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ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,
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**HOLY GHOST PARISH
BASINGSTOKE**

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's parable, the tenants in the vineyard, while they have not lost the ability to recognise the heir, have lost any interest in the importance of that fact. They have ceased to care about the consequences of their actions. They have become so brutalised that they do not realise that their own future well-being is tied up with cooperating with, and respecting, the heir.

How then do we avoid becoming like the wicked tenants of the vineyard? Surely it is by practising the virtues, both cardinal and theological? We can only do this if we maintain a humble attitude to the Lord and pray for his help. As we practise the virtues they become a part of who we are. We regard to the virtue of faith we can say, "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief." As the virtue of faith comes to the aid of our intellect, perhaps we could match it with what St Paul says in the second reading, "fill your minds with everything that is true". We could match the virtue of hope with St Paul's advice to ask God for things "with prayer and thanksgiving", since prayer is the expression of memory and hope. We could match up our charity with his counsel to "keep doing all the things that you learnt from me." The virtue of charity comes to the aid of our will, so that we can will and work for that which God has prepared for us. If we use the virtues, then we won't lose the virtues.

This is not always easy. Bad habits, temptations and weariness all interfere with our attempts to be faithful servants and good stewards of the gifts that God has given us. But Christ is always at hand in prayer and the sacraments to come to our help, to raise us up when we fall. Our Lady, the refuge of sinners and help of Christians, prays for us continually, so that when "the heir" comes, we will be ready to receive him joyfully.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun:	5th Oct	9.00 am	SB	Mary & Harold Vickers
		11.00 am	SB	Jessica McCullyRIP, Terry Sullivan RIP
		6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon:	6th Oct	<i>St. Bruno</i>		
		11.00 am	HG	Requiem Laurence Williams RIP
Tue:	7th Oct	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>		
		9.30 am	SB	Birthday Intentions John Hicks (Sims)
Wed:	8th Oct	<i>Feria</i>		
		9.30 am	HG	Maria Stowell RIP (Stowell)
Thurs:	9th Oct	<i>Blessed John Henry Newman</i>		
		9.30 am	SB	Eddie O'Brien RIP (O'Brien)
Fri:	10th Oct	<i>St Paulinus of York</i>		
		9.30 am	HG	In thanksgiving Vanni Family
Sat:	11th Oct	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>		
		9.30 am	SB	Laurence Williams RIP (Gould)
		10.00am	SB	Confessions

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun:	12th Oct	9.00 am	SB	John O'Hara RIP (Power)
		11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
		6.30 pm	SB	Kathleen 7 Patrick Bruen RIP (Reid)

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

REQUIEM

Requiem for Laurence Williams RIP at Holy Ghost Church on Monday 6th Oct at 11 am. We remember Tina and her family members at this sad time. May he rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015

The deadline for applications for next year's First Holy Communion programme is over. Any forms handed in now will be held for considerations in the 2015/16 programme. We have 76 children now booked on the 2015 programme, and we have to be sensible in managing this number and ensuring we have enough adults who can help with the catechesis of the children.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We urgently need more helpers so that we can continue the important Children's Liturgy at 9am and 11am. If you could help about 3 times a term, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Tanya@sidly-family.com or contact the parish office. Thank you very much for your help in this important Ministry.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The Journey in Faith programme will be rested this year, so that we can review our programme for 2015-16. However, after Christmas there will be a short series of talks and reflections on the Catholic Faith for those who may consider joining the course in September 2015

MONSTRANCE

Thank you to the many parishioners who have contributed to this fund, we have raised about £1,700 to date. A Mass for the benefactors will be celebrated annually. As soon as we have purchased the monstrance it will be on display and then be used for Exposition

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

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.

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

Tues 7th Toddler Group meeting 1.30 - 3.15pm
Savio meeting 7.30—9.00 pm
Sat 11th The Lord's Flock 5.30 - 8.30 pm
Syro Malabar Retreat HG 9—6 pm
Sun 12th Syro Malabar Retreat HG 9—6 pm

CULTURAL HISTORY CELEBRATION MASS

The Basingstoke Caribbean Catholic Group (BACCA) would like to invite all members of the parish to celebrate their cultural heritage with a taste of African drumming, food at the 11 am Mass on Sunday 19th October.

MASS IN POLISH

Następna Msza Święta po polsku odbędzie się w sobotę, dnia 25/10/2014 o godz. 18:00 w kościele Holy Ghost

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 COUNT

Throughout the Sundays of October, we are obliged by the Bishop to count the number of people coming to Mass. Such information is useful in Diocesan planning and also to prove to others that Catholics do still come to Mass.

MISSIO (APF) RED BOXES

If you have not brought back your red boxes for emptying, please do so, as soon as possible.

COLLECTION

Sunday collection amounted to £1,965.14p. Second collection last weekend for the upkeep of the Cathedral amounted to £381.51p. Grateful thanks.

SECOND COLLECTION

Sunday 18th October for the Foreign Missions

CHEQUES

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

AND FINALLY thank you to the Parish staff !!

Have a good week !!!