

**NORTH WEST
HAMPSHIRE
PASTORAL AREA**

SERVING THE PARISHES OF
ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,
HOOK, TADLEY
AND KINGSCLERE



**HOLY GHOST PARISH
BASINGSTOKE**

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Psalter Week 3

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's readings centre on how best to address the problems that arise within the local church, in particular on the issue of brotherly or sisterly correction. This is clearly a delicate and often thankless task, and yet there are times when it has to be done. Ezekiel, whom we hear in our first reading insists that just as a sentry is duty-bound to warn of approaching danger, so he, the prophet, must warn those who persist in wickedness of the consequence of their actions.

If his language sometimes seems harsh, it's because the issue is so serious. Indeed, in some ways Ezekiel's words foreshadow Jesus' own teaching, as presented to us in today's Gospel. There he reminds us that we have a familial duty to do what we can when a brother's or sister's behaviour causes offence, especially when it is a threat to the well-being of the community. The first step is to deal with the matter privately and informally, in the hope that it will result in a peaceful settlement. It is far better to have the courage to speak with wrongdoers face to face than to gossip about them behind their back.

If that fails, stage two is to get the assistance of a couple of others; it will be more difficult to reject the advice of two or three people than that of one. Finally, as a last resort, the matter may have to be brought to the community; and should wrongdoers persist in their waywardness, then they're cutting themselves off from that community. This may have to be officially acknowledged. However, excommunication should be rare, and should be used not as a punishment but rather as encouragement to the wrongdoer to return to the fold. If, as the Gospel puts it, such a person is to be treated "like a pagan or a tax collector", that does not mean that the community are to wash their hands of him or her. On the contrary, just as pagans and tax collectors were a special focus of Jesus' ministry, so Jesus teaches us to include them in the community's mission also.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Sun: | 7th Sept | 9.00 am | SB | People of the Parish |
| | | 11.00 am | SB | Peace in our World |
| | | 6.30 pm | SB | Des O'Sullivan RIP |
| Mon: | 8th Sept | <i>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY</i> | | |
| | | 9.30 am | HG | Int. Carmel Hyland (Carr) |
| Tue: | 9th Sept | <i>St. Peter Claver</i> | | |
| | | 9.30 am | SB | Sister Doris RIP (Maryfield Convent) |
| Wed: | 10th Sept | <i>Feria</i> | | |
| | | 9.30 am | HG | Neil O'Boyle RIP (Ford) |
| Thurs: | 11th Sept | <i>Feria</i> | | |
| | | 9.30am | SB | Int. Una Clark |
| Fri: | 12th Sept | <i>THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY</i> | | |
| | | 9.30am | HG | Thanksgiving for the Vanni Family |
| | | 10.00am | HG | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Sat: | 13th Sept | <i>St John Chrysostom</i> | | |
| | | 9.30 am | SB | Int. Sheila Wagstaff |
| | | 10.00am | SB | Confessions |

EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

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| Sun: | 14th Sept | 9.00 am | SB | In Thanksgiving Piotr (Piotr) |
| | | 11.00 am | SB | People of the Parish |
| | | 6.30 pm | SB | Margaret Golding RIP (Office) |

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

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

Takes place in Portsmouth Cathedral on 14th June 2015 for anyone in Year 9 upwards from September.

A monthly preparation programme will commence at the end of September at St Bede's. Further details will follow during September.

SCHOOL CAR PARK CLOSURE

On Sunday 14th September the School Car park will be closed, they are having a new classroom delivered.

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking your cars and please do not park in Abbey Court Residential Home

A reminder that it is illegal to park vehicles on the grassed areas along the edge of Popley Way, please do not park there.

PRAYER AT ST BEDE'S CHURCH

Recently, the Priests of the Pastoral Area agreed that they would try to meet each Monday, starting on 1st September until the beginning of Advent, for Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 12 noon to 1 pm. Parishioners are invited to join us, please note that this is a special time of prayer and reflection for the Priests and Deacons.

ST BEDE'S KNEELER GROUP

Annual Draw Tickets will be available after 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses on 14th September the draw will take place after 9:00 am Mass on 21st September this is to support our long term project to replace over time the existing kneelers at St. Bede's. Our purpose is to create unique tapestry kneelers for the parish. There will also be a display of some work in progress and completed kneelers. We welcome new members of all ages and ability.

For further information contact Susan by e-mail susan.beard@ntlworld.com or by telephone 01256 417764

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Keep in touch with the latest news ! The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news with photos, news and information from around the Diocese. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates. Are you on Facebook? Like 'Diocese of Portsmouth' to get all the latest info as it happens. You can also follow @BishopEgan and @PortsmouthRC on Twitter.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jeanette Megone and Mark Marsh

Who are getting married on Saturday 13th September at 1.30 pm in Holy Ghost Church

NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER

This is a new look newsletter designed to harmonise news and events between Father Chris' two parishes, so that both communities have a better understanding of each other and can share resources and events.

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING

CAFOD Portsmouth will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Saturday 13 September from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX).

To book a place please ring 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk by 8 September.

BISHOP PHILIP EGAN

will celebrate Mass in honour of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, a Filipino-Chinese saint enshrined at St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth on Saturday 27th September 2014 at 4:00 pm. There will be a procession of Filipino and Chinese saints from the car park to the Church starting at 3:30 pm. Filipinos and Chinese groups will bring food to share after the Mass. All is invited. For more information call Fr. Claro Conde, 07803191502

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Returns on 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.

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.

MORNING PRAYER

This 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.

PARISH DIARY

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| Sun 7th | Welcome back to the Choirs & Music Groups Refreshments after 9am & 11 am Mass |
| Tues 9th | Toddler Group meeting SB 1.30 - 3.15pm |
| Sat 13th | The Lord's Flock SB 5.30 - 8.30 pm |

COLLECTION

Grateful thanks for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £2,281.45.

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

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Weekend 14th September is for Racial Justice

CHEQUES

All Cheques to parish Payable to
PRCDTR Basingstoke Holy Ghost

AND FINALLY..... Have a good week and God Bless