

**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) 9811247.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church from 5pm to 5.30pm, but not on Saturday 13th, 20th or 27th April 2019

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

10/03/19	£ 295.13
17/03/19	£ 257.63
CAFOD	£ 743.14
24/03/19	£ 238.51

**FOURTH AND FIFTH SUNDAYS IN LENT AND PALM SUNDAY
31 MARCH AND 7 AND 14 APRIL 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 1 - 6 April 2019

12:00 Noon	Mon 1 April	Tadley	<i>Lent Mass</i>
7:00 pm	Fri 5 April	Tadley	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
7:30 pm	Fri 5 April	Tadley	<i>Lent Mass</i>

Week Days 8 - 13 April 2019

12:00 Noon	Mon 8 April	Tadley	<i>Lent Mass</i>
7:00 pm	Fri 12 April	Tadley	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
7:30 pm	Fri 12 April	Tadley	<i>Lent Mass</i>

Week 15 - 20 April 2019

12 noon	Wed 17 April	Tadley	<i>Lent Mass</i>
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EASTER TRIDUUM

8:00pm	Thu 18 April	Tadley
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Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching before the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm

3:00 pm	Fri 19 April	Tadley	<i>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</i>
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9:00 pm	Sat 20 April	Tadley	<i>The Easter Vigil with the First Mass of Easter</i>
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9:15 am	Sun 21 Apr	Tadley
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11:15 am	Sun 21 Apr	Burghfield Common
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NO EVENING MASSES IN THE PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Communion Antiphon: You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

Next Sundays Readings (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

Isaiah 43: 16-21. Philippians 3: 8-14. John 8: 1-11

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you, From now on sin no more.

TRANSPORT FOR FATHER PATRICK

Father Patrick will need transport from Tadley to Burghfield Common and back on Easter Sunday. He would be grateful for offers as soon as possible, but before next weekend.

EASTER BREAK

Father Patrick will not be available from 22nd April - 27th April. He will be having a break.

PASTORAL AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

This takes place in St Joseph's Church, Basingstoke on Friday 12th April at 7:00 pm. If there is a lack of availability of priests because of illness or emergencies, Father Patrick has agreed to cancel Stations of the Cross and Mass at Tadley that evening if needed. It is becoming more and more difficult for clergy to cover the increasing demands made upon them from time to time.

OBLIGATORY COLLECTIONS

A. THE CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

This collection is taken on the weekend of 30th March /31st March to assist Sick and Retired Priests of our Diocese.

B. THE GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

Is taken on Friday 19th April at the Afternoon Liturgy

EASTER FLOWERS COLLECTION

This Voluntary Collection for our churches will be taken at our Masses on 6th and 7th April.

TADLEY LENT LUNCHES

Saturday 13th April at 12 noon-2:00 pm in the Parish Room
Parishioners are asked to sign the lists available in our Churches if they wish to attend, so that enough soup and bread is available.

BURGHFIELD COMMON LENT LUNCHES

Thursday 4th and 11th April from 12:30 pm in the Leonard Rooms.
Please sign the lists in our Churches if you wish to attend.
The monies donated at these Lunches will go to support the Mission in Malawi which the Saint Oswald's Community has generously supported over the years.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER AT TADLEY

This is to take place from 10:30am—12:30pm on Thursday 18th April in St Michael's Church. Those willing to help are asked to contact Helen Warner (0118) 981 2107 as soon as possible.

STATUE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM COMES TO THE CATHEDRAL

Next year, on 25th March 2020, the Feast of the Annunciation, England is going to be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary' and in preparation for this the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be visiting our Cathedral in a few weeks time, from 4th to 7th April. The title 'Dowry of Mary' goes back to St. Edward the Confessor (d. 1066). There is no doubt, about the deep devotion to Our Lady that existed in Medieval England. It was in 1381 that our country was 'officially' dedicated to her by King Richard II. The aim of the rededication in 2020 is to seek the help of the Mother of God in building a strong spiritual foundation for the New Evangelisation. We call upon Our Lady to guide and protect our country in the years to come, that our people may work together to face the challenges of our times, as we work to build a Common Good.

During the course of 2018 to 2020 as part of the preparation for the re-dedication, the Statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham is being taken to every Cathedral in England for a **three-day triduum of prayer**. Each visit takes place between a Thursday and Saturday. Here in the Diocese of Portsmouth, the Statue will be at the Cathedral from 4th to 7th April. Details of the events at the Cathedral can be found on our church noticeboards.

NEW TAX YEAR GIVING ENVELOPES

These will be available for the New Tax year, which begins on Saturday 6th April. **Please ensure that you collect your envelopes as soon as possible. Thank you for your support of our Parish.**

WELCOME BACK, SHELLEY! THANK YOU, JAN!

Mrs Winsper returned to work on Friday 22nd March. After discussion with our Diocesan Office, it has been agreed that she be on half pay until the end of the month, meaning that at the moment her availability will be limited.

This is to ensure that her return is monitored by herself and Father Patrick, to ensure that her recovery continues without problems. She will still be having hospital appointments over the next few months and parishioners are asked to recognise that she cannot be always available without notice and **emails will not be addressed immediately**. Anything urgent should be registered by a telephone call to the Presbytery, which Father Patrick will deal with as soon as he is available. Jan Hughes deserves our Parish thanks for her work over the last few weeks. Without her presence once a week in the office the administration would have come to a standstill. She has made it manageable for Father Patrick.

Please keep Jan in your prayers as she prepares to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil at Hook.

IN OUR PRAYERS!

Also in our prayers at this time is Margaret Thompson of our Tadley community, who will also enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in Tadley at 9:00 pm on Saturday 20th April.

Margaret, like Jan, was Baptised into the Anglican Communion, and will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Vigil.

Over the next few weeks, at two of our 9:15 am Masses in Tadley and our 11:15 am Mass in Burghfield Common, Father Patrick will be introducing her in prayer and reflection to our communities.

PARISH FINANCE MATTERS

Our Parish Finance Committee meets on Monday 8th April at 7:30pm in the Parish Room, Tadley, with John Adamson of Thames Valley Surveying. He has been employed to oversee our works at Tadley and Burghfield Common. This is an understandable requirement of the Diocese, to ensure that works have proper oversight and Health & Safety Regulations and other legal matters are complied with. Our Diocesan Surveyor, Mark Czoch, liaises with Fr Patrick. Parish Priest's have become something like the controllers of a small firms, liable to legal penalties if property is not properly overseen and made safe. It is something which concerns Bishop Philip, because many priests are being hampered in their spiritual tasks because of a necessary commitment to maintenance so that parishioners have comfortable churches and safe Parish buildings. And, of course all, this costs Parish money. We are blessed in this Parish to have a fine Finance Committee, and with Tony Darroch as our Health & Safety Officer. Our Monday Meeting will be concerned with the replacement of the Church windows at Tadley, for which tenders have been received, and with the drainage system at Burghfield Common. Also with the need to secure the fencing around St Oswald's Church, so that parts of it do not collapse on the pavement injuring people. There is also a need to progress work on the Presbytery roof in Tadley following recent investigation, so that Fr Patrick ceases to have water damaging his bedroom and causing him inconvenience during bad weather. At the present moment our Diocesan Office is assessing a list of other works for both sites, and the feasibility of financing these to enable our properties to be worthy for the next 20 years. As yet, Fr Patrick has not asked to move... or to retire, temping as that often is!

CAMEROON'S SAD STATE

Our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Bamenda are suffering considerably as a result of oppression by Cameroon's Central Government, and from killings by groups opposed to the English speaking areas of this West African State. The situation is not helped by groups who have decided to meet Government force with local violent resistance. Many people have fled the country and the UK and French Governments appear not to be involving themselves, in spite of the requests that as the former colonial powers they should show more concern. The Catholic Church is urging dialogue with the Government and an end to violence.

The Spring edition of Mission Today available in our churches contains good and moving coverage of this sad situation, also listing the priests who have been killed.