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HAMPSHIRE  
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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**

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**Sacred Heart Parish**

Sacred Heart Church  
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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**14th February 2016**

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**Psalter Week 1**

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**Thought for the Week**

All our Readings today are descriptions of people standing up for what they believe and putting their lives on the line as a consequence of that belief. The words of Moses—"My father was a wandering Aramean" - are a form of foundational creed of the Jewish people. It expresses their origins, their identity, their relationship with God, and their belief in what God has done for them and what God's loving plans and intentions are for them. God turned this group of Nomads into a settled people, freeing them from slavery and giving them a Blessed and Fruitful land in which they could live in peace with each other and with their God. That is the dream. St. Paul expresses his belief in how that dream has in fact come to fruition in Jesus Christ God's plan of a Holy Nation, living at peace with each other and with God, is now extended to embrace the whole of humanity—"Jew and Greek". All who put their faith in Jesus as Lord can know the liberation, the salvation, the Mercy of God.

Jesus' responses to the devil's three temptations in effect give us Jesus' own statement of faith. He rejects the lure of materialism, the danger of thinking that all that is important to the human person is to free the body, to look for happiness and fulfilment in the material things of life. Men and women need more than that to be whole. Jesus also resists the attractions of power, fame, glory, popularity, and wealth. These are idols, false gods that demand our souls but cannot save. God alone is worthy of our worship. And finally, perhaps the greatest temptation, Jesus refuses to doubt God, to put God to the test. This is the refusal to presume on God's mercy, or to try to manipulate God to seek to make God act according to my plans, my timetable, my agenda. Significantly, the devil withdraws to await a more opportune time. And it is in Gethsemane, and on the cross, that Jesus has, in effect, to stand up and be counted for His beliefs. So although He prays that the chalice of suffering might pass Him by, nevertheless He is able to pray: "Not My will, but Yours be done".

*Taken from 'The Living Word' Redemptorist Publications*

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

**Sunday**

**14th February—First Sunday of Lent**

9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Kathleen Covney RIP (Simpson)
11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Ted Enright RIP (Butler)
6.30 pm	Fr PC	SB	People of the Parish

**Mon 15th**

12.00 noon Fr C HG Int. Mary Teresa Smith

**Tues 16th**

9.15 am Mass at St. Joseph's Church

10.00 am Hook (Convent Chapel)

**Wed 17th**

9.30 am Fr C HG Louis & Mary Harper RIP (Harper)

**Thurs 18th**

6.30 am Fr C SB Int Ralph Luker (Luker)

**Fri 19th**

9.30 am Fr C HG Giorgina Balbi RIP (Marchesini)

10.00—11.00 HG Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00 pm Fr C SB Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.20 pm Fr C SB Stations of the Cross

**Sat 20th**

9.30 am Fr C SB Maureen Regan RIP (Young)

After Mass SB Confessions

**Sunday**

**21st February—Second Sunday of Lent**

9.00 am Fr C SB Salvatore & Assunta Bibbo RIP

11.00 am Fr C SB Nell & Joe Dresser RIP (Lee)

6.30 pm Fr C SB People of the Parish

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.



## LENT 2016

*Lent is a time to prepare for Holy Week's commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.*

**Get up for an early Mass:** There will be a 6.30 am Mass during Lent every Thursday starting 11th February, with breakfast available afterwards. We had over 70 people for Mass and breakfast last Thursday.

**During Lent we do not sing or say** the Gloria or the Alleluia, flowers do not decorate the Church and Baptisms are held over until Easter.

### LENTEN LUNCHES

CAFOD Lent Fast Day is Friday February 19th.

This year, like last year, we have an exceptional opportunity to make an even bigger difference to people living in poverty. Donations, up to £3.5 million, are once again being doubled by the UK Government. St. Bede's Hall is available to host lunches on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, unfortunately all Saturdays are taken with Diocesan functions. There is a list in the cloister area, if you wish to host a lunch please sign up on the form.

### JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you a Baptised Catholic wanting to be Confirmed? Or are you someone wishing to become a Catholic? Our Parish Journey in Faith (JIF) group will begin on 14th April in Holy Ghost Church Hall 7.30—8.45 pm.

### KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA 'LUCKY ME'

Congratulations to Barbara King who won £25 this month.

### UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We would like donations of unwanted gifts/presents to sell after all Masses on Sunday 28th February. All money raised will go to CAFOD.

Please bring your unwanted gifts to the Church by Sunday 21st February.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 4th March (more details to follow)

### THE MARIE CURIE DAFFODIL DAY

Thank you very much for your continuing support. Last year we raised an amazing £900.03 at Chineham Shopping Centre. The major fundraising event of the year is the Daffodil Day. This year it is the 27 February at Chineham Shopping Centre and 5 March in the Festival Place. If you can spare an hour or more please call Sally or Wendy on 023 8026 3123 or go to [mariecurie.org.uk](http://mariecurie.org.uk) to register for a collection near you.

### PAMPER EVENING

To support the 'Life' shop in Town on 5th May 7—9.30 pm In St. Bede's Hall, more information to following. Stall Holders and people offering treatments will need to pay £10 for each table; and give a raffle prize. Entrance tickets cost £5 and will include a soft drink and cake. Raffle tickets £1.

### YOUTH MATTERS

GATHER: 26th February, St Josephs 7:30-9:30 (£3 Donation)  
ARISE: Girls retreat, 20-22nd May 2016, at Cold Ash Centre, suitable for yr8 to yr10. Cost £85

### PARISH DIARY:

Sun: Music: 9am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:  
6.30 pm Priest-led

Refreshments after the 9 am Mass

Repository after the 9 am Mass (Repository will reopen all day on a Tuesday starting 2nd March)

Welcome to Fr. Peter Codd who will be celebrating our 6.30 pm Mass this weekend. Fr. Chris will be celebrating the 6 pm Mass in Hook (Sat 13th Feb)

### SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2016

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or Anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, or send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or contact Liz Murphy in the Parish office on 01256 465214



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 9 AND 11 AM MASSES

To conform to current Safeguarding procedures we need to change how we do things here at St. Bede's.

Our Children's safety is paramount !

I am asking all parents to sign a consent form and hand it to me. Only those children who have pre-registered with the consent form can be admitted to Children's Liturgy.

- ◆ At the moment only those of school age and upto First Holy Communion should attend.
- ◆ I want to set up a Pre-School Liturgy if there is demand for it. This is more demanding regarding safeguarding—so training and support will be given.

In the meantime please submit your Childs consent form which you will find in the cloister.

I also wish to 'thank' all the Children's Liturgy Catechists for their support.

### ADORE (Alton Day of Renewal)

Sat. 27th Feb 11 .00 am —4.00 pm

You are welcome to a mini retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Year of Mercy, at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead GU34 5LL.

### ST. BEDE'S & ST. JOSEPH'S DANCE

With: Rose, Shamrock & Thistle Band

Friday 26th February 2016 7.30 - 10.30pm at St Bede's Church Hall, Tickets: Adults £5 – Accompanied Children free. Ticket includes Tea/Coffee and a cake. Money raised will be shared between both Churches for the Lourdes fund  
**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD & DRINK**  
Organised by: Knights of Saint Columba

### COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £2,257.65

Grateful thanks.

**AND FINALLY:** Thank you to Barbara Birt our Sacristan at St. Bede's