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

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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—2nd August 2015
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—9th August 2015**

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Thought for the week

Whether we appreciate it or not, whenever we eat we commune with God. We experience the world as a place of gift – the “work of God’s hands”. If we do not do so already, perhaps we could say Grace before our meals. When we offer a Blessing upon our food we do not merely pronounce a few pious words, but rather commit ourselves to the nurture, protection and celebration of the gifts of God’s creation. We participate in the healing of the world and that gives meaning to our lives.

Practically speaking, this means that as we give thanks for our food we will also make sure that the food we eat does not involve unnecessary suffering to animals and does not degrade our soil and water sources. We could support gardeners and farmers who grow food in a healthy and careful manner. We could even learn to grow some food ourselves, so that we can see, smell, touch and taste at first hand the miraculous and fragile processes of birth, growth, death, decay and rebirth going on all around us. Human life is most fulfilled when we celebrate the Sacrament of life, when we transform mundane eating into an act of solidarity with creation and Communion with God.

In terms of meals, it could mean fewer TV dinners and more enjoying the company of family and friends over a meal. Sharing a meal gives us opportunities for discipleship, for eating with others creates a profound sense of community. We could get in touch with someone from whom we are alienated, or perhaps take part in events addressing the needs of vulnerable people. Through food, we can heal rifts and celebrate life.

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SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sun: 2nd August

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	9.00 am	Fr B	SB	Moya Meredith RIP (Meredith)
	11.00 am	Fr B	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	MH	SB	Mamie & John Hynes RIP
Mon 3rd Aug	9.30 am	Fr B	HG	Pia Castellano RIP (Stowell)
Tues 4th Aug	9.30 am	Fr B	SB	Int. Brian Condon (Messenger)
Wed 5th Aug	9.30 am	Fr B	HG	John Smith RIP (Davidson)
Thurs 6th Aug	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Dec. Mbrs Liddell Family
Fri 7th Aug	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Int. Oscar Oherlihy
	10.00 am till 11 am		HG	Adoration
Sat 8th	9.30 am	Fr B	SB	

Sun 9th August

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

	9.00 am	Fr B	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Fr B	SB	Bob Adams (Bush)
	6.30 pm	Fr B	SB	Seamus O’Brien RIP (Stroud)
Mon 10th Aug	9.30 am	Fr B	HG	Audrey Budynski RIP (Patel)
Tues 11th Aug	9.30 am	Fr B	SB	Maria Wyatt RIP (Ward)
Wed 12th Aug	9.30 am	Fr B	HG	Int. Pat & Sheila Rogers & Family
Thurs 13th Aug	9.15 am		SJ	at St. Joseph’s
Fri 14th Aug	9.30 am	Fr B	HG	Int. Gibson Family
Sat 15th Aug	9.30 am	Fr B	SB	Una Searles (Powers)

Sun 16th Aug

The Assumption of Our Lady

	9.00 am	Fr B	SB	In thanksgiving
	11.00 am	Fr B	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	Fr B	SB	Dec Mbrs Murphy & Hynes Families

HOLIDAY BREAK

Our Choir & Musicians are taking a well earned break during August. They resume on Sunday 6th September. We thank them for turning up throughout the year to enhance our Masses.... We are very grateful for the variety of Music we have for all our Masses.

TEA ROTA

Our dedicated team of people who provide tea after the 9 am Mass and on the third Sunday of the month the 11 am Mass during the year... they too are having a break during the summer.

If you are willing to help with this Ministry, please let the parish office know, so that we can draw up a new rota, the more people who volunteer, the better,

COUNTERS

If you have an hour or so to spare on a Monday morning between 8.30 am—10 am. We would very much welcome your help with counting the weekly collection. If you can help, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office (Tel. No. 465214)

COLLECTIONS

Collection for 19th (£1,977.49p) & 26th July (£1,819.44p) Grateful thanks.

When you fill in a Gift Aid Declaration Form, the Parish gets Tax Reclaim at no extra cost to you. Please consider contacting our Gift Aid Organiser Jan Hughes for further information (Tel. 465214)

ORDINATION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Fr. Philip Carroll from St. Joseph's Parish who was Ordained last weekend. We pray that you will have a long, happy Priesthood.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Maggie Jane Ashley who was baptised recently, also to Alfi Halford, Francis Nikodem Dzida, Nya-Grace Moore, Tina Onye, Theodora Cook and Maria Del Carmen Higgins who are being baptised this weekend.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Frances Mitchell and Andrew Sheehan who were married last weekend here at St. Bede's Church

POLISH MASS

There will be no Polish Mass in Holy Ghost Church during August, Mass will resume as normal on the third Saturday in September (19th)

HYMN BOOKS AND PARISH MASS BOOKS

To keep the church tidy, we ask you please to return all books to the stands in the cloister when leaving.

CHURCH CLEANING

If you have an hour to spare on Thursday 6th August between 11—12 noon, please come join the team.

Feast of the Assumption 15th Aug - 16th Aug.

The feast day of the Assumption of Mary celebrates the Catholic belief that God assumed the Virgin Mary into Heaven following her death. It is celebrated on or around 15th August - as it is a weekend this year, it is celebrated on Sunday 16th Aug.

Three events in the life of Our Lady help us to understand the Assumption. Firstly, we recall the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.

Mary offered her first born Son as a gift to the Lord in accordance with Jewish custom.

A second event is the meeting with Elizabeth and the time they spent together. It is a time of intense joy as two expectant mothers rejoice with the children they are expecting.

Thirdly, this feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary teaches us that at the end of her life Mary is taken, body and soul, to Heaven. She is the first after Christ to be taken to Heaven where she now reigns as Queen of the Universe.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Friday 21st August to 28th August. If you are interested please contact Tangney Tours on Tel. No. 01732886666 who will give you all the information you require.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Saturday 17 October, 10am - 4pm

All catechists of the Diocese are invited to attend this day to pray and meet together, and to celebrate their ministry with gratitude for God's call and their own dedication.

Fr Mark Hogan, Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation will lead the day, which will include Mass, a talk and workshops according to the different areas of catechetical work. This will be an opportunity to meet the Formation for Mission team and share good practice. Lunch will be provided.

PLANT SALE

On Sunday 9th August after all Masses, all proceeds go to St. Michael's Hospice.

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

The Foodbank are very short of the following items:

Small bags of sugar

Toothpaste

Tinned meats

Dried potato mash

Pasta

Brown & Red sauce

Rice

Tinned fruits

SICK IN OUR PARISH

We ask your prayers please for all those who are unable to be with us at Mass today.

AND FINALLY—Parish Office hours during August will be Monday to Friday 10—12 noon.