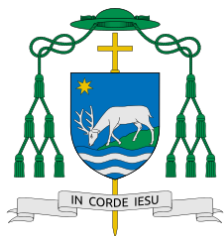


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SERVING THE PARISHES OF
ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,
HOOK, TADLEY AND
BURGHFIELD COMMON



**St Michael's Parish, Tadley,
Kingsclere,
and St Oswald's Church,
Burghfield Common**

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**TWENTY-SECOND TWENTY THIRD, &
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME
01, 08 & 15th SEPTEMBER 2019**

Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

6.00pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Tadley
9.15am	Sunday Parish Mass	Tadley
11.15am	Sunday Parish Mass	Burghfield Common

**SUNDAY MASSES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OVER THE NEXT
FEW WEEKS DUE TO CLOSURE OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
TADLEY FOR RESTORATION OF THE WINDOWS**

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm: In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia! OR Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God. OR I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I will leave this place and go to my father.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES AND NO USE OF THE PARISH ROOM

From Monday 2nd September to Saturday 14th September the church at Tadley is closed, as is our Parish Room. This is to facilitate the smooth operation of work on the windows

COVENANT TO THE PEOPLE

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Bill Reilly on (0118) 981 981 3784.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church. However due to the closure of the church for two weeks, Reconciliation is available only by appointment in advance with Fr Patrick until the work is completed.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

18/18/19 £231.08
25/08/19 £310.82



**WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM NEXT WEEKEND
ORRIN JOSEPH PARISH**

PARISH CONDOLENCES



In the coming week we have two Funeral Services. On Tuesday 3rd September at 10:30am at The Priory: **Mary Irene Scott**

On Wednesday 4th September at 12:45pm at West Berkshire Crematorium:

Jimmie Vent

Father Patrick is grateful to the two families for agreeing that the Funeral be held outside of St Michael's Church because of the work on the windows, and to Tadley Funeralcare and Ash Brook Independent Funeral Directors for their help in re-arrangement of the Funerals. Please keep all in your prayers at this sad time.

CELEBRATING THE CALL TO PRIESTHOOD

On Wednesday 28th August, the Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Father Patrick joined a small number of our priests and Bishop Philip to embrace in prayer the seminarians beginning their training in a few days and those who have already journeyed some years into preparing for priesthood.

At an ordinary Parish Mass in our Portsmouth Cathedral, but one which was spiritually deep, priests, seminarians and laity celebrated the joy of priesthood. Bishop Philip preached simply but effectively on the life of Augustine.

Following the Mass, there was a fine lunch for the priests and seminarians, hosted by Bishop Philip, filled with laughter and a sense of brotherhood in Christ.

At the end of the lunch we remembered particularly the Arch-Diocese of Bamenda, where there has been an almost total lockdown on education and ordinary social activities by the Government. We prayed for relatives of Fr Bonaventure, recently killed in a mysterious burning of homes. There is however a great respect for the Catholic priests by many on different sides, because they make no distinction between English and French speaking Bamendans. The Catholic Church is solely concerned with the reconciling of differences through peaceful dialogue.

Thanks to Fr John Cooke, and members of the Diocese Vocations Team, who have raised awareness amongst young people concerning God's call to serve Him in various ways. Also to Bishop Philip who hosted a marvellous lunch and who was in excellent form. All felt that this should become an annual event, whereby priests could come to know possible priests of the future over the years.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

On Sunday 29th September we celebrate our Anniversary Mass in St Michael's Church at 11:00am, with no other Sunday Masses in the Parish that day. The Saturday evening Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm as normal, for those unable to attend the Sunday Mass. Following the Mass on Sunday, there will be a Parish Lunch, for all who sign the necessary sheet, at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. There will be an opportunity to give a donation towards the three course lunch on the day, as there will be no fixed charge. Soft drinks will be provided, but if those attending wish to bring their own wine this is all right. The list will close on Sunday 8th September.

BURGHFIELD COMMON CHURCH PROBLEMS

Investigations have shown that the suspected problems with the roof at St Oswald's Church now require immediate attention. The oil boiler heating the church is now unfit for purpose because of age and other defects, and will have to be replaced. At the moment there is no heating for the church. Fr Patrick is grateful to our Parish Finance Committee for all the time being given to these issues, and will update parishioners as further investigations are undertaken. He has been in contact with Mark Czoch, Our Diocesan Surveyor on this matter.

PARISH MEETING

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, our Parish is faced with a considerable amount of work to maintain our sites for the future Mission of the Church in this area.

There will be a Parish Meeting on Wednesday 16 October at 7pm to discuss our Parish Vision and how our finances can support it. Please note the date in your diaries and make every effort to attend.

CAFOD UPDATE MEETING

You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Saturday 7th September from 10:30am to 1:00pm at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Elouise Hobbs our regional news officer will be talking about her recent trip to refugee camps in Lebanon and how your donations are making a difference to people's lives. Please book your place so that we have an idea of how many people are coming by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone 01252 329385.



THAMES VALLEY POLICE ENQUIRIES!

Thames Valley Police have been in contact with the Parish Office this week regarding an incident that took place on the evening of Thursday 15th August (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity). The incident in question is part of a bigger enquiry. A car is seen driving erratically on the road outside the church grounds at approx. 8:20pm. CCTV footage shows a car trying to leave the church during this incident. Thames Valley Police are keen to speak to any parishioner /drivers that may dash-cam and/or witnessed this incident. You can contact DC Stuart Hawkes of TVP, in confidence on 07980 797 278.

CTAT FORUM

This will now be held at St Mary's Anglican Church on Thursday 12th September at 7:00pm for 7:30pm.

Fr Patrick is grateful to the Reverend Kay Blackwell for moving it from St Michael's Parish Room because of the works taking place at this time and the lack of representatives from our Catholic community that evening. He expresses his thanks also to St Mary's community for facilitating things. All are welcome to attend this meeting to reflect upon the many activities we are involved in and offers under consideration. There will be a short presentation on an initiative suggested by CARITAS, to enable representatives from our Christian communities to give thought for possible future involvement. Our thanks to Cathy Knight for promoting this initiative.

ALPHA REUNION and THE PRAYER COURSE

The next Alpha Reunion meeting is planned for Monday 2nd September at 7.30 – 9.00 pm in St Oswald's Leonard Room - there will be Tea/Coffee plus cake so leave some room after dinner to enjoy this.

On this evening we will look at session number one from the DVD based "The Prayer Course" which is an eight session programme looking at prayer from a variety of different viewpoints by exploring The Lord's Prayer in depth. It is a very practical programme designed to help each of us grow closer to God by hearing Him more clearly and unlocking the power of prayer in our lives. We hope to meet generally once a fortnight and the planned dates for the remaining seven sessions are Mondays 16th and 30th September, 21st and 28 October, 11th and 25th November and finally 2nd December when it will be Advent!

IMPORTANT – THE PRAYER COURSE is open to everyone in the Parish and anyone you want to bring along with you – so even if you did not participate in the Alpha Course earlier this year you are most welcome to join us on 2nd September – Why not give it a try – what have you got to lose? But on the other hand, think what you could be missing out on!

HAPPINESS LAB

This resumes on Monday 30th September 2019. Details are on the Poster in St Michael's Church, Tadley.

HOMES WITHOUT BORDERS

There will be another get together for the group of parishioners who expressed support for the project to help house a displaced refugee family in Basingstoke. The meeting will take place at 7 pm on 12th September at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke. We will update you on progress and also outline some of the practical ways that you could help get ready for the family's arrival.

NIGHT LIGHT WINTER SHELTER

Planning has started again for this year's program which offers shelter and friendship, from 1st December to 28th February, to people sleeping rough on the streets of Basingstoke. All new volunteers must undergo a training session and two hour training sessions are available on 28th September or 15th October at Sarum Hill Centre, RG21 8SR. Returning volunteers will be contacted by email. For more information please contact Pat Murphy 07785 312486.