

**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**

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RG21 5TD

**Sacred Heart Parish**

Sacred Heart Church  
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**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**2nd October 2016**

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**Year C**

**Psalter Week 1**

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

In today's Gospel we hear the Apostles asking Jesus to increase their Faith. It looks as though Faith was their top priority too. This is one of only two occasions in the Gospel of Luke where the Apostles make a precise request of Jesus. Real faith means so much more than subscribing to a list of beliefs it means committing oneself to a person and putting all one's trust in Him. And for the Christian that person is Jesus Christ.

We are not going to make much sense of Jesus' response to His friends unless we recognise that when He says is not meant to be taken literally. "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed", he replies, "you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you". Jesus is not expecting us to litter the sea with uprooted trees. It's just a bold way of saying that faith can do the impossible. And so it can.

At the same time, trusting in the Lord is not the same thing as meekly accepting whatever happens in our world, without so much as a word of complaint. Just look at today's first reading, where Habakkuk the Prophet rebukes the Lord because a fearful enemy is approaching and it looks as though violence and power are going to win the day. Despite his pleas for an explanation ("How long, Lord, am I to cry for help... why do You look on where there is tyranny?"), the only response he gets is that "the upright.... Will live by their faithfulness". Our God is big enough to accept our anger and our cries of indignation, provided only that we do not lose hold of our faith in God. *Taken: Redemptorist Publications*

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday 2nd Oct</b>	<b>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
Sat Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Fr G SH	Mass at Hook
	9.00 am	Fr G SB	People of the Parish
	10.00 am	Fr C SH	Mass at Hook
	11.00 am	Fr G SB	Jessica McCully RIP, Terry Sullivan RIP
	3.00 pm	Fr C SB	Baptisms
	6.30 pm	Fr C SB	John Reilly RIP (Reilly)
Mon 3rd Oct	9.30 am	Fr C HG	Nickaula Goater RIP (Sauleek)
Tues 4th	10.00 am	Fr P	Mass at Hook
Wed 5th	9.30 am	Fr C HG	Patricia Grasso RIP
Thurs 6th	9.30 am	Fr C SB	Giorgina Balbi RIP
Fri 7th	9.30 am	Fr C HG	Maria Stowell RIP (Stowell)
	10—11 am	HG	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 8th	No Mass or Confessions—Pilgrimage to Holy Door at Abingdon		

<b>Sunday 9th Oct</b>	<b>Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
Sat Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Fr P SH	Mass at Hook
	9.00 am	Fr C SB	Ted Enright RIP (Lee)
	10.00am	Fr P SH	Mass at Hook
	11.00 am	Fr C SB	Ronald McAulay & Bozidar Kalalic RIP (Grasso)
	6.30 pm	Fr C SB	People of the Parish

**SB = St. Bede's Church HG = Holy Ghost Church SH = Sacred Heart.**

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

## PARISH DIARY:

- Sun:** Pastoral Letter at all Masses today.  
Music: 9 am Choir; 11 am Popley;  
6.30 pm Piano:  
Baptisms: 3 pm today
- Tues:** Fr Chris—coordinating Pastors meeting  
Portsmouth

## BAPTISMS:

Congratulations to Finn Freddie Relihan, Eleanor Wanda Susan Andrews, Teodor Gorka, Julian Alexander Davies, & Teego Varga, who will be baptised today.

## STORM UPDATE

New carpet in the meeting room goes in on Monday. The Children's Liturgy can resume next Sunday 9th October and also the Mother & Toddler Group can resume on Tuesday 11th October, using the large meeting room and cloister. The hall is still out of commission, and in the hands of the Loss Adjuster. In the Church, all the underground electrics have been checked and are now ok, and the five yearly inspection of the entire building has also been carried out.

## CAFOD: Short talk at each Mass today.

Harvest Fast Day – 7th October

This Harvest Fast Day we are invited to support our brothers and sisters across the world so they have the materials and training they need to be able to grow enough food for their families. Please pray for this work and give what you can. There will be a second collection on Sunday 9th October. It is absolutely crucial as it is used to support the life saving work of all our other partners across the world. For more information please go to [www.cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://www.cafod.org.uk/fastday)

## FHC PROGRAMME

The First Holy Communion Programme starts on Saturday 5th November 10—12 noon for children. All those who have applied to take part in the FHC programme should have received an email.

**Please note:** We are not accepting any further candidates for this year, any new applications will go onto the 2017-18 programme. Grateful thanks to Claire Osborne and Jayney Lampard who are heading this years programme.

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS

If you are applying for your child to attend St. Bede's School next year, you will need to have a Record of your child's Mass attendance. These cards are available in the cloister area (coloured green). They need to be signed by a Priest every time your child attends Mass.

## PARISH MASS COUNT

Throughout the Sundays of October, we are obliged by the Bishop to count the number of people coming to Mass. Such information is useful in Diocesan planning and also to prove to others that Catholics do still come to Mass. On Sunday 16th October there will be a Parish Demographic Survey for every member of the Parish.

## FR GERRY

We wish Fr. Gerry a happy holiday as he goes home to Nigeria to be with his family. Fr. Gerry will return to us early part of November.

## BIBLE STUDY

Word of God Bible Study in the Convent, Burgess Road on Monday 3rd October 7.30—9.00 pm

## 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 it, in the letter box, or within the 'collection basket'.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Last Tuesday 27th Sept, we celebrated the Memorial of the death of our patron St Vincent de Paul. A group of Parishioners from St. Joseph's and St. Bede's meet in his name every fortnight. The group seeks out people in need to extend the hand of friendship and offer assistance where possible. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this help, or if you would like to join the SVP group, please contact an SVP member or the Parish Office. Our annual report is displayed on the noticeboard in the cloister area. St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

## POLISH MASS

Next Polish Mass in Polish will take place on Saturday 15th October at 6 pm in Holy Ghost Church.

## OUR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please remember in your prayers all those who are in our local Hospice and Hospital at this time. We remember also those who care for the Sick and Housebound. We also wish to thank the Hospital Volunteer Teams from St. Joseph's and St. Bede's who attend the hospital on a weekly rota to take Holy Communion to the sick, they do a very worthwhile Ministry.

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

## KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

The Knights of St. Columba will be joining us for the 11 am Mass next Sunday 16th October. We thank God for the great work the Knights do.

## COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,593.71p.  
Second collection today for Our Lady of Walsingham.  
Cathedral collection last weekend amounted to £344.63  
Next weekend there will be a second collection for CAFOD.

**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, PRAY FOR US**