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**HOLY GHOST PARISH
BASINGSTOKE**

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus was in many ways the ultimate example of humility. Yet, humility is not a trait that is highly thought of in our society. We live in a world where independence and relying on no one else is considered to be a high form of expression. For the past few weeks, our second readings have been drawn from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Most of the New Testament consists of letters (epistles). Philippi was a major city in Macedonia, which is part of Greece. When Paul evangelized there, it is believed that it was his first venture into what we consider today to be Europe. Paul felt a warmth and closeness to the Philippians, and that is demonstrated in his letter to them. It is nonetheless his appeal to them as a community that provides us with an important stewardship message in today's reading. St. Paul says, "...humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." This is a direct reference to how Jesus lived.

If we lived in a community where everyone else regarded each of us as more important (everyone else looked up to us; and we in turn looked up to everyone else), what a community it would be. Each of us would be elevated, lifted up by all those around us. What the result would be is an unbelievable sense of unity. That is what Paul calls the Philippians to, and it is what Jesus calls us to through stewardship.

Taken from 'The Catholic Steward.com'

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun:	28th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Roy and Simon Goodier RIP
		11.00 am	SB	Michel & Pino Colella RIP
		6.30 pm	SB	In thanksgiving Medalla Family
Mon:	29th Sept	<i>The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>		
		9.30 am	HG	Kate Raymund RIP
Tue:	30th Sept	<i>St Jerome</i>		
		9.30 am	SB	Rita Moore RIP (More)
Wed:	1st Oct	<i>St Theresa of the Child Jesus</i>		
		9.30 am	HG	Briget Foy RIP (A. Foy)
Thurs:	2nd Oct	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>		
		9.30 am	SB	Geoffrey Manley RIP (Manley)
Fri:	3rd Oct	<i>Feria</i>		
		9.30 am	HG	In thanksgiving for the Vanni Family
Sat:	4th Oct	<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>		
		9.30 am	SB	In thanksgiving for Paddy Byrne
		10.00am	SB	Confessions

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun:	5th Oct	9.00 am	SB	Mary & Harold Vickers RIP
		11.00 am	SB	Jessica McCully RIP, Terry Sullivan RIP
		6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

Morning Prayer: 9.15 am before each weekday Mass at SB or HG
Rosary: recited after the weekday Mass at SB or HG

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend is for The Cathedral

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015

Deadline for applications will be this coming Wednesday 30th September, after Wednesday no applications will be accepted.

CONFIRMATION

The first session took place at St. Bede's on Friday evening. We ask you to keep in your prayers our Confirmation Candidates.

PARISH TREASURER

Frank McKenna has stepped down as Parish Treasurer after two years. We wish to thank Frank for all his many years of loyal and dedicated service to the Parish. We welcome Jan Hughes as our new treasurer.

FAREWELL TO NATALIE

Natalie Fairhurst has been singing in the St Bede's Church 9am choir for many years. We have all enjoyed her beautiful voice, her enthusiasm and her musical talent. We have also been grateful that she brings down the average age of the choir, considerably! Natalie is now off to read Medicine at St. Catherine's College Oxford, for which we offer her huge *Congratulations*. We send our prayers and best wishes to you Natalie for your studies and your musical career in Oxford and hope that you will come back to see us all over the coming years.

POST- CONFIRMATION FORMATION - YEAR 2 - T3

Bishop Philip has asked that our confirmation preparation last for two years—one before the celebration of the sacrament and one after. I am therefore inviting those who were confirmed last June to register for this year's sessions, which I will be leading. There will be a mix of sessions and events, aimed at making this year help our young people grow in 3 ways—through FAITH, FUN & FRIENDSHIP. The Friday sessions will be mainly about building your faith relationship with God—helping you to know God better and be able to pray better—but there will be time for fun too. We will mainly be using a resource called T3, which we've tested out on some of our young people who were all positive. There will also be opportunities to put our faith into action as our young people will help us work towards a "Live Simply Award", showing how our faith makes a difference to the way we live our lives, serving others in need. If you have any questions please let me know—otherwise, please contact the St. Joseph's parish office (01256 323595 or stjbas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to receive a consent form, to be returned by Fri 10th Oct at the latest. God Bless Fr. Mark

SECOND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the upkeep of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, the Mother Church of our Diocese—TODAY

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.

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.

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.

PARISH DIARY

Tues 30th Toddler Group meeting 1.30 - 3.15pm
Thurs 2nd Church Cleaning 11 - 12 noon
Youth evening 7.30 - 9pm
Sat 4th The Lord's Flock 5.30 - 8.30 pm
Sun 5th Refreshments after 11 am Mass today
Baptisms at 3pm

MASS IN ITALIAN

Fr Benjamin will be celebration Mass in Italian at Holy Ghost Church on Friday 14th November at 7.00pm So please tell your friends and brush up on your Italian!

MASS IN POLISH

Nastepna Msza Swieta po polsku odbedzie sie w sobote, dnia 25/10/2014 o godz. 18:00 w kosciele Holy Ghost

HARVEST FAST DAY

Harvest Fast Day is on Friday 3rd October. Please help us raise money for some of the world's poorest people. CAFOD is always grateful for your support and because of your generosity and prayers they are able to help change the lives of thousands of people worldwide.

Envelopes for this collection are available from the Cloister, please do remember to bring them back with your donations on the 5th October.

CHEQUES

All Cheques to the parish please make payable to PRCDTR Basingstoke Holy Ghost

RED BOXES

Please bring your red boxes for counting next Sunday 5th Oct, they will be collected after all Masses.

MASS COUNT

at all Masses in the month of October for National and diocesan Statistics

AND FINALLY. Thanks to those who open and close St. Bede's Church when requested.