

**NORTH WEST  
HAMPSHIRE**

**PASTORAL AREA**

SERVING THE PARISHES OF  
ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,  
HOOK, TADLEY AND  
BURGHFIELD COMMON



**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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**EIGHTEENTH & NINETEENTH  
SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**31st July, and 7th August 2016**

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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>31st July</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	9.00 am	Fr Kevin	SB	Todd Bowers RIP (Bowers)
	11.00 am	Fr Kevin	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	Fr Kevin	SB	John Reilly RIP (Reilly)
Mon 1st Aug	10.00 am	Mass at Maryfield Convent, Hook		
Tues 2nd Aug	1.00 pm	HG	Requiem Phyllis McMorrow RIP	
Wed 3rd Aug	10.00 am	Mass at Maryfield Convent, Hook		
Thurs 4th Aug	10.00 am	Mass at Maryfield Convent, Hook		
Fri 5th Aug	10.00—11.00 am	HG	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat 6th Aug	10.00 am	Mass at Maryfield Convent, Hook		

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
	9.00 am	Fr Hugh	SB	Anna Bowman & Mary Togher RIP
	11.00 am	Fr Hugh	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	Fr Hugh	SB	Seamus O'Brien RIP (Stroud)
Mon 8th	11 am	HG	Requiem Margaret Walsh RIP	
Tues 9th	10.00 am	Mass at Maryfield Convent, Hook		
Wed 10th	10.00 am	Mass at Maryfield Convent, Hook		
Thur 11th	10.00 am	Mass at Maryfield Convent, Hook		
Fri 12th	10—11 am	HG	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sat 13th	10.00 am	Mass at Maryfield Convent, Hook		

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14th August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Faye Redmond RIP (Short)
	6.30 pm	Fr W	SB	Mr T & Miss E Gomez RIP (Gomes)

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.

**SICK OF THE PARISH**

We ask your prayers for the Sick of the Parish, for those at home and in hospital. Our prayers also are needed for those who are looking after the sick...

**Lord, we ask you to give strength, love and compassion to those who care for the sick**

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In the Parable of the Rich Fool, Jesus said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." (Lk 12:15). Most of the Parables shared by the Lord in Holy Scripture address the issue of possessions and how we treat them, how we use them as a measurement of success. Consistently those who write about the challenges we face in living lives of stewardship point to this same problem. Jesus certainly understood it.

Christ was living in a society that was very different from that we experience today, but that basic difficulty existed then, as it does now. The problem is not that possessions exist, but that they can become the dominant motivation in our lives and how we live them.

The Lord cautions us, as He does in the Parable of the Rich Fool from today's Gospel, that storing up treasure and possessions means that we may be wealthy in the eyes of society, but not in "what matters to God." This is one of our ongoing stumbling blocks to being stewards living a Christian life.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis speaks often about this same problem. In a recent homily he said, "True joy does not come from things or from possessing. It is born from the relationship with others; it is born from feeling accepted, understood, and loved, and from accepting, understanding, and loving. It is saying to one another, 'You are important to me,' not 'What you have is important to me.' Possessions are nothing but an illusion.

("Taken from "The Catholic Steward.com")

## NEW PRIEST

Clergy moves are the talk of the Priests at the moment and I am please to announce that Bishop Philip has appointed an additional Priest to our Parish. Therefore, it is with great joy I welcome Fr. Gerry Onyejuluwa who will be joining us as an Assistant Priest to the Holy Ghost, St Bede's and Sacred Heart Parishes, he will also be the lead Hospital Chaplain.

Fr. Gerry will be joining us in September, we wish him every happiness in his time here with us. Fr Gerry has been serving the Southbourne Parish, near Bournemouth.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017

Application forms are available this weekend for those children who wish to join the FHC 2017 programme in the Autumn. Please complete the form and return to the Parish Office.... There is a letter box in the wall near the electronic doors. There is no need to supply a photograph of your child.

## CONFIRMATION 2017

St Bede and Sacred Heart Churches will be running their own Confirmation programme as in previous years. This is independent of the Pastoral Area initiative and is open to St. Bede and Sacred Heart Parishioners only. Confirmation will be celebrated in the Cathedral next year.

Application forms are available to those who wish to be Confirmed in 2017. Please complete the form and return to the Parish Office.

## ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Sadly St. Joseph's had a fire which was started deliberately by two youths outside the Church. The damage inside the Church is minimal. Unfortunately quite a lot of fire/heat damage externally to the Church, garage and shed. We remember all St. Joseph's Parishioners whose Church has been violated in this dreadful way. You are all in our prayers.

No Masses will take place in the Church until further notice, weekday Masses are in the School hall.

## REQUIEM MASS

Requiem Mass for Phyllis McMorrow in Holy Ghost Church on Tuesday 2nd August at 1 pm.

Requiem for Margaret Walsh RIP in Holy Ghost Church on Monday 8th August at 11 am.

We remember their family and friends at this sad time, May They Rest in Peace.

## THANK YOU

We received a 'thank you' note from Bishop Philip for hosting the Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass here at St. Bede's. The Bishop was very grateful for our hospitality.

## PARISH DIARY:

**Sun 31st July :** Music: 9am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:  
6.30 pm Priest Led  
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass  
Repository open after all Masses

During the Month of August, our Choir, Musicians have a well earned rest. Also the Children's Liturgy and the Refreshment group take a break. We thank them all for their commitment during the course of the year.

## WELCOME

To Fr. Kevin Keenan who will be celebrating all Masses today.

## BACCA

### Summer Fete at St Bede's Church

Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA) would like to invite parishioners to its summer fete on Saturday 13th August 2016, at the premises of St Bede's Church. The event is free for the family – with face painting, bracelet-making, and other activities for children. Other highlights for the day include, raffle draws, BBQ, as well as Afro-Caribbean food and drinks. Parishioners may confirm attendance by email ([baccastbedes@outlook.com](mailto:baccastbedes@outlook.com)), or text message (07805638560) to help in planning.

## PLANT SALE

There will be a plant sale after all Masses TODAY in aid of St. Michael's Hospice.

## COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £3,371.32p Thank you.