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ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,
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**HOLY GHOST PARISH
BASINGSTOKE**

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Thought for the week

There is a story from early Christian history, which tells of a holy man, much given to disciplined prayer and fasting, who goes on a journey, taking with him a Gallic peasant as a companion and servant. The going is tough, especially for the servant who carries the luggage and food. Eventually the servant asks the holy man if they might stop and eat, to renew their strength. The response is not what he is looking for. "The angels in heaven", the holy man points out, "need no food or rest, but are strengthened by the praise of God. ! The Gallic response is sharp and to the point—and perhaps more theologically and spiritually wise; "Yes, but we are men! We are foolish to pretend we are angels when we are not"

This may seem an odd way to begin reflection on today's readings, which are focused on marriage, first in creation and then in Christian life. Yet the questions of how the most intimate daily living of our relationships can be blessed are based in a deeper place—the graced gift of creation and the living of holy life as a bodily matter. This is the lesson that the holy man needed to learn from his more "earthy" companion—and it can be a lesson of hope and renewal of us today. It is the fundamental learning needed for blessed Marriages and Family relationships, and for human friendships more widely.

- ◆ Jesus understands the complexities of Marriage and Family life.
- ◆ The significance of God "taking on Flesh" and suffering in the incarnation; a call to a holiness embodied in the challenge of small practical acts of loving in our lives and homes.

Taken from the 'Living World' Redemptorist Publications

SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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
Mon 5th Oct.	9.30 am	SB	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Morning Prayer and Liturgy of the Word <i>(Today we Pray for our Parish)</i>	
Tues 6th Oct.	9.30 am	SB	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Morning Prayer and Liturgy of the Word <i>(Today we Pray for the Priests of our Diocese who are on Retreat)</i>	
Wed 7th Oct.	9.30 am	SB	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Morning Prayer and Liturgy of the Word <i>(Today we Pray for peace in the Middle East)</i>	
Thurs 8th Oct.	9.30 am	SB	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Morning Prayer and Liturgy of the Word <i>(Today we Pray for Conversions to the Catholic Faith)</i>	
Fri 9th Oct.	9.30 am	SB	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Morning Prayer and Liturgy of the Word <i>(Today we Pray for Grown Up Children who have stopped Practicing their Faith)</i>	
Sat 10th Oct	No Mass today.			

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)

Welcome to our visitors who are with us for Mass today.

WELCOME

To Fr. Peter Codd who will be celebrating the 6.30 pm Mass today (Sun 4th) - and to Canon Terence Healey, who will be Celebrating all three Masses next weekend (Sun 11th)

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 86 children enrolled, and currently only 6 Catechists, we need at least 10 more urgently. If we are unable to find more Catechists, the First Holy Communion cannot take place.

CONFIRMATION 2016

Confirmation takes places at Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 7th May 2016.

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.

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

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

'Lucky Me' Winner—Congratulations to Pauline Hughes of Basingstoke who won £25.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE

Please take a copy of the latest Portsmouth People, there is an excellent article in there by Canon Dominic Golding.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Mass of thanksgiving for the Religious & Consecrated Life takes place on Thursday 15th October (Feast of St Teresa of Avila) at the Cathedral at 12.15 am. Bishop Philip will be celebrating the Mass.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun: 9am Choir: 11 am Popley: 6.30 pm Guitar
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass
BAAC meet after 11 am Mass

Tues: Toddler Group meet 1.30—3.15 pm

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9 am Mass

At present, we have been reduced to two groups providing refreshments after Mass. Please could we have more volunteers to help with the tea, coffee and biscuits which are provided. Please contact the Parish Office. (Tel. No. 465214) if you are able to help !

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

BAPTISMS

Welcome to Lenna Janina Bithell and Violet Ivy Kemp who were baptized last weekend.

KNEELER GROUP

"We had a very successful draw this year thanks to the wonderful support of both St. Bede's and St. Joseph's parishioners raising a total of £420.00. The First prize was won by Mrs Robinson. If you are also thinking of sponsoring a kneeler contact Susan. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, bought tickets and those who gave up their time to sell tickets your support is greatly appreciated." Unclaimed prize tickets are: 180,451,289,179,307,131,230,122,358,279,330,250,013,260, 216,358,390,344,213,466,116,165,380.
Please contact Susan by telephone 417764 or email Susan.beard@ntlworld.com

MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you for all the support giving at the Macmillan Coffee morning last week, £213.65p was raised. Thank you to Sammy for organising this event.

COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £2,375.47p. Second collection for the Upkeep of the Cathedral amounted to £248.41p. Grateful thanks. **TODAY** second collection for CAFOD

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)

Next Parish Finance Committee on Tuesday 13th Oct at 7 pm

AND FINALLY: Thank you to our First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists.