

**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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RG27 9LA

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Thought for the week

Today's second reading suggests that discrimination between rich and poor people had even infiltrated the early Church. James invokes the Old Testament belief that God's special care is given to poor people, choosing them to be "rich in faith" and "heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him". Such teaching goes against the grain for in every age the overriding inclination is to go with wealth and the power it brings, and to look on poor people with indifference. Yet Jesus chose the life of a poor man; he had "nowhere to lay his head" and, in Paul's words, "he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty.

In his public ministry Jesus' love embraced everyone, and he bridged the great divide between rich and poor people, not in a material way but through increasing their love and faith. The miracle in today's Gospel, in which Jesus urges a man who is deaf and speaks with difficulty, can be seen not only as physical healing but also as a spiritual gift that brings the man to a deeper faith. Mark gives the incident a symbolic meaning: the man is taken apart from the crowd and receives the ability to hear and to speak of what he has heard and understood, whereas the disciples, though they were privileged to be constantly in the presence of Jesus, so often failed to understand what they had heard. Significantly, Jesus' injunction to tell no one about what has happened is given to the onlookers but not to the man; for he believes in Jesus and knows the meaning of what the Lord has done for him.

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SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sun 6th Sept	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Roy & Simon Goodier RIP
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	Fr B	SB	Margaret Mary Foran RIP
Mon 7th Sept	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Patricia Grasso RIP (Grasso)
Tues 8th Sept	9.30 am	Fr B	SB	Int. Maria Colella (Davidson)
Wed 9th Sept	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Int. Maria Wilman (Davidson)
				St. Bede's School join us for this Mass
Thurs 10th Sept	2.00 pm	Fr C	HG	Requiem Michael Patrick McLaughlin RIP
Fri 11th Sept	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Pat Farrelly RIP (Farrelly)
	10.00 am till 11 am		HG	Adoration
Sat 12th Sept	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Todd Bowers RIP (Powell)
		Fr C	SB	Confessions
Sun 13th Sept	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)

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.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to Sebastian Ralph Garcia, Teniola Owolabi, Charlie William Gook, Jacket Rychecowski who will be baptised today.

REQUIEM

Requiem for Michael Patrick Mcloughlin RIP at Holy Ghost Church on Thursday 10th September at 2 pm
Requiem for Patrick Walsh RIP at Holy Ghost Church on Monday 14th September at 12 noon. May they rest in peace. We remember their families at this sad time.

BRINGING CHILDREN TO CHURCH

Bringing a small child to Sunday Mass can be a stressful and anxious time for Parents. Everyone should be welcome in church and Jesus himself drew the little children to Him. So how can parents make it through Sunday Mass in one piece?

Plan ahead for quiet activities to be used only in Church. A cloth bag or special 'Sunday bag' of a couple of quiet, soft toys and age appropriate books. For toddlers, allow time on a Sunday morning or before Mass to choose the books for that bag. Don't bring noisy toys, cars, or clattering pens etc. Pack a sippy cup of water, but please do pack food or sweets. Children can go without food for an hour, and it is not respectful to learn to eat in Church. Children can sit though endless TV or a film without munching and going to the toilet, and using food as a reward is not a healthy habit!

Sit near the front. Sitting up near the front puts your children near the action. There is more for them to look at and pay attention.

Remember, it is not effective to take a young child out of a church service for 'misbehaving' and then let them run around having fun. Also, running around the church from pew to pew and jumping over the kneelers is very disrespectful to those who are in church.

As a reward at the end of Mass for being well behaved, why not take them up to light a candle or take a close look at the statues and flowers, and also allow them to socialise with other parishioners, in the courtyard or in the cloister area.

Parents', please do not get discouraged. Reverence in Church takes many, many weeks and years of training.

JOB VACANCIES

There are a number of vacancies in the Diocese, including: a Housekeeper/Cleaner in Fareham; an Administrative Officer in the Schools' Dept; a Part time Administrator in Newport, Isle of Wight; and two roles in Hampshire Downs Parish.

For more information on any of these, please go to: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

SYRO-MALABAR COMMUNITY

Fr Tomy Chirackalmanavalan has been appointed by our Bishop as Chaplain to members of the Syro-Malabar Communities in our Diocese. He is authorised as Priest-in-Charge assisted by Fr. Rajesh Abraham. **ALL** Syro-Malabar rite Masses have to be authorised by Fr. Tomy and permission granted by the local Parish Priest.

ST BEDE'S KNEELER GROUP

St Bede's Kneeler Group Annual Draw Tickets will be available after Masses on 13th & 20th September. The draw will take place after 9:00 am Mass on 27th September. Our purpose is to create unique tapestry kneelers for the parish. There will also be a display of some work in progress and completed kneelers. We welcome new members of all ages and ability.

For further information contact Susan by e-mail susan.beard@ntlworld.com or by telephone 01256 417764

CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting

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 by 4 Sept.

FORMATION FOR MISSION – News and Events

Are you a catechist? Keep up-to-date with Formation for Mission training and events

at: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation

There is a lot coming up this term, including:

Retreat Day for Catechists – 26th September

Day for Catechists with Fr Mark Hogan – 17th October

Conference with Matt Pinto, Founder of Ascension

Press – 9th November

COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend (31st Aug) amounted to £1,802.00p. Grateful thanks.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

For Fr. Benjamin who leaves us this weekend. We thank Fr. Benjamin for all his support during this past year, and wish him every happiness and success in his new Parish in Jersey.

Next weekend, special collection for Racial Justice.

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)

DIOCESAN PRAYER

For Holy Ghost Parish on Wednesday 9th Sept.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Congratulations to Mrs. Julie Allen of Old Basing 'Lucky Me' winner for August who won £25.00

AND FINALLY..... Welcome back to our Teachers and children after the School summer holidays.