

**NORTH WEST
HAMPSHIRE
PASTORAL AREA**

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



**HOLY GHOST PARISH
BASINGSTOKE**

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"You shall love your neighbour as yourself," Jesus advises the Pharisees and others who are listening to Him. This was in answer to a "trick" question posed to him by a lawyer among the Pharisees. The questioner wanted the Lord to give a response that might appear to lessen other commandments. Instead, Jesus points out that there are some commandments from our God that are greater than our traditional Ten Commandments.

"You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." We are first called to that relationship with God, a relationship which acknowledges God's love of us, and results in our own love of the Lord. That is where stewardship must begin with each of us — through developing a loving bond with God. However, Jesus then explains to us how we must relate to one another: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Many misinterpret Christ's admonition to mean that we must love ourselves first. He was not saying that we must love ourselves before we love anyone else. He was saying nonetheless that our focus as stewards needs to be on serving and loving others. The good steward respects, regards, and loves others as he or she might expect to be treated. Love and stewardship are very much the same — each strives to put others before our own interests.

Taken from 'The Catholic Steward. Com'

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday 26th Oct	9.00 am	SB	Maureen McCauley RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Ted Enright RIP (Lee)
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon: 27th Oct	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	In thanksgiving Gibson Family
	12.00 noon	SB	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tue: 28th Oct	<i>Ss Simon & Jude</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Maureen Burnard RIP
Wed: 29th Oct	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Holy Souls
Thurs: 30th Oct	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Yvonne Rutledge RIP
Fri: 31st Oct	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Bertie & Mamie Quinn RIP
Sat: 1st Nov	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Heather Miller RIP (Bulley Family)
	10.00am	SB	Confessions

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Sun: 2nd Nov	9.00 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Carr & Sadler Families
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	John & Kathleen Hennessy RIP

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

Rosary: recited after the weekday Mass at SB or HG

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

This week only, the Pastoral letter from the Bishop which be incorporated with the newsletter, please ensure you take a copy home with you.

BAMENDA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Every year we have a **special collection** to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. **Please ensure you see a copy of the Bamenda Newsletter** to see how we benefit from our twinned relationship and how much your help is needed.

REFRESHMENTS

Why not stop by and have a cup of tea/coffee in the hall after the 9 am Masses weekly. We thank those people who have been on the tea/coffee rota for many years.... However, if you wish to be put on the rota, please contact the Parish Office. Also after the 11 am Mass on Sunday 2nd November, there will be tea /coffee and cakes, the proceeds will go to support the Macmillian Nurses.

VOICE IN THE DESERT

Saturday 15th November 2014, 10:30am – 4pm

If you are aged between year 8 – young adult, we warmly invite you to join us for our preparation event for National Youth Sunday 2014! The day will kick start with a performance from award winning theatre group, TenTen theatre, and will involve workshops including drama workshops, music workshops & spiritual survival workshops. The day will build towards our final Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Philip. Cost: £10. Venue: Saint George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, Southampton. SO16 3DQ. Bookings and more info: Will Hince 07780221686 whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MONSTRANCE

A beautiful Monstrance has been ordered and should be with us shortly. We have surpassed our target, we are very grateful for the generosity of our Parishioners. We should be able to order a wooden case to keep it in

BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 9th November at 2.30pm at Worthing Road Cemetery.

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

There will be a 'plant sale' after all Masses TODAY in support of St. Michael's Hospice.

COLLECTION

Grateful thanks for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £1,840.61p. Second collection for Foreign Missions mounted to £488.64p.

NEW REPOSITORY SHOP

The new shop is open now down in the cloister area after the 9 and 11 am Masses, also on Tuesday 11th November between 9 am – 3 pm.

THE IT UPGARDE starts this week at St Bede

YOUTH SUNDAY

On Sun 23rd Nov, our parishes will be celebrating the annual feast of Christ the King, which is also National Youth Sunday. St. Joseph's, will be having a special "one-off" youth-only Mass aimed at those in secondary school at 6pm. The music, readings, homily, etc will all be geared towards young people. No adults (other than helpers!) allowed. The evening Mass will be followed by a social event for our young people.
Fr. Mark

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA 'DRAW'

October 'Lucky Me' winner is Gil Kemmish who won £25. Congratulations.

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.

POLISH MASS IN HOLY GHOST CHURCH OCT 25TH at 6 pm

Nastepna Msza Swieta po polsku odbedzie sie w sobote dnia 25/10/2014 o godz. 18:00 w kosciole Holy Ghost Church, Sherborne Road, Basingstoke. RG21 5TD
Serdecznie Zapraszamy!

PARISH DIARY

Sun 26th Music: 9.00am Choir 11.00am Cantorg
6.30 pm Priest Led
Fri. 31st Lord's Flock Rehearsal 5—7 pm

PRAYER AT ST BEDE'S CHURCH

Recently, the Priests of the Pastoral Area agreed that they would try to meet each Monday, 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.

BASINGSTOKE STREE PASTORS

Street Pastors is about caring, helping and listening to those who are out in Basingstoke on a Friday and Saturday evening. Basingstoke needs more volunteers to join our existing teams who walk around the town and also to support our Safe Hub where someone who is upset, unwell or injured can go. Meeting on Mon. 27th Oct at The Drama Studio, The Kings School, Key House, Sarum Hill at 7.30 pm. If you would like more details please speak to me, Paul Gibbons on 07554 044217 or email paul.joseph.gibbons@gmail.com

BASINGSTOKE FOOD BANK

Following a meeting with the Pastoral Council it was thought we could do more to help the food bank. Currently we ask for goods once a month. We would like to increase that to every Sunday to help those in desperate need. More info next week.

AND FINALLY Thank you to the two ladies who clean St. Bede's kitchen monthly.