

**NORTH WEST
HAMPSHIRE
PASTORAL AREA**

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



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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Psalter week 2

Thought for the Week

"I was born for this, I came into the world for this; to bear witness to the truth". If we want to learn about the truth, Jesus tells us to listen to His voice. And what does that voice say? "Love one another, as I have loved you". "The greatest among you must be your servant". "Love your enemies and do good to those who persecute you". The teaching of Jesus shows us that every human being is to be loved and honoured and respected. That those who are poor, most of all, need our attention and care, and that the way to deal with your enemies is to love them.

This way of life begins with a realisation of our own worth and value. We follow a Lord who was completely at home with Himself as a person in this world. In knowing how much He is loved by His heavenly Father, in knowing the love of His Parents here on earth, Jesus grew up into great maturity of life. What use is it to be a King if we are insecure and uncertain in ourselves? With confidence in this Lord, we can set out to follow in His way and to listen to His voice. Thus we will come to learn the truth about human dignity, and the truth will set us free.

- ◆ Pius XI instituted this Feast during the inter-war years of turmoil, rising nationalism and godless states.
- ◆ The world prizes power, force and favour to do its business. Jesus' Kingdom is, by contrast, one of truth and justice.
- ◆ Our lives, personal, social and political, are to be lived by Gospel values.

Taken from 'The Living Word' Redemptorist Publications

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sun 22nd Nov

9.00 am	Fr C	SB	John Reilly RIP
11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Georgia Conn RIP (Bracknell)
6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Kathleen & Patrick Bruen RIP

Mon 23rd Nov	12 noon	Fr C	HG	Dec. Mbrs Broadbent Family (Fond)
Tues 24th Nov	9.15 am	at St Joseph, South Ham		
	10.00 am	at Sacred Heart, Hook		
Wed 25th Nov	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Kevin Martin RIP
Thurs 26th Nov	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Eddie O'Brien RIP (O'Brien)
Fri 27th Nov	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Brenda Eakins RIP (Warren)
	10—11 am		HG	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 28th Nov	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Int. Beryl O'Sullivan
			SB	Confessions 10.00 am

Sun 29th Nov First Sunday of Advent

9.00 am	Fr P	SB	Brenda Eakins RIP (Bowers)
11.00 am	Fr P	SB	Frank McGill RIP (Family)
6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Int. Victor Okon

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 our Churches of St. Bede's or Holy Ghost, you are most welcome.

FUNERALS

Requiem Mass for Annie Neale RIP on Thursday 3rd December at 11.45 am in Holy Ghost Church. Body in Church on Wednesday 2nd December at 4.30 pm.

Requiem Mass for Sean Walsh RIP on Thursday 10th December at 11.30 am in St. Bede's Church.

Alice Flutter RIP passed away this week, her Requiem will take place in Ringwood.

We remember their families at this sad time, may they Rest in Peace

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Senior's Christmas Party at St. Bede's Parish Hall on Saturday 5th December between 2—4.30 pm.

Please register—there will be a list available in the cloister area, please sign up.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBE 'LUCKY ME' WINNER

Congratulations to Elizabeth Sadler who won £25 this month.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Fr. Chris will be available on Saturday 28th November at 11.00 till 12.00 noon.

Please remember to bring along the Stamped Mass attendance card.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPORTING STAMP

Stamps are no longer needed, as this year's applications are being processed.

GIVING TREE

As usual as Christmas approaches we will be setting up the Advent giving tree in the cloister area. This is to donate presents to children spending Christmas in care. The tree will be up from Saturday evening 21st Nov. So please take a ticket from the tree with a child's present request. Wrapped presents need to be returned by Sunday 6th Dec.

ADVENT TALKS

There will be opportunities during Advent to reflect on some of the themes of the papal encyclical 'Laudato Si' : Care for our common home.

The papal encyclical offers us an opportunity to reflect on the world around us, and to respond to the signs of the times. We are called to reject the contemporary 'throwaway' culture and to open our eyes to see how God is present throughout creation.

We are planning two Groups in Hook, one will take place on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30 pm and the other will be on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm both for one hour, followed by refreshments. Both Groups will meet in the Parish Hall. There will be 4 Sessions:

1. Creation is a caress of God 24th & 26th November
2. The climate is a common good. 1st & 3rd December
3. A universal family. 8th & 10th December
4. We were made for love. 5th & 17th December

Study booklets will be available and it is not necessary to purchase a copy of the full encyclical. However, if you would like a copy contact the Parish office (Tel: 577007)

PARISH DIARY:

Sun: 9am Choir: 11am Cantorg : 6.30 pm Cantorg
Repository open after all Masses today

Tues: Toddler Group meet SB 1.30—3.15 pm

Wed: 9 am Choir practice SB at 7.30 pm

Sat: Fr. Chris will be available 11—12 noon in the cloister area to sign School support documents

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT ST. JOSEPH'S

on Sunday 20th December at 2.30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

If you are interested in becoming a Reader and/or Eucharistic Minister at any of the Masses, we are particularly keen to recruit more for the 9 am and 6.30 pm Masses. Please contact Brian Morris on Tel. No 01256 351494

BAPTISMS

Welcome to Sienna Polland and Cemiloluwa Bamidele who were baptised recently.

ALLIANCE OF BASINGSTOKE CHURCHS

If you are alone for Christmas, or unable to cater for yourself, why not come and share Christmas Day with us in a relaxed and family environment 1 pm—4.30 pm at London Street United Reformed Church in Basingstoke. The lunch is free, but you do need to register, please contact by phoning Joy Williams on Tel. No. 01256 326746 or email joyamwilliams@gmail.com

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you feel you could just do with receiving the beautiful Sacrament of the Sick because of physical ill-health or personal concerns and worries then come to Saint Joseph's 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU on Mon 30th November at 7.00pm. Many people like to come to this Mass and find it gives them a new perspective on and strength to face difficult situations.

YOUTH MATTERS

CHOSEN mentors evening 3rd Dec 7.30pm at St Bede's. For all those involved in Post- Confirmation

SVP Christmas party: 5th Dec 2.00-4.30pm at St Bede's. Young volunteers wanted to come and help.

MUFFIN Dreams: 15th Dec 4.00-6pm at Toys R Us gift wrapping presents afternoon in aid of this charity that helps children with different needs. Young volunteer wanted to come and help

Holy Land trip info evening: 21st Jan 7-8pm at St Joseph's Church. A combined pilgrimage between Winchester and Basingstoke parishes will take place in October Half Term 2016. Young People and parents/adults are welcome to attend.

COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £2,400.76p. Grateful thanks for your support.

AND FINALLY: Thank you to those Parishioners who take Holy Communion to the Sick of the Parish.