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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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Fourth Sunday of Easter

17th April 2016

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Thought for the Week

It is not easy being Christian and Catholic in today's world. Our society, because of the critical nature of the media in large part, tends to view people of faith and morals with some distrust. That is a challenge for us.

Paul and Barnabas experience something similar in today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The people of Antioch in Pisidia "expel (them) from the territory." No one likes or appreciates rejection. It is humiliating and discouraging. There may be times in our own lives when we follow firmly our Catholic beliefs and experience something similar. However, like Paul and Barnabas, we need to become even more determined in our desire to be a Disciple of the Lord.

In their case, they moved on to Iconium and continued their ministry and their message. In fact, Holy Scripture adds, "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." We, too, need to seek that joy and to understand that we have been blessed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Blessed Mother Teresa said, "Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness." Like Paul and Barnabas, and Mother Teresa, we need to seek and utilize God's strength.

Taken from "The Catholic Steward.com"

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday	17th April	Fourth Sunday of Easter		
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Jack Bowman, Jack Togher RIP (Togher)
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Marie Payne RIP
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	Ryszard Dzida RIP (Damian)
Mon 18th	12.00 noon	Fr C	HG	Intentions of Family & Friends (Took)
Tues 19th	8.00am	Adoration/ Morning Prayer at St Joseph's		
	9.15am	Mass at St Joseph's		
Wed 20th	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Int. Paddy Byrne (Murphy)
Thurs 21st	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Louise Grey RIP (Grey)
Fri 22nd	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Colette Bolton RIP (Huntley)
	10—11 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
Sat 23rd	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Sean Hynes RIP (Byrne)
	Reconciliation after the 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am			
Sunday	24th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter		
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Int Colella Family (Colella)
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Tom Bowers RIP (Bowers)
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish

SB = St. 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.

TODAY IS VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Today 1.3 billion Catholics in 196 countries, in thousands of languages, are all asked to pray for the same thing: *"Lord, send us more Priests, Sisters, and Brothers!"* Since 1963 the Holy Father has set aside the Fourth Sunday of Easter, when the Scripture readings are about the Good Shepherd, as a day of intercession for Vocations. What can you do? Pray—really pray! Millions of Catholics will be praying with you; please take a moment to ask God, from the heart, to call young people from your Parish or maybe from your family ... maybe even to call you. Jesus promised, *"If you ask anything of Me in My name, I will do it."* (John 14:13). If the Father will grant the prayers of a single person, what if we all ask for the same thing? Here are powerful ways to pray for vocations:

- ◆ Offer your Mass intentions for a specific young man or woman.
- ◆ Pray a Rosary for your children and grandchildren to hear God's call.
- ◆ Pray for the men of our Diocese of Portsmouth who are in Formation for the Priesthood.
- ◆ Pledge to pray daily for vocations at <http://www.invisiblemonastery.com>

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA 'LUCKY ME'

Congratulations to Myrna Lyon from Basingstoke who won £25 in the Lucky Me draw.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE NEW EVANGELISATION

Fr Mark Hogan would like to invite you to take part in our day of prayer for the New Evangelisation (Sharing the Joy of the Gospel) in our Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. This celebration will take place between 10am and 5pm on Saturday 14th May, the eve of Pentecost.

It is vital that we begin with prayer and that all our efforts are sustained by prayer. All our initiatives must be rooted in our relationship with Jesus Christ, so that it is His will which we seek to discern and follow, and his joy which we experience for ourselves and share with others.

How can you take part?

- ◆ You can come along to St. Joseph's, Basingstoke and join in with our celebrations there. We have a full timetable which includes the celebration of Mass, the recitation of the Rosary, Hymns of Praise. Prayer stations will also be available. There will also be a talk and a practical workshop taking place in the foyer at St. Joseph's. Refreshments will be available throughout the day, with a light lunch. Just come along, to all of the day or just for a little while – no need to sign up. The full timetable is available www.stjosephsbasingstoke.org.uk
- ◆ If you are unable to travel to St. Joseph's, there is still an opportunity for you to join in the prayer. Could you commit to praying for 30 minutes at some stage during the day for the Sharing of Gospel Joy in Portsmouth Diocese? Or please just join us in prayer during that day in whatever way you can – even a simple Our Father or an Angelus or a or a Decade of the Rosary would be something very powerful.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 17th April:

Music: 9am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:
6.30 pm Guitar

Refreshments after the 9 am Mass
Repository open after all Mass
Baptisms: SB at 3 pm

Tues:

Toddler Group SB 1.30—3.15 pm

Wed:

9 am Choir Practice SB—7.30 pm

Fri:

Confirmation Candidates Reconciliation
7.15 pm SB

Sat:

Wedding 1.30 pm HG

Next weekend Sunday 24th after the 11 am Mass BAAC meet in the hall, after Refreshments after the 11 am Mass

Next weekend Sunday 24th, Teresa Conner will be collecting the APF boxes after all Masses for counting.

BAPTISMS:

Welcome to Rose Isibea White and Marcel Jakimowicz who are being Baptised today. Congratulations to their Families and Friends on this happy occasion.

WEDDING

Congratulations to Jennie Mitchener and Colm Clark who are getting married in Holy Ghost Church on Saturday 23rd April.

FUNERAL SERVICE

We pray for Michael McCrohan RIP. His funeral service is on Monday 18th April at 1.15pm at Basingstoke Crematorium. Funeral Service for Maureen Gobener RIP at St. Mary's Church, Old Basing on Thursday 21st April at 2.30 pm. May they Rest in Peace.

CONFIRMATION 7TH MAY

Due to great numbers to be Confirmed in our Pastoral Area, the Bishop has decided to have Confirmation in two groups all on the same day. St. Bede's and Sacred Heart Candidates will be Confirmed at St. Bede's Church by Canon Dominic Golding and the rest of the Pastoral Area at the Cathedral to be Confirmed by our Bishop.

JIF (JOURNEY IN FAITH)

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith, we will meet in Holy Ghost Church Hall, Burgess Rd fortnightly. Next date Thurs. 28th April, 7.30—9.45 pm

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2016

Saturday 9th July at 11 am. If you are celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years, and would like to attend?

Please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office (Tel. No. 01256 465214)

COLLECTION

Sunday collection amounted to £2,662.00p. Second Collection today for Clergy Training. Grateful thanks.

