

**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
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7th February 2016

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Thought for the Week

Today we see Jesus make His own theatre from the natural surrounds of lake and shore and boat. As the crowd is large, and viewing and hearing somewhat restricted, Jesus decides to make a boat into a stage, and as He sets out from the shore, with the people on the strand and on the bank, a true theatre is made and Jesus can reach everyone with His stories. The local Fishermen got a ringside seat, perhaps even a balcony view of proceedings, and were no doubt impressed by the Young Preacher. But then He impressed them more. He gave them a sign of who He really was, because He wanted to recruit them into His band of wandering players. He gave them a miraculous draft of fish. They were the expert Fishermen. He was only a carpenter/preacher. Now they were utterly amazed; so much so that Simon Peter felt out of his depth to be in the company of this Holy Man. And he said so. He fell to his knees and asked to be left alone.

But Jesus gave him new courage and had a new career for him. Now he was about to enter into a great drama, a drama that would lead Peter through joy, and deep sorrow and pain. His growing faith and hope in Jesus would be almost

annihilated by the Crucifixion of the Lord, and then, amazingly, he would see the Resurrection and, together with other disciples, he would be a witness to the

Risen Christ and would go out to preach that Gospel to the world. That Gospel story, which Peter and Paul and so many others personally witnessed, has been handed on to us in every generation of the Church.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 7th February—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Emmanuel Rana RIP (Bautista)
11.00 am	Fr C	SB	In thanksgiving Logan Bell (Bell)
6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Int. Graham & Jacqui Healey (Manley)

Mon 8th Feb 12.00 noon Fr C HG Int. Tom O'Neill (White)

Tues 9th 9.15 am Mass at St. Joseph's Church

10.00 am Hook (Convent Chapel)

Wed 10th ASH WEDNESDAY

7.00 am	Fr C	HG	People of the Parish
12.00 noon	Fr C	SB	Int Jillian Sims (Sims)
7.30pm	Fr M	SJ	Mass at ST JOSEPH
7.30 pm	Fr P	SH	Sacred Heart, Hook

Thurs 11th 6.30 am Fr C SB Michael O'Doherty RIP (Williams)

Fri 12th 9.30 am Fr C HG John Moore RIP (White)

7.00 pm Fr C SB Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.20 pm Fr C SB Stations of the Cross

Sat 13th 10.00 am Hook (Convent Chapel)

First Holy Communion Children meet

Sunday 14th February—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am Fr C SB Kathleen Covney RIP (Simpson)

11.00 am Fr C SB Ted Enright RIP (Butler)

6.30 pm Fr C SB People of the Parish



LENT STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY

10TH FEBRUARY 2016

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

Ash Wednesday: (Distribution of Ashes)

7.00 am Mass at Holy Ghost Church

12 noon Mass at St. Bede's

7.30pm MASs at St. Joseph

Day of fasting and abstinence: Ash Wednesday like Good Friday is a day when fasting is binding on all Catholics aged 18—60 yrs. and abstinence is binding on all Catholics aged 14+. To fast is to noticeably reduce our food and drink intake; to abstain is to freely give up a particular food, drink or entertainment.

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.

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.

LENTEN LUNCHESES

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.

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We would like donations of unwanted gifts/presents to sell after Masses for CAFOD on Sunday 28th February. We all have an unwanted present in a cupboard at home, it could be very useful to someone else and you could find something at the CAFOD gift sale! All money raised will go to CAFOD and during Lent funds raised will be matched by the government. £1 raised means £2 for CAFOD!

Could you please bring your unwanted gifts to the Church by Sunday 21st Feb.

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.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 4th March

PARISH PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes

We are organising a Parish Pilgrimage led by Fr. Chris to Lourdes 8th—13th May where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette in the grotto. The pilgrimage is six days for £690—single room supplement an extra £150, full board and flying from Heathrow with British Airways. If you are interested in joining the Pilgrimage, you can collect a form from the Parish Office or Tel. No. 01256 465214

PARISH DIARY:

Sun: Music: 9am Choir: 11 am Popley : 6.30 pm Guitar Refreshments after the 9 am Repository after the 9 am Mass Baptisms at 3 pm

Tues: Toddler Group meet 1.30—3.15 pm SB

Sat: FHC children 10—12 noon

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2016

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th 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 9th 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 or contact Liz Murphy in the Parish office on 01256 465214



WELCOME

Welcome to Jack William Rapley, Patrick Brendan Brosnan, Alexia Zahra Redstone, Arianna Poppy Knight, and Efraim Raphael Acebedo who are being Baptised this weekend.

SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

Parents, when you apply for a place at a Catholic Primary School in January 2017, you will be required to complete a Supplementary Information Form stating how often you have attended Sunday Mass in the past year. You will need to ask Fr. Chris to verify that the information which you provided on the Supplementary Information Form regarding your Mass attendance is accurate. This provides the Governors of our Catholic School with the information they need in order to rank each application. The purple card will be available in the cloister area for stamping next weekend 14th February. This card needs stamping every time you attend Sunday Mass.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Angie Carroll, our Youth Ministry Coordinator has decided that, after four years in post, the time has come to move on to pastures new. Angie will finish in this role at the end of March. We thank her for the wonderful work she has done and we keep her in our prayers.

PAMBER EVENING

To support the 'Life' shop in Town on 5th May 7—9.30 pm In St. Bede's Hall, more information to following.

COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £2,873.15p.
Grateful thanks.