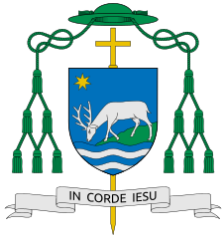


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**St Michael's Parish, Tadley
& Kingsclere,
and St Oswald's Church,
Burghfield Common**

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0118 981 4572

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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

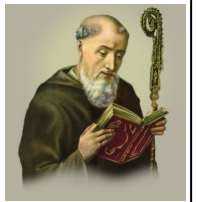
The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church from 5pm to 5.30pm. There will be no Reconciliation on Saturdays 22nd July, 29th July & 5th August

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

01/02 July	£303.23
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Jan	£2,382.66
Feb	£2,180.66
Mar	£2,420.66

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
09th JULY 2017**

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Tadley & 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 09 July 2017

12noon	Tue 11 July	Tadley	<i>St Benedict (Feast)</i>
10:00am	Thu 13 July	Burghfield Common	<i>Feria</i>

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King..

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

Next Sunday's Readings: (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A)
Isaiah 55:10-11. Romans 8:18-23. Matthew 13:1-23.

PARISH PICNIC

On Sunday 16th July, there will be only one Sunday morning Mass in our Parish, at St Oswald's Church at 11:00am. The Tadley Saturday Evening Vigil Mass does not change that weekend, enabling parishioners from both our communities to fulfil the Sunday obligation if unable to be at the St Oswald's Mass. A Parish picnic follows in the fine grounds around the church. This year it is a bring your own food and drink.

What's on...

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

This will be held on 11th July at St Oswald's Church 7:30pm–9:30pm, this includes a light meal, advanced booking is not necessary, just turn up.

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

Alton Day of Renewal: 22nd July. The guest speaker will be Pauline Edwards & Fr Laurence Brasill OSA, on "Gifts if Healing". The address is Alton Convent School, Anstey Lane, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 2NG, Posters are up in our Churches.

OOH MAMA PERFORM FAURÉ REQUIEM

On Saturday 15th July local choirs, Ooh Mama and Basing Singers are performing the well known, Fauré Requiem with a complementary programme. This evening promises to be a beautiful event in the stunning location of St Mary's Church in Old Basing. Tickets £5 (under 16's free) Available from Glasher Butchers (01256 850415), Kate Barrett (oohmamachoir@gmail.com) or on the night on the door. All profits to "Mindful Music" run by the Alzheimer's Society to enhance the well-being of people with Dementia, those affected by a stroke, or Parkinson's disease.

CONVOCATION OF THE CLERGY (13th JUNE–15th JUNE)

Parishioners should be aware of the important gathering of priests & permanent deacons during June, with Bishop Philip, to look ahead to the development of the Portsmouth Diocese over the next few years. Former Bishop Crispian's concern that there needed to be prayerful consideration of the deepening shortage of clergy and the need for committed lay involvement, following the major assembly in Reading in 2005, resulted in the development of Pastoral Areas, which have not been as successful as was hoped. Meanwhile, church attendance declines, clergy are both stretched and stressed, and very few young lay people are coming forward to progress the Mission of Christ. Our society becomes more secular, if not totally atheistic, and the number of lapsed Catholics with little understanding of their Baptism grows. We are looking, as Pope Benedict warned, to a smaller church in Western Europe, but hopefully one that will be more committed to the Gospel.

The gathering took place at Old Windsor, in the old Jesuit College, which is now a major hotel complex, with a magnificent chapel preserved and renovated by the new owners, the DeVere Group. Although not a Catholic chapel anymore, it was there that the day began, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00am followed by morning prayer at 8:00am and breakfast at 8:15am. Mass was celebrated at 12noon, and in the evening the chapel was transformed into a Banquet Hall for dinner at 7:30pm!

It was one of the most exhaustive meetings experienced by the Portsmouth clergy with little spare time & thought provoking input by Fr James Mallon, the keynote speaker. As Bishop Philip has said to Fr Patrick twice, it felt more than a few days, and one deacon commented to him that he was “knackered”. However it was deeply challenging and there was a great sense of engagement amongst our Portsmouth priests and deacons, which Fr Mallon commented upon at the end of our gathering. It impressed him greatly! He saw great hope in the Diocese!

His talk on infant Baptism paved the way for in-depth analysis and discussion. There is no longer that sense of Catholic community which enabled struggling parents to grasp the serious obligations of infant Baptisms. We are often asking parents to make false statements before God, as many have no intention of attending the Eucharist regularly and enabling their youngsters to grow in the Catholic Faith. Whilst Baptism should never be refused, Fr Mallon will not Baptise unless there is a firm commitment to attend the Eucharist regularly and accept the obligations of Baptism—even if this process takes some years! This vision is accepted by his community and his Bishop supports his policy – other priests in his Canadian Diocese are beginning to consider this also. That which emerges is a Catholic community more committed to its beliefs, supported by lay groups providing teaching and support for those prepared to engage, releasing the priest to be a priest!

The community is open to all - divorced & remarried, homosexuals & lesbians, non Catholics—to all seeking Jesus, searching to be the Lord's disciples. However, there is no dilution of Catholic teaching—same sex marriage is not accepted as part of the community's life and those who participate in the community are expected to respect Catholic teaching and Communion with the Church through the local Bishop. If this is not the case, they are free to go elsewhere; some do! As Bishop Philip rightly points out, priests are not “Lone Rangers” establishing their own brand of Catholicism. Fr Mallon was clear that this attitude spells death for a community. In a first-class presentation on Leadership, which is part of the vocation and responsibility of Priesthood, Fr Mallon spoke about the need to discern clearly who should be in leadership with the priest in the community, avoiding those, however qualified, who are unable to work with others because they push their own agendas. The vision of the priest with his Bishop must be accepted, although a proper understanding of “healthy conflict” is encouraged.

The Eucharist must be the centre of this process, and it needs to involve good music—Latin, modern and, whatever its nature, directed to

the worship of God, not to our particular whims and fancies. Sermons, or homilies, need to be well prepared, but are not restricted to a few minutes to satisfy parishioners wishing to leave Mass quickly! As Mallon writes in his book “Divine Renovation”, the Mass is a banquet, not fast food! It needs time to be celebrated well and we should be prepared to give that time to God.

Where Bishop Philip will take all this, it is difficult to say! He made it clear at the end of the Convocation that he was prepared to listen to priests who wished to take risks and accepts that this may involve allowing them to stay several years in a Parish, probably two of those years preparing the ground for a new approach.

As Mallon says, priests are either:

- a) Risk Takers (Prepared to make mistakes)
- b) Caretakers (Which most of us are!)
- c) Undertakers (presiding over dying congregations)

Fr Patrick hopes to have a couple of Parish Meetings in September to flesh out some of the issues discussed. In the meantime, pray for Bishop Philip, our priests and permanent deacons and our lay people, whom Mallon clearly argues will need to take more responsibility if new initiatives are to succeed, committing themselves more deeply to their Baptismal obligations. And Mallon accepts that they do not always have to be Catholics!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

After many years faithful service organising the weekly Rota for counting collections and banking the money, Helen Warner is standing down. We are therefore looking for a volunteer to take over this role. If you have a little time to give, are a good organiser, competent with money and have a desire to be of service in the Parish, please contact Helen Warner on h.warner85@btinternet.com with brief details of your relevant experience. For those who have been through the Called and Gifted programme, charism service and administration are relevant. Fr Patrick expresses the thanks of our Parish Area for Helen's work, and for the almost nine years of support given to him.

GENERAL PHARMACEUTICAL COUNCIL ACCEPTS CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTIONS TO ABORTION PROVISION

Dcn John Foley expresses his thanks to all who supported his request that we address the appeal of many pharmacists that they retain their right in conscience to refuse to dispense abortion inducing drugs without fear of loss of employment. There was an attempt, symptomatic of our increasing intolerant secular society, to remove this right. Under pressure from the National Secular Society, in spite of thousands of responses opposing this proposal, the General Pharmaceutical Council changed its guidance, requiring pharmacists to dispense abortifacient drugs against their conscience. The Council has now agreed to change its position following considerable criticism. More and more we need to be aware that some in our society have a growing disrespect for the sincerely held views of their fellow citizens. We should not remain silent on these matters.

WARNING TO PARENTS!

Please ensure that your children do not walk on the wall of the car park area at St Michael's Church, Tadley. The Parish and Diocese will not accept any responsibility for injuries resulting from neglect of the above warning, and advises those using the car park to note the area indicated by cones as unstable.

FOODBANK ITEMS

Tadley Foodbank are in need of the following: DRIED MILK, TINNED MEAT, COFFEE, MEN'S ROLL ON DEODORANTS, SHAVING CREAM, LONG LIFE MILK & JUICE.

We have plenty of Baked Beans, Soup, pasta Pulses and Nappies