

Dear All,

I returned from a very good but detailed meeting of the Administrators of The Secular Clergy Common Fund, after an early start to catch the Waterloo train, on Wednesday, feeling extremely tired. Awakening on Thursday morning I knew I was unwell and needed to rest. Today I am still not completely recovered and, with Holy Week only several days away, I am pacing myself over the weekend into Monday. So please note the following:

**There will be NO Stations of the Cross & NO Mass at St. Michael's Church this Evening (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March).**

**There will be NO Saturday evening Mass at St. Michael's Church & NO Sunday Mass at Saint Oswald's Church at 11.00 AM on Sunday.**

**So... there will be only ONE Parish Sunday Mass on Sunday 17th March at 9:00 AM in Saint Michael's Church.**

My apologies for any inconvenience. For those able to travel there are a large number of weekend Masses in our Pastoral Area which parishioners have previously availed themselves of as necessary, with even some visiting other Pastoral Areas.

There will be a Pastoral Letter this weekend from Bishop Philip and copies of this will be available if required next weekend.

Also note that there will be a Children's Liturgy at Sunday morning's Mass.

#### **Next weekend, Palm Sunday**

The palms will be blessed only before the 9:00 AM Tadley Mass, followed by the Solemn Procession into Church. Please be in the church grounds by 8:45 AM for the blessing. There will be the Simple Entrance at Saint Oswald's Church, with the blessed palms brought from Tadley. The Simple Entrance will also be celebrated at the 6:00 PM Saturday evening Mass that weekend, and blessed palms will be available during Holy Week for those attending and others requiring them.

#### **Holy Week, the Sacred Triduum (including Easter Sunday)**

- **Maundy Thursday - 28th March:**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM in Saint Michael's Church.  
Followed by prayerful watching with the Lord in the Parish Room until 10:30 PM
- **Good Friday - 29th March:**  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM in Saint Michael's Church
- **Holy Saturday - 30th March:**  
The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter 9:00 PM in Saint Michael's Church  
**A FEW PARISHIONERS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO READ AT THE VIGIL – IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE MORE - PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ASAP IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.**
- **Easter Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> March:**  
9:00 AM in Saint Michael's Church  
11:00 AM in Saint Oswald's Church  
**FR. PATRICK WILL NEED A LIFT ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING FROM ST. MICHAEL'S TO ST. OSWALD'S & BACK. AGAIN, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ASAP IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.**

**NOTE: The clocks go forward an hour on Easter Sunday 31st March so you will need to rise early if you have not attended the Easter Vigil!**

### **Pastoral Area Easter Reconciliation Service**

7.30pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke

### **Ecumenical Celebrations**

- **Ecumenical Palm Sunday Procession - Sunday 24th March:**

Departing from Silchester Village Hall at 9:30 AM followed by a Service in the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin.

- **CTAT Tadley Good Friday Witness – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March:**

Saint Mary's Church, Tadley at 10:30 AM. Looking forward to seeing you there!

- **Churches Together in Burghfield and Mortimer, Walk of Witness – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March:**

Start from the Mortimer Methodist Church car park at 8.00 AM.

- **Easter Day Dawn Service – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March:**

Tadley Skate Park at 6.00 AM

A short reflective service of songs and readings as the dawn breaks and the sun rises.

8am breakfast at Tadley URC follows.

Please RSVP. Further details Mark Ward or Rev. Cathy Pynn.

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### **Next week's diary**

- **Tuesday 19th March:**

- 11:00 AM Mass at Saint Michael's Church for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph.
- First Communion preparation at 4:30 PM in the Parish Room, Tadley.
- Finance Committees of our Pastoral Area to meet to discuss integration, as we move towards becoming one Parish, at Saint Bede's Church at 7:00 PM.

- **Wednesday 20th March:**

- Father Patrick will be attending the Funeral Mass of a Kathryn Garden's father at Douai Abbey at 11:30 AM, which will be presided over by the Abbot of Douai, the Right Reverend Paul Gunter.

- **Thursday 21st March:**

- Diocesan meeting in the afternoon and CTAT Forum at United Reformed Church, Tadley, 7.00 PM for 7.30 PM, all welcome.
- Final Newsletter before Easter to be prepared in the morning. **SO ALL ITEMS FOR INCLUSION MUST BE RECEIVED BY 2.00 PM TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT THE LATEST.**

- **Friday 22nd March:**

- Funeral Service of Ian Thomas Sumner at 12 noon at Saint Oswald's Church, followed by burial in Mortimer. Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM followed by Mass 7:30 PM in Saint Michael's Church.
- OFFICE CLOSED as Dan attends a Parish Administrators' Lenten event in Winchester.

## **Diocesan Vacancies**

Youth Ministry Worker, Maidenhead – Closing Date: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Choral Director, Portsmouth – Closing Date: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Data Protection Lead, Portsmouth - Currently there is no closing date

Health & Safety Officer, Portsmouth – Currently there is no closing date

For these & other vacancies visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>

## **Further reading**

Portsmouth Diocese news items:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales news items:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/>

Caritas Portsmouth Newsletter:

<https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/news-events/>

Best wishes,

Father Patrick.

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