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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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**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - 25th December 2015
THE HOLY FAMILY - 27th December 2015
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—3rd January 2016**

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Christmas Eve

Carol Service	6.00 pm	SB	
Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	People of the Parish	
Carol Service	9.30 pm	SB	
Mass during the Night	10.00 pm	People of the Parish	



Friday 25th December

Christmas Dawn Mass	8.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
Mass during the day	10.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
No Evening Mass			

Saturday 26th December

St. Stephen's Day	11.00 am	SB	Mieczyslaw Gadomski, & Halina Gadomska RIP (Dzida)
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Sunday

27th December—The Holy Family

9.00am	SB	Martin Cleary RIP (Cleary)
11.00am	SB	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SB	Dec. Mbrs Hynes and Murphy Families (Murphy)

Mon 28th Dec	10.00 am	Fr C	HG	Todd Bowers RIP (Bowers)
Tues 29th Dec	10.00 am	Mass at Sacred Heart, Hook		
Wed 30th Dec	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Tom Bowers RIP (Bowers)
Thur 31st Dec	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Brenda Eakins RIP (O'Brien)

JANUARY 2016

Fri 1st Jan 2016	12 noon	Fr C	SB	Anthony Keane RIP (Keane)
Sat 2nd Jan	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Sean McNamara RIP (Fond)

Sunday

3rd January - The Epiphany of the Lord

9.00 am	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish
11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Anthony Grasso RIP (Grasso)
6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Charles Sammut RIP (Sammut)

Mon 4th Jan	12 noon	Fr C	HG	Nancy O'Neill RIP (Fond)
Tues 5th Jan	10.00	Mass at Sacred Heart, Hook		
Wed 6th Jan	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	School Mass Colella & Bibbo Families RIP
Thur 7th Jan	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	James McGhee RIP (Brownlie)
Fri 8th Jan	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Anthony Keane RIP (Keane)
	10.00 am—11 am	HG Adoration of Blessed Sacrament		
Sat 9th Jan	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Elizabeth Murray RIP (Fleming)

Sunday

10th January—The Baptism of the Lord

9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Todd Bowers RIP (Miller)
11.00 am	Fr C	SB	John Reilly RIP (Reilly)
6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Anthony Sammut RIP

SB = Saint Bede's Church HG = Holy Ghost Church

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.

CHRISTMAS 2015

On behalf of Fr. Chris and the parish office, we wish you all a Holy, Blessed & Peaceful Christmas"

Thank you to everyone who has contributed of their time and talent to preparing the Churches and helping us all in our Worship of God. Thanks too for your many cards and gifts. May Christ the Saviour whose coming we are now celebrating Bless you and all your loved ones now and in the New Year ahead.



MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP

May I take this opportunity to wish you and all your loved ones a very happy and Holy Christmas. May the indescribable gift of Jesus, the Christ Child, find open and empty hearts in us in which to make His home.

With an assurance of my prayers,
In Corde Iesu + Philip, Bishop of Portsmouth



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

It is the custom of this Diocese that the collections taken at the Christmas Masses are given to the Priest of the Parish for his personal use. It forms a significant part of their annual income.

CRIB DONATIONS

Bishop Philip is encouraging Parishes this Christmas to donate Crib offerings to the Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. Friends of the Holy Land is non-political and ecumenical.

GIVING TREE 2015

Thank you so much to everyone who took the many gift labels a few Sundays ago, and responded with a staggering amount of gifts to give to local children and families in need. The gifts have been collected by Social Services who will distribute them to those in need.

ST BEDE'S SUPPLEMENTARY FORM

The last opportunity for you to get your forms signed by Fr. Chris, will be on Wednesday 6th January in the large meeting room between 10.45—11.45 am.

POINSETTA

Thank you to everyone who brought Poinsettias. These have now been arranged both here at St. Bede's and Holy Ghost Church.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE

Please collect your copy of the Portsmouth People—it is free.

STILLNESS BEFORE MASS

5 minutes before Mass starts, bells will ring, this marks the start of a period for all of us to pray and prepare ourselves for Mass. Please respect the needs of those around you. Also, can you please refrain from conversation and noisy activities during this time and enjoy the peace that is so difficult for many of us to find during our hectic week.

Thought for the week

'In the beginning'; that's how it starts. And this echoes the first words of the Bible, where the author described God creating the world. In the Bible there are lots of words to describe Jesus from the Heavenly Angel like "wisdom", or "image", or "radiance". But the most important one is "Word". Jesus is the Word of God. Right back at the beginning of time, indeed before time began at all, God the Father found a way of expressing what He was really like. He breathed forth a Word, which was like him in every way. To use catechism language, this was the Second Person of the Trinity, the eternal Son of God. And now, to top it all, at Christmas, we see This Word of God as a tiny baby in the straw. To this baby Mary and Joseph will give the name of Jesus. Yet He will always continue to be the Son of God. In John's Gospel His divine power peeps through from time to time, like at the Marriage Feast of Cana, or the healing of the man born blind. John calls these 'signs'. They are signs that the Infinite Son of God has broken through into our grubby world and redeemed it. The composer of "Once in Royal David's City" sums it up for us when she writes, "He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all". This tiny Person existed way back, and way back beyond that. This tiny person is Eternal.

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THE ANGELUS

The Angelus reminds us of the Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary with great, (if somewhat startling), news! As we read in Chapter One of Luke's Gospel, God wished Mary, truly a model of humility, to be the Mother of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ!

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with Thee;

Blessed art thou among women,

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £2275.22.
With grateful thanks.