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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

Parish Priest:

Rev Fr. Christopher Rutledge:
Dean of North Hampshire

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He has risen, Alleluia ! Alleluia!

With prayers to you all for a Holy and Blessed Easter

I wish to thank all Parishioners who have cleaned, decorated, served, sung, played, prepared booklets and in lots of other ways helped us to begin the fifty days of Easter. Thank you to Barbara Birt for decorating the Paschal Candle.

I am looking to change how our Parish Council operates; I wish to involve more of the Parishioners, both those who are currently involved, and also other Parishioners, who are not yet involved, but would like to be, in all aspects of our Parish Life. To this end, in conjunction with Members of the current Parish Council, I have divided the Church up into areas: for example, those involved with the Liturgy, plus Liturgy support, administration, social groups, ecumenism, Evangelisation to name but a few.

After Easter there will be a display in the cloister area showing all of these areas and groups in much more detail. I will be explaining this in more detail at all the Masses at the beginning of April. Then for three weeks afterwards, a member of the Parish Council will speak at each Mass giving a brief outline of each area and the groups within the area. Do not worry, this will be a short presentation only. Then members of the Parish Council will be available after each Mass for any questions you may have. There will also be the opportunity for everyone to comment on the changes via a dedicated email address: stbedes0@gmail.com (not the Parish Office), plus there will be a 'Suggestion Box' placed in the cloister for any comments or ideas you may have.

The aim is to grow the Parish, involving as many parishioners as possible, taking some of the workload from myself, to allow me to do some of the work I cannot currently carry out. If anyone would like to be involved, this is a great opportunity to do so, and utilise those skills that the Lord has given us.

So look out in April for all the opportunities that are available, and see where you can be of use. You may already be involved in some way, and we may have missed your group off our lists, so if we have please let us know. **Fr. Chris**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday	27th March	Easter Sunday		
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Sick & Housebound of the Parish
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Deceased Members of the Parish
	12.00 noon		HG	Syro Malabar Mass
	(Please note: No 6.30 pm Mass)			
Mon 28th	12 noon	Fr C (this Mass in SB's)		L. Gomes RIP (Gomes)
Tues 29th	10.00 am	Mass in Convent, Hook		
Wed 30th	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Geoff Fowler RIP (Fond)
Thurs 31st	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	In thanksgiving Diamond Anniversary Robert & Jacqueline Hudson
Friday 1st April	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Ellen Sweeney RIP (Higgins)
Sat. 2nd	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	M.A. Gomes RIP (Gomes)
Sunday	3rd April	Second Sunday of Easter		
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Salvatore Agro RIP (Agro)
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Zita Molyneaux Rip (Greenwood)
Sunday	10th April	Third Sunday of Easter		
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Ned Fagan RIP
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Salvatore Agro RIP
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish

EASTER DUTY

The Church recommends that the faithful, if they have the required dispositions, receive Holy Communion whenever they participate at Holy Mass. However, the Church obliges them to receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season.

EASTER COLLECTION

Tradition holds that the Easter Offerings are your opportunity for a personal gift to our Priest. This is the main source of his annual income.

CAR PARKING

If you are driving to Sunday Mass here at St. Bede's, please park sensibly—which includes not blocking the Church drive or, at the end of the zebra crossing by the Parish Office. It is unfair to use the Disabled Spaces when you do not need to. Those who genuinely need those spaces, are unable to park and often have to return home without attending Mass.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Have you heard of Marriage Encounter? Well if you haven't it is probably one of the Church's "best kept secrets". Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience, open to married couples of all ages. It's not a retreat, religious instruction or counselling, but an experience to enrich and refresh marriages. Many thousands of couples have gained positive benefits from these weekends. You don't both have to be Catholics, and non-Catholic spouses are just as welcome as the whole weekend is based on looking at your own particular relationship.

There are spaces available on the Marriage Encounter weekend taking place at Park Place Pastoral Centre, near Fareham from 13 to 15 May. You may visit our website <http://wwme.org.uk/> or contact Chris and Mary Farrall – 023 80275401

ST MARY'S OLD BASING

St. Mary's Church, Old Basing would like our Parish to participate, with a floral arrangement or perhaps one of the floral arches? given our association when we used the Church for Saturday evening Vigil Masses.

The Theme: Celebrating Her Majesty's 90th Birthday
Date: 25th and 26th June.

Please contact Bridget Innes-Kerr:
binneskerr@hotmail.com

FR JOE ROHAN

Fr. Joe will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood on 20th May. He will be celebrating Mass in his Parish Church at 7.30 pm. If you wish to attend Fr. Joe will be delighted to see you. There will be refreshments available after the Mass. His address is: Star of the Sea Church, Ballycotton, Co. Cork. Tel. No. 0872712058 or email: joerohan@hotmail.com

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

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 27th March: Music: 9am Cantorg: 11 am Popley

Sun 3rd April: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Popley:
6.30 pm Priest-led

Sun 10th April: Music: 9am Choir: 11 am Popley:
6.30 pm Piano

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 at 11 am, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or contact Liz Murphy in the Parish office on 01256 465214



FUNERAL

Funeral Service for Eileen Ennever RIP on Thursday 31st March at 10.45 am in Holy Ghost Church.

We pray for Eileen and remember her families at this sad time. May she Rest in Peace.

BIBLE STUDY

Will take place in The Convent, Burgess Road, on Monday 28th March (Bank holiday) at 7.30 pm. Please bring your own Bible with you.

JIF (JOURNEY IN FAITH)

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith, we will be starting a series of sessions in Holy Ghost Church Hall, Burgess Rd on Thursday 14th April at 7.30 pm

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in the Jubilee Year of Mercy, with Rev Fr. Christopher Poswiata CSMA on April 3rd at The Chapel, Elmore Abbey House, Church Lane, Speen, Newbury, Berkshire. RG14 1SA. Confessions from 1pm. Holy Mass 2pm. Chaplet & 3 O'clock prayer.

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

The Foodbank are opening a pop up Charity Shop between 29th April to 12th May at 20 London St. Witchurch. Donations of new or nearly new saleable items will be gratefully accepted (sorry, no electrical goods) To donate or volunteer your time in the shop, please contact Pat Murphy on 07785 312486 or email: pfm1906@aol.com

CAFOD

In our next newsletter we will itemise the total of monies raised during Lent for CAFOD.

POLISH MASS

Next Polish Mass at Holy Ghost Church will take place on Saturday 16th April at 6 pm

COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £3,259.28P. Second collection for Easter Flowers amounted to £374.58p. Grateful thanks