

**NORTH WEST
HAMPSHIRE
PASTORAL AREA**

SERVING THE PARISHES OF
ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,
HOOK, TADLEY AND BURGHFIELD



**HOLY GHOST PARISH
BASINGSTOKE**

St. Bede's Church
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RG24 9DX

Holy Ghost Church
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RG21 5TX

Sacred Heart Parish
Sacred Heart Church
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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - 1st November 2015
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Feast of All Saints

When we read the lives of the Saints we can find great inspiration, but we can also find it hard to see how we, with all our faults, can ever approach their holiness. The essential thing in reading the lives of the Saints is to focus on Jesus Christ, for the lives of the Saints are always to be seen in His light. In Jesus Christ we are all invited to share in a mystery of love that goes beyond our understanding and imagination. It is by welcoming this mystery into our lives that we are able to follow the example of the Saints.

We often misunderstand the nature of Sainthood. Sainthood is not something reserved for a select few within the Church, but is the calling given to all. As we pray, as we celebrate the Liturgy of the Church, as we try through God's grace to live the Beatitudes in our everyday lives, it is important to see all of this as a sharing in the mystery of Christ's love. At those times when we fail we are called not to lose hope, but to find in our failure the opportunity to encounter Christ's love, a love on which we can never place limits, a love that calls each of us to holiness.

- * What it is to be a Saint is mysterious and hidden.
- * The Saints share in the mystery of Jesus Christ.
- * We are given insights into what Sainthood is through the life of the Church, and in the first place through Scripture.
- * The Beatitudes are the perfect teaching for the Christian life, because they manifest Christ's love, and His invitation to each of us to share in His love.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Sun 1st Nov | 9.00 am | Fr P | SB | Heather Miller RIP (nee Bulley) |
| | 11.00 am | Fr P | SB | People of the Parish |
| | 6.30 pm | Fr C | SB | John Hennessy RIP (Hennessy) |
| Mon 2nd Nov | Feast of All Souls | | | |
| | 12.00 noon | Fr C | HG | Dec. Mbrs Azavedo & D'Souza families |
| | Blessing of Graves in Holy Ghost Cemetery after Mass | | | |
| Tues 3rd Nov | 10.00 am | | SH | Hook |
| Wed 4th Nov | 9.30 am | Fr C | HG | Mary & Harold Vickers RIP |
| Thurs 5th Nov | 9.30 am | Fr C | SB | Patricia Grasso RIP (Smith) |
| Fri 6th Nov | Please note change of venue | | | |
| | 10—11 am | | SB | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 1.30 pm | +P | SB | Michel & Pino Colella RIP |
| Sat 7th Nov | No Mass | (9.30 am | 100 children on FHC program at SB's) | |

Sun 8th November

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| 9.00 am | Fr C | SB | John Reilly RIP |
| 11.00 am | Fr C | SB | Margaret Golding 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.

BOILERS

Work has nearly finished on the Boilers. This weekend there will be no heating in the Church, but as you can see, we have had Divine intervention, we have been Blessed with good mild weather.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to Rowan Patrick Boyle, Antonina Barbara Gonzalez, Chesson Michael Medicott, who were baptised recently, and Jemima Salter who is being baptised today.

BAMENDA SUNDAY

In 1974 the Dioceses of Bamenda and Portsmouth were formally twinned. Bamenda is the capital of North West Province in Cameroon, West Africa. In 1970 the Bamenda Diocese had been created and Paul Verdzekov appointed as the first bishop. Later the diocese of Kumbo was split from Bamenda and Cornelius Esua appointed its bishop. In January 2006 Archbishop Paul retired to be replaced by Archbishop Cornelius who today is assisted by Bishop Agapitus.

Back in 1974 the first missionaries from Portsmouth went out to Bamenda to spread the Gospel. Today that situation is now reversed and, as from the autumn of 2015, six priests from Bamenda Diocese will be ministering in our Diocese of Portsmouth. In 2014 we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the link with delegations from both Dioceses visiting each other. Over the past 40 years more than £1,000,000 raised by Portsmouth Diocese has been spent on supporting projects in Bamenda in collaboration with the local communities in the areas of Faith, Health, Education and Social Welfare. More details on this work can be seen under the Projects Section of the website. The Portsmouth Bamenda Committee serves this link on behalf of the Diocese as a channel of information and mutual support, and by administering the funds that are contributed from the annual Bamenda Sunday collection and from parishes and other organisations/institutions who have taken on specific projects.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Fr. Chris will be available on these dates to sign school forms :

Thursday 19th November after morning Mass until 11.15am

Saturday 28th November at 11.00 till 12.00 noon

Please remember to bring along the Stamped Mass Attendance card.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2016

After a very successful pilgrimage to Lourdes this year.

Fr. Chris will be leading another pilgrimage May 9th—13th 2016. Further information will be available as soon as we are able to finalise costs.

MISSED RED BOXES

Please bring your APF Red Boxes back next Sunday 8th November for emptying.

POLISH MASS

will take place on Saturday, 21st November at 6 pm in Holy Ghost Church.

CTS BOOKS AND CD's

Are available in the cloister area after all Masses. Money to be placed into the wall box marked under the noticeboard.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun: 9am Choir: 11am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Priest-Led
No refreshments due to No water in hall
Repository open after all Masses today
Baptism: 3 pm

Mon: Blessing of Graves at Holy Ghost Cemetery after
12 noon Mass

Tues: There will be NO Toddler Group meeting until
Tuesday 10th November at 1.30 pm

Wed: 9 am Choir practice SB at 7.30

Thur: Church cleaning after 9.30 am Mass

Fri: Confirmation Session SB at 7.15 pm

Sat: FHC children SB 9.30—12 noon

Sat: Bereavement Service SB 2—3 pm

Sun: Blessing of the Graves, Worting Rd at 2.30 pm

NOVEMBER is the Month when we remember the deceased members of our Parish, family and friends. There will be a box placed on the Sanctuary in front of the Altar. If you would like to place all the names of the deceased, please place them in an envelope and leave in the basket.

Please note: do not place money in the envelope.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES IN WORTING RD.

CEMETERY

Takes place on Sunday 8th November at 2.30 pm. This short service reminds us to honour the graves of our loved ones, and to pray that their souls are now with the Lord sharing in His promise of eternal life. Where they have gone we hope to follow.

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Brian Hunt RIP on Wednesday 4th November at 2 pm in Holy Ghost Church. Requiem Mass for John (Sean) McNamara RIP will take place in St. Bede's Church on Wednesday 11th November at 1 pm. May they Rest in Peace.

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.

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WANTED

Volunteers wanted to help present Preparing Together to engaged couples, and willing to give 2-3 Saturdays a year. Training and support given. For more information please contact Sue Thomas at reading.admin@marriagecare.org.

COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £2,214.86p
Grateful thanks. Second collection today (1st Nov) for Bamenda.

AND FINALLY: Thank you to the two ladies who provided a splendid afternoon tea for Canon Golding and parishioners