

**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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**Thought for the Week**

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his friends what people are saying about him. The answers are predictable: "Many people think you are a hero of Jewish history, returning in their hour of need." Peter, however, is inspired to say, "You are the Christ," meaning, "You are the Messiah, the unique saviour sent from God." Jesus tells them to keep this identity of his a secret. Why? Because he still has to submit to his passion, and he doesn't want anyone to interfere with that. Only by surrendering himself entirely to suffering and death, and burial too, can he be transformed into the triumphant risen Christ. He has to accept annihilation, trusting totally in the Father. He has to disappear. Then the Father will restore him to life, but a very different life. He will be the Lord of creation, the judge of the living and the dead, enthroned at his Father's right hand.

It's all too much for Peter. He thinks the glory should be possible without the suffering, without the self-surrender. He earns a strong rebuke from Jesus, "The way you think is not God's way but man's." Thirty years later Peter himself will learn the truth of Jesus' words, when he too has to submit to an unjust crucifixion, to being apparently blotted out, for the sake of the Gospel. Only thus will he become the foundation stone of the Catholic Church.

Religious experts have a phrase for describing all this. They call it "the paschal mystery". It simply means that Jesus has blazed the trail for us to follow, has shown us the pattern. This is the way to heaven: becoming humble, abandoning yourself into the hands of God, trusting even when it seems very dark, and letting God be God.

*Taken from 'The Living Word' Redemptorist Publications*

**SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sun 13th Sept</b>	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Gerard Murray RIP (Fleming)
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Margaret Golding RIP (Office)
<b>Mon 14th Sept</b>	10.30 am	Fr C	HG	Todd Bowers RIP (Huntley)
	12.00 noon	Fr C		Funeral Service Patrick Walsh RIP @ Holy Ghost
<b>Tues 15th Sept</b>	9.15am			at St. Joseph's, South Ham
<b>Wed 16th Sept</b>	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Halina Gadomska & Mitchaswaf Gadomski RIP (Justyn)
<b>Thurs 17th Sept</b>	9.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Dec. Mbrs Broadbent Family
<b>Fri 18th Sept</b>	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Int. Fr. Benjamin
	10.00 am till 11 am		HG	Adoration
<b>Sat 19th Sept</b>	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Kevin Stevens RIP (Stevens)
		Fr C	SB	Confessions
<b>Sun 20th Sept</b>	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	In thanksgiving
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Fred & Eileen Parsons RIP (Hughes)
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish

Morning Prayer: 9:15am 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

## PARISH DIARY: 13th Sept

Sun: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Piano.  
Knights of St. Columba promotion  
'Lucky Me' draw promotion after all Masses today  
BAAC meeting after the 11 am Mass today  
Tues: Toddler Group meet 1.30 pm—3 pm  
Thurs: Mother's prayer meet after 9.30 am Mass  
No cleaning until 24th Sept.  
Sat: Baptisms: 12 noon in St. Bede's Church  
Kneeler Group meet 2—4 pm in St. Bede's  
Wedding in HG Church at 1 pm  
James Kearney to Gemma Roche  
Polish Mass in Holy Ghost Church at 6 pm

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

Application forms are available in the cloister area for those who wish to make their First Holy Communion in June 2016. Please complete the forms and return to the Parish Office before 27th September, which is the closing date, all forms received after this date will be filed away for 2017.

## CONFIRMATION 2016

Confirmation takes places at Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016. For those wishing to be Confirmed a preparation programme commences at St Bede's on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.15pm. Parents and candidates must attend the first session for more information regarding the programme. The minimum school year in order to be confirmed is year 9.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS NEEDED

Children's Liturgy is a way of sharing the Gospel of the day and its message with the children. Its structure allows the children to experience the Sacred Scriptures through a "kid's eye". We try and keep in mind their way of looking at things as well as remembering Jesus's teaching: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs (Matthew 19.14)

We are lucky to be able to offer Children's Liturgy during 9am and 11am Masses on a Sunday (Term time only) to school age children. Parents benefit from this service too, because they stay in Church and can focus on listening to the Scriptures and Homily. If you would like to volunteer to help us in this useful and rewarding service, or want to know more about what is involved, please e-mail Carola Marchesini ([carolamarchesini@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolamarchesini@yahoo.co.uk)) and she will guide you through the next steps. We are short on helpers at 11am Mass at present, so we hope some new helpers will come forward to help us keep Children's Liturgy going smoothly. Thank you in advance for your support.

## FR. BENJAMIN

Sincere thanks to you all for the love and support shown to me in these last weeks, and for all the gifts and good wishes I have received. No words can adequately express the deep love a Priest has for his parishioners and it has been a privilege and joy to serve you as Priest. Above all, thanks be to God for all the graces of this year.

Fr. Benjamin

## PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS, REFUGEES & ASSYLUM SEEKERS

Lord, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Those separated from their loved ones. Those who are lost, and those who have been exiled from their homes. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be. Help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, who too was a refugee and migrant who travelled to another land. Amen

## MIGRANT SLAVERY Saturday 26th September 2015

Last week, public concern for migrants attempting to reach Europe intensified with the publication in the national press of pictures of the body of Alan Kurdi. Pope Francis has put the Church's weight behind moves to house the migrants - calling on every parish, religious community, monastery, and sanctuary in Europe to take in one migrant family. Prior to the Pope's statement our diocesan Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility team was sponsoring a conference on Migrant Slavery. At this conference, there will be an opportunity for participants to discuss what practical responses the Diocese should make both to migrant slavery and to the ongoing issues around migration. As a Church comprised of every nationality we are in a unique position to respond to the crisis, both in the short and longer term. Please consider joining us on the 26th September. The day will take place at St Bede's Church,, 9.30am - 3.30pm, with an excellent line-up of speakers.

*"The Diocese of Portsmouth is deeply moved by the plight of refugees which has become all too clear in the past few weeks in particular.*

*Consequently, Bishop Egan, in close co-operation with the National Bishops' Conference, has formed a Diocesan working group dedicated to supporting refugees. The working group will look at how the Diocese as a whole and individual parishes and communities can practically respond as specific needs arise while remembering refugees and all those affected by this crisis in their prayers."*

## COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £2,039.14p Grateful thanks. Second collection **TODAY** Racial Justice. Next weekend 20th September, second collection for Home Mission Sunday as directed by the Catholic Bishops' Conference.

## MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 25th September, there will be a coffee morning between 10—12 noon here at St. Bede's. After the 11 am Mass on Sun 27th, there will be refreshments in the hall and a cake sale, all proceeds going towards the Macmillan Nurses.

## CHURCH CLEANING

No Church cleaning until Thursday 24th September After the 9.30 am Mass

**AND FINALLY.....** Thank you for our Catechists.