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PASTORAL AREA**

SERVING THE PARISHES OF
ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,
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**HOLY GHOST PARISH
BASINGSTOKE**

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Sacred Heart Church
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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Psalter week 1

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Thought for the Week

The art of travel is knowing what to pack, but the experienced traveler will also know what not to pack. We will gain more from Lent if we see it as not just a temporary giving up of things but rather training in letting go of everything that holds us up on the journey to the kingdom. Jesus teaches us to travel lightly. The more demanding the journey, the steeper the road, the more we have to unburden ourselves.

In Lent we can learn something about how demanding the journey to eternal happiness can be. It may not be material things that we're called to let go of. We may need to let go of attitudes, emotional binds, compulsions, automatic responses to situations; in short, the false sense of self that hides the true self which is being created in Christ. Now in these last two weeks of Lent, we can consider the magnitude of the journey Christ has asked us to pursue. Yet it is not a journey we make on our own; if we look ahead, He is there, and we follow.

- Lent points us to the future; all Christian love is about looking forward.
- Every time we accept the Cross into our lives, we are accepting change. The cross is a suffering that transforms.
- If we follow Christ, He will lead us through unexpected places, but it is the end of the journey that matters.

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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
22nd March 2015**

Sun 22nd March	9.00 am	SB	Dave Webb RIP (Webb)
	11.00 am	SB	Michael Colley RIP (Colley)
	5.30-6.15	SB	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 23rd Mar	<i>Fifth week in Lent</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Maria Scozzani RIP
Tues 24th Mar	<i>Fifth week in Lent</i>		
	9.00 am	SB	Int. Maria Wilman & Family
Wed 25th Mar	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	David Anderson-Dixon RIP (Harding)
	10.30 am	SB	Funeral Service Tamazin Van Der Walt RIP
	7.00 pm	SB	Stations of the Cross
Thurs 26th Mar	6.30 am	SB	Dominic Selvadurai RIP
Fri 27th Mar	<i>Fifth week in Lent</i>		
	10.30 am	HG	Dec Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish (please note Mass time change) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 12 noon
Sat 28th Mar	<i>Fifth week in Lent</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	People of the Parish
Sun 29th Mar	9.00 am	SB	Geoff Fowler RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Faye Redmond (Short)
	5.30-6.15	SB	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30 pm	SB	Greg Shorten RIP

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Lent Penitential Service TODAY at St. Bede's Church at 2.30 pm .

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday	The Lord's Supper at 8.00 pm Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose
Good Friday	The Lord's Passion at 3 pm
Holy Saturday	Swieconka (Blessing of Polish Food) 10.30 am Easter Vigil at 8.30 pm
Easter Sunday	Masses at 9 and 11 am— No evening Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

Next Church cleaning will be on Thursday 2nd April 11—12 noon... Please come and help prepare the Church for the Easter Triduum

FUNERALS

Jean Searl RIP on Tuesday 24th March at 11.45 am in the Crematorium.

Tamazin Van Der Walt RIP on Wednesday 25th March at 10.30 am in St Bede's Church

Esther White RIP on Wednesday 1st March at 11 am in Holy Ghost Church.

We remember their families at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace

PASTORAL CARE SERVICES

The Pastoral Care Services team is appealing for Parishioners who have experience in caring for Travelers, the Bereaved, those with mental illness, the homeless, people with dementia, residential homes, disability. Please consider joining one of the Diocesan Pastoral Care Teams. If you would like to talk about this contact Fr Peter Hollins on 01730 262290 or pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

BASINGSTOKE FOOD BANK

The food bank are short of the following items: Sugar, Fruit juices, UHT Milk, Puddings, Savoury spreads (marmite, peanut butter, etc.) Shampoo, Toilet Rolls Don't forget to come along to Carnival Hall Bounty Road on 23rd March, between 3 and 7pm, to show your support for the Foodbank by voting for them to get a grant from the Council

BIBLE STUDY EVENING

Monday 23rd (tomorrow) at the Convent, Burgess Rd. 7.30—9.00 pm. Please bring your own Bible.

COLLECTIONS:

Last weeks collection amounted to £2,176.06p. Second collection last weekend for Clergy Assistance Fund, amounted to £217.31p. Grateful thanks. Second collection next weekend for 'Flowers for Easter'

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2015

Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass Saturday 27th June at 11 am in St. Bede's Church



Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any anniversary over 60 years this year? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place here at St. Bede's Church on Saturday 27th June. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please contact the Parish Office, Tel. No. 465214, or email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

Parents, when you apply for a place at a Catholic Primary School in January 2016 you will be required to complete a Supplementary Information Form stating how often you have attended Sunday Mass in the past year. You will need to ask Fr Chris to verify that the information which you provide regarding your Mass attendance is accurate. This provides the Governors of our Catholic schools with the information they need in order to rank each applicant. As you appreciate St. Bede's & St. Joseph's are large parishes and it is increasingly difficult for the Priests to always notice who is present each Sunday. We would like to offer you a Mass attendance Card that you can have stamped at St Bede's and (St. Joseph's) when you attend Sunday Mass. The card is offered as reassurance that your presence at Mass has been noted and is a great aid when you want one of the priests to sign your Supplementary Information form each year. Cards available today.

PARISH DIARY: 22nd March

Music Ministry: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:
6.30 pm Priest-Led

Refreshments after the 9 Mass

Sun: Repository open after 9 and 11 am Masses
Table top sale FOR CAFOD today
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament SB
5.30—6.15 pm

Tues: Toddler Group SB 1.30—3.15 am
Repository open 9 am—3 pm
The Passion from St. Luke's Gospel
SB 7.30 pm—Fr. Benjamin

Thurs: Parish Council meet SB @ 8 pm

Fri: Confirmation SB @ 7.15 pm

Sat: The Lord's Flock SB 5.30—8.30 pm

HOLY GHOST CHURCH

Do you live near Holy Ghost Church? Would you be willing to be a key holder for 'Opening and Closing' the Church on a six weekly rota? If so, please contact the Parish Office (Tel. No. 465214)

AND FINALLY Thank you to Alison and Richard for looking after the grounds at Holy Ghost Church so beautifully.