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**HOLY GHOST PARISH
BASINGSTOKE**

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The Most Holy Trinity

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Thought for the Week

In the National Gallery in London is a painting by the seventeenth-century Spanish artist Baartolome Esteban Murillo. It is a painting, at first sight of the Holy Family; but it has an odd title: The Heavenly and Earthly Trinities. In the centre of the painting we see the child Jesus, standing on a rock, His hands held by Mary and Joseph, who sit either side of Him. As the Christ Child looks up, His face is brightened by the opening of the heavens, from where descends the Spirit, in the form of a dove, sent by the Father, visible as the clouds part. It is a picture of the centrality of Jesus as the one who opens up earth to heaven. It is a picture not just of the three people of the Holy Family and the three persons of the Holy Trinity, but, more profoundly, of the meaning of the Trinity itself.

Perhaps what this painting most powerfully expresses is love. There is a loving we can all relate to in the familial love of Mary, Joseph and Jesus; the mother's adoring and delighted look at her son, the father's supportive hand, and the child's physical dependency on His parents. There is something properly human and 'earthly' here. And it is precisely here that we glimpse what is most true and most mysterious about God; that God is truly and totally God, and other than us, and yet, at the same time, comes to us as one of us, so that we can be sharers in God's life.

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**SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
31st May 2015**

Sun 31st May	9.00 am	Fr C SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Fr C SB	Ignatius Vankan RIP (Cox)
	6.30 pm	Fr M SB	Maria Dolores Ybera RIP
Mon 1st June	9.30 am	Fr C HG	Mary & Douglas Sims RIP (Sims)
Tues 2nd June	9.30 am	Fr B SB	Anthony Della-Savina RIP
Wed 3rd June	9.30 am	Fr B HG	Barbara Grygier RIP (Colella)
Thurs 4th June	No Mass today at St. Bede's but Mass at St. Joseph's at 8 am		
Fri 5th June	9.30 am	Fr C HG	Barbara Grygier RIP (Adams)
	10am to 11am	HG	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 6th June	9.30 am	Fr B SB	Celia Love RIP (Hughes)
	10.00am	Fr B SB	Confessions
Sun 7th June	9.00 am	Fr C SB	Giorgina Balbi RIP(Marchesini)
	11.00 am	Fr C SB	Yvonne Rutledge RIP
	6.30 pm	Fr B SB	People of the Parish

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.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2015

Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass

Saturday 27th June at 11 am in

St. Bede's Church

Please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible if you are celebrating a Significant Wedding this year, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th plus. (Tel. No. 465214) or email:

anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS -

Singers invited

The annual diocesan Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass with Bishop Philip is being held at St Bede's, Basingstoke on Sat 27 June at 11am with rehearsal from 9am.

If you'd like to join the choir for the event, please contact Chris Olding with details of the numbers of singers and voices at colding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH CENSUS FORM

Is an important, ongoing project! Can you collect a form from the Cloister area. Once completed, they can be brought back when you next attend Mass, or can be handed into the Parish Office. Please do not leave completed forms in the cloister area!!

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

Mothers Prayers started back in 1995 when two grandmothers, Veronica and her sister-in-law Sandra, felt led by the Lord to start 'Mothers Prayers' and to pray in a special way for their children and grandchildren. It has since spread worldwide to over 100 countries and has proved to be extremely powerful with

Many prayers being answered as a result.

We are starting a Mothers Prayers group at St. Bede's. If anyone would like to join us, please contact Katharine Bushell by email at

Katharine.bushell@talktalk.net or by phone at 07788 441792. The group will meet at St. Bede's on a Thursday morning from 10.30—11.30 am.

For your interest, you can read more than Mothers Prayers before you come to a decision at <http://www.mothersprayers.org> All women are very welcome to join Mothers Prayers—you don't have to be a mother to come along.

BIBLE STUDY

Next Bible Study will take place on Monday 1st June at the Convent, Burgess Rd 7, 30 pm—9 pm

HOLY GHOST CHURCH CLEANING

Every second Saturday of the month at 10.00 am, Bob and Margaret Carr clean the Holy Ghost Church, we are very grateful to them for doing this for many years. However, we are looking for more helpers please, if you can spare an hour once a month, please let the Parish Office know. (Tel. No 01256 465214)

PARISH DIARY: 24th June

Sun: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Priest-Led First Holy Communion at the 9 and 11 am Masses today Refreshments after 9 Mass

Repository open after all Masses

Tues: Toddler Group meet SB 1.30—3.15 pm

Fri: Confirmation Session SB 7.15—9.00 pm

Sat: Lord's Flock SB 5.30—8.30 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 31st May

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion at the 9 and 11 am Masses today:

Amber Farooqi, Bianna Gaillard, Cabhan York, Caitlin Dela Cruz, Calder Bibby, Eve West, James Price, Leonore & Theodore Tauro, Les Marazewski, Liwia Czubska, Lyana Lor, Marion Thieubauld de la Crouee, Michalina Wiech, Phoebe Nixon, Primrose Oliveros, Ramzell Oliveros, Richard Mallare, Sophie Gent, Theo Reynolds. Amelia Travers, Daniel Clay, Evie Woodroffe, George Watson, Heidi Sewell, Helena Talhadas, Indiana Lund, Joel Tondy, Isaac Shorey, Katie Knight, Leon Adomako, Mikayla Gascoine-Leopold, Oliver Boks, Oliver Cox, Oliver Kozimor, Sophie Gee, Sonya Erinjeri, Taome Fennell.

CYNTHIA TEJADA RIP

It is with sadness that we announce the unexpected death of Cynthia Tejada. Cynthia and Ernie were part of the Parish group who were on Pilgrimage to Lourdes less than two weeks ago. We remember Ernie and Cynthia's family at this sad time... Funeral arrangements are yet to be confirmed. May she Rest in Peace.

It is also a year since the death of Mrs. Ann Quinn, RIP, we remember her and all Parish members who have died during the course of this last year. May they Rest in Peace.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Now available on a table in the Cloister area, please look for your name (they are in alphabetical order) as your numbered box could have changed number

DO YOU KNOW?

When you fill in the Gift Aid Declaration Form, together with the establishing of either a standing Order or the issue of a box of envelopes for every gift you give, the Parish gets Tax Reclaim at no extra cost to you. Please consider contacting our Gift Aid Organiser Jan Hughes (Tel. No. 01256 465214) then option 2; for further information.

Thank you for your continued support !!

COLLECTIONS:

Last weeks collection amounted £2,137.35p Second Collection last Sunday for St. Vincent de Paul amounted to £358.44p) Grateful thanks.

We welcome back our children and teachers after their half term break.

And finally, thank you to Mary & Chris who clean the Kitchen for us on a monthly basis