessions

Fr. Chris will usually be available to hear Confessions every Saturday after the 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am. No Confessions on Sat 28th

**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.

## 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.

**Requiem for Paul Walsh RIP** takes place in Holy Ghost Church on Tuesday 24th June at 10.30 am

**Requiem for Maureen Donnelly RIP** takes place on Thursday 26th June at 2 pm in Holy Ghost Church. May they Rest in Peace. We remember all families who are bereaved at this time.

**Funeral Service for Clifford Jones RIP** takes place on Monday 30th June at 11.30 am at St. Bede's Church. May their souls and the souls of the Faithful Departed—Rest in Peace



Please remember in your prayers Fr. John Cook's Mum—Pat Cooke, who is in hospital following a stroke.

### 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 Gatachalian, John Hickey, Joan Gomes, Carmel Hyland, Larry Hynan, Jillian Simms, Anne Quinn, Jacqueline Hudson, Jenny McMahon, Julian Boma, Juliet Mitchell, Phyllis McMorrow, Margaret McDonnell

## Loop system

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



Just to say **thank you** to those people who 'Welcome' parishioners to Mass—they indeed enhance our liturgy throughout the year.

## 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

**NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE**

Peters Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. The Faithfull's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being Pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of faithful in grave difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalized and the victims of war or natural disasters; concrete aid to Bishops or dioceses in need, Catholic education, assistance to refugees and immigrants, etc.).

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2016**

Fr John Cooke is planning to lead a 12 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Travelling Sunday 14th – Thursday 25th February 2016. **Pilgrimage Information Session** regarding this awesome experience is on Sunday 29th June 3.00pm in the Hall at St Margaret Mary's, Park Gate, SO31 7GH (tel 01489 572797 or email [office@stmm.org.uk](mailto:office@stmm.org.uk))

**#livelife - Protect and Cherish Life - [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org)**

'Day for Life' - 27th July 2014 - the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life - will this year call upon young people in particular to protect and cherish life from conception to natural death. There will be a mandatory second collection in parishes to support Day for Life. Proceeds of the collection will go to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other pro-life related activities supported by the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

**NOT DEAD YET UK**

A group of disabled people campaigning to keep the laws against euthanasia and assisted suicide which at present protect them, has started a petition against Lord Falconer's "Assisted Dying" bill - See their website [www.notdeadyetuk.org](http://www.notdeadyetuk.org).

**CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!**

**INVOCATION - National Discernment Festival for Young People in the grounds and building of St. Mary's College, Oscott from Friday 4th July - Sunday 6th July 2014**

Get ready for an engaging mix of Faith and Friendship with over 500 other young people, experiencing Prayer and Worship, Adoration and Reconciliation, Engaging Talks and Inspiring Workshops as you come face to face with Jesus Christ, encountering the Lord as He draws you closer into a relationship with him. The Festival is a discernment festival. This means it is a weekend full of opportunities for you to think more deeply about who God is calling you to be. You might have never thought about that before – that God has a particular calling, purpose, personally, for you – or you might have been reflecting on it for a while and are seeking further guidance and inspiration.

There will be many inspiring priests, and Religious Brothers and Sisters from a host of unique, vibrant and engaging Congregations. It might be that you are thinking about Priesthood or Religious life, or you might have quite different thoughts about your own life journey. Either way, to talk with them and hear what inspired them to make their decisions could be helpful to you. Many of our wonderful Priests and Religious will join with prominent lay Catholics to deliver a host of engaging workshops on various themes. And four key note speakers will share great wisdom.

It doesn't matter whether your discerning a vocation to Priesthood, Religious life or Marriage or whether your just looking to deepen your faith and relationship with Christ alongside like minded young Catholics. Over 18's and Under 18's with Parental Consent/Medical form. £50 per person to include simple accommodation, all meals and tickets to events. **For more information go to [www.invoation.org.uk](http://www.invoation.org.uk)**

During **3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> July**, Tesco's are supporting the **Trussell Trust foodbanks** by allowing them to collect food in all their stores. To enable us to collect enough food to meet rising demand for boxes, the Basingstoke and Andover foodbanks are in need of volunteers to help us at these collections, both at the **Tesco's Extra in Andover** and also **Tesco's Superstore in Basingstoke**.

The collections are carried out throughout the day but we need to have people present from 10.00am - 4.00pm. If you can help please contact Jenny or Trevor on 01264 362111 or email [office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:office@andoverfoodbank.org.uk) Thank you.