

**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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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Psalter Week 3

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Thought for the Week

When Jesus came to Jericho, rehabilitation quickly became His agenda. He was walking along the street and a great crowd of people was around Him, keen to see Him. Jesus was becoming something of a hero to many. Suddenly the atmosphere changes, and a note of sourness enters the proceedings. There is a man up in a tree, trying to get a good look at Jesus. His position suits him, for Zacchaeus is one of the high and mighty, a wealthy man who made his money out of collaboration with authority and at the expense of the common people.

Jesus invites himself to this man's house. He goes in for a meal, to share this man's table, and leaves a murmuring, moaning crowd outside. It takes no time at all for public opinion to change. Jesus is now a disappointment. He is like all the rest: promise you the earth but do nothing and cosy up to the rich at the first opportunity!

But while the crowd moans and criticises, inside a conversation is taking place between Jesus and Zacchaeus. The details we do not know, but the outcome is clear. Zacchaeus comes out of his house a changed man. He publicly repents his life of greed and vows to make generous compensation for any wrongs he has done. The Gospel text says that he "stood his ground". This is the act of an honest person. Until now Zacchaeus has hidden behind his ledgers and has relied on the Roman military for his security. Now his openness gives him the confidence and the courage to stand once again among his own people. Jesus gave him the powerful gift of human acceptance and Zacchaeus grabbed it with both hands.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 30th Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 9.00 am | SB | Maureen McCauley RIP |
| 11.00 am | SB | Carmelo & Rosina Grasso RIP (Grasso) |
| 6.30 pm | SB | People of the Parish |

Mon 31st 2.00 pm HG Requiem Kevin Walsh RIP

Tues 1st Nov Holy Day of Obligation

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| 9.30 am | SB | St. Bede's School joining us for Mass |
| 7.30 pm | SB | Int. Tina Peers |
| | | In thanksgiving Gabryel Lloyd |
| | | Sonme Gibson |

Wed 2nd All Souls Day

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| 9.30 am | SB | Jim Stowell RIP (Stowell) |
| 11.30 am | HG | Requiem Raymond Farrell RIP |

Thurs 3rd 10.00 am SH Mass in the Convent, Hook

Fri 4th 10.00 am SH Mass in the Convent, Hook

10—11 am HG Adoration

Sat 5th 10—12 noon SB FHC Children—Session 1

Sunday 6th Nov Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 9.00 am | SB | Margaret Golding RIP (Lee) |
| 11.00 am | SB | Donald Hardingham RIP (Holland) |
| 6.30 pm | SB | John Hennessy RIP (Hennessy) |

Welcome to Monsignor Jeremy Garratt, who will be celebrating all our Sunday Masses today (6th November)

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

Before Mass: Pray to God: **During Mass:** Listen to God.

After Mass in the cloister area: Talk to everyone.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun: Music: 9 am Choir; 11 am Popley;
6.30 pm Cantorg
Tues: Toddler Group meet at 2 pm—3.15 pm

FUNERALS

We ask your prayers for Rose Easton who died last week, we remember her family at this sad time. We do not have any details of funeral arrangements as yet.

Requiem for Kevin Walsh RIP in Holy Ghost Church at 2 pm on Monday 31st October.

Requiem for Raymond Farrell RIP takes place in Holy Ghost Church at 11.30 am on 2nd November. May they Rest in Peace.

MISSION APPEAL

TODAY, we welcome Fr. David Sanders OP a Dominican Father, will be making an appeal for the work of St. Martin's Mission, which is an Apostolate of the Dominican Friars of England. It is mainly concerned with their work for the poor in the Caribbean.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

All Saints' Day is a solemn Holy Day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the Saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained Heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

NOVEMBER

November is the Month of the Holy Souls, there will be a basket in front of the Altar, please place all those names of members of your family and friends you wish to remember. May they Rest in Peace. (do not put money into the envelopes)

BAMENDA SUNDAY (6th November)

Every year, the Diocese have had a special collection to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please take a copy of the Bamenda Newsletter to see the mutual benefits of our twinned relationship, and how much your help is needed.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES IN WORTING ROAD CEMETERY

Takes place on Sunday 13th November at 2.30 pm. This short service reminds us to honour the graves of our loved ones, and to pray that their souls are now with the Lord sharing His promise of eternal life. Where they have gone we hope to follow.

RCIA

Our Parish 'Journey in Faith' course for adults wishing to be Baptised and/or Confirmed continues on 17th November at Holy Ghost Hall, Burgess Rd, 7.30—9 pm. It runs until Easter and will give an introduction to the Catholic Faith to help people decide whether they wish to join the Church. Please come along if you think you would like to consider becoming a Catholic, or being already Baptised a Catholic having yet to be Confirmed.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Due to the large meeting room and hall not fully functioning, there will be no Children's Liturgy until further notice.

TODDLER GROUP

The Toddler group will meet on a Tuesday between 2 pm and 3.15 pm in the Cloister Area. There will be soft drinks only available. This will be short term until we get the hall floor reinstated.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

On Saturday 5th November 10—12 noon, for First Holy Communion Children only, who have signed up for the programme. Also the First Holy Communion Children will participate in all Masses on Sunday 6th November.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Fr. Chris will be available on Thursday 8th December after the 9.30 am Mass until 11 am, and on Saturday 7th January, 2017, 11—12 noon. There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up, Fr. Chris will be in the meeting room, just off the cloister. Please remember to bring your Child's Mass attendance card.

ADORE

Alton Day of Renewal

On Saturday 26th November, Speaker: David Beresford At St. Andrew's Hall, Medstead near Alton, Hants. GU34 5LX. For further information, please go to www.altonrenewal.com

POLISH MASS

Polish Mass will take place in Holy Ghost Church on Saturday 12th November at 6 pm.

WORD OF GOD

Bible Study on Monday 7th November at 7.30—9 pm in the Convent, Burgess Road.

E-NEWS

Portsmouth 'E-news' (The Diocesan newsletter) - you can download the news online at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

NIGHT LIGHT

Night Light is a Christian project being set up to provide night shelters for upto 15 rough sleepers in Basingstoke to provide food, warmth and a safe to sleep during the coldest months of the year, viz. December, January & February. Volunteers are needed to work in teams in shifts to help with cooking (supper & breakfast), meeting & greeting, befriending, driving, etc. Full training is given. Contact Pat Murphy 07785312486 or pfm1906@aol.com for further details.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,308.52p. Second collection for the Foreign Missions amounted to £531.49p. Grateful thanks. There will be a second collection on Sunday 6th November for Bamenda.

DID YOU REMEMBER? The Clocks went back today.