

**NORTH WEST
HAMPSHIRE**

PASTORAL AREA

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



HOLY GHOST PARISH

BASINGSTOKE

St. Bede's Church

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Holy Ghost Church

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Sacred Heart Parish

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MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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Year A

Psalter Week 2

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.” From the very start, the discovery of Jesus involves His Mother too. One of our old theologians, centuries ago, pointed out that Our Lord was not born by means of Mary, as if she was just a convenient channel, but of her flesh, since she gave Him what He humanly is. Since she was a human parent, He must have looked just like her. If she was a young woman when Jesus was born, perhaps strangers even mistook them for brother and sister. Everything that was tangible, and embraceable, about Jesus had its origin in Mary.

Watch Pope Francis at the end of Mass in St. Peter's Square; watch how he goes from the altar straight to the image of Mary and pauses in prayer, and then reaches out—timidly, almost—and touches her cloak. It may seem a bit touchy-feely to some of us, but maybe that is the right way to approach her. Our Lady is to do with feeling, and hugging, and wordlessly consoling. One of the Church's ancient Latin hymns, which is sometimes sung at Night Prayer, contains lines that can be translated, “Hail the root, hail the door, from which sprang light for the world.” Root and door. Light streaming through the door. Origin of it all.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 1st Jan	Mary, Mother of God		
	9.00 am	SB	Martin Cleary RIP (Cleary)
	11.00 am	SB	Tom Bowers RIP (Bowers)
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 2nd	12.00 noon	HG	Sean McNamara RIP (Fond)
Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen			
Tues 3rd	No Mass		
Wed 4th	9.30 am	HG	Nancy O'Neill RIP (Fond)
Thurs 5th	9.30 am	SB	Elizabeth Murray RIP (Flemming)
Fri 6th	9.30 am	SB	St. Bede's School Mass
Sat 7th	9.30 am	SB	Deceased Members Colella & Bibbo Families (Fond)
Sunday 8th	Epiphany of the Lord [Mass Book page 115, Psalter Week 3]		
	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Rose Easton RIP (Webb)
	6.30 pm	SB	Christina & Christy Fennell RIP (Sammut)

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.

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



Fr. Chris and Fr. Gerry express sincere thanks and gratitude for the many cards and gifts which they received at Christmas.

Thank you to all of those who have been involved in Music for our Sunday Masses and Celebrations throughout the previous year. From the Musicians and Singers, to Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, those who plan our Liturgies, our Webteam, Crib and Christmas Tree Builders and not forgetting the Altar Servers.

PARISH DIARY:

Sunday 1st:

Music: 9am Choir; 11am Popley; 6.30pm Priest-led

Friday 6th:

Funeral Service at Berkshire Crematorium for Vivian Smith RIP at 3 pm

Saturday 7th:

St Bede's School Supporting Documents in the Cloister Area,
11 am-12 noon