

**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**

**St. Michael's Church**  
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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**

14/15 July £238.29  
21/22 July £144.93  
28/29 July £272.08



**EIGHTEENTH  
SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME  
5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018**

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**Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses**

<b>Sundays:</b>	6.00pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	<b>Tadley</b>
	9.15am	Sunday Parish Mass	<b>Tadley</b>
	11.15am	Sunday Parish Mass	<b>Burghfield Common</b>

**Week commencing 5 August 2018**

12noon	Mon 06 Aug	<b>Tadley</b>	<i>Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)</i>
12noon	Tue 09 Aug	<b>Tadley</b>	<i>St Edith Stein (Feast)</i>
12noon	Fri 10 Aug	<b>Tadley</b>	<i>St Lawrence the Deacon (Feast)</i>

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever come to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

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

Kings 19:4-8. Ephesians 4:30-5:2. John 6:41-51.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

The belief that our Blessed Lady was taken body and soul to heaven at the moment of her death to reign as Queen of Heaven is celebrated as an Holyday on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. This singular honour was given to Our Lady by God because, chosen to be the Mother of Christ and conceived for that role without Original Sin, she continued throughout her earthly life to remain free from sin by following God in all things. At the moment of her death, she was one with God and ready for the Resurrection. We celebrate with her the Resurrection of our Saviour, which is offered to us if we follow Him in this life. All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass this day unless there is a grave reason preventing them from doing so. There is a 10:00am Mass at St Oswald's Church and one at 7:30pm in Tadley.

**THE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER**

The Winter Shelter, offering friendship, a hot meal and shelter to the town's homeless rough sleepers during the coldest 3 months of the year, is starting again in Basingstoke on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Although many parishioners have been involved during the last 2 winters, we could always do with more!

Could you help the underprivileged, by volunteering this year? We need drivers, cooks, washers-up, greeters, people for set up & break down, laundry, etc. You will find it a most satisfying & rewarding experience!

You do not have to commit to all 13 weeks of the time. Full training will be given on a choice of dates later in September or October.

If you want to know more, there will be a briefing session at St Bedes Church Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September. If anyone would like more information, in the meantime, please contact Pat Murphy 07785 312486 or [pfm1906@aol.com](mailto:pfm1906@aol.com)

## **SCROLL FREE SEPTEMBER**

Health authorities and other concerned groups are supporting this initiative, whereby people are asked to avoid as far as possible the use of social media, mobile phones and other aspects of our technology dominated society during September.

There is a growing concern that many young people are injuring their health through addiction to social media, resulting in lack of sleep and of a balanced lifestyle, including losing ability to converse with others in a normal way. In short, many no longer have the social skills which enabled family conversation and considered discussion of important matters, without sound bites or knee-jerk reactions. The discussion of this initiative on Radio 4 "Any Questions" last weekend also made it clear that older members of our society regard the idea as making sense. Whilst all members of the panel, which included a Conservative and Labour MP and the Reverend Giles Fraser, acknowledged the growing mental health problems developing amongst young people in this area, they did not omit themselves from the target group! They highlighted the good aspects of our modern technology, but admitted that they were concerned about its effects on them also.

One MP said that whilst on a week's break she would not be using social media, and would welcome people asking her if she succeeded!

The Reverend Giles Fraser, a noted Anglican commentator on social issues, knows that his wife is seriously concerned about his use of social media. He checks things if he uses the toilet during the night and feels he is becoming addicted like many young people. He stated publicly that he would not be using his mobile phone during September, which he hopes he will succeed in doing.

God has created us not to be technological machines, but to be balanced human beings, recognising our limitations and our need to seek the important things in life rather than allow ourselves to be controlled by the everyday, passing things.

Central to this is the ability to re-create ourselves each day—Recreation. And that means finding time for God in prayer and especially in silence, allowing Him to speak to us in our troubled lives. Psalm 45 (46) has the magnificent call: "Be still and know that I am God, supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth!"

Being still with our loving Father, instead of being constantly on Email or Twitter during September, might benefit all of us! And our neighbour as well.

## **EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS (ADOREMUS)**

This takes place in Liverpool on 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September, calling us to recognise the presence of Our Saviour in the Blessed Sacrament, enabling us to find Him in times of joy and of trouble in prayers of Thanksgiving and humble acceptance of suffering or troublesome issues in our lives.

Fr Patrick will not be attending, as will be the case for many priests throughout the country, because of the Sunday Masses. However, there is a real need for our Parish communities to engage in this major demonstration of our love as Catholics for our Saviour in The Sacrament of the Altar.

During August, up until the weekend of the Conference, there will be a short time of prayer after Holy Communion at all our Sunday Masses in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. We shall pray for the success of the Congress in witnessing publicly in the streets of Liverpool to the Mystery of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, embracing us in Divine Love in our earthly journey and promising us future glory in Christ's Resurrection.

## **SPONSORING REFUGEE FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH**

There are two sessions in our Diocese in September on this initiative, on 15<sup>th</sup> September and 29<sup>th</sup> September, between 10:00am-4:00pm. The first is at Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville and the second is at St Joseph's Parish. Full details are on the poster in our Churches.

## **TADLEY FOODBANK-IS MOVING!**

From September to December it will be based at Tadley Common Methodist Church. Open every Tuesday from 11:00am-12:30pm.

## **TADLEY HOLIDAY CLUB COMMISSIONING SERVICE**

This takes place this Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm at Tadley Common Methodist Church. ALL WELCOME!

## **FOREIGN MISSION APPEAL**

On the weekend 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Fr George Matthew of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Betharram will be speaking at all our weekend Masses. There will be a Second Collection for the Betharram Congregation at these Masses. This is the Annual Mission Appeal for 2018 approved by Bishop Philip. Fr George has kindly agreed to cover the Sunday Masses for that weekend, enabling Fr Patrick to get another break. Effectively, he will not be available from 16<sup>th</sup> August to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August

## **APF-MILL HILL MISSION THANK YOU AND APPEAL**

Fr Vincent wishes to thank you for your welcome last weekend. If you did not become a member of APF-Mill Hill by taking a Red Box and you wish to do so, OR to find out more about APF-Mill Hill, please contact your APF-Mill Hill local Secretary.

## **THANKS CATH!**

Cath Farrow has been a Lay Minister of the Eucharist for some time, but she now feels that it is time for her to retire from this ministry. Fr Patrick expresses his thanks to Cath for the service she has given to the Liturgical Assembly and to the sick in this work-and for the work she continues to do! Cath will remain a Reader for the future and manages the Rota for our 6:00pm Vigil Masses. She also oversees the provision of Communion for the sick after the Vigil Masses.

## **HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF BEING A READER OR A LAY-MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST?**

Our Tadley and Burghfield Common communities struggle at times to provide adequate ministers for The Liturgy of the Word and the provision of Holy Communion each weekend.

Fr Patrick is happy to discuss with any persons interested in undertaking those ministries with the necessary commitment and ability if they speak to him, He has approached people from time to time, but very often they are unable to commit to one or both of the ministries.

## **CUZ CURRAN RIP**

Joan Curran has asked Fr Patrick to thank all who supported her at Cuz's Funeral Mass on 13<sup>th</sup> July. She expresses her deep thanks to Fr Patrick and others who were available at a difficult time.

## **PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Committee meets at 7:30pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August in The Parish Room, Tadley. Fr Patrick expresses thanks on behalf of our communities for the work the Committee does. People in Tadley appear very pleased with the new Church doors and the re-ordered Patio Area. We now have to address work at both church properties with the Diocese and the refurbishment of the Kingsclere organ in St Michael's Church.

## **CAFOD: HARVEST FAST DAY BRIEFING:**

You are invited to the Harvest fast day briefing meeting on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG26 9DX from 10:30am to 1:00pm to hear about CAFOD's work from a speaker from Head Office. Please book your place by Emailing [Portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:Portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385.

## **PARISH BIKE RIDE**

This will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.