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HOLY GHOST PARISH

BASINGSTOKE

St. Bede's Church

Popley Way, Basingstoke,
RG24 9DX

Holy Ghost Church

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Sacred Heart Parish

Sacred Heart Church
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Thought for the Week

Today's Gospel is about different viewpoints. The man who comes to Jesus is looking for answers to the deepest questions of life. When Jesus looks steadily at the man and loves him, He is seeing not just what the man is; He sees the man's heart, and sees what he could be. For us the future is a mist that is all around us, more peopled with what we imagine than with what really exists. It was different for Christ. He saw what was to be. It is a mistake to think that this foreknowledge somehow detracted from the reality of His sacrifice. The foreknowledge was to cause Him to suffer intensely in Gethsemane. He saw the final triumph of His Father's will, but He also saw the price, the suffering that it would mean for Him. This knowledge is not available to us, but that is for the best. Even if we could see the future, we could not understand it. We cannot understand some things unless we have experienced them. The man in the Gospel goes away because he thinks he knows what it would be like to have lost everything. It is not because he is exaggerating in his mind what he will endure; in fact he greatly underestimates the suffering he would endure if he were to follow Christ. We all do. What he cannot imagine, however, is the peace and joy that those who suffer for Christ will experience. It is an inexplicable joy, a joy that is found only in prayer, and a joy that, because it comes from God alone, cannot be produced by any human power. It is a joy, too, that can coexist with great sadness. It is what St. Ignatius of Loyola called "a joy without a cause" – meaning, of course, without any *human* cause.

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SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sun 11th Oct	9.00 am	Canon T SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Canon T SB	Giovanni & Eddie Vallone RIP
	6.30 pm	Canon T SB	Bob Brownlie RIP (Brownlie)
Mon 12th Oct.	9.30 am	SB	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Morning Prayer and Liturgy of the Word <i>(Today we Pray for all Pilgrims)</i>
Tues 13th Oct.	8.30 am	SJ	Mass in St. Joseph's Church (note time)
Wed 14th Oct.	9.30 am	HG	Richard & Alethea Watterson RIP
Thurs 15th Oct.	9.30 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs McGourty & Byrne Families (Tarrant)
Fri 16th Oct.	9.30 am	HG	Jimmy Hanafee RIP
	10—11 am	HG	Adoration
Sat 17th Oct	9.30 am	SB	Int. Fr. Benjamin
Sun 18th Oct	9.00 am	Fr C SB	In thanksgiving Mnemosyne Anna Thea Vergard
	11.00 am	Fr C SB	Antonio Martino RIP (Martino)
	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.

If you are visiting St. Bede's Church, you are most welcome.

WELCOME

To Canon Terence Healey, who will be celebrating all our Masses today.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

Application for First Holy Communion are now closed. Anyone who missed the deadline will have to wait until next Summer to enrol. We are oversubscribed

CATECHISTS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you are a practicing Catholic, and are willing to help with the preparation of children for First Holy Communion, can you please contact the Parish Office. (Tel. No. 465214). We have 89 children enrolled, and currently only 11 Catechists, we need at least 6 more. We are very grateful to those who have come forward, but if we are unable to find more Catechists, the First Holy Communion cannot take place.

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.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

This Harvest Fast Day our Parish raised £1,054.30p for CAFOD. Thank you for your support and solidarity. You have helped to ensure that more people across the world will be able to grow enough food to support themselves. Furthermore your donations will also be used to fund CAFOD partners' work in Europe and the Middle East to support those affected by the refugee crisis.

CAFOD MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The 10.30am Sunday Mass on 15 November 2015 at The Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle, 356 London Road, Waterlooville, Hants PO7 7SR will remember and hold in prayer all deceased CAFOD supporters from our Diocese and celebrate their lives, faith and compassion. Everybody is welcome to attend. If you would like to remember a loved one (even if you cannot attend the Mass), please send their names to portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone the CAFOD office on 01252 329385 by 6th November and they will be included in the Book of Remembrance.

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

The Foodbank is entering its 4th year of operations, having helped 5% more people last year compared with the previous year. During the past 12 months 1,420 vouchers were redeemed, which helped feed 2,777 people, 1,828 adults & 949 children. The vouchers, which are given out by professional agencies in the Borough, provide the recipients with 3 days worth of essential foodstuffs to help them during time of temporary crisis. St Bede's Parish is a significant contributor to the running of the Foodbank with Parishioners donating 1606 kg of foodstuffs in the past 12 months. A fantastic contribution by our Parish. Thank you all very much indeed.

URGENT NEED—If you have any spare clean carrier bags, the foodbank would be most grateful, it helps take food Parcels to the homes of the needy.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun: 9am Choir: 11am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Piano
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass
Repository open after all Masses today
BAAC meet after 11 am Mass
Tues: Toddler Group meet 1.30—3.15 pm
PFC meet SB at 7 pm
Wed: 9 am Choir practice SB at 7.30

MASS COUNT

At all Masses during the month of October for National and Diocesan Statistics.

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 endeavor in our Parish. I look forward to updating you on our progress in the coming weeks.
Thank you Fr. Chris

BACCA

Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association There will be a special Mass at 11 am in Bede's Church on Sunday 18th October, to mark Black History Month. Food and drinks will be served in the hall after Mass. All are invited.

SYRO MALABAR MASS

Fr Tomy will be celebrating the Syro Malabar Mass in Holy Ghost Church every fourth Sunday of the Month at 4 pm. Also starting Fri 16th to Sunday 25th, the Holy Rosary will be recited in Holy Ghost Church between 5—6 pm, with the Syro Malabar Group. All are welcome to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday 18th Oct, The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the Mission of the Church. Thanks to your support, the Catholic Church is growing and many Parishes can now take care of themselves.

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Jozsef Bogar RIP on Thursday 15th October at 11.00 in the Crematorium.

Requiem Mass for Marjorie Gorman RIP on Thursday 22nd October at 12 noon in Holy Ghost Church. May they Rest in Peace. We remember their families at this sad time.

COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £1,884.77p. Second collection **TODAY** second collection for SVP. Next weekend second collection for the Foreign Missions. We are very aware and conscious that we have had so many second collections of late...

AND FINALLY : Thank you for being here today.