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HOLY GHOST PARISH

BASINGSTOKE

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Psalter Week 1

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For the Christian, envy and greed are not just addictions and illnesses. They create an obstacle in our way of understanding God and in our freedom to follow God's guidance. In this they have their use. As we experience them tugging at our hearts and at our decisions, we are invited to deepen our appreciation of what is asked of us as followers of Christ. Each of us is tested in different ways. The tests, however, always have a similar aim in view. We are asked to free ourselves from the patterns that close down our openness to God and to others and to favour patterns that increase that openness.

Envy and greed are self-centred. They lead us to want as much as possible for ourselves, and to think that what another has is something I should have. It is true that such a world view often emerges from our own sense of emptiness. Not having any sense of fulfilment, we look elsewhere to fill the gap, but the gap is never filled. Instead we can look to the Lord and His teachings, for His grace and His guidance reveal a way forward in this labyrinth. The move to a greater generosity of spirit and a delight in what others achieve and have is a major step forward in human and spiritual growth. If we can do that, we can break the vicious circle of envy and greed and become fully alive in the kingdom of God.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun:	21st Sept	9.00 am	SB	Valerie & Martin Waugh-Bacchus RIP
		11.00 am	SB	Kevin Mcquire RIP
		6.30 pm	SB	Halina Gadomska RIP (Justyna)

Mon:	22nd Sept	<i>Feria</i>		
		9.30 am	HG	People of the Parish

Tue:	23rd Sept	<i>St Pi of Pietrelcina, Religious</i>		
		9.30 am	SB	Intn. Thelma Johnson & Alex Hammond

Wed:	24th Sept	<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>		
		9.30 am	HG	Intn. Breda Eakins (Hammond)

Thurs:	25th Sept	<i>Feria</i>		
		9.30 am	SB	Brigid Davidson RIP (Davidson)

Fri:	26th Sept	<i>Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs</i>		
		9.30 am	SB	Thanksgiving Vanni Family

Sat:	27th Sept	<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>		
		9.30 am	SB	Dec Mbrs. Hynes Family (Byrne)
		10.00am	SB	Confessions

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun:	28th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Roy & Simon Goodier RIP
		11.00 am	SB	Michel & Pino Colella RIP
		6.30 pm	SB	In thanksgiving Medalla family

Morning Prayer: 9.15 am before each weekday Mass at SB or HG

Rosary: recited after the weekday Mass at SB or HG

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015

Application forms are available in the cloister for children who wish to make their First Holy Communion next summer. **Deadline for applications will be 30th September**, this is the closing date, after which no applications will be accepted.

Fiona Blackburn is the Co-ordinator this year.

CONFIRMATION

For those in year 9 upwards wishing to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation at Portsmouth Cathedral on 14th June 2015 please supply the following information to the Parish Office. Name/ Contact telephone number and email address. The first session of 10 sessions will be at St Bede's on 26 September at 7.30pm. You will be contacted by email with further information.

DIFFERENT CULTURES

Do you like meeting people from different cultures? There's a great opportunity to join a team of dedicated volunteers who offer free weekly English Conversation Practice to people for whom English is a second language. Contact Margaret Carr (01256 467220) for more details.

BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY

Basingstoke Choral Society are looking for new singers! This season we will be singing Mendelssohn's *Elijah* (it's in English!) at the Anvil, Verdi's *Requiem* in Guildford Cathedral, and a new work *Mass In Blue* by Will Todd, which is an upbeat jazz setting for the Latin Mass. Come for a taster session of choruses from Mendelssohn's *Elijah* on Wednesday, October 1st 2014 at the Vyne School, Basingstoke at 7.30pm. You don't have to be able to read music!

SECOND COLLECTION

TODAY (Sun 21st) the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales ask that Home Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish, to invite prayer and support for the work of evangelisation. Please pray for and help the bishops to develop new ways to reach out to non-churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics by supporting the second collection today.

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

Collection boxes will be in the Church cloister next Sunday (28th Sept) to receive your donations of items below:

Tins of meat (mince, chicken, ham)

Biscuits

Fruit juice

Desserts & tinned fruit

Squash

Peanut butter & marmite

Thank you

MONSTRANCE

St Bede's Church does not have a Monstrance. We would like to remedy this, so that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament can be more easily celebrated here. Having checked the catalogues, we can purchase one for about £2,000. So I am asking, if you would like to make a donation to the fund, please put your offering in an envelope marked St Bede's Monstrance (anonymous donation also accepted) The names of all those who have donated will be inscribed in a special book and Mass will be offered for your intentions each year.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Could all Eucharistic Ministers taking Holy Communion to the sick or newly appointed Catechists for FHC please make themselves known to the Parish Office, giving the names of those they are visiting, so that we can cross reference you and ensure you are covered by an up to date DBS check.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP; Word of God

This Monday 22nd September at the Convent, Burgess Road, between 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Please bring your own Bible.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Please pray for all those who are sick:
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.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to Ava Kailin Lee, Livia Viktoria Kwiatkowska, Leyna Sara Nazareth, Viviana Elena Rosina Farley, who are being Baptised today.

PARISH DIARY

Sun Music: 9.00am Choir, 11.00am Cantorg (H)
6.30pm Guitar

Mon St. Vincent de Paul @ (SJ) 7.30 pm

Tues Toddler Group meeting SB 1.30 - 3.15pm
Kneeler Group SB 7—9 pm

Wed PFC SB @ 8 pm

Thurs PPC SB @ 7.30 pm

Fri Confirmation Session SB @ 7.30 pm

Sat The Lord's Flock SB 5.30 - 8.30 pm

COLLECTION

Grateful thanks for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1,904.26. Second collection for Racial Justice amounted to £230.30.

Have you thought about a standing order for your weekly gift to the church gift please contact the Parish Office for a form.

AND FINALLY..... Thank you to the group who open and lock up Holy Ghost Church throughout the year.