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ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,
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**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 Gerry Penfold on (0118) 981 1247.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church from 5pm to 5.30pm,

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

23/24 June £267.11

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
08th July 2018**

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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 08 July 2018

12noon	Wed 11 Jul	Tadley	<i>St Benedict (Feast)</i>
11:00am	Fri 13 Jul	Tadley	<i>Funeral Mass for Cuz Curran (RIP)</i>

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Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Response to the Psalm: Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

Next Saturday's Readings: (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Amos 7:12-15. Ephesians 1:3-14. Mark 6:7-13.



WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND
ZARA NWEKE

SEA SUNDAY

There is an Obligatory Collection at all our Masses this weekend for Sea Sunday. Apostleship of the Sea prayer cards are available in our churches.

We often forget, or do not even know, that 95% of everything we use comes to the UK in ships. Many of those people who bring us these goods to make our lives more comfortable are from the Philippines, India and other foreign countries, working for their families who do not always enjoy our general standard of living. Their pay is very low by UK standards. They work shifts seven days a week, for up to nine months. Many hunger for spiritual refreshment during these months at sea, so when in port the provision of Mass on board a ship or the opportunity to gather for a Service with a Deacon is deeply valued. Volunteers can help them to visit the local shops before ships sail—the vessels turn around very quickly, and there is little time to find particular places without help. Your contributions to our Second Collection enables this work to continue.

PARISH BIKE RIDE

This will take place on Saturday 11th August, starting at 10:00am outside St Michael's Church. It will cover 10-12 miles. All are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. For further details contact Jo Mellor (07963551988) of The Archangels Group

BISHOP PHILIP'S PASTORAL MESSAGE ON THE GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ENQUIRY

Our Bishop has written to clergy about the report into the deaths of hundreds of patients at Gosport Memorial Hospital in the period 1989 to 2000, caused by the inappropriate prescription of opiates and painkillers.

He writes on the importance of life from conception to natural death, and asks that we pray for our doctors, nurses and health-care professionals and for all who are sick and dying, and of the importance of providing the Sacraments for those seriously ill at home, in hospital or in a nursing home. If practicable, he suggests that we consider people being allowed to die in their homes, and that we all pray for a happy death. A happy death is to die in a state of grace, aided by the Sacraments and the presence of family and friends. Also, he writes: "Let us accept whatever death the Lord has prepared for us".

There follows a brief extract from his letter:

The NHS is a huge blessing but we must ever be vigilant to the policies, values, priorities and procedures that operate within it. In the 1990s the Liverpool Care Pathway (LCP) began to be widely used until the Neuberger Report led to its abandonment in 2013. At the time, I acknowledged the noble intentions of the LCP: the dignified care of the dying, the alleviation of suffering and pain, and the cessation of invasive treatments and unnecessary procedures. But I also expressed concern about its day-to-day implementation in our busy hospitals, where the pressure to save money and to utilise beds, together with an emotive empathy for those suffering, might suggest the need to hasten death. Moreover, the media often carried reports of patients being placed on the pathway without families being consulted.

We need to go back to basics. As Catholics, we believe that life from conception to natural death is a gift of God. It is sacred, and so every person on earth has an inviolable dignity as God's creation. Frailty, pain and infirmity are always a difficult trial. On the one hand, we must unite our sufferings with those of Christ, finding in Him the strength, patience and energy we need to 'carry the cross' (Mt 16: 24), whilst offering it for the salvation of others. On the other, we rightly turn to doctors and nurses in the hope that like the angel in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22: 43), they can alleviate and heal our condition. Indeed, in today's world, we can thank God for amazing advances in modern healthcare, and not least in palliative care and pain-management at the end of life.

THE NEW EUGENICS?

Pope Francis is often quoted in the media, but Catholic commentators have noted that this can be quite selective. "Liberal" issues receive good coverage, "Conservative" issues are often not covered. However, our Pope can be very direct on issues like abortion and same-sex marriage, and his statements do not bow to the "Liberal" consensus.

Recently, he spoke to an Italian family association, departing from his prepared text—which he often does to the obvious alarm of his advisers! He has apologised at times for unintentionally offending people.

He addressed the issue of couples choosing to have no children, and others resorting to have a pregnancy checked by pre-natal testing, so that an abortion can be arranged if the baby is malformed or has genetic problems. He asked: "Do we get rid of it?...The murder of children. To have an easy life, they get rid of the innocent".

He surprised listeners by comparing the ideology of the Nazis to a modern attitude amongst many, arguing that birth defect abortion is like Nazi eugenics. The Nazi eugenics programme was designed to create a pure German race, which became the springboard for the Nazi Euthanasia Policy, which developed without the consent of the parents of mentally and handicapped German children in care. Some of those medical personnel involved were later part of the insane attempt to eradicate the Jews.

We often forget, however, that the idea of eugenics was held by many intellectuals not only in Germany, but also in Western Europe generally and particularly in the United States.

In our own time, Iceland has virtually eradicated Downs Syndrome

by pre-natal testing and abortion. This was quoted by the Church of England recently, when members expressed concern about new pre-natal testing which has the ability of removing disability from our society by abortion.

One has a growing sense of *déjàvu*—a sense of experiencing that which is "already seen".

PARISH RAMBLE SHARES THE JOURNEY

This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called *Share the Journey*. You can *Share the Journey* by joining a walk. This is not just any walk, this is a walk around the world.

Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world.

CAFOD will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration. For more information on organizing your own parish walk or to find out about a walk in your area please contact Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385.

Anne Reilly writes: As part of CAFOD's "Share the Journey" initiative, we have registered our miles during the Parish Ramble last Friday as part of the "walking around the world" in recognition of the miles that refugees are walking to move to safer places and hear more about the campaign as we walk. <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey>

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.

CHRISTIAN AID REPORT

The walk by Tina Van Ewyk on 17th May as part of our local contribution to Christian Aid Week in Tadley raised £335.00. She is grateful to those from our Parish who supported her.

The recent Tea and Cake afternoon, also part of our local contribution, on 3rd June raised £236.82. Therefore with no Christian Aid Fayre at St Michael's Church this year, £571.82 was raised by our Catholic community. Our thanks go to The Archangels Group in Tadley for promoting both events.

CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY UPDATE

- A) Welcome to Deacon Jill Sakakini of the Anglican Church, who will be living at St Mary's Church, which has been without a Christian minister for some time. She will be assisting The Reverend Richard Harlow, and this is her first appointment as a minister of the Church of England. On behalf of the Catholic Parish, Father Patrick has sent a card of welcome. He looks forward to working with her.
- B) Churches Together Around Tadley (CTAT) Forum will be held at St Paul's Church on The Green on Wednesday 11th July, to which all are welcome. Please note, we start at 7:00pm. The Reverend Ruth Midcalf has requested an earlier start, so that she may attend before going on to another commitment later in the evening. Refreshments will be served from 6:45pm with a prompt start at 7:00pm.

SEMINARY THANKS!

Monsignor Gerry Ewing, Vice-Rector of St John's Seminary, Womersley, has written to thank the Parish for the donation of £500 towards refurbishment of rooms there. So far, £200,000 has been raised. Monsignor Ewing assures us of their prayers and asks that we keep the Seminary in prayer also.