

**NORTH WEST  
HAMPSHIRE  
PASTORAL AREA**

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



**HOLY GHOST PARISH  
BASINGSTOKE**

**St. Bede's Church**  
Popley Way, Basingstoke,  
RG24 9DX

**Holy Ghost Church**  
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RG21 5TX

**Sacred Heart Parish**  
Sacred Heart Church  
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**The Assumption of Our Lady—August 16th  
Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time—August 23rd**

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**Thought for the week**

Today's Feast offers a glimpse of the promise for all people by showing us how Our Lady is led by God through her generous love and deep joy when visiting Elizabeth, through her suffering and sorrow at the foot of the cross, to the joys of heaven.

St. Bernadette was chosen by God to show how God's mercy reverses the values of the world so that those who are poor, sick, vulnerable have first place in God's Kingdom. Her life and death point towards the fulfilment of life that is to be found in heaven. She offers the same promise to all who trust and through their suffering remain faithful to Christ. Where She has gone, we hope to follow.

In Lourdes we glimpse the values of the Kingdom where the *maladies* are those who are exalted and given the front rows. Their heroic suffering and witness of faithfulness in prayer teach us to treasure the gifts we have been given and to be generous in heart. They draw out of the young people who serve them the values of generosity and love. In learning to give themselves away in love they become who God wishes them to be, since all people fulfil their Christian calling through loving and putting others first. Today's feast, too, offers a vision of God's Kingdom and calls us to be messengers of hope and joy.

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**SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sun 16th Aug</b>		<b>The Assumption of Our Lady</b>			
	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	
Mon 17th Aug	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Int. Sr. Anne	
Tues 18th Aug	11.00 am	Fr B	HG	Requiem Todd Bowers RIP	
Wed 19th Aug	9.30 am	Fr B	HG	Hannah Durangparang RIP	
Thurs 20th Aug	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Int. Gibson Family	
Fri 21st Aug	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Paddy Byrnes RIP (Byrnes)	
	10.00 am till 11 am		HG	Adoration	
Sat 22nd Aug	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Fen Wadmams RIP (Stevens)	
<b>Sun 23rd Aug</b>					
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Keven Stevens RIP (Powers)	
	11.00 am	Fr B	SB	People of the Parish	
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Elizabeth & Gerald McMullan RIP	
Mon 24th Aug	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Todd Bowers RIP (Murphy)	
	12.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Funeral Service Tom Hull RIP	
Tues 25th Aug	9.30 am	Fr B	SB	Michael Driscoll RIP	
Wed 26th Aug	9.30 am	Fr B	HG	Dec. Mbrs of the Parish	
Thurs 27th Aug	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Madge & John O'Brien RIP (O'Brien)	
Fri 28th Aug	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Int May Tobin (Byrne)	
Sat 29th Aug	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Nicholas Ward RIP (Ward)	
<b>Sun 30th Aug</b>					
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Anne-Marie, Angelo, Clive D'Cruz RIP	
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Audrey Budzynski RIP	
	6.30 pm	Fr B	SB	People of the Parish	

## **FUNERALS**

**Requiem for Todd Bowers RIP** on Tues. 18th August at 11 am in Holy Ghost Church

**Requiem for Dorothy Gooding RIP** on Friday 21st August in Holy Ghost Church at 12 noon.

**Funeral Service for Tom Hull RIP** on Mon. 24th August at 12.30 am in St. Bede's Church.

## **BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Edward Roche, Annabelle Roche, Leo Nowroozi, Rachael Eje, Antonina Barbara Gonzalza, Ayla Lyn Roshier who are being baptised on Sunday 23rd August.

## **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Antoniette Lumey & Brian Freeman who are getting married in Holy Ghost Church on Friday 21st August. Also to, Marianna de Souza and Mathew Davidson who are getting married on Saturday 29th August at Holy Ghost Church.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016**

Application forms will be made available soon for children who wish to make their First Holy Communion next summer. To begin the preparation programme the child must be a Baptised Catholic.

## **COLLECTIONS**

Collection for 2nd July (£2,184.61p),

9th July (£1,793.84p) 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)

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

Next church cleaning on Thursday 20th August, after the 9.30 am Mass

## **KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA 'LUCKY ME' DRAW**

First monthly draw in October and then monthly with 'Big Draw' in December. Draw made by the second Monday every month. Funds distributable as prizes. £25 monthly. December Prizes, 1st prize £100, 2nd prize £50, third prize £25. Remainder of donations to the Knights of St. Columba funds and to be available for charitable purposes. A donation of £6 (or multiples of £6) entitles entry into 12 monthly draws  
You will be able to collect a form from in the cloister area. For further information please contact the Parish Office.

## **PLANT SALE**

Plants sale for St. Michael's Hospice last weekend. Alfredo would like to thank wholeheartedly all the Parishioners for the support received. A total of £220 was raised for this worthy local charity.

## **FAREWELL TO FR. BENJAMIN**

Fr. Benjamin will be leaving us to go to Jersey in September. There will be a 'farewell' reception with wine and nibbles in St. Joseph's after the 6 pm Mass on Saturday 5th September.... All are most welcome. We thank Fr. Benjamin for his service to Holy Ghost Parish, and wish him every happiness in his new Parish.

## **CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting – 12 September**

Join us at our next meeting on Sat 12 September 10am – 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX) where we will explore our new *Laudato Si'* study guide for parishes and hear more about CAFOD's work in Niger. To book a place please ring 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) by 4 September.

## **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

We wish all our Diocesan Pilgrims a safe journey as they travel to Lourdes on Friday 21st August.

## **DAY FOR CATECHISTS**

Saturday 17 October, 10am - 4pm—St. Bede's Church

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.

## **BASINGSTOKE TOWN CHAPLAINCY**

The Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy are celebrating their 5th anniversary in Basingstoke. Please join in the celebrations at the Commissioning Service on Thursday 10th September at 6.30 pm at The London Rd. URC, followed by refreshments in the Oasis Café...

## **BASINGSTOKE FOOD BANK**

The Foodbank are short of the following:

Small bags of Pasta

Rice

Tinned fruit

Sugar

## **SICK IN OUR PARISH**

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

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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

**AND FINALLY—** Thank you to the many Parishioners who take Holy Communion to our fellow parishioners in their homes, and also for taking them shopping, and sitting with them.