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

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First Sunday in Lent

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Psalter week 1

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Thought for the Week

Perhaps our own test, especially during Lent, is to ask ourselves if we really believe that the Kingdom of God is at hand, and that it really is good news for us. The goal of Lenten repentance is to change our mindset to accepting God's good news, and letting it make a difference in our lives. After all, the English word "repentance" comes from a Greek word that literally means "a change of mind". We are called first to change the way we think about God's kingdom and Jesus' good news before we try to change our behaviour. This change of mind is what Lent is really about.

- ◆ Testing or temptation? Jesus was tested as to His fidelity to His Father. The ultimate test of the beloved Son is to trust His Father. Jesus' life and death proves He did just that.
- ◆ The one who withstands the test can truly proclaim that God's Kingdom has come among us, and that this is indeed good news for each of us.
- ◆ Lent's challenge is for us to see the Kingdom in our lives each day, and to come to believe that it is always good news for us.

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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTION
22nd February 2015**

Sun 22nd Feb	9.00 am	SB	Jennie McMahon RIP (Blow)
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	5.30-6.15	SB	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30 pm	SB	Mana Scozzsari RIP
Mon 23rd Feb	<i>First week in Lent</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Liam Whelan RIP (Harding)
Tues 24th Feb	<i>First week in Lent</i>		
	9.00 am	SB	May O'Brien RIP (Mahoney)
Wed 25th Feb	<i>First week in Lent</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Jose Barnabe RIP (Sauleek)
	2.15 pm	HG	Funeral Service Esther Clarkson RIP
	7.00 pm	SB	Stations of the Cross
Thurs 26th Feb	<i>First week in Lent</i>		
	6.30 am	SB	Int. Veronica Twort (Huntley)
Fri 27th Feb	<i>First week in Lent</i>		
	11.00 am	HG	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.15 pm	HG	Anne Hickey RIP
Sat 28th Feb	<i>First week in Lent</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Holy Souls
Sun 29th Feb	9.00 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Blow & Sweeney Families
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	5.30-6.15	SB	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30 pm	SB	Theresa Cachia RIP (Sammur)

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

CAFOD

We would like donations of unwanted new presents/ gifts to sell after Masses on Sunday 1st March. We are sure everyone has an unwanted present in a cupboard, it could be very useful to someone else and you could find something at the Cafod gift sale! All the money raised will go to Cafod, and during lent funds raised will be matched by the government. £1 raised means £2 for Cafod! Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while you browse! Could you please bring your unwanted gifts to the church before 1st March.

CAFOD LENTEN LUNCHES

Please take part in CAFOD's Lenten Fast Day on Friday 27th February, to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters living in poverty around the world. Fast Day lunch on Friday 27th March at St. Bede's hall 12.30—2 pm
If you are available to host a lunch, the hall is also available on Saturday 7th March. Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to host a lunch. (Tel. No. 465214)

SINGERS NEEDED!

This year's Chrism Mass will take place at the Cathedral on Tues 31st March at 11 am and more volunteer singers are needed. The rehearsal is at St. Bede's Church, on Sat. 7th March 10.00 am—1 pm. As last year, the number of singers will be limited. Although it is hoped that everyone who comes forward can take place, those who are able to attend the rehearsal will be prioritised if the event is oversubscribed. If you would like to sing at the Chrism Mass, please email Chris Olding directly with your name, voice part, email address and parish at: colding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

YOUTH TRIP TO ROME 26th-30th Oct 2015

Fr Mark is leading a 5 day trip to Rome visiting the Vatican museum, the Sistine chapel, St Peter's basilica, the coliseum, Assisi and much more. The hope is to make a combined trip between Southampton Central and our Pastoral Area taking young people who are currently in Yr9-yr11. To request a brochure or further information please contact Angie Carroll on 07713567161 BEFORE the end of February.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

'Lucky Me' Winner
Congratulations to Melinda Henry of Basingstoke who won of £25.

TOY SALE

Toddler Group have a selection of toys for sale next Tuesday 24th March 1.30—3.15 pm

CONFESSIONS

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

LENT 2015

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much" *'Mother Teresa' During Lent instead of the Nicene Creed we say the Apostles Creed:*
Lenten booklets available for sale in the cloister area.

Every Tuesday in Lent

9.00 am Mass in St. Bede's Church, to facilitate St. Bede's School Parents to attend Mass after they drop their children off to school.

Every Wednesday in Lent

Stations of the Cross at 7 pm in St. Bede's Church

Every Thursday in Lent

6.30 am Mass in St. Bede's Church—followed by breakfast

Every Friday in Lent

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Ghost Church 11 till 12 noon followed by lunchtime Mass at 12.15 pm

Every Sunday in Lent

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Bede's Church at 5.30 pm—6.15 pm

PARISH DIARY: 22nd February

Music Ministry: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:
6.30 pm Priest-led
Refreshments after the 9 and 11 am Masses
Fairtrade items on all after all Masses
Repository open after 9 and 11 am Masses
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament SB 5.30—6.15 pm
Sun:
Toddler Group SB 1.30—3.15 am
Repository open 9 am—3 pm
Wed:
Kneeler Group meet SB 7-9 pm
Thur:
Church cleaning 11—12 noon
Fri:
Lenten Fast Lunch SB 12—2 pm
Sat:
The Lord's Flock 5.30—8.30 pm

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.

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Esther Clarkson RIP in Holy Ghost Church on Wednesday 25th February at 2.15 pm
Requiem Mass for Anastasia Brennan RIP on Wednesday 4th March in St. Bede's Church at 11 am. We remember their families at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS:

Last weeks collection amounted to £1,736.48p thank you.

AND FINALLY Thank you to the Finance Committee.