

**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

Sherborne Rd. Basingstoke.
RG21 5TX

Sacred Heart Parish

Sacred Heart Church
London Road, Hook
RG27 9LA

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time—20th September 2015

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Psalter Week 1

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Thought of the Week

Today in the Gospel, Jesus is telling His disciples about the kind of leadership He wants to see in His Church. But they seem deaf to what He says. He has to remind them that if they are to be His disciples they will have to follow Him to Jerusalem, where He will be arrested by the political leaders and then killed. He has told them already that His leadership will involve suffering and He will tell them a third time as they journey to Jerusalem. But this crucial lesson falls on deaf ears. The disciples don't understand why the Messiah should suffer and they are afraid to ask Him because it is a message they don't want to hear. They want to talk about another topic as they walk along. When Jesus asks them what they are so concerned about, they are shamed into silence. The conversation has been about who is the greatest among them, who wields the most power. Who is the top dog?

Jesus knows how dangerous it is to challenge our deep desire for rank and prestige. He would have known our first reading from the book of Wisdom, which explains how powerful, godless men hate the virtuous and gentle people who question their dominance, and they will even kill them. And St. James in the second reading confirms this. Those who are envious and ambitious for power, when they are thwarted, will turn to violence, Jesus knows His disciples are caught up in this desire for power, so He challenges them. Leadership in His Church must be based on service, so the one who wants to be first must be last. And to drive home the message, He puts a little child in front of them. The disciples, in that culture, would have seen children as lowly nonentities. But Jesus tells them they must learn to welcome not just the powerful, but these insignificant children. If they do, they will be welcoming Jesus Himself.

Taken from Redemptorist Publications 'The Living Word'

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sun 20th Sept	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	In thanksgiving (Daniel)
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Fred & Eileen Parsons RIP (Hughes)
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish

Mon 21st Sept	9.15am at St Joseph	AND	10.00am at Hook
Tues 22nd Sept	9.15am at St Joseph	AND	10.00am at Hook
Wed 23rd Sept	<i>No Mass at St Joseph</i> BUT 10.00am at Hook		
Thurs 24th Sept	9.15am at St Joseph	AND	10.00am at Hook
Fri 25th Sept	9.15am at St Joseph	AND	10.00am at Hook
Sat 26th Sept	8.00 am at St Bede	Deceased Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish	

Sun 27th Sept	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Arnold Azavedo RIP
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Ted Enright RIP (Lee)
	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: 20th Sept

Sun: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Filipino:
6.30 pm Priest-Led

Tues: Toddler Group meet 1.30 pm—3 pm

Thurs: Mother's prayer meeting
Cleaning 24th Sept.

Sat: Lord's Flock—4.30—8.30 pm

Sun: Kneeler Group—draw

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 7th May 2016. For those wishing to be Confirmed a preparation programme commences at St Bede's on Friday 2nd 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.

RCIA

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Our Parish 'Journey in Faith' course for adults wishing to be Baptised and or Confirmed during the Easter Triduum will begin soon. If you wish to join the course, please email the Parish Office at stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS NEEDED

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) 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

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

STELLA MARIS MASS FOR SEAFARERS

On Wednesday 23rd September at 12.15

A Mass will be celebrated by Canon Dominic Golding at St John's Cathedral Portsmouth to pray for seafarers and for the work of Apostleship of the Sea who support their faith and welfare needs. All welcome. Contact johnngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk for more details.

MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 25th Sept, there will be a coffee morning between 10—12 noon 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 Trust

OUR PARISH'S FUTURE PROJECT

Our parish has begun a new initiative called *Our Parish's Future* to look at the advantages of planned giving and how we can improve the mission of our parish. A few of your fellow parishioners have stepped forward to assist me. All parish families will be invited to participate as the appeal moves forward. I ask that if you receive a telephone call made on my behalf, please welcome a fellow parishioner to discuss the importance of this initiative. Please pray for the success of the endeavour in our parish. I look forward to updating you on our progress in the coming weeks. Thank you Fr. Chris

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Today is Home Mission Sunday, it is the day in the Church's calendar when the Bishop's invite every member of the Catholic Community to pray for, celebrate and support the work of Evangelisation in England and Wales. This year's theme is PROCLAIM God's Mercy *"How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone"* **Pope Francis**,

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

Are you worried about your children or grandchildren?

Have they stopped going to church?

Are they taking drugs or drinking too much?

In today's increasingly secular society, Jesus more than ever wishes all mothers to surrender their children into His care, to take away pain from the mothers and to pour blessings on their children.

There have been many wonderful answers to prayers.

If any of this strikes a chord with you, do join us.

We currently meet at St Bedes at 10.30am every Thursday in term time. Please get in touch even if you cannot make the time of the meeting and we will try to arrange a time that suits everyone.

Phone Katharine Bushell on 07788 441792 or email katharine.bushell@talktalk.net

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE LATEST NEWS

The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news with photos, news, and information from around the Diocese. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates. Are you on Facebook? Like 'Diocese of Portsmouth' to get all the latest info as it happens. You can also follow @BishopEgan and @PortsmouthRC on Twitter.

COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £1,930.51p. Second collection for Racial Justice amounted to £326.33p. Grateful thanks. **TODAY** 20th September, second collection for Home Mission Sunday as directed by the Catholic Bishops' Conference.

AND FINALLY: Thank you to the 'Toddler Team' who are here every Tuesday AND to Jackie the Repository Shop Coordinator and her team .