NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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

HOLY GHOST PARISH

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RG21 5TX

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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Psalter Christmastide

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Thought for the week

After the hectic celebration of Christmas, this feast helps us to grasp more deeply the gift that has been given to us and the revelation of the Christ Child who will save us and who desires that all people hear his message of hope. What difference does this birth make to our lives as we resume our regular timetables and schools reopen?

Pope Francis challenges us to share the joy of the Gospel with people we meet. Maybe we can help a friend to find new meaning because of the celebration of Christmas. Perhaps we may have a new desire to speak of the birth of Christ. Maybe we are more ready to love in a difficult situation. The Epiphany invites us to find a new path and a new route as we begin this year. The Gospel message calls us to be more open to people who are fragile and vulnerable, weak and poor, and in this way share our hope and joy with others.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTION 4th January 2015

Sunday 4th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Nancy O'Neill RIP
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	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 (Norwoozi)
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

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR EVANGELISATION

Heavenly Father,
we thank you most sincerely for the
joy of the Gospel,
which fills the hearts and lives of all who
encounter your Son, Jesus.
Help the Christian faithful of the
Diocese of Portsmouth
to accept your offer of salvation
so that we may be set free
to embark upon a new chapter of
Spirit-filled Evangelisation,
marked by this missionary joy.
Mary Immaculate—pray for us.
St. Edmund of Abingdon—pray for us. Amen.

We have been asked to pray this throughout the coming year by Bishop Philip Egan.

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 Campostella
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 Campostella. 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.

WEBCAM
We have received a number of positive comments regarding our live coverage of Masses during the Christmas period. Please go to our web page to log in.

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.

POLISH MASS
Next Holy Mass in Polish
will take place on Saturday,
17/01/2015
at 18:00hrs
in Holy Ghost Church
Sherborne Road, RG21 5TD

SCHOOL CHILDREN
We welcome back St. Bede's staff and school children after the Christmas celebrations. They will be starting their new term with Mass here at St. Bede's Church on Monday 5th at 9.30 am….
Everyone is most welcome.

AND FINALLY …. We wish you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year