

**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

Parish Priest:

Rev Fr. Christopher Rutledge:
Dean of North Hampshire

Assistant Priest:

Awaiting appointment

Retired Priest in Residence

Rev Fr. Peter Codd

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9am to 2pm

01256 465214

Parish Secretary:

Mrs Liz Murphy

Site Manager:

Mrs Liz Flitcroft

Treasurer:

Mrs Jan Hughes

email:

stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Web:

www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

Facebook:

[Facebook.com/stbedesbasingstoke](https://www.facebook.com/stbedesbasingstoke)

Safeguarding:

Mrs Jan Hughes 07719012955

Mrs Angela McGrory (Diocese)

0755 4427 064

023 92816396

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6th March 2016

Pages 168

Year C

Psalter Week 4

A PUBLICATION OF PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE TRUST REGISTERED CHARITY No. 246871

Thought for the Week

We are invited to bring resolution to this unfinished story. It is unfinished because we do not know what the elder son did next. The father stands outside the house pleading with him to enter and join the celebration. As the camera fades out, we are left wondering what the elder son will do, and more importantly; what will I do? Jesus poses this startling challenge to us: will you embrace the way of forgiveness in your own life, and so join the celebration of God's mercy, or do you prefer to stay outside, clinging to your memory of hurts, anger and offences?

This year is a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope Francis invites us to come in and join the celebration of God's prodigal, extravagant mercy. The motto of this Jubilee Year is "Merciful like the Father", and we are invited "not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure". Pope Francis is fond of saying that God never tires of offering us mercy; it is we who tire of asking for it. God is indeed a prodigal Father who today pleads with each of us not to remember our hurts, but rather to remember God's love and join in the dance of God's mercy.

- ◆ The Lord remembers His promise to His people, they remember their covenant with the Lord.
- ◆ The younger son remembers his father—and this is what brings him home; in contrast, the elder son remembers the wrong things.
- ◆ We are invited to remember God's love and so be caught up in God's mercy.
- ◆ The Ravenbruck prayers asks that God's remembering will bring forth forgiveness for those who committed atrocities.

Taken from 'The Living Word' Redemptorist Publications

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday	6th March—Laetare Sunday			
	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
Mon 7th	9.15 am			Mass at St. Joseph's Church
	10.00 am			Mass at Hook (Convent Chapel)
Tues 8th	9.15 am			Mass at St. Joseph's Church
	10.00 am			Mass at Hook (Convent Chapel)
Wed 9th	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Salvatore Agro RIP (Marchesini)
Thurs 10th	6.30 am	Fr C	SB	Int Dolly C D'Souza & family (Gnomes)
Fri 11th	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	William Crook RIP (Hynes)
	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 12th	9.30 am—12 noon	SB		FHC Children
Sunday	13th March—Fifth Sunday of Lent (Psalter Week 1)			
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Josephine Miles RIP (Cullen)
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Carmelo & Rosina Grasso RIP
	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.

NEXT SUNDAY (13th March)

Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service at St. Bede's Church at 2.30 pm.

Fr. Wojciech will hear Confessions in Polish and English

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES AT ST. BEDE'S CHURCH

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 start

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

LENTEN LUNCHES

BAAC Group are hosting a lunch on Friday 18th March Between 12 noon and 2 pm in the Church hall.

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY

This Sunday, we are invited to thank God for our Mothers, and all who have given us their maternal love, support and example. 'Motherhood is a bond that forms before birth, endures beyond death and shapes us in life even in its absence'

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

The Knights of St. Columba would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to parishioners that were able to support the dance on Friday 26 February at St Bede's hall.

All those who attended had an enjoyable time.

The sum of £338 was raised which is shared equally between St Bede's and St Joseph's Lourdes Funds.

Also a huge "Thank You" to the band: **Rose Shamrock and Thistle** for their generous support.

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. 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 Popley: 6.30 pm Guitar Refreshments after the 9 am & 11 am Mass today Repository after the 9 am & 11 am Mass

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

Wed: 9 am Choir practice 7—9 pm

Sat: 9.30—12 noon FHC

Next Sunday we welcome the FHC children who will be participating during all the Masses.

LAETARE SUNDAY (TODAY)

Because the midpoint of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, "rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow," and on Laetare Sunday, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and Rose ones are used instead.

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



MISSIO (RED BOXES)

A total of £694.40p. was collected from the Red Boxes during 2015. Grateful thanks to Teresa Connor with the support and help from Bob Carr who counted the money. There will be Missio (Red Box) Appeal in July.

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

Food needed this month. Dried Milk powder (we give this as an extra to families and the elderly as it's got added vitamins), Coffee - small jars are fine, Fruit Juice (longlife 1L) Peanut Butter or Marmite, Dry Crackers/Crispbreads, Jars of cooking sauces. Desserts (longlife - cold or microwaveable), Instant Potato Mash, Shampoo

VOTE FOR THE FOODBANK

The Council is once again staging its annual "Have Your Say" grant award scheme, which invites local charities to apply for a grant from the Council. The public are invited to come along and "vote" for their preferred charity. The charities with the most votes get their request granted. We are asking any parishioners, who would have the opportunity between 3pm and 7pm on Thursday 10th March, to come along to cast their vote for the Foodbank in Carnival Hall, Boundary Road Basingstoke.

COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £2,860.74p. Grateful thanks. Second Collection **TODAY** for Clergy Assistance Fund. This fund is there to help sick and retired priests of our Diocese when they are in need.

AND FINALLY: Thank you to those who clean our Church and cloister area fortnightly without fail.