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HAMPSHIRE**

PASTORAL AREA

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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COVENANT TO THE PEOPLE

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church from 5pm to 5.30pm, but not on Saturday 23rd June.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

26/27 May £297.26
02/03 June £361.16

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME 2018

17th JUNE

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Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

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

Week commencing 17 June 2018

11:00am	Thu 21 Jun	Tadley	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga (Memorial)</i>
12noon	Fri 22 Jun	Tadley	<i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More (Feast)</i>

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Response to the Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds the seed will remain forever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me, that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

Next Saturday's Readings: (The Nativity of St John the Baptist—Vigil Mass)
Jeremiah 1:4-10. St Peter 1:8-12. Luke 1:5-17.

Next Sunday's Readings:
(The Nativity of St John the Baptist—Mass during the day)
Isaiah 49:1-6. Apostles 13:22-26. Luke 1:57-66. 80.

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

This Solemnity replaces the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass next weekend. Readers are asked to look carefully at the Readings for the Vigil Mass (Saturday Evening) and the Mass of the Day (Sunday).

THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

This is an Holyday of Obligation and is celebrated on Friday 29th June, when Catholics are obliged to attend Mass unless there is a serious reason for not doing so. There will be a 10:00am Mass at St Oswald's, Burghfield Common and a 7:30pm Mass at St Michael's, Tadley. The obligation to abstain from meat in recognition of the Death of the Lord does not apply on this Friday, as is the case for ALL Solemnities falling on a Friday.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The traditional collection for the charities and work of the Pope is taken at all Masses on the weekend of 30th June 01st July.

DAY FOR LIFE

Fr Patrick will be speaking at all Masses this weekend on the need for us to engage with the reality of Human Trafficking in our society, and to recognise the effort the Catholic Church is making to alert society to this modern slavery. Cards are available at our churches and there will be a Second Collection to enable the Church in England & Wales to oppose this crime and to help victims of it.

NO RECONCILIATION ON 23RD JUNE

Fr Patrick is not available on Saturday 23rd June, and expresses his thanks to Fr Keenan for celebrating the 6:00pm Vigil Mass that day. There will be no Reconciliation from 5:00-5:30pm.

On Saturday 16th June, the important ruins of Reading Abbey are re-opened, following extensive work supported by FORA (The Friends of Reading Abbey), of which Fr Patrick is a life member.

On the following Saturday, at St James Church, Reading, where Fr Patrick was ordained in 1982, the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, Mr James Puxley, will be present for the launching of a new work by Professor Brian Kemp: Reading Abbey Records: a new miscellany. This will be published as Volume 25 in the Berkshire Record Series. As well as celebrating the re-opening of the ruins, the event will also recognise the 25th Anniversary of the Berkshire Record Society. Fr Patrick has received an invitation to attend from the General Editor of the Society, Peter Durrant, which he has gratefully accepted.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS IN OUR PARISH

On Sunday 3rd June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, there was a joyful celebration of the First Communions of Adam, Kara, Khaled and Oliver in St Oswald's Church. The church had a large congregation of over 70, followed by a Reception in the Leonard Room. Martin Kucharcik took some splendid photographs, which are on display in both our churches.

Last Sunday, three of the First Communion Group and their families attended the 9:15am Mass at Tadley and were welcomed in that part of the Parish. There followed a fine reception in the Parish Room, organised by Pam and Tony Darroch. This enabled parishioners to relax on the recently refurbished patio, which many felt was excellently restored. Fr Patrick thanked Helen Warner for overseeing this. Out thanks to the First Communion Catechists: Marion Evans from Kingsclere, Tony Darroch & Jenny Seaborn from Tadley and Katherine Whitehouse from the Burghfield Common community. Fr Patrick presented each with a fine bottle of Cava for their hard work on 3rd June and he expresses thanks to our First Communion Group for the bottle of Laphroaig—a splendid Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky!

AFTERNOON TEA AND CAKE FOR CHRISTIAN AID

The Archangels group will be hosting this event on Saturday 23rd June from 2pm—4pm in the Parish Room, Tadley. Hopefully, there will no be rain, enabling the restored patio to be used again.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR NORMAN LEE

Mary Lee and her brothers thank parishioners for their prayers and condolences and for the Masses offered for the repose of her father's soul. Her father, Norman, really enjoyed the warm welcome he received when coming to Mass at Tadley, when he stayed with Mary for some months after losing his sight, and also attending the Sion Parish Mission. He also enjoyed being part of the St Joseph's Tilehurst community, following his move from Kent in 2006. As his Requiem and Burial took place in Kent, the family has arranged a Memorial Mass, which will be offered in St Joseph's Church, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst, RG31 5JJ at 2.30 pm on Saturday 30th June, followed by refreshments in the large hall. All welcome!

HARRY RUSSELL (ORGANIST AT ST OSWALD'S CHURCH)

Harry has been in our prayer over the weekend, having had major heart surgery in London on Friday 9th June. Diana, his wife, tells us that all is progressing well, so keep Harry in your prayers.

WEST BERKS FOODBANK

From June until the end of 2018, the Hall at Burghfield Common will be used by West Berks Foodbank every Friday afternoon, for those who need assistance and advice in difficult circumstances.

TADLEY CHURCH DOORS WORK

On Wednesday 4th July, work begins on replacing the Church doors at St Michael's Church, and will probably take a week. It may not be possible to have Masses during this work and there may be Health and Safety restrictions on people using the church.

Fr Patrick will have to be available at times for this work, as was the case for the work on the patio. Mrs Winsper is away for some days during the week, so the Office will be closed from Middy 4th July to Tuesday 10th July. Fr Patrick apologises for the lack of availability at this time.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT WORKSHOP – SAT 7 JULY.

You are warmly invited to a workshop that will look at the process of a parish helping people going through dying and bereavement. Our main speaker will be Kathryn Turner, head of the Department for Spirituality in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. There will also be a few speakers from parishes in our diocese. Please come if you are at all interested in learning more, even if you or your parish aren't currently doing any work in this area. It will be held at Milner Hall, next to the Winchester parish centre, between 10am - 12.30pm. Please book a free place by contacting Philippa Foster, the Leader of the Pastoral Care Services team in the diocese, on pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. If you cannot come but would be interested in registering your interest in this important pastoral care work, please email Philippa too, who is looking to help parishioners and parishes develop bereavement support.

MISSIO BOXES - TADLEY

Thank you to all who have handed in their boxes, which are now available for collection in Church porch. Your generosity enabled us to send over £390 to the missions. Thank you. If anyone new would like to know more or to have a Red Box then please contact Gina on 01256 541052.

MISSIO MAGAZINE

The summer edition is now available in our churches, free of charge.

MISSIO APPEAL

On the weekend of 21st/22nd July, Fr Vincent Oates will be speaking at all our Masses about the work of Missio. This is not an Appeal for money. He has kindly agreed to cover that weekend for Fr Patrick, who will be taking a break from Wednesday 18th July to Saturday 28th July.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE

The Good Counsel Network has asked that Saturday 23rd June be kept as a National Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life following the increasing opposition in the United Kingdom to those who oppose direct abortion and the decision of the Republic of Ireland to remove the right to life of the unborn child from its Constitution. Direct abortion is now openly promoted as a human right for women by many groups, including Amnesty International. The human rights of the unborn child no longer appear to matter, dangerously brushing aside the right to life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Pope Francis, in *Evangelii Gaudium* (the Joy of the Gospel), declares: "Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenceless and innocent among us...yet this defence of unborn life is closely linked to the defence of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development...Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defence of human rights, which would always be subject to the passing whims of the powers that be...every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God and is an offence against the creator of the individual."