

**NORTH WEST
HAMPSHIRE
PASTORAL AREA**

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



HOLY GHOST PARISH
BASINGSTOKE

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thought for the week

It is easy for us to be so wrapped up in our lives—the daily routine, the demands that simple existence makes upon us—that we lose sight of our true purpose and calling. Like Job, we can be left struggling with our existence, failing to find a meaning in our lives. Sickness, mental illness, stress and anxiety in particular can so consume us that our life feels like no more than “pressed service” and “hired drudgery”. But that highly charged, symbolic good deed of Jesus points a way forward for us: Simon’s mother-in-law, totally incapacitated by her illness, is restored by Jesus’ touch not simply to health but to service. She is “helped up” by Jesus and she begins to “wait on them” (the original Greek word means she “ministers” to “deacons” to them). In other words, her encounter with Jesus transforms her suffering into the freedom to serve. This Gospel truth is a lesson the disciples struggle to learn; that true greatness lies in service, for Jesus himself came not to be served but to serve.

Jesus’ mission was indeed to heal—but this healing was accomplished on the cross, and was a healing of the whole of humanity, indeed the whole of creation. Those of us who, like Simon’s mother-in-law, are touched by Jesus are raised to service like Him, to continue His mission of bringing healing and wholeness into our world. So many people are weighed down by burdens of suffering, trapped by external forces of oppression and poverty, or enslaved by internal compulsions and addictions. The response of Christ—of the Christian—is to do more than simply ask “Why?”. We are called to engage actively, by proclaiming the nearness of God’s kingdom through lives of loving service.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTION
8th February 2015

Sun 8th Feb	9.00 am	SB	Felicjan Sawko RIP (Sawko)
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Mary Allen RIP (Mitchell)
Mon 9th Feb	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Intentions Thomas Sig
Tues 10th Feb	<i>St. Scholastica,</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Michael Brennan RIP (Roache)
Wed 11th Feb	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	June Hayes RIP (Short)
Thurs 12th Feb	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	In thanksgiving Lyons Family
Fri 13th Feb	<i>Feria</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Geraldine Moroney RIP (Brownlie)
Sat 14th Feb	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Jennie McMahan RIP (Pimerta)
Sun 15th Feb	9.00 am	SB	Ned Fagan RIP (McCauley)
	11.00 am	SB	Nell & Joe Dresser RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Jack Burr RIP

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.

CAFOD & UK Aid Match Funding

Good news! The UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give to CAFOD's Lenten appeal (from 18 Feb – 17 May) up to the value of £3.5M. Your donations can be used to help more of our sisters and brothers deal with the devastating impact of extreme weather such as storms, droughts and floods. Thank you for your generous compassion for those living in poverty and for fasting in solidarity with them on Lent Fast Day (Friday 27 February 2015).

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.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Tilehurst, Reading, is seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher to start in September 2015. The full advertisement, application form and further details can be found on the school's website at <http://sp-web.myvle.co.uk/>.

BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL

Bishop Challoner are approaching the 40th Anniversary of their opening in September, and plan to commemorate and celebrate it in a variety of ways. One of the events will be to have an 40th school reunion on the 19th September 2015 so if you have any old photographs, programmes of events, original or early uniform items, Bishop Challoner would be grateful if you would either donate or loan them. The school will carefully copy all loaned photographs etc and return to you. Please send any items to either Bishop Challoner or via the school office.

MARYFIELD CONVENT—HOOK

Catholic Residential Care Home, London Rd., Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9LA Tel: 01256 762394. Maryfield is a residential care home that provides care and comfort to members of all religious denominations. Mass is celebrated daily in the convent chapel and the sisters and staff provide continuous quality care, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. We presently have vacancies. If you would like to arrange a visit, or require further information, please call: 01256 762394

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

At the Convent, Burgess Road, on Monday 9th February 7.30—9 pm. Please bring your own Bible.

LENT 2015

Wednesday 18th February—Ash Wednesday—Lent starts

For the weeks during Lent, the Mass schedule will be slightly different to hopefully allow more people to attend Mass
Thursday 19th February 6.30 am Mass at SB followed by breakfast
Friday—Exposition 11 till 12 noon HG followed by lunchtime Mass 12.15 pm
Stations of the Cross at 7.00 pm HG

PARISH DIARY: 8th February

Music Ministry: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:
6.30 pm Piano:

Baptisms today SB at 3 pm

Tues: Toddler Group SB 1.30—3.15 pm

Thurs: Parish Finance Committee SB @ 7.30 pm

Sat: First Holy Communion candidates SB 10 am
The Lord's Flock 5.30—8.30 pm

IGINITE 2015

Diocesan Confirmation Retreat will take place on the 28th March 10 am—8 pm at St. George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, Southampton. SO16 3DQ. The day will be delivered by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal from

Canning Town, London, and young people can expect a

Fantastic day where they are led into a deep encounter with Christ through an exciting programme of dynamic talks,

testimonies, workshops, praise and worship, and beautiful services! Bishop Philip will join us to meet with the young people on the day. Suggested donations £10—£35.

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 at St. Bede's Church.

CHURCH HEATING

We have had a problem with the boilers in the church this past week, we apologise that the church (and complex) has been so cold—we are working flat out to rectify this problem.

COLLECTIONS:

Last weeks collection amounted to £2,219.09p.

Second collection for Catholic Education Service amounted to £282.97p. Grateful thanks.

AND FINALLY Thank you for clearing the snow away from the car park during the week—you know who you are !!!!