

**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 Easter

24th April 2016

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Psalter Week 1

Thought for the Week

God proclaims at the end of our Second Reading from the Book of Revelations, "Behold, I make all things new." That is a good thing to remember on this Fifth Sunday of Easter. In the opening verse of this reading from Holy Scripture, John also says, "I...saw a new heaven and a new earth." Easter reveals this newness to us, and we must always keep it in mind.

The Greek word used for what is translated as "new" is *kaine*. As is normally the case, that particular Greek word has multiple meanings, one of which is "fresh." We are not speaking of a heaven and earth which did not exist before, but of a heaven and earth which are fresh in their newness. This is not just a "new" perspective, but a better one.

If we strive to live out our lives as disciples of Christ, if we make a complete effort to be His disciples, we inherit this new heaven. In it, as also indicated in our Second Reading, God expresses His desire to be in close fellowship with us, and we in turn must desire to be His people. Being God's disciple should be the whole purpose of our lives. That is not easily achieved, nor is it without obstacles and hurdles for us, but it is what our purpose should be.

Taken from "The Catholic Stewards.com"

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

| Sunday | 24th April | Fifth Sunday of Easter | | |
|------------|--|------------------------------------|----|---|
| | 9.00 am | Fr W | 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 |
| Mon 25th | 9.15 am | Mass at St. Joseph's | | |
| Tues 26th | 12.00 noon | Fr C | HG | Marie McEvoy RIP (Fitzpatrick) (Mass at Holy Ghost: please note Mass time) |
| Wed 27th | 9.30 am | Fr C | HG | Maria Stowell RIP (Stowell) |
| Thurs 28th | 9.30 am | Fr C | SB | Anthony Carrigan RIP (White) |
| Fri 29th | 9.30 am | Fr C | HG | Elli Joseph RIP (Tomy) |
| | 10—11 am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | | |
| Sat 30th | 9.30 am | Fr C | SB | A da Cruz Gomes RIP (Gomez) |
| | Reconciliation after the 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am | | | |
| Sunday | 1st May | Sixth Sunday of Easter | | |
| | 9.00 am | Fr C | SB | People of the Parish |
| | 11.00 am | Fr C | SB | Cyril ,Seamus O'Hanlon RIP (Monaghan) |
| | 6.30 pm | Fr W | SB | Ron Lockyear RIP (Belson) |

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.

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

Prayer for the Queen

V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.

R. *And hear us on the day we call upon You.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. *And let my cry come before You.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. *And with Your spirit.*

Almighty God, we pray, that Your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by Your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with Your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with Your favour may, with her Consort and the Royal Family, come at last into Your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

POLISH MASS IN HOLY GHOST CHURCH

Next Mass in Polish, will take place on Saturday, 7th May at 6 pm.

BASINGSTOKE & NE LIFE GROUP

Pamper evening on Thursday 5th May 7—9.30 pm in St. Bede's hall. For further information contact Marianne Cook on Tel. No. 07790 823781 or Valeria on Tel. No. 07773 124321

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes is on May 8th—13th. If you wish to send a petition to Lourdes, we will take them. Please write your petition and place in an envelope, clearly marked '**LOURDES PETITION**' - place in the collection baskets next weekend, or leave in the post box by the electronic door. Please do not put any money into the envelope.

D - WEEKEND SOUTH

June 3rd – 5th 2016 D-Weekend is for those in years 7 – 9. A weekend full of fun, new friendships and reunions as well as getting to know God better in fresh and exciting ways. Activities will include discussion, dramas, dance, sports and other different ways of being creative. This is a fantastic way for young people to deepen and learn more about their faith. Venue: SENT, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM19 5BX Cost: £60 For more details contact Kimi@sionyouth.org.uk

JOB VACANCY

Job Vacancies Hampshire Downs Parish based at Winchester Parish Finance and Administration Manager pt 25 hours per week £25,000 pro rata closing date 9th May Youth Ministry Development Worker ft (or pt by negotiation) £22,000 closing date 23rd May Details of both these permanent jobs are available on the Diocesan website or the Hampshire Downs parish website (www.hampshiredowns.org.uk) Telephone Sue Broadbent (Tel. No. 01962 852804)

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)



PARISH DIARY:

Sun 24th April:

Music: 9am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:
6.30 pm Cantorg
Refreshments after the 9 am & 11 am
Masses today
BAAC meet after 11 am Mass
Repository open after all Masses
APF boxes to be collected after all
Masses today.

Tues:

Toddler Group SB 1.30—3.15 pm

Wed:

9 am Choir Practice SB—7.30 pm

Thurs:

JIF HG Hall 7.30—8.45

Welcome to our First Holy Communion Children who will be participating at all our Masses today.

CONFIRMATION—MOVING FROM GRADUATION TO INITIATION

We are changing our approach to Confirmation Preparation. We want to shift from an attitude that Confirmation is that sacrament when I “graduate” or finish my Christian learning and commitment to an understanding that Confirmation gives me the graces to begin my Christian adult life. Fr Mark will be hosting an **information evening at St. Bede's Church on Tuesday 3rd May, 7:30-9pm**. The meeting is open to everyone but might be of particular interest to parents of young people currently in school years 7&8. If you would like to find out more but cannot make that evening please contact the parish office who will pass the details on to Fr Mark.

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—8.45 pm

PPC MEMBERS

At present, the following people are member of our PPC: Lynn Duffy, Kate Webb, Chris Olding, Julie Leonard, Felix Obadaki and Brian Morris. If you wish to make contact with the PPC you can email them. stbedes0@gmail.com

FLOWER ARRANGERS TEAM

Volunteers are needed to help with our present Flower Team here at St. Bede's. If you can help either with watering or with the beautiful creations we are accustomed to, please contact the Parish Office 01256 465214

APOSTOLIC INITIATIVE FOR THE UKRAINE

After the recitation of the Regina Caeli on Sunday 3rd April, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched a humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine, in the form of a SPECIAL COLLECTION to be taken in all of the Catholic Churches in Europe on Sunday 24th April. The Holy Father expressed his faith in the Churches of Europe who would unite generously to this, his initiative.

COLLECTION

Sunday collection amounted to £2,858.51p. Second collection last week for Clergy Training amounted to £388.06p. Grateful thanks.