

**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 5TD

Sacred Heart Parish

Sacred Heart Church
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Psalter Week 2

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, our Second Reading on this Second Sunday of Advent: "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another." That statement is prayer-like, something that Paul tends to do in his letters, because Paul recognizes and knows that it is only through the Holy Spirit that each of us can find that internal conversion to have the same endurance and patience to achieve the harmony for which we seek.

That in part is what we are striving for during this Advent Season. Often, especially at this time of year, we are in a hurry. God may seem to work too slowly for us. God's plan is based upon patience and endurance. Paul continues that we need to "...welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you." Christ does indeed welcome us with all our faults and our sins as well. Throughout His ministry the Lord called us to treat one another, to love one another, as He treats and loves us.

As part of our Advent journey we need to work toward finding that same love in our hearts that the Lord feels for us. First, we need to recognise and accept that love. Then we need to seek the conversion that allows us to translate that love into our treatment of others. This is, in effect, what stewardship is all about — to glorify God in our actions by thinking of others first, by sharing who and what we are.

Taken from The Catholic Steward

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 4th	9.00 am	SB	Ned Fagan & Maureen McCauley RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Salvatore Agro RIP (Agro)
	6.30 pm	SB	St. Bede's Benefactors (10th Anniv.)

FHC Preparation Masses today

Mon 5th	12 noon	HG	Mary Rose Tarpey RIP (Morris)
Tues 6th	9.30am	SB	Chacko RIP
Wed 7th	9.30am	HG	Maria Sauleek RIP (Sauleek)
Thurs 8th	9.30am	SB	Caroline D'Souza RIP (Fernandes)
Fri 9th	9.30am	HG	Maureen Burnard RIP (Fond)
	Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost		
	7.30pm	HG	Joe Stevens RIP (SVP)
Sat 10th	9.30am	SB	John Reid RIP (Reid)
	Confessions after Mass until 10.45am		

Sunday 11th Third Sunday of Advent

9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
11.00 am	SB	Felix (Nick) Grygier RIP (Fond)
6.30 pm	SB	Dec. Members Hynes & Murphy families

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.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun: Music: 9am Choir; 11am Popley;
6.30pm Guitar
Tues: Toddler Group 2.00-3.15pm SB
Thurs: School Supporting Documents, 10-11am SB
Fri: Confirmation Social Session 7.15-9.00pm SB

FUNERALS

Funeral Service in the Crematorium on Wednesday 7th December at 2 pm for Peter Hickie RIP.
Requiem for Joe Stevens RIP, will be held on the 14th December at 11.30 in Holy Ghost Church.
May they Rest in Peace.

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. Please remember to bring your Child's Mass Attendance Card.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Due to the large meeting room and hall not being used, there will not be a Children's Liturgy until further notice.

TODDLER GROUP

The group meet on Tuesdays, between 2 and 3.15pm in the Cloister Area. There are only soft drinks available. This will be until we get the hall floor reinstated.

BAPTISM

Welcome to Aria Nina Cinco who will be baptised today.

RCIA

Our Parish 'Journey in Faith' course for adults wishing to be Baptised and/or Confirmed continues on 15th Dec 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 if you think you would like to consider becoming a Catholic, or having been Baptised a Catholic having yet to be Confirmed.

REPOSITORY

There is a large section of Christmas cards, cribs available in the Repository, well worth a visit. After all Masses, and on a Tuesday 9 am to 3.15 pm.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2015-16

There is a copy of the Annual Parish figures (to 31st August 2016) on display in the Cloister Area. Overall, we had an income of £229,871 with outgoings of £228,964. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish through your weekly and monthly donations.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA ADVENT MASS

Takes place in Sacred Heart Church, Hook on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm, followed by Christmas Carols. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

POLISH MASS IN HOLY GHOST CHURCH

Midnight Mass in Polish will take place on Christmas Eve, at 9.00 pm in Holy Ghost Church

ADVENT HAS BEGUN;

Advent has a twofold character: as a time to prepare for Christmas, when the Son of God's first coming to us is remembered: and a second, when that remembrance directs the minds and hearts to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, the Season of Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectations.



DURING ADVENT

There will be an extra Mass in Holy Ghost Church at 7.30 pm during Advent on Fridays, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd December.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

There are only a handful of tickets left. Please take a ticket from the tree with a child's present request. Wrapped presents need to be returned by Sunday 4th December. Important Note: We are restricted with storage space at present. So please could you only bring presents with you on a Sunday, and we will arrange for them to be taken away on a Monday.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Advent Reconciliation Service will be here at St. Bede's Church on Sunday 18th December at 2.30 pm

ADVENT TALKS 2016 to be given by Fr. Peter Codd

Four Talks will explore Call to Faith, Communion and Mission and are being held at Maryfield Convent Chapel. Dates & Time: Thursdays of Advent, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd All Talks begin at 7.00 pm. Father Peter will also offer each of these talks on Sunday afternoons at 3.15pm in the Church, for those interested but unable to attend the Thursday evenings.

POINSETTIA

If you would like to donate a Poinsettia in Memory of a 'Loved One' to the Parish to help decorate our Churches, please bring them to St. Bede's Church on Sunday 20th. They will be used to decorate the Altar at Holy Ghost and the Statue of Our Lady at St. Bede's.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,8972.86p. Second collection for the SVP amounted to £508.93p. Grateful thanks.

FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on the 11th December for the flower decorations for Christmas. We are extremely grateful to the 'Flower Team' who keep the Church beautifully decorated throughout the year. If you wish to join the team please contact the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES—all Masses at St Bede's Church

Christmas Eve:

Carols	6.00 pm	
Vigil Mass	6.30 pm	People of the Parish
Carols	9.30 pm	
Mass during the Night	10.00 pm	People of the Parish

Christmas Day:

Christmas Dawn Mass	8.00 am	People of the Parish
Mass during the Day	10.00 am	People of the Parish

NO Evening Mass