

**NORTH WEST
HAMPSHIRE
PASTORAL AREA**

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



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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RG27 9LA

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First Sunday of Advent

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Thought for the Week

On this First Sunday of Advent, we are invited to examine our relationship to God as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is a time for us to deepen our connection to the Lord through various opportunities and paths. As sinners we are expected to reconcile with God.

In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus advises us to "Be watchful! Be alert!" The Lord is not speaking about next week, nor even the Christmas for which we prepare. This is something He expects us to do today, this instant. Christ makes reference to a Master who, like God, leaves others in charge of His household. God expects each of us to be stewards of His household.

He has left us His household, His Church, and we are supposed to build and maintain that. He has given us free will; in other words God has given us authority over the gifts He has given us. Finally, He expects each of us to fulfill our role in His Kingdom. Stewardship invites every one of us to participate and to contribute to the good of the whole, our faith community — not next week, not just at Christmas, but now. "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Cor 1: 9)

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

30th November 2014

Sunday 30th	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Jan Kyanston RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Tony Foye RIP
Mon: 1st Dec			St. Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr
	1.30 pm	SB	Requiem Tony Foye RIP
Tue: 2nd Dec			First week of Advent
	9.30 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Goder & Sauleek Families
Wed: 3rd Dec			<i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>
	9.30 am	HG	Charles Armstrong RIP
Thurs: 4th Dec			<i>St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>
	9.30 am	SB	<i>Peter Flint RIP (Bush)</i>
Fri: 5th Dec			<i>First week of Advent</i>
	1.30 pm	SB	Schools of the Diocese Celebrated by Bishop Philip
Sat: 6th Dec			<i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Tony Foye RIP (Fagan)
	10.00 am	SB	Confessions

7th December 2014

Second Sunday of Advent

Sun: 7th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Maureen McCauley RIP, Ned Fagan RIP
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	John Reid 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

ADVENT BEGINS

Advent has a twofold character; as a time to prepare for Christmas when the Son of God's first coming to us is remembered; as a second when that remembrance directs the mind and hearts to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, the season of Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectations.

PENENTIAL SERVICE

St. Joseph's Church on Sunday 21st December at 2.30 pm

POLISH MASS IN HOLY GHOST CHURCH

Will take place on Saturday 13th Dec at 6 pm.

Następna Msza Święta po polsku
odbedzie się w sobotę,
dnia 13.12.2014
o godz. 18:00
w kościele Holy Ghost Church,
Sherborne Road, RG21 5TD

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

20th December in St. Bede's Church at 2 pm

Fr. Chris is inviting the sick and housebound of the Parish to a Mass for the Anointing of the Sick. He would like this to be a very joyful Parish occasion. If you feel you can come and help on this day with refreshments, meeting and greeting, it would be much appreciated.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are available.
(Tel. No 465214)

COLLECTION

Grateful thanks for last Sunday's Offertory collection which amounted to £1,775.73p. Second collection for SVP amounted to £203p.

GIVING TREE 2014

All gifts to be in by 6.30 pm on Sunday 7th December.

BASINGSTOKE FOOD BANK

An update from the Foodbank.

In October, St Bede's Parish donated 265 kg food and, since we started making the donation boxes available every Sunday, in November (upto 25th) another 183kg has been donated.

Truly we are following the words in Matthew's Gospel last week ... For I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...

In 12 months to 31st October 2014 we provided emergency food for 2,569 people, a 21% increase over the previous 12 month period.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

'Lucky Me' Winner for November. Congratulations to Tom Merriam who won £25.

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.

PARISH MASS ON-LINE

You will find the live stream on our Parish website www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk and/ or www.churchservices.tv/stbedes

PARISH DIARY

Sun: Music: 9.00am Choir: 11.00am Cantorg:
6.30 pm Guitar
Mon: St. Vincent de Paul SB @ 7.30 pm
Requiem: Tony Foye at 1.30 pm SB
Tues: Toddler Group meet SB 1.30—3.15 pm
Requiem: Agnes Wright at 11 am HG
Thur: Youth meeting SB 7.30—9 pm
Fri: Confirmation Session SB at 7.15 pm
Sat: FHC Children 10—12 noon
St. Vincent de Paul Party SB

ITALIAN COMMUNITY

We are arranging a Pre Christmas afternoon tea with mince pies, pantone in St. Bede's Hall on Friday 19th December between 4—6 pm. If interested please contact Maria Bibbo, Tel. no. 350137, or Netta on Tel. no. 07704297681.

REFRESHMENTS/MINCE PIES

On Sunday 7th December after the 11 am Mass, There will be a sale of cakes in aid of St. Michael's Hospice, we would be very grateful if you can bake cakes for the sale. Donations of mince pies also appreciated to be served with tea and coffee.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS PARTY

SVP Christmas Party for Seniors will be held at St. Bede's on Saturday 6th December 2.30—5 pm. If you wish to attend please add your name/s to the list in the foyer. The musicians are booked, the food is in hand...

NEW REPOSITORY SHOP

After all Masses in the run up to Christmas. also every Tuesday between 9 am—3 pm.

Also if anyone is interested in helping out on a regular abyss after 6.30 mass please can they contact Jackie on 07775875147 or email jackiekinge@btinternet.com

DBS SESSION

Tuesday 9th December 2014

The parish safeguarding team are running a DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) session on the evening of Tuesday 9th December between 6pm and 9pm. This is being ran for those newly appointed into voluntary roles for Children's Liturgy helpers, First Holy Communion catechists and Eucharistic ministers to the sick (delivering to the housebound). For the safeguarding of our parish any person doing these types of roles require DBS checking as a matter of importance. Many of these person's will have been contacted directly by the safeguarding team. If you have not and feel you should be seen please contact the Parish Office or email: safeguardingstbedeschurch@gmail.com.

AND FINALLY Thank you to Joe Murphy for all he does for us...