

**NORTH WEST
HAMPSHIRE
PASTORAL AREA**

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



HOLY GHOST PARISH

BASINGSTOKE

St. Bede's Church

Popley Way, Basingstoke,
RG24 9DX

Holy Ghost Church

Sherborne Rd. Basingstoke.
RG21 5TX

SACRED HEART PARISH

Sacred Heart Church
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**Christmas Day
Feast of The Holy Family
The Epiphany of the Lord**

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Christmas Blessings on behalf of

Fr. Chris, Fr. Benjamin

and the Parish Staff

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
24th December 2014**

Wed 24th Dec	The Nativity of the Lord	6.00 pm SB Carol Service
		6.30 pm SB Christmas Vigil Mass
		9.00 pm HG Mass in Polish
		11.30 pm SB Carol Service
		12 midnight SB The Nativity of the Lord
Thurs 25th Dec	Christmas Day	8.00 am SB People of the Parish
		10.00 am SB People of the Parish
Fri 26th Dec	St. Stephen	10.00 SB Halina Gadomska RIP (Justyna)
Sat 27th	Feast of St. John	10.00 am SH Sacred Heart Convent
		6.00 pm SH Sacred Heart
Sun 28th		9.00 am SB Tom Bowers (Bowers)
		11.00 am SB People of the Parish
		6.30 pm SB Dec. Mbrs Hynes Family
Mon 29th		9.30 am HG Ruby Smith RIP (O'Brien)
Tues 30th		9.30 am SB In thanksgiving Gibson Family
Wed 31st		9.30 am HG Martin Cleary RIP (Cleary)
Thurs 1st Jan 2015		11.00 am SB Int. Benjamin Smith
Fri 2nd Jan.		9.30 am HG Sean McNamara RIP
Sat 3rd Jan		9.30 am SB John & Madge O'Brien RIP
Sun 4th Jan		9.00 am SB Nancy O'Neill RIP
		11.00 am SB People of the Parish
		6.30 am SB Elizabeth Murray RIP (Fleming)
Mon 5th Jan		9.30 am SB St. Bede's parishioners
Tues 6th Jan		9.30 am SB Colella & Bibo Families
Wed 7th Jan		9.30 am HG Joy Habgood RIP (Norwoози)
Thurs 8th Jan		9.30 am HG Christine Crum RIP
		11.00 am HG Funeral Service Christine Crum RIP
Fri 9th Jan		9.30 am HG Int. Jill Sims (Flitcroft)
Sat 10th Jan		9.30 am SB Sean O'Connor RIP (Bush)
Sun 11th Jan		9.00 am SB Tony Foye RIP (Murphy J)
		11.00 am SB In thanksgiving Luipo Dela Cruz
		6.30 pm SB Dick Hennessy RIP (Mitchell)

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

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

We welcome all Visitors to our Parish over the Christmas Season who are visiting Family and Friends. This year for the first time we are broadcasting all Christmas Masses via Churchservices.tv or see our webpage www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

Thank you to everyone who contributed of their time and talent in preparing the churches and helping in our Worship of God.

May Christ the Saviour whose coming we now celebrate Bless you and all your loved ones now and in the New Year ahead.

Thank you also for your many cards and gifts which are being eaten/drunk and enjoyed.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

It is the custom of this Diocese that the collections taken at the Christmas Masses are given to the Priests of the parish for their personal use. It forms a significant part of their annual income.

COLLECTION

Grateful thanks for last Sunday's Offertory collection which amounted to £2,048.10p.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

We are organising a Parish Pilgrimage led by Fr. Chris to Lourdes 10th-15th May 2015. More information, prices, travel arrangements and accommodation will be available after Christmas

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

St Joseph's and St Bede's Parishes Pilgrimage to Camino de Santiago de Compostella
Time: Early October 2015, up to 7 days (to be decided)
Fr Mark and Fr Chris will be leading the pilgrimage.
The proposed plan is to visit a few towns and villages around the area, with daily Mass. Visit to Santiago de Compostella. For Parishioners who would like to walk some of the Camino (a few or more miles) arrangements can be made accordingly. Cost expected to be under £1000 per person. Half board. (all to tbc)
At this stage I would like to hear from any Parishioners who are interested in coming on this pilgrimage to gauge numbers. Please let Alfredo Lavorgna know by phone Tel 01256 321496 or e-mail alavorgna@btinternet.com a s a p. A meeting will be arranged in the New Year to discuss this further, once we have an idea of how many may wish to go.

FOODBANK

The Foodbank is holding a Quiz Night at 7pm on Friday 30th January at Loddon Vale Bowls Club (next to Milestones Museum). Tickets £10 each, to include a meal, from Pat Murphy 01256 881436 or 07785 312486.

We received a 'Thank you' note for the generous donations of food since 1st October 2013, we have donated 1,062 kg of food. This is equal to 2,529 meals. 3,054 people have been fed....

CRIB OFFERINGS

The Christmas Crib Offerings during Christmastide are for Christian Communities in the Holy Land, via the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre

The Holy Land is a very troubled area of the Middle East and the Christians are very appreciative of our support and prayer. Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem 2000 years ago and today the Christians in the Holy Land, including Bethlehem, are experiencing extreme difficulties and dangers of peace and stability and the absence of justice.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Sunday 28th December

Some people have nothing but happiness to relate when they think of their family. Others have nothing but sorrow and sadness to speak of. In a little corner of Galilee, Jesus grew up in "Wisdom, stature and favour with God and with His People", in a loving family home.

'Every child deserves the chance to do the same'

NEW YEARS DAY

It is not a Holy day of obligation here, but do come that day to Mass here at St. Bede's Church at 11 am... a wonderful way to start the New 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.

FUNERAL SERVICE

Funeral Service for Christine Crum on Thursday 8th January at Holy Ghost Church at 11 am. May they rest in peace.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will usually be available every Saturday after the 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am here at St. Bede's Church.

AND FINALLY Thank you to all involved in music for our Sunday Masses and Celebrations throughout the year, from musicians and singers, to cleaners, flower arrangers, those who plan our Liturgies, our Webteam, Crib and Christmas tree builders and not forgetting the altar servers.