

**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  
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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**28th February 2016**

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**Thought for the week**

The Gospel leaves some major questions unanswered. How can God allow innocent people to suffer and die? It would almost be easier to understand (though harder to accept) a God who instantly punishes sin, but Jesus clearly distances himself (and His Father) from any such conclusion. Of course, this is what causes people to ask, "How can God allow innocent people to suffer?" Glib answers are not helpful. There is, however, some helpful Biblical background to this issue in today's First Reading; the conversation between Moses and God via the Burning Bush. Moses is given a remarkable insight into the plans of God. Briefly, what God says to Moses is, "I have heard the cry of my people in their distress... I mean to respond to their need". This applies to the distress of God's people who are slaves in Egypt. God pledges to free them, but there is also the revelation of the name of which God chooses to be known: "I Am", meaning "the one who always is".

We can conclude, then, that God always hears the cry of God's people in their distress, and always responds. The Good News that Jesus reveals is that He is God's response to our need. In Jesus, God does not take away human suffering; God shares in it. Every parent knows the impossibility of taking away a child's pain; like every parent, God our Father shares the suffering of all His children. The death of Jesus guarantees this, and His resurrection points to the total destruction of all suffering, all pain, all sorrow.

- ◆ In every age, humans have been appalled at the suffering of innocent people from natural disasters and the brutality of other humans; Jesus' teaching makes it plain that suffering in this life is never brought about by God's punishment for sin.

*Taken from 'The Living Word' Redemptorist Publications*

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

| <b>Sunday</b>  | <b>28th February—Third Sunday of Lent</b> |                                       |             |  |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------|--|
|                | 9.00 am                                   | Fr C                                  | SB          | Mary & Douglas Sims RIP (Sims)         |
|                | 11.00 am                                  | Fr C                                  | SB          | Fay Redmond RIP (Redmond)              |
|                | 6.30 pm                                   | Fr C                                  | SB          | People of the Parish                   |
| Mon 29th       | 12.00 noon                                | Fr C                                  | HG          | Freddy Goder RIP (Sauleek)             |
| Tues 1st March | 9.15 am                                   | Mass at St. Joseph's Church           |             |  |
|                | 10.00 am                                  | Mass at Hook (Convent Chapel)         |             |  |
| Wed 2nd        | 9.30 am                                   | Fr C                                  | HG          | A. Benedict Da Silva RIP (Gomes)       |
| Thurs 3rd      | 6.30 am                                   | Fr C                                  | SB          | Int. Sean Byrnes (Tarrant)             |
| Fri 4th        | 9.30 am                                   | Fr C                                  | HG          | Emily Liddell RIP (Fond)               |
|                | 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 5th        | 9.30 am                                   | Fr C                                  | SB          | Antoniella & Liciano Colella (Colella) |
|                | After Mass                                | SB                                    | Confessions |  |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | <b>6th March—Laetare Sunday</b>           |                                       |             |  |
|                | 9.00 am                                   | Fr C                                  | SB          | Margaret McNamara RIP (Fond)           |
|                | 11.00 am                                  | Fr C                                  | SB          | Antonio Martino RIP (Martino)          |
|                | 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.

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



## 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 60 people for Mass and breakfast last Thursday.

**Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service** at St. Bede's Church at 2.30 pm on Sunday 13th March.

### LENTEN LUNCHES

**Children's Liturgy Team** are hosting a Cafod Lenten Lunch on Friday 4th March between 12 noon and 2 pm in the hall.

**BAAC Group** are also hosting a lunch on Friday 18th March Between 12 noon and 2 pm. There are sign up sheets in the cloister area, please add your name if you wish to attend.

### CHURCH PAINTING

Have you noticed, that we have had the lower section of the Church painted during the past week? It was beginning to look shabby, it is after all nearly ten years since we moved here to St. Bede's Church.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in our prayers Ellen Sweeney who died recently, also Ann Hogan RIP Funeral Service in Holy Ghost Church on Thursday 3rd March at 11 am. May they Rest in Peace.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday 6th March is Mothering Sunday. We thank God for all Mothers, and Grandmothers, we remember especially all Mothers, grandmothers who are no longer with us, may They Rest in Peace.

### YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

NW Hampshire Pastoral Area (part-time) Salary range £20,000 - £22,000 pa (pro rata 0.5 FTE), depending on qualifications/experience

This is an exciting time for youth ministry in our local area, as we look to build on excellent foundations and continue to look for new and engaging ways to lead our young people into a deeper relationship with Jesus and the Church. The successful candidate will possess: \* Excellent communication skills \* Strong organisational skills \* Creative skills \* The proven ability to inspire & enthuse young people aged 11-18 and will be a practising & committed Catholic.

Some of the key responsibilities will be to: \* Develop a programme of regular and one-off activities which respond to the spiritual, catechetical and social needs and aspirations of the young people \* Encourage and enable young people to become active members of their worshipping communities \* To support volunteers involved in youth ministry across the PA & ensure proper running of all youth activities.

Applications closing date: Mon 21 March / Interviews held: Mon 18 April / Start date: circa Mon 23 May

**This post is part time and carries an initial 3 year contract** (Subject to the completion of a successful DBS clearance and an initial 6 month probationary period). Please contact for full information and job description to: Youth Ministry Recruitment at St. Joseph's (Tel. 01256 323595) or stbas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

### PARISH DIARY:

Sun: Music: 9am Choir: 11 am Cantorg : 6.30 pm Cantorg Refreshments after the 9 am & 11 am Masses today Repository after the 9 am & 11 am Masses Sale of unwanted gifts today after all Masses in aid of CAFOD. All proceeds from refreshments will also go to CAFOD

Tues: Toddler Group meet 1.30—3.15 pm SB Repository open 9—3 pm

Wed: 9 am Choir practice 7—9 pm

### 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



### CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

A gentle reminder, that we have two sessions in March quite close together:

**Friday 4th and Friday 18th March here at St. Bede's** between 7.15—9 pm. 25th March has changed to the 18th March—due to Good Friday.

### 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.

### REPOSITORY

Easter, Mother's Day & St Patrick's Day cards & gifts are now on sale. First Holy Communion & Confirmation cards & gifts will go on sale Tuesday 1st March.

### COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £2,577.10p. Second Collection for CAFOD amounted to £900.17p. Grateful thanks. Second Collection for Clergy Assistance Fund next weekend 6th March.

**AND FINALLY:** Thank you to Liz Flitcroft our Facilities Manager