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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 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

06/07 Oct £296.06
CAFOD £821.29

**TWENTY-NINTH, THIRTIETH & THIRTY-FIRST
SUNDAY'S IN ORDINARY TIME**
21st, 28th OCTOBER 2018
& 4th NOVEMBER 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 21 October 2018

12noon	Tue 23 Oct	Tadley	
			<i>Mass for the Day of Prayer and Reparation for Life</i>
12noon	Fri 26 Oct	Tadley	<i>Feria</i>

Week commencing 28 October 2018

12noon	Tue 30 Oct	Tadley	
			<i>Blessed Winchester Martyrs (Memorial)</i>
10:00am	Thu 1 Nov	Burghfield Common	
7:30pm	Thu 1 Nov	Tadley	
			<i>All Saints Day (Holyday of Obligation)</i>
10:00am	Fri 2 Nov	Tadley	
			<i>All Soul's Day (Day of Devotion)</i>

Week commencing 04 November 2018

12noon	Thu 8 Nov	Tadley	<i>Feria</i>
12noon	Thu 9 Nov	Tadley	
			<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)</i>

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Response to the Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face

Response to the Psalm: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

Response to the Psalm: I Love you, Lord, my strength.



WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM ON SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER
TOMMY OLIVER KELLY

Thanks to St Oswald's Church for an enjoyable Harvest Celebration on Sunday 14th October and for the donation for CAFOD.

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND AND CENTENARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I

Saturday 10th November 6:00pm Vigil Mass (Tadley) Sunday 11th November 11:00am Mass for the Dead (Tadley). There will be no other Masses in the Parish this weekend.

DAY OF PRAYER AND REPARATION FOR LIFE

Bishop Philip has authorised that every 23rd October will be kept within the Diocese of Portsmouth as a Day of Prayer and Reparation for Life. Priests are asked to celebrate the Mass for the Progress of Peoples, but wearing purple vestments of penitence for the destruction of unborn life by direct abortion. The Mass will be celebrated at 12noon that day in St Michael's Church, Tadley.

23rd October is the date when the 1967 Abortion Act was passed in Parliament, and since that time direct abortion has become an accepted part of the lives of many of our citizens. The law now allows the abortion of children with disabilities up to the moment of birth, the right in conscience not to participate in abortion has been tightly interpreted, with some medical personnel and nurses of all beliefs or none feeling they can no longer practice in particular areas of medicine; growing evidence indicates that a sizeable number of women suffer from various side effects of abortion; abortion agencies have been criticised for not providing after-care of the required standard to women after abortion.

A recent attempt to make illegal the right of peaceful protest outside abortion clinics has been rejected by the Government. The Home Secretary's assessment of the protest found that there was no serious evidence of women being harassed, as was claimed by some pre-abortion groups.

For many, abortion has become an human right, with Amnesty International declaring it as just that. However, the rights of the unborn child feature little in the debate. There are now open attempts to introduce the 1967 Act into Northern Irish legislation, although the devolved Government, representing Catholic and Protestant opposition, has refused to do so. It is one issue which many Christians in the Province are united about.

On this 23rd October 2018AD, there is an attempt, through a Ten Minute Rule Bill, to remove legislation which governs abortion in Northern Ireland and the basic legal protections against abortion in England and Wales. In effect, this appears to be an attempt to make direct abortion almost totally unregulated and to pressure a Northern Ireland to accept direct abortion. As a Catholic community in the Diocese of Portsmouth, we should use this day as one of prayer for the unborn child, for women under pressure to have abortions, and for those groups which provide support to them when they choose not to have terminations. And we should not forget those who have abortions and suffer serious side-effects as a result and those men who mourn the loss of a child when these difficult decisions are taken for wives or partners.

OBLIGATORY COLLECTIONS

FOREIGN MISSIONS: This will be taken at all our Masses on the week-end of 20/21st. The Collection is taken across the Catholic Church, involving even the poorest parishes to support our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are working to spread the Catholic Faith in struggling communities which have little financial and material support.

BAMENDA COLLECTION: This will be taken at all our Masses on the weekend 3/4th November, to support the work of our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Bamenda which is twinned with the Diocese of Portsmouth. In return, the Archbishop releases four of his badly needed priests to help with our shortage of priestly vocations.

Farther Emmanuel from the Cameroon has recently joined Fr. Chris Whelan in Saint Josephs Parish Basingstoke. Whilst pursuing studies at Southampton University, he is assisting in our Pastoral Area as far as possible and is spending time in chaplaincy work at Basingstoke Hospital.

ALL SAINTS DAY

This is an Holyday of Obligation, when all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass unless something serious prevents them doing so. This year it falls on Thursday 1st November, and there is a 10:00am Mass at St Oswald's Church and 7:30pm Mass at St Michael's Church.

ALL SOULS DAY

This is not an Holyday of Obligation, but is a Day of Devotion, when we pray for the souls in Purgatory, that they may journey to be Saints and pray for us in our turn. As most of us will spend time in Purgatory, hopefully people will pray for us in the future on this day! Mass is at 10:00am in Tadley, as there is a meeting of the Pastoral Area Clergy at St Bede's church at 12noon that day.

SCIENCE – OR – RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM.

A big diocesan Symposium is taking place on Saturday 3rd November 2018, 10 am – 4 pm in The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's church) on Science and Religion. Two leading scientists will ask whether recent research on the Universe suggests the existence of a Creator. There will also be a series of workshops led by experts on such topics as Christianity and Extra Terrestrial Life, the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and whether human consciousness is immortal. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. See the diocesan e-News for more details. Places are limited and bookings are now open at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>

ARCHANGELS' DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish Ramble: This leaves from St Oswald's Church at 10:00am on Saturday 27th October. Please contact Tina Van Ewyk on 07738282574.

Parish Skittles Night: This will be held at AWE Rec Soc, Tadley, on Friday 16th November from 7:00pm. Details of all events organised by the Archangels (Our St Michael's Church Social Group) are available at both our churches, and they are open to ALL parishioners.

MEETING FOR ALL READERS AND LAY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST IN OUR PARISH

This important meeting, which takes place each Advent, as well as during Lent, and which Bishop Philip regards as important for those in our Parish ministries in Tadley and Burghfield Common, will be held on Saturday 1st December in St Michael's Parish Room 9:30am to 12noon. "Little Lent" is a term applied to Advent in the past, reminding us that it is a semi-penitential time—Christmas does not arrive until the Mass of Christ on Christmas Day! This year we shall explore this often neglected part of Advent. More details later, but make a note in your diary.

ADVENT QUIET DAY

This Ecumenical Time of Prayer will be held at St Michael's Church from 12noon—7:00pm on Wednesday 5th December. More details later, but make a note in the diary!

LIVING NATIVITY

This preparation for Christmas, which has become part of our Tadley Advent calendar, will take place from 4:00pm on Friday 21st December. More details later, but, again, make a note in the diary!

ST OSWALD ORGAN RECITAL

Harry Russell will be giving an organ recital at St Oswald's Church on Sunday 18th November at 7:30pm, open to all. More details to follow in our next Newsletter.

AND THE CLOCKS CHANGE! BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER. COME TO MASS AT THE RIGHT TIME, PLEASE!