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**HOLY GHOST PARISH
BASINGSTOKE**

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Third Sunday of Easter

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Thought for the Week

The intimate connection between the resurrection and the forgiveness of sins is highlighted in today's Gospel. The disciples are together when Jesus suddenly stands in their midst, greeting them with the words, "Peace be with you!" But, far from being at peace, they are at first filled with alarm and fear, In the first century, just as in the twenty-first, everyone knows that dead people remain dead. The disciples fear that they are seeing some kind of ghost. Jesus's response is to show them his hands and feet, hands and feet that bear the imprint of the nails. "Touch me", he says, "and see for yourselves"; it really is me: ghosts don't have flesh and bones. They, we're told, "Their joy was so great that they could not believe it." It's as though they are caught between lingering doubts and overflowing joy: it seemed just too good to be true. Finally, an almost humorous touch, Jesus asks if there's anything to eat: ghosts are not in the habit of looking for a meal.

Now that his friends are convinced of his identity, Jesus "opened their minds", helping them to understand why, in accordance with the scriptures, he had to suffer and on the third day rise again. And now, he tells them, it is "in his name", in the name of the risen Christ that they are to preach repentance of sins to all nations, beginning here in Jerusalem. Forgiveness of sins is the special gift of Eastertide. It is to be central to the Church's teaching until the end of time.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

19th April 2015

Sun 19th Apr	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Victor Chennell RIP (Stevens)
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Margaret Joyce Spiteri RIP
Mon 20th	<i>Third Week of Easter</i>			
	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Maria Stowell RIP (Stowell)
Tues 21st	<i>Feast of St. Anselm, Religious, Bishop.</i>			
	11.45 am	Fr B	SB	Requiem Zita Molyneaux RIP
Wed 22nd	<i>Third Week of Easter</i> No Mass (Clergy training day)			
Thurs 23rd	<i>Feast of St. George, Patron of England</i>			
	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Int. Jillian Sims (Huntley)
Fri 24th	<i>Third Week of Easter</i>			
	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Tom Bowers RIP (Bowers)
Sat 25th	<i>Feast of St. Mark, Apostle</i>			
	9.30 am	Fr B	SB	Mary White RIP (White)
Sun 26th Apr	9.00 am	Fr P	SB	Jack Bowman & Jack Togher RIP
	11.00 am	Fr P	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	Fr B	SB	Int. Catherine Denning (Huntley)

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.

EASTER THANKS

From Frs. Chris & Benjamin

Thank you for your generous Easter offering, also for your many cards, gifts and appreciative emails. Thank you also to those who played a part in making it a memorable Easter Triduum.

CHILD PROTECTION REFRESHER TRAINING

St. Bede's—Tuesday 21st April

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm . Trainer: Sue Smy

This course is designed for those persons holding posts (catechists, children's liturgy, communion to the sick and housebound etc) within the parish and surrounds, that have already done initial CP and VA training but are due a refresher session (every 3 years). We are aware of a number of people that could not make the weekend session held recently at St Joseph's so we are doing this weekday session too in order to assist.

Places need to be booked to keep a track on attendee's so it would be appreciated if you can email Serena Lee on safeguardingstbedeschurch@gmail.com **Please let the parish office know tomorrow (Monday) if you are able to attend. (Tel. 465214)**

Refreshments will be provided.

DIOCESAN 'DON BOSCO' BOYS CAMP

This year Fr Mark will again be leading a camp for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury, from Sun 26th July to Sat 1st August. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a *fantastic* few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning and evening prayer. The cost of the camp is £180 (though bursaries are available). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact Tony and Michele Crabtree: Penney Cottage, Heather Lane, Up Nately, Hook, Hampshire RG27 9PT or dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FUNERALS

We pray for Catherine Rutter RIP, Service at the Crematorium on Monday 20th April at 12.30 pm Requiem for Zita Molyneaux RIP will take place in St. Bede's Church on Tuesday 21st at 11.45pm. We remember their families at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Congratulations to P. Corr of Basingstoke who won the 'Lucky Me' draw of £25

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to William and Olivia Bunker who were baptised last weekend.

WELCOME BACK

To our school children and families after the Easter break.

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



PARISH DIARY: 19th April

Sun: Music Ministry: 9 am Choir: 11 am: 6.30 pm Guitar: Welcome to Dominica who will be speaking at all Masses today, for the Little Flower Appeal and Life Repository open after the 9 and 11 am TODAY
Tues: Toddler Group meet 1.30—3.15 pm Safeguarding Training SB 7—9 pm
Thurs: FHC Parents meet SB 7—8 pm
Fri: Confirmation Candidates meet SB @ 7.15 pm
Sat: FHC Candidates SB 10—12 noon

CAR PARKING

We have received complaints yet again, regarding people parking inconsiderately and irresponsibly, both in the church car park and the overflow car park. Also on the pedestrian crossing from the Church to the school pathway near the Parish office, and on the yellow zig zag lines.... We need to keep these areas clear at all times.... If the Emergency Services are called to the Church they would not be able to gain access... all these vital minutes could save a life.... So please, please obey the highway code and help us to keep all our parishioners 'safe'

REPOSITORY

Now that Christmas,, Easter and school holidays are over, First Holy Communion will be upon us soon. The repository has a wide selection of cards and First Holy Communion pious items, but be quick, when they are gone, they are gone ! we will not be getting any more FHC stock in until 2016. The Repository will be open after all the three Sunday Masses as from Sunday 26th April and between 9 and 3 pm every Tuesdays during Term time.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY—26TH April

Next Sunday is an opportunity to pray that the Lord will raise more people to inspire the Church as Priests and Consecrated Women and Men.

COLLECTIONS:

Last weeks collection amounted to £1,978.40p, grateful thanks. Next weekend (Apr 26th) there will be a second collection for Clergy Training Fund.

AND FINALLY Thank you to those Parishioners who kindly bring other parishioners to our Masses both here and to Holy Ghost Church on a weekly basis.