

**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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Thought of the Week

Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel tells us how serious a thing is to offend against anyone in any way. Sin is always damaging, Jesus teaches us, and if we become lackadaisical about our wrongdoing, we are on a dangerous path. Wrongdoing is never all right. Not only do we offend against goodness when we do wrong, but we also give an example to others, especially to people who are young and vulnerable and easily influenced.

Jesus speaks about a threefold way of sinning, with hand and foot and eye. These parts of our body are so precious and so vital in everything we do. And yet the Lord says that it would be better to be without these precious limbs and eyes than to fall into the ways of sin. His language is deliberately extreme, not meant to be interpreted in a literal fashion, for he is making the point that there are no half measures here. The great divide in life is right and wrong, All other divisions and differences are not problems.

So for example, different religious groups, different nationalities, differences of gender, none of these things should be an issue for us in the way we behave and treat one another. We are all human beings. What divides us, what has always divided us and always will divide us, unless we change our ways, is our inclination to sin and wrongdoing. It is then that we human beings create hell—a place where we have separated ourselves from God.

Taken from Redemptorist Publications 'The Living Word'

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Mon 28th Sept 12.00 noon Fr C HG Lawrence Williams RIP

Tues 29th Sept 9.15am
10.00am at St Joseph
at Hook

Wed 30th Sept 9.30 am Fr C HG Bridget Foy RIP

Thurs 1st Oct 9.30 am Fr C SB Mary Davidson RIP
10:30am Fr M HG Requiem Mass Brenda Eakins RIP

Fri 2nd Oct 11.00 am Fr C HG Requiem Mass Peter Elie RIP

Sat 3rd Oct 9.30 am Fr C SB Todd Bowers RIP
Fr C SB Confessions

Sun 4th Oct

9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Giorgina Balbi RIP
11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Jessica McCully RIP & Terry Sullivan RIP
6.30 pm	Fr P	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

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 place 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.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Brenda Eakins, Peter Elie and Arthur Stockwell.

Brenda Eakin's funeral will take place at the Holy Ghost Church at 10:30am on Thursday 1st October 2015.

Peter Elie's funeral will take place at the Holy Ghost Church on Friday 2nd October at 11:00am.

Arthur Stockwell's funeral will take place at Worthing Road Cemetery Chapel on Tuesday 29th Sept at 11am.

Please pray for their family & friends. May they Rest in Peace

PASTORAL AREA PILGRIMAGE

To Camino de Santiago de Compostella

We ask you keep all our pilgrims, together with Fr Chris and Fr Mark Hogan in your prayers for a safe journey and a successful, prayerful and rejuvenating pilgrimage from 04 to 12 October "God Bless"

POLISH MASS

Next Mass in Polish will take place on Saturday, 17/10/2015 in Holy Ghost Church

Następna Msza po polsku odbędzie się w sobotę, dnia 17.10.2015 w kościele Holy Ghost.

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

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

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 £2,020.92p. Second collection for Home Mission Sunday amounted to £377.32p. Grateful thanks. **TODAY** 27th September, second collection for The Cathedral.

CAFOD Harvest Fast 04 October 2015

Your support and donations this Harvest Fast Day will enable our partners to work with people across the world to have access to tools and training, and empower them to become self-sufficient despite living in the most difficult of conditions. Additionally, your donations this Fast Day will be used to fund our partners work in Europe and the Middle East to support those affected by the refugee crisis. There will be a Second Collection at all Masses next weekend Thank you.

Day of Prayer for Migrant Refugee Crisis - TODAY

Today, Sunday 27th September, Bishop Philip has invited parishes in the diocese to hold a Day of Prayer for the refugee migrant crisis. What can you do to respond? There are several suggestions in Bishop Philip's Message which you can find on www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk under Latest News. Perhaps make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament today, pray a Rosary, or reflect on the Second Sorrow of Mary, the Flight into Egypt, Matthew 2:13-23. You can also pray the following prayer:

O Lord, to whom no one is a stranger
and from whose help no one is ever distant,
look with compassion on refugees and exiles,
on segregated persons and on lost children;
restore them, we pray, to a homeland,
and give us a kind heart for the needy and for strangers.
Through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

AND FINALLY: Thank you to Liz Murphy for all her hard work in the office, we hope she enjoyed her well deserved rest last week.