

**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  
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**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

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**Thought for the Week**

The more popular name for today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is Corpus Christi, which of course in Latin means the "Body of Christ." The Church has celebrated this feast at this time since it was proclaimed by Pope Urban IV in 1264.

We are asked on this day to concentrate on two expressions of the Body of Christ — the Holy Eucharist and the Church itself. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1327) states the importance of the Eucharist quite succinctly and directly: "In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith." At the center of every Mass is our celebration of the Eucharist. The word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word *eucharistia* which means "thanksgiving." It is through the Eucharist which we receive the Lord's greatest gift to us, and it should be in thanksgiving and delight which we receive it.

This holy day should also remind us of all those things for which we should be thankful. Gratitude is at the basis of a life of stewardship. It is through thanksgiving for all we have received, especially the Holy Body and Blood of Christ through the Eucharist, that we find the motivation and the commitment to be good stewards.

The Pontiff Emeritus Benedict XVI in one of his writings spoke of the Eucharist in this way: "In the Eucharist a communion takes place that corresponds to the union of man and woman in marriage. Just as they become 'one flesh,' so in the Eucharist we all become 'one spirit,' one person with Christ." Today we thank God for the incredible gift to us of the Eucharist.

*Taken from Catholic.Steward.com*

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th May</b>	<b>Feast of Corpus Christi</b>		
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Intention Catherine Denning
	11.00 am	Fr W	SB	David Murray RIP (Bush)
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 30th	12 noon	Fr C	HG	Eileen Hurley (Hinchin)
Tues 31st		<b>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
	9.15 am			Mass St. Joseph's Church
	10.00 am			Mass Sacred Heart Convent
Wed 1st June	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Daphne Perry RIP (Took)
Thurs 2nd	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Intentions of Victor & Family
Fri 3rd		<b>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>		
	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	In thanksgiving Gibson Family
Sat 4th		<b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>		
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	First Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5th June</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Yvonne Rutledge RIP
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Tom Bowers RIP (Bowers)
	6.30 pm	Fr. Paul	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.

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

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

On Saturday 4th June (next week) - and again on Saturday 11th June, there will be eighty plus children making their First Holy Communion (FHC).

We congratulate all our children, and thank most sincerely Fiona Blackburn who has done a sterling job as FHC coordinator, we thank also the many Catechists who have helped during the course of the year.

## BAPTISMS:

Congratulations to Fintan Thomposon-McKeritt and Otilie Elizabeth Barbara Ellis who will be Baptised this weekend.

## WEDDING

Congratulations to Sarah Williamson and Andrew Sargent, also to Gale & Robert Tyson who were married this Weekend in Holy Ghost Church

## FUNERALS:

Please pay for Jillian Sims RIP and Joseph Douglas RIP who have died recently, we remember their families at this sad time.

Joseph Douglas RIP

Crematorium on Friday 3rd June at 4.15 pm

Jillian Sims RIP

Requiem Mass on Thursday 9th June at 11 am in St. Bede's Church.

## JP3 GROUP

Next JP3 Group for years 7-8 will be 5-6:30pm on Sun 5th June at St. Joseph's. All are welcome but parents will need to sign a consent form for first-timers. This will be a practical session, so as well as the usual pizzas there will be a short video telling us all about Mary's Meals, a Catholic charity which feeds over 1 million children each day in their school in some of the world's neediest areas. Then there will be some hands on packing of back packs to send out to the charity for these children. What a great way to live out our faith! If you are able you can also bring along a complete bag or things to go in the bag (pencils, crayons, etc.)

## YEAR OF MERCY

**Sunday June 26th 2016 Lyford Grange** - In this Year of Mercy, Bishop Philip Egan is the main celebrant for the St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage Mass to be held in the barn at Lyford Grange (OX12 0EQ), near Wantage on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 4.00pm. It was at the Grange that the Jesuit priest Edmund Campion was captured before being transported through the Thames Valley to London and put on trial. Campion was subsequently hanged, drawn and quartered with Alexander Briant and Ralph Sherwin on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1581 and was canonised by Paul VI in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. The Thames Valley Knights of St Columba invite Parishioners to join them for the Mass, Lyford is in the Oxfordshire countryside a few miles west of Abingdon. Further details from John Lynn on 01628-636668 or on the following: [http://www.province23.co.uk/Lyford Grange Mass 2016.pdf](http://www.province23.co.uk/Lyford%20Grange%20Mass%202016.pdf)

## PARISH DIARY:

**Sun 29th May :** Music: 9am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Priest Led Refreshments after the 9 am & 11 am Masses today Repository open after all Masses  
Tues: No Toddler Group  
Wed: 9 am Choir Practice SB—7.30 pm

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 . 7.30—8.45 pm. **Next session 9th June**

## DIOCESAN CHARITIES & OUTREACH GROUP CONFERENCE

Saturday 2 July 2016, 10am-2pm St Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Join us in celebration of this Extraordinary Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy as we hear from the many charitable organisations within the Catholic Church here in our Diocese which strive to express the merciful love of Christ. Speakers will be drawn from The Medaille Trust, SVP, Apostleship of the Sea, Poitiers Care, and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth. Please book your place via [caritasdioceseofportsmouth.org.uk](http://caritasdioceseofportsmouth.org.uk)

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE DOOR OF MERCY AT ABINGDON

Coach from St. Bede's to Abingdon on 8th October, more information to follow.

## TEA AT 3

Tea at 3 pm on Friday 3rd June here at St. Bede's . Please come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a fabulous selection of delicious cakes. All donations will go to St. Michael's Hospice

## POLISH MASS

Next Polish Mass will take place on Saturday 11th June at 6 pm, in Holy Ghost Church.

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Lourdes - 'A Place of Mercy in Action'  
Why not join Bishop Philip & the Diocesan Pilgrimage, together with the Catholic Association, in Lourdes during this Jubilee 'Year of Mercy'? with Bishop Philip, pass through the 'Holy Door' in Lourdes during this special time of grace. Fri 19th - Fri 26th August 2016—There are applications forms in the cloister area.

*Flying from Southampton Airport direct to Lourdes*

## COLLECTION

Sunday collection amounted to £2,500.73p. Grateful thanks Second collection for SVP amounted to £504.98p.

## New Planned Giving Envelopes now available for the Year June 2016 to April 2017

We have a table in the Cloister area with the new Planned Giving 'pink' boxes.

Please could we ask you look at the table and pick up a box if there is one there for you or let us know if your circumstances have changed and you no longer wish to have a box. We can then adjust our order for boxes for the next Financial Year 2017-18. If you wish to query anything, please speak with Jan Hughes (Parish Office)