



All the readings on this Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time seem to address from one perspective or another the idea of "free will" as it goes hand in hand with "God's wisdom." St. Paul speaks to this ongoing philosophy and discussion of "free will" more than anyone else in Holy Scripture. However, as he points out in our Second Reading from his First Letter to the Corinthians, "We speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory."

In addition to St. Paul, St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas wrote volumes about the issue of "free will." The point of all of this is that on the one hand we are gifted with free will, but we must accept the reality that making the wrong moral decision has consequences. In our First Reading from the Book of Sirach, we hear "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." That is immediately followed by "Immense is the wisdom of the Lord."

We do have choices throughout our lives. One of those choices is pursuing stewardship as a way of life. One can choose to be a steward or choose not to. Nevertheless, if we look at it from the point of view of God's wisdom rather than ours, it really is not a choice at all. It is something we should and must practice. In a homily this past June, Pope Francis said, "You cannot love God without loving your brothers and sisters; in fact, you cannot love God without being an active participant in the Church."
"Taken from The Catholic Stewardship.com"

PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAMES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Session 5: 11th March
12th March, FHC Preparation Mass
Session 6: 27th April
28th April, FHC Preparation Mass



Retreat: 18th February
At Coldash

Session 5: 10th March: Session 6: 31st March

R.C.I.A.

Next Session: Thursday 9th March at 7.30 pm at Holy Ghost Church Hall in Burgess Road.

WORD OF GOD

BIBLE STUDY: 13th March at 7.30 pm, at Our Lady of Providence Convent, Burgess Road.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

In the Footsteps of Saint John Paul II - 19-24th April Led by Fr. John Lee.

With one night in the hills of Zakopane and four nights in historic Krakow, this guided tour will enable you to visit places central to the life of Pope St. John Paul II including his birthplace of Wadowice, Czestochowa's Black Madonna Shrine and Auschwitz. The Pilgrimage takes place over Divine Mercy Sunday and we will be visiting the Shrine celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. For further information, please contact Pilgrimage People, email: office@pilgrimagepeople.org or telephone 0800 6123423 for more details

FLAME CONFERENCE



The Pastoral Area is taking a group to the next FLAME conference, the largest gathering of Catholic Youth, which will take place at Wembley Arena on Saturday 11 March 2017 for Y10 +.

Flame has been organised by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed), which supports the development and direction of youth ministry in England and Wales. For more information about the conference please visit <http://cymfed.org.uk/flame2017/>

If you would like a consent form and more details please contact the youth ministry office
Narquita Navarro: nnavarro@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Chiara Bacci: nwhantsyouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

As always we have our youth group "RUAH" meeting every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month which those in years 9 and 10 are very much welcome and encouraged to come along.

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN "DON BOSCO" BOYS CAMP 2017



This year Fr Mark Hogan will again be leading a camp for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury, from Sun 23rd to Sat 29th July. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic

few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £200 (though full and part bursaries may be available). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact c/o Mr and Mrs Mulkerns, 23 Pardown, East Oakley, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG23 7DY or dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

THE MESSENGER

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost, St. Bede and Sacred Heart



MASS TIMES and SERVICES

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

Holy Ghost Parish with St. Bede, Basingstoke

			INTENTIONS
Sun 12th	9.00 am	SB	Neville Izatt RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Dec Mbrs Azaredo & D'Souza Families
Mon 13th	6.30 pm	SB	Luis Casimiro RIP (Costa)
	12 noon	HG	Breda & Terry O'Reilly RIP (Rose)
Tues 14th	ST CYRIL & ST METHODIUS		NO MASS
Wed 15th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Haley Sullivan (Davidson)
Thurs 16th	9.30 am	SB	Orla McNulty RIP (McNulty)
Fri 17th	9.30 am	HG	Int for Anne Fitzgerald (Daly)
Sat 18th	9.30 am	SB	Int. Anne & Joe Murphy (Office)
	6.00 pm	HG	Polish Mass
Sun 19th	9.00 am	SB	Giorgina Balbi RIP (Marchesini)
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Thomas Brennan RIP (Adams)

SB = St Bede Church

HG = Holy Ghost Church

Sacred Heart, Hook

Sat 11th Feb	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 12th Feb	10:00 am	Mieczyslaw Jadach RIP
Mon 13th Feb	10:00 am	Blessings on the da Silva Family
Tues 14th Feb	ST CYRIL & ST METHODIUS	
	10:00 am	Mrs McEvoy RIP
Wed 15th Feb	10:00 am	Blessings on the Maryfield Volunteers & Staff
Thurs 16th Feb	10:00am	Richard & Elizabeth Keane
Fri 17th Feb	10:00 am	Cecil Smith RIP
Sat 18th Feb	10.00 am	For all who are suffering sickness
Sat 18th Feb	6:00 pm	Dec. Mbrs C.R. Gomes Family
Sun 19th Feb	10:00 am	People of the Parish

Confession Held in the Church, Saturday 9.15-9.45am and 4.30-5.30pm.
Also by arrangement with Fr. Peter

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th February 2017

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PARISH CONTACTS:

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Rev Gerry Onyejuluwa

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Rev Peter Codd

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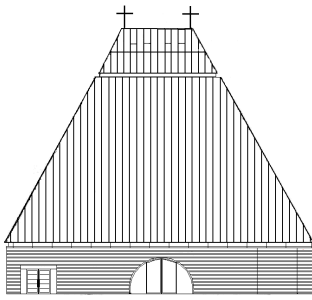
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PARISH DIARY:

Sun: Music: 9am Choir; 11am Cantorg; 6:30pm Priest-led

Thurs: Church cleaning after 9.30 am Mass SB

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

Second collection TODAY for the White Flowers Appeal - the Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC).

TODDLER GROUP

There is no Toddler Group this week.

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Neville Carl Izatt RIP at the Crematorium on Wednesday 15th February at 2 pm. Requiem Mass for Eric Robinson RIP on Monday 27th February at 12 noon in St. Bede's Church. We remember their Families at this time. May they Rest in Peace.

CONFESSIONS

The Clergy will usually be available to hear Confessions every Saturday after the 9.30am Mass.

FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING

There will be a 'Fire Marshall' Training Session here at St. Bede's on Sunday 19th February at 3 pm. If you have signed up to be a Marshall we look forward to seeing you.

LATIN MASS: (EXTRAORDINARY FORM)

I had a request from a Parishioner who suggested we should have an occasional Mass In the Extraordinary Form (Tridentine Rite).

I would consider this if there were parishioners of sufficient numbers who are interested. Please email the Parish Office to register your interest. I will then try to find a Priest who is able and would have the time to come to our Parish.

CAR PARKING AT HOLY GHOST CHURCH

There are only 5 parking spaces available for Church use at Holy Ghost. The other spaces are for the Residents ONLY. PLEASE DO NOT PARK in the Residents parking places, and ensure that the Residents are able to leave and access their property at all times—even during Mass and other services. If the spaces are full, please park off site. Thank You.

HEATING UPDATE

Good news! The boilers are working perfectly. Pump Specialists came on Tues and conducted a flow test on the circulation. It would seem we need new pumps...

TODAY is Racial Justice Sunday.

We pray for all immigrants and refugees seeking better lives.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Richard Luker has stepped down from the Parish Finance Committee after Serving the Parish well, over the last 14 years. We thank Richard for his dedication to the Parish.

BASINGSTOKE FOOD BANK

This month the Food Bank would like donations of these items in particular: Dried Milk, Tinned Meat (Minced Beef, Ham & Chicken) - *No tinned pies please as they're expensive to cook*, Coffee, Roll-on Deodorants (esp. for men), Shaving cream, Desserts (Long Life), Milk (Long Life) and Fruit Juice (Long Life). At the moment they have sufficient: Baked Beans, Soup, Fish, Tea, Pasta, Pulses, Sugar & Nappies.

ADORE (Alton Day of Renewal)

Saturday 25th February 2017 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the *Charisms or Gifts of the Holy Spirit*.

Please note new venue: at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG.

11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15 *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk "The Gift of Wisdom"* by Peter Hobbs 3.30 *Reconciliation and Prayer for healing*; and Tea. We end about 4pm.

There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs).

For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

Next meeting at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton – 25th March. 11.00-4.00.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT

Are you, is anyone in your family, or are any friends or acquaintances interested in teaching? If the answer to any of these is "yes" or even "maybe" please contact St Bede's School: email: adminoffice@st-bedes.hants.sch.uk Tel. 01256 473379 and speak to Mr Murray or Mrs Dance. We work very closely with a Catholic teacher training institution called the Primary Catholic Partnership (PCP). Seven of our teachers trained through PCP, as well as a number of previous staff. Here's what our teachers have said about the PCP: It provides a real feeling of a personalised approach, ensuring you are supported in achieving strong outcomes. It gives you the opportunity to train and then work in Catholic schools. It is very supportive and provides an excellent opportunity to complete the modules towards a Masters. The training is really excellent. You can see why OFSTED rated PCP "outstanding". To find out more, contact St Bede's School or visit: www.pcp-scitt.org.uk

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,707.40p
Grateful thanks.

FR GERRY is currently away in Nigeria until 23rd Feb.



Sacred Heart

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in your safekeeping we remember:

Sister Connie, Mary O'Driscoll, Edna Welton, Patrick Walsh, Helena Allen, Christopher Tyler, Margaret Sauce, Andrew Marsh and Margaret Morrison.

RACIAL JUSTICE

There is a second collection for Racial Justice this weekend.

WEEKLY ROTA

Saturday 18 February 6pm

Reader: Virgilius Vickers

Eucharistic Ministers: Sister, Anne da Silva

Sunday 19 February 10am

Readers: Jackie Hopgood, Jacqui Clark

Eucharistic Ministers: Jill Blackburn, Juliet Henderson

Children's Liturgy:

Counters: Ian Liddell, Richard Coleman

Coffee: Joseph & Claire

Cleaning: George Smith

Laundry: Helen Weston

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

To help parents to enable children to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Fr Peter will be available each Saturday afternoon in Church from 4:30 - 5:30pm. He is normally available in the Priest's House from 11:00am - 12:00 noon on Saturdays, if this is more convenient for any family, please ask at the Priest's House. There are some leaflets available to help children to celebrate the Sacrament. We encourage children and their parents to avail themselves of this Sacrament more frequently, say once a month, in order to develop a tender conscience and a greater awareness of God's love and mercy.



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The "Women's World Day of Prayer" service Friday 3rd March, this year is prepared by the women of the Philippines and titled "Am I Being Unfair to You?" Our service will take place in Rotherwick at 2.00 pm. All are welcome! Am I Being Unfair to You presents the question of life not being fair - the oppressed, the poor, the homeless and the child who can't have its own way, the hungry and indeed, Jesus to die on the cross. How do we interpret and make sense of all this in God's world? Please bring a small contribution for the refreshments afterwards. If you are willing to play a part in this year's service please see Maggie Wood.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Keith Baldwin who died last week. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 14th February at 11am in Sacred Heart Church.



May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX

After our successful pilgrimage to the Holy Door in Abingdon, we are thinking about visiting Lisieux, where St. Theresa of the Holy Child entered the Carmelite Convent and where she is buried.

We would travel by minibus from Portsmouth to Lisieux via Caen. This might provide an opportunity to see the Bayeux tapestry or the Normandy landings Memorial Museum.

The proposed dates for the pilgrimage are the 3rd - 5th October 2017. The total cost is expected to be about £250 per person. If you are interested please inform Fr. Peter or Mary Bone (tel: 221793).

WHO CARES HAMPSHIRE 2017

Between Pentecost and the summer holidays, we will be asking Parishioners and members of our local Community a very simple question, "What hurts the most?" (or, put another way, "What is the one thing in life you find hardest to handle?"). Answers will be collected anonymously and then we will try and respond to what we hear in a way which tries to show not only that God cares but that we care too. We'll be working alongside Christians from a whole range of different churches but 'Who Cares' is flexible enough to allow us to respond in the way we feel best and most appropriate.

We are looking for people who are passionate about caring for their local community to get involved in the planning & preparation. If you would like more details or to sign up, please talk to Fr Peter, Emrys or Hook Parish Office.

HART FOODBANK

We would be particularly grateful to receive the following items during the month of February: Cereals, Instant Mash, Jam, Tinned sponge pudding, Tinned meat and Long-life fruit juice.

SALT AND GRIT BIN

Just a reminder that there is a salt and grit bin by the side of the disabled parking bays, for use when the car park area is icy.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £567.15. Thank you for your continued contributions.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Fr Peter is our Retired-Priest-In-Residence, please respect this and make your first point of contact as:

Jan Hughes at the Parish Office.
If urgent call 07719 012955