

Stewardship is putting our faith in action through the use of the gifts given to us by God. It is becoming a true disciple of Jesus Christ. The Lord did not want us to be passive in our approach to living. He wants more from us than just being quietly holy.

Remember that stewardship is a call from God to recognize that all of our blessings and talents have been given to us for a purpose. As baptized Catholics it is our obligation to share these gifts willingly in order to serve the Church and our parish community. As we have pointed out many times, stewardship is much more than financial support. It is, as stated, putting our faith in action with the key word there as "action." In that way we can become, also as stated, a true disciple of the Lord.

In today's Gospel reading from the Book of Matthew Jesus calls us salt and then light. He tells us, for example, that we are the light of the world, reflecting His light. Specifically He says to those who choose to be His disciple, "Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand."

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "To keep a lamp burning you have to keep putting oil in it." If we see ourselves as lamps as Jesus told us we should be, we need to keep the oil in it and that requires action on our part.

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DON BOSCO

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



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.

PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAMES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Session 5: 11th March
12th March, FHC Preparation Mass

CONFIRMATION

Retreat: 18th February — At Coldash

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

R.C.I.A.

Next Session: Date to follow
Holy Ghost Church Hall in Burgess Road.

WORD OF GOD

BIBLE STUDY: 6th February at 7.30 pm, at Our Lady of Providence Convent, Burgess Road .



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

Sun 5th	9.00 am	SB	Joe Stevens RIP (O'Brien)
FHC Preparation	11.00 am	SB	Salvatore Agro RIP (Nowroozi)
Masses	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 6th	St Paul Miki & Companions		
	12 noon	HG	Int. Joan Buckley Daly)
Tues 7th	9.30 am	SB	Tom O'Sullivan
Wed 8th	9.30 am	HG	May O'Brien RIP (Mahoney)
Thurs 9th	9.30 am	SB	Theresa Feeney RIP (Feeney)
Fri 10th	St Scholastica		
	9.30 am	HG	Int. Maria Colella (Davidson)
Sat 11th	Our Lady of Lourdes		
	9.30 am	SB	Vince Herbert RIP (McCarthy)
	Confession after Mass St Bede		
Sun 12th	9.00 am	SB	Neville Izatt RIP (Parish)
	11.00 am	SB	Dec Mbrs Azavedo & D'Souza Families
	6.30 pm	SB	Luis Casimiro RIP (Costa)

Sacred Heart, Hook

Sat 4th Feb	6:00 pm		People of the Parish
Sun 5th Feb	10:00 am		Fr. Marcus Brisley's Father RIP
Mon 6th Feb	St Paul Miki & Companions		
	10:00 am		Mass in Convent Chapel
Tues 7th Feb	10:00 am		Blessings on the Family of Ellen Hill
Wed 8th Feb	10:00 am		James Clohessy RIP
Thurs 9th Feb	10:00am		Blessings on the McCarthy Family
Fri 10th Feb	St Scholastica		
	10:00 am		Walter Kelly RIP
Sat 11th Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes		
	10.00 am		Mass in Convent Chapel
Sat 11th Feb	6:00 pm		People of the Parish
Sun 12th Feb	10:00 am		-
Confession	Held in the Church, Saturday 9.15-9.45am and 5.15-5.45pm. Also by arrangement with Fr. Peter		

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th February 2017

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PARISH CONTACTS:

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Coordinating Pastor and Dean

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Rev Gerry Onyejuluwa

Retired Priest in Residence:
Rev Peter Codd

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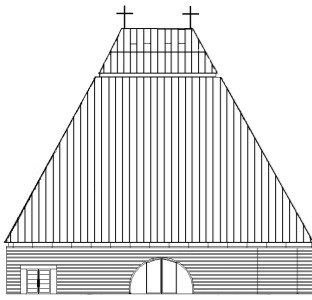
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St. Bede

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PARISH DIARY:

Sun: Music: 9am Choir; 11am Popley; 6:30pm Piano

Mon: Word of God: 7:30 pm, Convent Burgess Road

Tues: Toddler Group 1:30-3:15pm

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

Next week there is a second collection for the White Flower Appeal - the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). In 2017 SPUC is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 Million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion in the last 50 years.

Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please help make 2017 a landmark year in SPUC's historic campaign to win legal protection for unborn children. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC and help save mothers and babies from abortion.

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Eileen Reid RIP at Holy Ghost Church on Friday 10th February at 11am.

Funeral Service for Thomas Wadden RIP at the Crematorium on Friday 10th February at 1.15pm.

Funeral Service for Neville Carl Izatt RIP at the Crematorium on Wednesday 15th February at 2 pm. We remember their Families at this time. May they Rest in Peace.

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.

INCONSIDERATE PARKING

Yet again, Parishioners are parking in the neighbouring Streets without due care and consideration for the residents. Driveways are being blocked. Emergency Services would have difficulty in reaching homes etc... If you lived there, would you find that acceptable?

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.

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

telephone: 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

FOODBANK NEWS

We gave just under a tonne of food to Besom to help them with the 260 family sized hampers they distributed in the 2 weeks up to Christmas.

21.5 tonnes of donations received between 1st September and 31st December!

December alone we fed 450 people and that included just 191 children aged 16 and under.

We received our largest financial gift to date from the members of Sandford Springs Golf Club - a magnificent £9,227 raised through various events in 2016.

'Bangers & Cash' at the Sun Inn, Dummer raised £900.

Do have a read of our bi-monthly 'Foodbytes' if you haven't already subscribed via the homepage of our website.

Details from fundraising@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk, on our www, and Facebook page

FLOORING UPDATE (Flood news)

The large meeting room has now been re-carpeted. AND the new hall floor will be installed week commencing 13th February. So hopefully, we will be back up and running very soon. These things always take longer than one thinks, so thank you for your patience.

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

CONFESSIONS

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

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £4,235.40p. Grateful thanks.



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.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £517.17. Thank you for your continued contributions.

WEEKLY ROTA

Saturday 11 February 6pm

Reader: Eileen Cashman

Eucharistic Ministers: Sister, Helen Weston

Sunday 12 February 10am

Readers: Michele Linehan-Hill, Heather Bone

Eucharistic Ministers: Val Hickey, Maggie Wood

Children's Liturgy: Michael & Gill

Counters: Heather Bone, Joseph Sharp

Coffee: Tony & Jackie

Cleaning: Trish Elgar, Betts Cross

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.

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 at Caen.

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).

SAYING THE ROSARY WITH THE SISTERS

The Dominican Sisters from Maryfield Convent continue to say the Rosary each Saturday evening before Mass. They begin the Rosary at 5.30pm and finish at about 5.45pm.

MASS WITH PRAYER FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING & SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

On Saturday 11th February at 10am.

Anyone who is sick or suffering in any way, emotionally, physically or spiritually is invited to attend with family and friends. We will pray for all those needing healing in any way. During the Mass Catholics who are long term or seriously ill or those preparing to undergo an operation, will be invited to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like to attend or alternatively sign the sheet in the porch.

ALPHA IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT

- Your greatest adventure..?

St. Joseph's are running another Alpha this term on Thursday evenings from 8.00pm to 10.00pm in the Foyer.

Next Session: 'Why did Jesus die?'

Thursday 9th February - includes a hot meal.

SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS TRAINING

Session Saturday 11th February 2017

At St Swithun's, Firgrove Road, Yateley GU46 6NH

10.00am – 12.30pm: Child Protection awareness

1.30pm – 4.00pm: Vulnerable Adults awareness

These training sessions are for all those who have a Parish role that involves children and/or vulnerable adults.

To book a place on either of these sessions contact Soraya at the Diocese on 02392 816396

or email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.co.uk.

For further information contact the parish safeguarding representatives, via the 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.

BRUSH UP YOUR GERMAN

'VEE HAFF VAYS OFF MAKINK YOU TALK!'

We are a friendly group of adults meeting in the Sacred Heart Church Hall on Tuesdays between 12.30 and 1.30 p.m. starting END OF FEBRUARY 2017.

The idea is to polish up our long-forgotten German, so that we can use it on holiday, chat to friends etc. and keep our brains active! We'd love you to join us. Why not come along and give it a go? For further details, please contact Liz Lawrence on 01420 89535

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