

**NORTH WEST
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 Mary Lee on (0118) 981 3321.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church from 5pm to 5.30pm, but not on Saturday 2nd March, when Reconciliation will be offered after our First Communion Reconciliation that Saturday until 12:30 pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

03/02/19 £ 173.57
10/02/19 £ 284.26

**SIXTH, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH SUNDAYS OF ORDINARY TIME
17 AND 24 FEBRUARY AND 3 MARCH 2019**

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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 Days 18 - 23 February 2019

1:00 pm	Tues 19 Feb	Tadley	Funeral Mass for Theophita Lascaris RIP
2:45 pm	Thurs 21 Feb	Tadley	Funeral Mass for Margaret Still RIP

Week 25 February - 2 March 2019

NO MASSES THIS WEEK

Week 4 - 9 March 2019

10:00 am	Wed 6 Mar	Burghfield Common	Ash Wednesday Mass
7:30 pm	Wed 6 Mar	Tadley	Ash Wednesday Mass

Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Next Sundays Readings (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49. Luke 6: 27-38.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of Your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Next Sundays Readings (Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7. 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58. Luke 6: 39-45.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of Your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord most High.

Next Sundays Readings (First Sunday of Lent)

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10. Romans 10: 8-13. Luke 4: 1-13

FATHER PATRICK NOT AVAILABLE

During the week 25th—1st March, Father Patrick will be at the Catholic Rural Conference in Salisbury. During the previous week he will be taking time out to catch up with a backlog of administrative matters and lost time off because of illness, which resulted in his post-Christmas break being mostly a time of convalescence. He apologises for any inconvenience and will deal with emergencies in the Parish as far as possible.

CONDOLENCES

Father Patrick expresses Parish Condolences to the families of Theophita Lascaris and Margaret (Peggy) Still who have died. Our thanks to Sue Tull who brought Communion regularly to Margaret.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

The next meeting for our youngsters is at 6:15 pm on Monday 25th February.

First Reconciliation for our youngsters is on Saturday 2nd March at 9:45 am in St Michael's Church, as Lent starts on 6th March with Ash Wednesday. On Saturday 2nd March Father Patrick will be available for Parish Confessions until 12:30 pm, following the First Communion Reconciliation. There will be no Confessions from 5 pm - 5:30 pm that Saturday.

LENT

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday 6th March, and our Ash Wednesday Masses are at 10:00am (Burghfield Common) and 7:30 pm (Tadley). Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence. There are no Baptisms in the Parish until after the Easter Celebrations.

A GOOD IDEA FOR LENT

Are you looking for something positive and inspiring to do as part of your Lenten preparation for Easter? If so, you are warmly invited to join one of the parish Cell groups where scripture is read and discussed, our experience of what God has done for us and what we have done for God is shared and prayers for the needs of others are offered. There are two Cell groups in the parish - one meets on a Tuesday evening (contact Gerry and Pauline Penfold 0118 9811247) and the other meets on a Wednesday evening (contact Bill and Joy Reilly 0118 9813784). Both groups meet from 7:30 to 9:00pm followed by refreshments for those who want to stay.

THE LENT FAST DAY enables us to fast voluntarily or give up something for those in need in our world, and contribute the money saved to the work of CAFOD. It is not an obligatory Collection, because people should choose to make some form of sacrifice on Friday 15th March, not merely give money to a collection.

ESSENTIAL SCRIPTURE TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS

We are delighted to welcome Sr. Hyacinthe from the Dominican Sisters of Sway, New Forest, to The Sacred Heart Church, London Road, Hook, RG27 8LJ over a 5 week period, also during the Lenten season. These 5 sessions will be held weekly, on a Tuesday evening in the church from 7.30 - 9 pm, the first beginning on 12th March. The sessions are entitled, 'Essential Training for Catechists', but, are all are invited to these sessions who want to know more about the treasure of their Faith and who would like to be equipped with 'tools' to help share their faith. These Sessions do need to be booked please email Sr. Hyacinthe on ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book your place.

CAFOD

You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on Saturday 23rd February at St Bede's Church Popley Way Basingstoke RG24 9DX from 10:30am to 1pm. At this meeting Helen Lavaud CAFOD's HR adviser will be talking about her recent visit to CAFOD's Projects in the Eastern Congo and how CAFOD's partners are caring for child soldiers. There will also be an opportunity to explore the resources for Lent fast day on 15th March. Everyone is welcome so please book your place by emailing portsmouth@caofd.org.uk or call 01252 329385

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DAY

Portsmouth Diocese is organising a training and support day for all those who are liturgy leaders or who would consider the ministry. The days are 30th March at St James, Reading and 15th June at St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford—attend only one. Further details and booking is through web page <https://tinyurl.com/clow-training-day> please book early.

AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

Valentina from the Verbum Dei community is coming back to lead another day of prayer soon. This will take place just before the beginning of Lent on Saturday 2nd March from 2-5 pm at The Sacred Heart Church, London Road, Hook, RG27 9LA. There will be an introductory talk on Lent/The Lenten season and then some practical tips on prayer, some quiet time and some sharing. Valentina will introduce us to a form of prayer: Ignatian (or imaginative) contemplation. The afternoon will finish with sharing some food and there will also be a crèche provided.

A NEW MILESTONE IN CATHOLIC-MUSLIM RELATIONS

Last week, the Holy Father made an historic visit to the United Arab Emirates, the first time a Pope has visited the Arabian peninsula. The trip had been at the invitation of the Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, as well as the Catholic Church in the UAE which comprises about 9% of the country's 6 million population. In Abu Dhabi, the Holy Father took part in an interreligious meeting and with the Grand Imam of Al Azhar launched a joint Catholic-Islam document called the *The Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together*.

It offers a blueprint to "guide future generations" to advance a "culture of mutual respect" spanning all nationalities, backgrounds and beliefs. Both the Pope and the Grand Imam have said that the Document urges a more unified world, free from the scourge of terrorism, with equal rights for women and appreciation for all religions and places of worship. The principles it pledges to uphold include:

- The firm conviction that authentic teachings of religions invite us to remain rooted in the values of peace;
- Dialogue, understanding and the widespread promotion of a culture of tolerance, acceptance of others and of living together peacefully would contribute significantly to reducing many economic, social, political and environmental problems.
- The protection of places of worship – synagogues, churches and mosques – is a duty guaranteed by religions, human values, laws and international agreements.
- Terrorism is deplorable and threatens the security of people. It is due, rather, to an accumulation of incorrect interpretations of religious texts and to policies linked to hunger, poverty, injustice, oppression and pride.
- Efforts must be made to free women from historical and social conditioning that runs contrary to the principles of their faith and dignity.

FULL RECEPTION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

This Easter Margaret Thompson of our Tadley community will enter into Full Communion. Father Patrick has received the Faculty to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Easter Vigil Liturgy from Bishop Philip on Saturday 20th April at 9:00 pm. So keep Margaret in your prayers during Lent. She attends the Rite of Election at our Cathedral on 9th March.

Also, our sincere congratulations to Jan Hughes, who Father Chris Rutledge has allowed to spend part of a day in Tadley, to enable a Newsletter to be produced for us.

Jan is Parish Secretary at Hook, which comes under the care of Father Chris. She told Father Patrick on Wednesday 13th February that, after long reflection and prayer, she will be received into Full Communion at Sacred Heart Church Hook, this Easter. Needless to say she will be in our prayers alongside Margaret during Lent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBA - LUCKY ME WINNER

The winner of this months draw is Mary Lee from Tadley!!