



28th July 2014

**17th Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

Year A

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

Solomon was a young man who inherited the throne from his father, King David. He had no experience and much to learn, as is the nature of youth. But he had enough wisdom to ask for wisdom. When, in a dream, the Lord offered to grant him whatever he wished, Solomon did not ask for long life or wealth or power over his enemies. He asked for the wisdom to rule well, and for the ability to discern right from wrong.

This gift is, in fact, the most precious gift of all, greater than length of life, more valuable than riches, more powerful in people's lives than any force or favour. To be wise is to possess a power to guide the way you live your own life, a grace of personal tranquillity, which is able to bless and benefit others at the same time. It is no wonder, then, that people flocked to Jesus, the young carpenter and preacher from Galilee, when He started to walk among them, preaching and teaching and healing those who were sick. Here was a power and a wisdom they had never experienced before.

When the people listened to Jesus they said of Him, "this man speaks with authority and not like the scribes and Pharisees." The official representatives of religion might garble pious dictums to their listeners, but Jesus spoke powerfully from a loving heart and an understanding mind.

Taken from a 'Redemptorist Publication'

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (27 JULY—02 AUGUST)

These are arranged so that in the course of a year we pray for each parish of our Diocese and the Catholic organisations working there.

This week's intentions are:

Sun: Parish of St Joseph, Greysthott.

Mon: Parish of Our Lady of Assumption & St Edward the Confessor, Lyndhurst.

Tues: Community of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, St Sampson, Guernsey.

Wed: Diocesan Council of Priests. **Thurs:** Jesuits in the Diocese

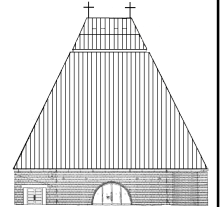
Fri: Redemptorists in the Diocese. **Sat:** Diocesan Chancellery

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: - 28th July 2014

Sun: Music: 9.00 Choir: 11.00 Popley:
6.30 pm Priest led.
11 am Mass Signed for the hard of hearing
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass
Second collection today to support
Day for Life

Tues: Fr. Chris day off
No Toddler Group until 9th Sept

Children's liturgy

This takes a break over the summer period, restarting again on Sunday 7th September. If your child attends primary school, please encourage them to join children's liturgy from September. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help children's liturgy

Collection last weekend amounted to £1,867.94p.
Second collection today for 'Day for Life'.
Thank you to the counting team who do a wonderful job weekly.

Readers/Eucharistic Ministry

If you are scheduled to Read or be a Eucharist Minister at Mass especially during the summer holidays, and are unable to fulfil your duty, please arrange substitute amongst yourselves
N.B. Readers—the reading at Mass ends with the words **'The Word of the Lord'**

Basingstoke Foodbank have two Volunteer positions available. The job descriptions for both are on the notice board in the cloister area. Or please contact the parish office...
basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk



First Holy Communion 2015

Application forms will be made available on 31st August for children who wish to make their First Holy Communion next summer. To begin the preparation programme the child must be a Baptised Catholic, deadline for applications will be 21st September, this is the closing date, after which no applications will be accepted.

Petitions for Lourdes

If you wish any petitions to be taken to Lourdes and left at the Grotto, please let the Parish Office have them..... Please do not put money in the envelope.

Help needed !!

We have a Parishioner who lives in the Black Dam area, who is seeking help with odd jobs around the house and garden.... If you live in this area and are willing to help (you will be paid).. Please contact the Parish Office.

Please pray for:

Mary Willis RIP, a parishioner here for some years who has died.
Her Requiem Mass is at St. Bede's on Tuesday 29th July at 12.45 pm. May she rest in peace.



'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.

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

Parish Mass Timetable

*Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
27th July 2014 (Psalter Week 1)*

Sun: 9.00 am SB Dec. Mbrs Liddell Family
11.00 am SB Paul Branagan RIP
6.30 pm SB Seamus O'Brien RIP (Stroud)
See Parish Mass Book, p. 108

Week beginning 28th July

Mon: *Feria*
9.30 am HG People of the Parish
Tue: *St. Martha*
12.45 pm SB Requiem Mary Willis RIP
Wed: *St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor*
9.30 am HG Pat Farrelly RIP (Farrelly)
Thurs: *St. Ignatius of Loyola, Founder*
9.30 am SB Int Betty Mooney (Byrne)
Fri: *St. Alphonsus Liguori, Founder, Bishop*
9.30 am HG Morning Prayer
Liturgy of the Word
Adoration
Sat: *Our Lady on Saturday*
No Mass today

Sun: Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Psalter Week 2)

9.00 am SB Moya Meredith RIP (Meredith)
11.00 am SB People of the Parish
6.30 pm SB Elizabeth & Gerald McMullan RIP
(Shorey)

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

Welcome to Rosalind Matthews who will be Baptised during the 11 am Mass today



Please keep the Church tidy, by returning all Mass and hymn books to the book stands provided in the cloister area.
Please remember the Church is God's House where people come to pray...

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.

Bless all those who care for those in need.

Sean Walsh, Theodora Gatachalian, Joan Gomes, Carmel Hyland, Larry Hynan, Jillian Simms, Anne Quinn, Jacqueline Hudson, Jenny McMahon, Julian Boma, Juliet Mitchell, Phyllis McMorrow, Margaret McDonnell, Alan Payne, Vivian Rossouw.

Confessions

During the summer holidays:

Confessions will be heard on Sunday 3rd, 10th and 17th August between 5.30—6.15 pm.

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.

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 helped in any way with the Cleaning of the Church

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

The Hand of Friendship

In March 2014 our Bishop Philip led a delegation to Bamenda in Cameroon to celebrate the Fortieth anniversary of the special link between our two Dioceses. Fr. Peter Codd was a member of the delegation and had, himself, worked for a time in the Bamenda Diocese some years ago. He came back with the hope and expectation that the Parishioners of The Sacred Heart, Hook would be prepared to work with him in finding all manner of things to help the people in Bamenda Province (the Diocese which Fr Peter knew is now two Dioceses – Bamenda and Kumbo, which together form Bamenda Province).

During Easter this year the Saint Francis Home for Skills Training (SAFRAHOST) appeal was launched across the Pastoral area. The response was over whelming, with tools, books, leather, knitting & sewing machines and machines of all kinds etc, being delivered from all over the pastoral area. With Father Peter's house and the convent quickly filling up, it was soon clear that more space would be needed and the use of a nearby barn was offered for the storage of the items.

Fr. Peter hopeful that there would be enough to fill a 20 foot shipping container, contacted a regular shipper to Africa and the date for loading was set.

Over the next few months people from far and wide continued to deliver items (and a van often being sent out to collect the bulkier ones).

In the days leading up to the shipment, items were re-packed, labelled, opened and re-packed again and put into crates labelled with their final destination in Cameroon. As well as the main collection for Saint Francis Home for Skills Training (SAFRAHOST), Fr Peter agreed that space would be set aside in the container for items to be sent to several institutions with in the Bamenda Diocese such as St Pauls Secondary School and St. Thomas Seminary for training Priests.

Come the morning of the 19th July 2014 a number of Parishioners of all ages and backgrounds descended upon the barn where all the items were waiting and without exception wondered "how it would all fit"? When the truck with the container eventually arrived it ended up getting bogged down in its' manoeuvring in the yard, eventually it was dragged out using a tractor and the hard work of all assembled.

Now the main work could begin, with the container were a gang of packers (four people), and with the bed of the container being over four foot off the ground it became obvious that the full crates would have to be emptied. Thus there was some (again) careful repacking by moving items into empty crates loaded into the container with the packers carefully ensuring all available space was used.

Slowly but surely items were loaded. When the container was a third loaded, it came to putting in the heavy machinery, lawn mowers and larger items – and here again the professional packers used all available space. As the morning wore on the sun came out and it very quickly warmed up, cool drinks were arranged for everyone, yet two of the packers respectfully declined because it was Ramadan, a truly multi-faith undertaking for the good of others.

Much to the delight of everyone helping, the container had just enough room for all the items assembled for shipment and at 11:30 am the container was duly closed, sealed and all were pleased that the items for shipment were now on the next stage of their journey to help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Fr. Peter would like to thank very much everyone who helped so generously with this appeal, either financially, or with the donation of items or with the task of sorting, labelling and loading.