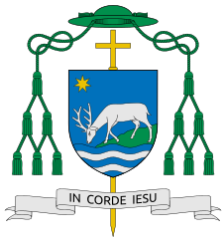


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PASTORAL AREA

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 Bill Reilly on (0118) 981 3784

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church from 5pm to 5.30pm. But not on Saturday 23rd September 2017.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

19/20 August £297.44
26/27 August £286.51



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10th September 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 10 September 2017

12noon	Wed 13 Sep	Tadley	<i>St John Chrysostom (Memorial)</i>
12noon	Thu 14 Sep	Tadley	<i>The Exaltation of the Cross (Feast)</i>

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Response to the Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Next Sunday's Readings: (Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A)
Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7. Romans. 14:7-9. Matthew 18:21-35.

**BISHOP'S LETTER: THIS WILL BE READ AT ALL MASSES ON THE
WEEKEND OF 23/24 SEPTEMBER**



**WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM AT BURGHFIELD COMMON NEXT
SATURDAY
SANTINO RONNIE DE FAZIO**

MICHAELMAS

On Friday 29th September, our Parish Area celebrates The Solemnity of The Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Until recent years it involved only the celebration of the Archangel Michael, and in England was called Michaelmas. As the university year starts, the older universities still speak of the Michaelmas Term, reminding us that our university system came into being because of the Catholic Church in the Middle Ages.

Our Parish celebrates this day with Mass at 7:30pm in St Michael's Church, Tadley, followed by a Reception in our Parish Room, with nibbles, soft drinks, and wine. Hopefully, both our communities will come together to pray for the support and help of St Michael & the Archangels.

Our thanks to those who have agreed to arrange the Reception. Fr Patrick looks forward to a good attendance from both our churches for our sung Mass that night. The day is not a day of abstinence in our Parish Area. Meat is allowed!



FATHER LEO TARGETT, RIP

On Monday 11th September, Fr Patrick will be preaching the homily at Fr Leo's Funeral Mass in Blessed Hugh Faringdon Church, Faringdon.

He was surprised some days ago to receive a call from Bishop Philip, who was on the Lourdes Pilgrimage at the time, asking him if he would be prepared to preach. Before coming to Tadley, Fr Patrick was Parish Priest of Buckland & Faringdon, Oxfordshire, for seven years, and got to know Fr Leo well. He had been Parish Priest there from 1978 until retirement from active ministry in 1992, and decided to make that Parish his home, where he was greatly loved.

Fr Leo died on 15th August 2017, The Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, a few weeks short of his 100th Birthday. Earlier this year, he celebrated 65 years of priesthood. An accomplished conjurer, he eventually became a member of the inner Magic Circle. During War Service in North Africa, he was captured at Tobruk in 1942. He was transferred to a prison camp in Italy, where, at a Christmas Midnight Mass, he experienced a profound spiritual experience, in which he felt God was calling him to priesthood.

With two companions, he escaped from the camp & made a hazardous crossing of the Alps to enter neutral Switzerland. They were never betrayed by the Italians they met and were given food and water at several farms. Many Italians detested Nazism, especially its persecution of the Jews. Was not St Paul both a Jew and a citizen of Rome!

Ordained in 1952, he served in the Portsmouth Diocese until 1963, taking seven years absence with the Missionary Society of St James the Apostle in Peru, where he developed a great love of those in need. His Diocesan active ministry continued on his return in 1970 until his retirement. He was ever an hospitable host when visited, and it was enjoyable to sit and chat with him. May he Rest In Peace.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend, at all Masses, there is an obligatory collection for Home Mission Sunday. This weekend is an opportunity for practising Catholics to consider the need of the Catholic church in England & Wales to address the growing numbers of Catholics who no longer live out their Baptismal obligations. All those who take seriously their Baptism are called to engage in this work. Father Patrick will speak at all Masses that weekend on this issue, which was a central concern of the Portsmouth Convocation of the Clergy this June at Old Windsor. The money raised ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is properly resourced, enabling it to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith.

CONVOCATION OF THE CLERGY FOLLOW-UP

All in our communities at St Michael's Church & St Oswald's Church are invited to the two evening meetings in St Michael's Parish Room on Wednesdays 20th & 27th September. The aim of these is to give parishioners a general outline of that which was discussed in the sessions conducted by Fr James Mallon, and to answer questions on his radical views, which he believes need to be adopted if we are not to continue as a declining Church in this part of the world.

Bishop Philip is prepared to discuss the adoption of his ideas with Diocesan priests and deacons, and Fr Patrick has accepted Fr Mark Hogan's invitation to join a group of priests who are interested in developing the themes raised, once he is in place in Winchester. The meetings will start at 7:30pm and end at 9:00pm.

WHO CARES? HAMPSHIRE

As stated last weekend Fr Patrick will be speaking at all our Masses this weekend as we enter the Responding Phase of this Ecumenical Mission.

Tadley Town Council kindly allocated thirty minutes for the presentation & discussion involving the Reverends Richard Harlow & Ruth Midcalf, Pastor Greg Whittack & Fr Patrick last Monday evening, and a number of evening meetings are being planned for September & October at the Sainsbury's Café in Tadley.

FIRST COMMUNION 2018

Next week we shall be asking for applications for the First Holy Communion Preparation which starts before the end of the year. The Preparation will take place in Tadley, but the First Communion Mass this year will be at St Oswald's Church.

FIRST COMMUNION THANKS!

Those youngsters from our Tadley & Burghfield Common communities who made their First Communions in June raised £50.95p from their Red Box Collection for Missio. On behalf of the First Communion Team, well done! This was a great effort in raising money to support children who are worse off in poorer countries.

GOOD NEWS! DIOCESE HAS HIGHEST NUMBER OF SEMINARIANS FOR DECADES

Which Diocese? - Portsmouth Diocese! At the start of the new academic year for our Seminaries, 14 men will be training for the priesthood at various stages of commitment. Fr Gerard Flynn, our Diocesan Vocations Director, has asked that those who have been praying so diligently for priests be thanked, but not to forget to keep praying! The students are training in England, Rome and Spain, and our Diocese now has one of the highest numbers of men preparing for priesthood in the Diocese of England & Wales. In recent years, the number of people entering seminaries in England & Wales has, however, fallen—from 56 in 2010 to 25 in 2016.

As Bishop Philip reminds us, priests do not come out of thin air. They are the fruit of prayer & fasting, enabling men called by God to this Sacrament to receive strength to respond to that call.

We should also remember the large group of African, Indian and Polish priests in our Diocese, without which quite a few of our churches would have no Sunday Mass. Why not pray for a priest in the future to come from our Parish Area? Or maybe two or three? If we are generous, so is the Lord!

HARVEST FESTIVAL TIME

There will be a Faith Supper held at Kingsclere Methodist Hall on Saturday 30th September at 6:00pm, they ask each person who would like to attend to bring a Plate / Bowl / Dish of food to share. Soft Drinks and Coffee and Tea will be provided. Some idea of numbers would be appreciated. There will be a Donation Box and we are having a Raffle and all proceeds will go to The Methodist Overseas Development Fund.

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.