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HAMPSHIRE**

PASTORAL AREA

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



HOLY GHOST PARISH

BASINGSTOKE

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Holy Ghost Church

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
18th September 2016

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Psalter Week 1

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Thought for the Week

Although we may not immediately perceive them, Holy Scripture is filled with references to stewardship and what it means. Today's Gospel from St. Luke that includes the Parable of the Dishonest Steward is more pointed and direct than many of those references.

Retired Bishop Robert Morneau — who was instrumental in the development of the United States Bishops' pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, and has been a popular presenter on stewardship for decades — is fond of saying that on Judgment Day, the Lord will only ask us one question, "What have you done with the garden I have given you?" In other words, we are all gifted, perhaps in different ways, but whatever gifts we receive might be considered our garden from God. We must account for those gifts.

The whole concept of stewardship is clear in today's parable. The steward is the manager (not the owner) of the master's gifts. God is, of course, the manager, and we are the stewards who are charged with the responsibility of overseeing our gifts of time, talent, treasure, and perhaps even influence. Do we use those gifts wisely and with justice?

That is the point we must get from this Gospel. Our Holy Father Pope Francis understood the significance of being a steward when he recently said, "In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts." As the Lord says to the steward in today's Gospel, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

Taken from Catholic Stewardship.com

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 18th	Twenty Fifth	Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9.00 am	Fr P SB	Brenda Eakins RIP (Shorey)	
11.00 am	Fr P SB	In thanksgiving Obadaki Family	
6.30 pm	Fr C SB	People of the Parish	
Mon 19th	12 noon	Fr C HG	Martin Boyles RIP (Duffy)
Tues 20th	9.30 am	Fr G SB	Roman B Almarinez RIP
Wed 21st	9.30 am	Fr G HG	Laurence Williams RIP (Williams)
Thurs 22nd	9.30 am	Fr C SB	Ivory Taplin RIP (Hynes)
Fri 23rd	9.30 am	Fr G HG	Terry Reilly RIP (Abbotts)
Sat 24th	9.30 am	Fr G SB	Gerard Murray RIP (Fleming)
	12.00 Noon	Fr C HG	Wedding Rachael Lacey Tony Dickman
	10.15 am—10.45	SB	Confessions

Sunday 25th	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9.00 am	Fr G SB	Kenneth Barker RIP
11.00 am	Fr G SB	David McIntosh RIP (Darracott)
6.30 pm	Fr G SB	Terry Reilly RIP (J. Murphy)

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.

TODAY IS HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Home Mission Sunday is celebrated today and the theme is PROCLAIM the Joy of Love. On this day, we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those whom we know are distant from the life of faith. Please support the work of Home Mission Sunday through your prayers and generosity. For further information see www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms16.

CAFOD

Harvest Fast Day – 7 October

This Harvest Fast Day, we are invited to join 32 year old Nicanora, from Bolivia on her journey from poverty to abundance. Let us stand alongside Nicanora as she learns new skills and receives materials and seeds that will enable her to grow enough food to feed her family. Please pray for our work at this time and give what you can.

PILGRIMAGE TO ABINGDON

On Saturday 8th October

For all who have signed up for this pilgrimage to the 'Holy Door' at Abingdon. The coach has been booked. The coach will leave St. Bede's car park promptly at 8.45 am, collecting parishioners from Sacred Heart, leaving Hook at 9.15 am, arriving at Abingdon in time for Adoration, Confessions and Mass. Leaving Abingdon at 3 pm. Arriving here at 3.45 pm. Please bring a packed lunch, there is a charge of £10 towards the cost of the coach. Please leave the money in an envelope clearly marked 'Abingdon' with your name on, in the letter box, or within the 'collection basket'.

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

The Foodbank are short of the following: Long life milk, Fruit Juices, Tins of meat & fruit, Tins of tomatoes & rice pudding, Jars of cooking sauce, Jams, peanut butter & Marmite, Crackers & crisp breads Toiletries incl nappies
The Foodbank are holding a quiz night at Sarum Hill Centre on 22nd October. Please contact Pat on Tel. No. 01256 881436

DEACON PAT

Deacon Pat's widow Brenda, was overwhelmed by the many cards and wishes she received during the sad time. She is extremely grateful. Please remember Brenda at this sad time.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun: Music: 9 am Choir; 11 am Filipino;
6.30 pm Cantorg;
No Refreshments after the 9 am Mass today
No Children's Liturgy
Repository open after all Masses
BAAC Meet after the 11 am Mass today
Tues: Toddler Group meet 1.30—3.15 pm

CHURCH CLEANING

The next cleaning session will take place on Thursday 22nd September after the 9.30 am Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS REQUIRED

We are lucky to be able to offer Children's Liturgy during 9am and 11am Masses on most Sundays to Primary School age children. The Gospel of the day and its message are shared with the children, who can experience the Sacred Scriptures through a "kid's eye". Parents benefit from this service too, because they remain in Church and can focus on listening to the Scriptures and Homily. If you would like to volunteer to help us in this useful and rewarding service, or want to know more about what is involved, please e-mail the Parish Office (stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and you will be guided through the next steps. We are short on helpers at both 9am and 11am Masses at present, so we hope some new helpers will come forward to help us keep Children's Liturgy going smoothly. Thank you in advance for your support.

POLISH MASS

Next Polish Mass will be in Holy Ghost Church on Saturday 24th September at 6 pm.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,570.38p. Second collection for Racial Justice amounted to £311.64p. Second collection TODAY is for Home Mission Sunday. Grateful thanks.

FRIDAY'S STORM - The Great Storm of September

Due to the severe storm in the early hours of Friday morning... the Church, and the complete complex was underwater... The great St. Bede's Staff and Team spent the day, suitably dressed in wellies to clear out the water.

Due to this water damage in the hall, there will be no Children's Liturgy or tea and coffee today. The large meeting room is also closed.

We are enormously grateful to those Parishioners who came to help with the 'clear up'. We also keep in our prayers the families whose homes and businesses were flooded.

