

**NORTH WEST
HAMPSHIRE**

PASTORAL AREA

SERVING THE PARISHES OF
ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,
HOOK, TADLEY AND
BURGHFIELD COMMON



**St Michael's Parish, Tadley
and 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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

09/10 Sept	£286.51
Monthly DDs	
Apr	£2454.00
May	£2489.32
Jun	£2270.66
Jul	£2395.66

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
17th September 2017

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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 17 September 2017

12noon	Tue 19 Sept	Tadley	<u>Feria</u>
12noon	Wed 20 Sept	Tadley	<u>St Andrew Kim Taegon (Memorial)</u>
12noon	Thu 21 Sept	Tadley	<u>St Matthew (Apostle) (Feast)</u>

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the body of the Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings: (Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A)
Isaiah 55:6-9. Philippians. 1:20-24,27. Matthew 20:1-16.

FIRST COMMUNION 2018

Please find included in this Newsletter an application form for entry in to our Preparation for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Altar for the first-time next year. This must be completed and returned to the Presbytery by SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER. All those applying should be attending Mass each Sunday and must commit themselves to the Preparation Sessions. These will be held in the Parish Room in Tadley, but the First Communion Mass will be at St Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common in 2018. Application Forms will also be available on the Website soon.

NAME OF CANDIDATE:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NO:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DATE OF BIRTH:

NAMES OF PARENTS:

(Who agree to participate in the Preparation Programme)

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

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 and 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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LOCAL CATENIANS

Next Saturday, 23rd September, our local Catenians celebrate their 600th Anniversary of Meetings at the Apollo Hotel, Basingstoke. Father Patrick has been invited to join this special celebration, so will not be available after 6.00pm Mass that evening. Our thanks to the Catenians for all the good work they do.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

There is an obligatory Collection at all our Masses this weekend to support the Catholic Faith Centre, which responds to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is a special time of prayer for the large majority of Baptised Catholics in England and Wales who no longer practice their Faith. Fr Patrick is speaking at all Masses about this sad situation.

CONVOCATION OF THE CLERGY FOLLOW-UP

All in our communities at St Michael's Church and St Oswald's Church are invited to the two evening meetings in St Michael's Parish Room on Wednesdays 20th and 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.

KINGSCLERE 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.

ST OSWALD HARVEST THANKSGIVING

There will be a Harvest Thanksgiving Mass at 11:15am on Sunday 24th September, followed by a ploughman's lunch in the Leonard Room afterwards. Any member of our Parish communities is welcome to attend, but is asked to bring cheese, pickles, bread and fruit pies.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members are advised that Meeting on Monday 18th September, at 7:30pm in the Parish Room in Tadley, is important. There are a number of important issues to be considered and furthered as quickly as possible.

HOLYDAYS RETURN!

Bishop Philip has expressed his delight that the Holy See has approved the decision of the Bishops of England and Wales to reinstate Ascension Thursday and the Epiphany to their proper days rather than Sunday celebrations. They were transferred to the nearest Sundays in 2006, which many priests, including Fr Patrick, thought nonsensical. A good number of lay people felt the same way. It was argued that they would be celebrated better on a Sunday with more people present. Is it not sad that we are not prepared to make a special effort on particular days to go to Mass!

Ascension Day is traditionally forty days after the Resurrection of the Lord, causing it to fall on a Thursday and is still celebrated on a Thursday by the Church of England. Linked to the Thursday is the long-established Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost, which makes little sense if it does not take place on the nine days following Ascension Thursday.

As for Epiphany, it is still kept by many people as Twelfth Night in our secular society, when all the decorations come down. Should we not be glad to mark it with Mass as the day on which the Gentiles, ourselves, are embraced by God's Salvation in the Magi (Wise Men)!

**POPE FRANCIS AND SAME SEX MARRIAGE AND
OTHER THINGS**

Pope Francis has made it clear that marriage, by virtue of its long established definition, can only be between a man and a woman. Asked by an interviewer about marriage for same-sex couples, he said "Lets call this civil unions. We do not joke around with truth."

He expressed his concern that there is "critical confusion" at the present time about the true nature of marriage and of gender. Teaching children that they can choose their gender, he states, also plays a part in fostering such mistakes about the truth or facts of nature.

Abortion he declared to be the "murder of an innocent person", but stressed the need to forgive women who truly regret their decision. And, referring to St Matthew's Gospel, he suggested that money is the biggest threat in our world. The interview is reported in the 8th September issue of The Catholic Herald. Actually, there is nothing new in this. Pope Francis consistently argues these points, but very often his statements are not reported by the secular press unless they conform to popular view.

BASINGSTOKE FOOD BANK SEPTEMBER NEEDS:

Milk & Fruit Juices (both Long Life) AND.. Dried Milk, Breakfast cereals (cold), Tinned Tomatoes, Cooking sauce jars, Sweet & Savoury spreads, Tinned Fruit, Roll-on Deodorants, shampoo, toothbrushes and desserts.