

**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
RG27 9LA

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

13th March 2016

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Thought for the Week

"Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with His finger." This is how our Gospel Reading from St. John describes Jesus' immediate response to when the woman accused of adultery is brought before Him. Immediately after this the Lord says, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

In the original Greek the word used for "bent down" literally meant, "stooped down." The word describes doing something that was considered very humbling; quite likely Jesus was trying to put the woman at ease, to identify with her. Jesus identifies with the woman, and He makes a gesture to let her know that.

We often speak of seeing Jesus in others, in treating them in a way that reflects love and caring, not judgment. Blessed Mother Teresa (who will officially become a saint this coming September) once stated, "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, 'This is hungry Jesus. I must feed Him.' Or 'This is sick Jesus who has leprosy and gangrene.' I serve because I love Jesus."

Stewardship calls us to show the same kind of love reflected by Jesus in the Gospel and in the words and actions of Mother Teresa. We, too, are called to find and see Jesus in all we meet, to be willing to humble ourselves if necessary to serve and care for them. There are ways we can do this among the ministries right here in our own faith community.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday	13th March—Fifth Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week 1)			
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Josephine Miles RIP (Cullen)
	11.00 am	Fr W	SB	Carmelo & Rosina Grasso RIP
	2.30 pm	Reconciliation Service		
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 14th	12 noon	Fr C	SB	Int. Terry O'Brien (Roach)
Tues 15th	9.15 am	Mass at St. Joseph's Church		
	10.00 am	Mass at Hook (Convent Chapel)		
Wed 16th	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	John Challis RIP (Farrelly)
Thurs 17th	6.30 am	Fr C	SB	Marie McEvoy RIP (Murphy)
Fri 18th	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	D.F. D'Souza RIP (Gomez)
	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 19th	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood Mgr Canon Harvey (Luker)
Sunday	20th March—PALM SUNDAY			
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Biagio & Rosa Converso RIP (Harper)
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Michael Colley RIP (Colley)
	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:

This is the last opportunity to get up early for Mass at 6.30 am with breakfast available afterwards.

We also celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick today.

PALM SUNDAY (20th March) - next weekend

Please take a palm from the cloister as you enter the Church. The Mass will start at the back of the Church from the Ceremonial door.

Please be ready at the Readings of the Passion to participate with the Crowd parts—Parish Mass Books, p. 192

THE TRIDUUM

- Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper 8 pm
- Good Friday:** Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3 pm
- Holy Saturday:** Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets 10 am
- Easter Vigil:** 8 pm Solemn Mass
- Easter Sunday:** 9 am and 11 am Masses only
There is no 6.30 pm Mass
- Please note:** **ALL SERVICES AT ST. BEDE'S CHURCH**

CAFOD

TODAY Sale of unwanted Christmas gifts after the 9 and 11 am Masses

CAKE SALE on Sunday 20th March after the 11 am Mass. All donations of cakes will be gratefully received. Proceeds go to CAFOD

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. The purple card will be available in the cloister area for stamping next weekend 14th Feb. This card needs stamping every time you attend Sunday Mass

LIFE GROUP

Pamper evening here at St. Bede's Hall on Thursday 5th May between 7.00—9.30 pm. Admission £5 per person, which includes a drink and cake.

Life have an extended lease for the Life Shop in Basingstoke, so are looking for volunteers. Please contact Chantal Brown on Tel. No. 320474 for further information.

ADORE (Alton Day of Renewal)

Saturday 19th March between 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. For more information you can ring Deacon John Foley on Tel. No. 07769 251747 or visit the website: www.altonrenewal.com

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY ON THURSDAY TO OUR IRISH PARISHIONERS

PARISH DIARY:

Sun: Music: 9am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Piano Repository after the 9 am & 11 am Mass
Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service SB at 2.30 pm
Fr. Wojciech will hear Confessions in Polish and English

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

Wed: 9 am Choir practice 7—9 pm

TODAY we welcome the FHC children who will be participating at all our Masses.

CONFIRMATION

Next Confirmation session will take place in St. Bede's on Friday 18th March at 7.15 pm

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 or send an email to anniversaries @portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or contact Liz Murphy in the Parish office on 01256 465214



BIG CHURCH CLEAN FOR EASTER

On Thursday 24th March at 10 am. Please come and help our usual team of cleaners to give St. Bede's a clean up for Easter. Come join our mops, dusters & Hoover brigade!

POLISH MASS

In Holy Ghost Church on Saturday 19th March at 6 pm.

SYRO-MALABAR MASS

In Holy Ghost Church on Sunday 27th March at 12 noon.

FUNERAL

Requiem for Stanley Francis Ryan RIP on Wednesday 16th March at 11.30 am in the Holy Ghost Church. We remember Stanley's family and friends at this sad time. May he Rest in Peace.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH—TADLEY

Have a vacancy for a part-time position of Parish Secretary. Hours of work 15 hours per week, days/hours to be agreed. Rate of pay £10 per hour. For further information, please Contact Mary Lee on Tel. No. 01189 981 3221. Application deadline: 23rd March.

ST. JOSEPH'S TODDLER GROUP

Are looking for 3-4 volunteers to take over the running of the group from September 2016. If you are interested please contact Nikki Pink in the Parish office for further details. There will be an opportunity for a handover from the current volunteers up until the end of July.

COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £2,790.93p. Grateful thanks. Second Collection for Clergy Assistance Fund amounted to £441.94p.

Easter Flower collection next Sunday.