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HAMPSHIRE
PASTORAL AREA**

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



**HOLY GHOST PARISH
BASINGSTOKE**

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

18th January 2015

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Thought for the Week

A popular hymn used in many Catholic churches is Here I am Lord. That hymn is based in part on our first reading from the Book of Samuel. The Lord wants us to respond just the way Samuel does in the reading. God calls each of us to discipleship through lives of stewardship.

Just as Samuel was confused, we, too, may fail to understand what God is calling us to at times. Nevertheless, just like Samuel we do need to respond "Here I am Lord." That is not always easy and it can be uncomfortable at times. Eli instructs Samuel to respond "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." Samuel does so and "the Lord was with him."

Our challenge is first to hear God's call. It is there always, but we must listen for it. Then we need to respond to that call, and we need to respond in ways that show we recognize that the call is to service and the call is for us to be disciples. It is only implied initially, but it is clear that the Lord is calling Samuel by name. In the same way God calls each of us by name. We need to hear that as Samuel did, and we need to respond as Samuel did, "Here I am Lord. I come to do your will."

Taken from 'The Catholic Steward.com'

MASS TIMES AND INTENTION

18th January 2015

Sun 18th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Int. O'Neill Family (O'Neill)
	11.00 am	SB	Pino & Michele Colella RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	John Hennessy RIP (Molyneaux)
Mon 19th Jan	<i>St. Wulstan, Religious, Bishop</i>		
	9.15 am	SJ	<i>St. Joseph's Church</i>
Tues 20th Jan	<i>St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Tom Shorten RIP (Shorten)
Wed 21st Jan	<i>St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs Fogarty Family
Thurs 22nd Jan	<i>St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Colella & Bibbo Families
Fri 23rd Jan	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Holy Souls
	10.00 am	HG	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 24th Jan	<i>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>		
	12.00 noon		St Peters & Pauls Kingsclere
Sun 25th Jan	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Peggy Sheehan RIP (O'Brien)
	6.30 pm	SB	Dec. Mbrs Hynes & Murphy Families

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

Rosary; recited after the weekday Mass at SB or HG

Before Mass: pray to God. **During Mass:** listen to God.

After Mass in the cloister area; talk to everyone.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP

Evangelisation Strategy Teams

Bishop Philip writes: "As you know, the Church in our time is calling us to the work of new evangelisation. We are Christ's missionary disciples, and He has given us many charisms and talents for this work. Now we want to set up in every Pastoral Area an Evangelisation Strategy Team, comprised of clergy and laity, to direct the work of mission at the local, parish level. In your Pastoral Area, there will soon be a Holy Hour to pray for this initiative. The Strategy Team is a new body to replace the Pastoral Council. It should represent all ages and types. It's all about vision! Its purpose is to sponsor mission-projects across the area. Teams will meet once a term. To find out more, go to our diocesan website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/evangelisation-teams. There you will find a video with more info, and details of what the commitment would be for team members."

A DAY WITH MARY AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL Saturday 7th February

A Day With Mary (DWM) Apostolate organises days of prayer open to everyone. 08.45 - Video presentation in the Cathedral Hall on the Message of Fatima
10.00 - Celebrant: The Rt Rev Philip Egan: Entry Procession of Our Lady. Angelus Crowning. Sung Litany. Mass in honour of Our Lady. Celebrant and Preacher :The Rt Rev Philip Egan The Five Joyful Mysteries
12.00 - Lunch break (*Please bring packed lunch*)
13.00 - Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Luminous Mysteries Sermon on Our Lady by Canon Dominic Goldings VG. The Five Sorrowful Mysteries. Silent Adoration. Meditations on the Passion
15.15 - Tea break
15.45 - Sermon on Our Lady by Fr John Lawrence Polis FI. The Five Glorious Mysteries. Act of Consecration. Benediction. Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal *Finish 5.00 pm*
During the day: Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Full DWM information + DWMs videos on YouTube (full HD)
at www.adaywithmary.org

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 10TH—15TH 2015

For those of you who would like to join the Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes... you will find an information and booking form pack in the cloister area, or ring the Parish Office on Tel. No. 465214 when the information pack can be sent to you. There are a limited number of places, so please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Copies are available in the cloister area this weekend.

PARISH DIARY: 18th JANUARY

Music Ministry: 9 am Choir: 11 am Filipino:
6.30 pm Guitar:

Today is the beginning of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.. Today is a Day of Prayer for Peace

Tues: Toddler Group SB 1.30—3.15 pm
Sat: Kneeler Group SB 2—4 pm

REFRESHMENTS

After the 11 am Mass on the fourth Sunday of each Month, there is tea/coffee & cakes in the hall, if you are willing or able to help, please contact the parish office

ST BEDE'S KNEELER GROUP

We are a group formed in September 2012 with the aim to provide beautiful and unique needlepoint kneelers for St Bede's Church. This group is open to men or women of all ages. If you are interested in finding out more our next meeting is on **Saturday 24th January at St Bede's Church Hall from 2 pm until 4 pm.** Or contact Susan on 01256 417764 or via e-mail susan.beard@ntlworld.com

COLLECTIONS:

Last weeks collection amounted to £1,850.67p. Many thanks also from the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre who are the recipients of the crib offerings for their work in the Holy Land. A total of £381.49 was raised.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR 2014 (with gift aid)

Home Mission Sunday £373.76p Radial Justice £242.63p. Cathedral £400.54p. CAFOD Harvest Fast Day £1,336.35p. Missio £526.64p. Bamanda £658.28. Grateful thanks to you the Parishioners for being so generous.

DATES FOR 2015

27th February—CAFOD Lent Fast Day
14th/15th March—Volunteer Missionary Movement
26th April—Clergy Training Fund
17th May—World Communications
28th June—Peter's Pence
12th July—Apostleship of the Sea

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.

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 the 'welcomers' who welcome people to our Church for Mass each week.