

**NORTH WEST
HAMPSHIRE
PASTORAL AREA**

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



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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Psalter Week 3

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Thought for the Week

Each year some two million new books roll off the world's presses. Even before the advent of the printing press there were other more primitive methods of book production. Among the huge mountain of books that have appeared since time began, a few are best-sellers. Four of them could be described as the best of best sellers. Written in the first century, translated into all the main languages of the world, read to the corners of the five continents, they have always been revered by Christian people as God's word. They are the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. This year is the year of Luke: virtually every Sunday, except a few during the Lent and Easter seasons, will draw its Gospel reading from St. Luke.

It is generally agreed that Luke was a well educated Gentile, coming from Antioch in Syria, and he wrote his Gospel in about AD 85. He had never met Jesus but he assures us that it was only after much research, especially among the records of eye witnesses, that he undertook to write up the story of Jesus. He did so for a certain Theophilus—who may have been his patron or perhaps a new convert—so that he, and anyone else who reads or hears the story, may know that this faith is firmly grounded.

- ◆ Of the innumerable books that have flooded the world, four rank as the best sellers of all time; they are the four Gospels
- ◆ In the synagogue in Nazareth Jesus gives a summary of His mission; one of the major themes in Luke's Gospel is the presentation of Jesus as the compassionate friend of sinners.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday	24th January—Third Sunday of Ordinary Time			
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Pat Preston RIP (Rennick)
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	In thanksgiving Sauleek family
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Patricia & George Manley RIP (Manley)
Mon 25th	12.00 noon	Fr C	HG	Hannah Durangparang RIP
Tues 26th	9.15 am	Mass at St. Joseph's Church		
	10.00 am	Hook (Convent Chapel)		
Wed 27th	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Int Rose Mullen (White)
Thurs 28th	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Bridget Foy RIP (Foy)
Fri 29th	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Maureen Burnard RIP
	10.00—11.00	HG Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
Sat 30th	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Dec Mbrs Fogarty Families RIP (Fond)
	10.15 am—10.45 am	Confessions		
Sunday	31st January—Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Michele & Pino Colella RIP (Colella)
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Francis Sammut RIP (Sammut)

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.

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

The Foodbank are desperately short of:

Long life milk (not skimmed)

Fruit Juice

Thank you for your support

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

We are organising a Parish Pilgrimage led by Fr. Chris to Lourdes 8th—13th May. (Six days for £690—single room supplement an extra £150). If you are interested in joining the Pilgrimage, you can collect a form from the Parish Office or Tel. No. 01256 465214

BIBLE STUDY

Next Bible Study evening in the Convent on Monday 25th January between 7.30—9.00 pm

CARITAS DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth need help !!! The team is looking for a volunteer who would be prepared to update it monthly; all the material to be added will be supplied fully edited. If you could help, please contact the team via the website. www.caritasdioceseofportsmouth.org.uk.

The team is also looking for speakers of the following languages to help with a small amount of translation work (about a dozen organisation names and addresses): Albanian, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Polish, Lithuanian, Romanian. If you think you could help, please contact the team via the website.

CALL AND GIFTED

Invites you to join the team. This is a vibrant team to be a part of, and you will be enriched with rewarding work. Please contact: cgconversation@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more information.

POLISH MASS

Next Holy Mass in Polish will take place on Saturday, 20/02/2016 at 6 pm at Holy Ghost Church, Pre-Nuptial Course will take place in Polish Church in Reading from 06/02/2016, 18:00hrs.

More information: <http://www.parafiawreading.net/p=967>

WHAT NEXT FOR THE FAMILY?

Please join Bishop Peter Doyle and Fr Daniel O'Leary as they give their thoughts on the recent synod. **Saturday 27th of February** between 0930 and 1500 at St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY. For further information please contact Robin Correa on 07825 392925 or email robin@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

VERDI'S REQUIEM

"Verdi's Requiem with soprano soloist Sally Silver and the Bruch Violin Concerto with violin soloist Emily Mowbray will be performed in aid of the Royal British Legion at the Anvil on 6th February at 7.30pm.

Deane Sinfonia conducted by John Fuller with choirs including Basing Singers, Dever Singers, Ooh Mama, Overton Choral Society, Steventon Singers, and members of Basingstoke Choral Society.

Tickets: £19, £16; Over 65s £17, £14, under 16s and f/t students £8 (includes £1 booking fee). Tel: 01256 844244 or boxoffice@anvilarts.org.uk."

PARISH DIARY:

Sun: Music: 9am Choir: 11 am Cantorg :

6.30 pm Cantorg

Refreshments after the 9 am Mass

Repository after the 9 and 11 am Masses

(There is a sale of Christmas stock available today)

Tues: Toddler Group meet SB at 1.30—3.15 pm

Wed: 9 am Choir Practice SB at 7.00 pm

FUNERALS

Requiem for (Bridie) Bridget Mary McGee RIP will take place at Holy Ghost Church on Wednesday 3rd February at 11 am.

Funeral Service in the Crematorium on Friday 5th February at 11 am for David Rutter RIP. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers. May they Rest in peace.

BASINGSTOKE STREET PASTORS

Are looking for more volunteers to join its teams looking after our town on a Friday and Saturday night. In over 7 years, we have helped thousands of people, and been an active witness to God's love to all his children. If our young people are not going to come to us, then we need to speak to them where they are. We will be handing out a newsletter that provides further testimony from members of the team on the work we do and the blessings we receive by doing it.

There are three roles.

Street Pastors who walk the streets, supporting the vulnerable, providing a listening ear to those who want to talk and acting as peacemakers to calm down any trouble.

Safe Hub Pastors, who provide a safe environment for those who are sick, injured or need a safe haven or sometimes, just a cup of tea and a chance to warm up. This role is well suited to those who are good at listening and supporting people with varied needs.

Prayer Pastors support our work by being active in prayer whilst the teams are on the Street or in the Hub. We ask everyone to remember us in prayer, so please add us to your Family prayers at the weekend.

The role is open to practising Christians over the age of 18, who are willing to commit one evening per month. There is no upper age limit, and volunteers of both sexes are needed. Our volunteers are from all backgrounds and no special experience is needed other than a willingness to be a Good Samaritan. Full training and a uniform is provided. If you would like more information, or would like to join us one evening as an observer to see what it is like, please speak to Paul and Stella Gibbons or Sister Marie Anne. Alternatively, email: paul.joseph.gibbons@gmail.com

COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £2,463.26p. With grateful thanks.

AND FINALLY: Thank you to our Counters.