

**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**

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COVENANT TO THE PEOPLE

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Mary Lee on (0118) 981 3321.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church from 5pm to 5.30pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

27/28 Jan 2018	£259.53
03/04 Feb 2018	£271.19
10/11 Feb 2018	£241.77

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
25th February 2018**

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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 25 February 2018

7:00pm	Tue 27 Feb	Burghfield Common
		<i>Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of St Oswald of Worcester</i>
12noon	Thu 01 Mar	Tadley
		<i>St David of Wales (Feast)</i>

There are no Stations and Mass on Friday 2nd March as Fr Patrick and many priests will be attending Canon Healy's Funeral Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Response to the Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him!' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Next Sunday's Readings: (Third Sunday of Lent—Year A)

Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-42.

ST OSWALD DAY MASS

This is celebrated as a Solemnity in our Parish Area, and there is a Mass at St Oswald's Church on the Vigil of the celebration on 27th February at 7:00pm. If parishioners in Burghfield Common wish to arrange a Reception afterwards, please let Fr Patrick know this weekend, also if there is music to be arranged to celebrate this special Saint in our Parish Area.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER!

On the weekend of Sundays 4th, 11th and 18th March the Sunday Readings are YEAR A as The Scrutinies are celebrated in our Parish for Carole Ellery, a member of The Elect. This applies to ALL Masses. The First Scrutiny is at 9:15am on Sunday 4th March at Tadley, the Second Scrutiny at 11:15am on Sunday 11th March at St Oswald's Church and the Third Scrutiny at 09:15am on Sunday 18th March in Tadley. Fr Patrick will speak at all our Masses on those weekends.

THE ELECT

This is the term used for those adults preparing for Baptism each year at the Easter Vigil, the highpoint of the Resurrection Celebration, which all the faithful are encouraged to attend. Carole Ellery of our Tadley community, supported by parishioners from St Michael's Church, was accepted as a member of the Elect by Bishop Philip at a ceremony in Portsmouth Cathedral last Saturday. There is an obligation on our Parish Area to keep her and all the Elect of our Diocese in prayer throughout Lent, as well as those already Baptised who are preparing to become full members of the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigils. There is a photograph of Carole with Bishop Philip and Fr Patrick in our churches. Our thanks to Bill Reilly of our Tadley community for taking it.

THERE ARE NO BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH AREA UNTIL AFTER LENT. FUTURE BAPTISMS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED UNTIL THOSE INVOLVED HAVE HAD A FULL DISCUSSION WITH FR PATRICK REGARDING REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT THE SUNDAY LITURGY, IN LINE WITH THE ISSUES DISCUSSED AT THE CONVOCATION OF THE CLERGY 2017.

A MESSAGE FOR LENT FROM POPE FRANCIS

Our Pope addresses this Lent the danger of Christians growing cold in their love for God. He relates this danger to love growing cold within our Christian communities: In the Apostolic Exhortation EVANGELII GAUDIUM, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation of self absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessen our missionary zeal.

How does this apply to our Tadley and Burghfield Common communities?

Drawing from Dante Alighieri (1265-1321), the great Italian poet, who wrote one of the most outstanding pieces in honour of Our Lady (Maiden, yet a Mother), he gives us Dante's description of Satan in his epic poem on Hell, Purgatory and Paradise: Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice, in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity (Christ Love) can turn cold within us.

PAT HUGHES (RIP)



Our Condolences to Joyce, the wife of Pat Hughes, on the death of her husband Pat, a long standing member of our Tadley community. The Funeral is being arranged with Fr Patrick for mid-March.

WINTER NIGHT SHELTERS

The winter night shelter project has proved to be a great success once again this year. We are coming together to celebrate our successful involvement at St Bedes Hall on Saturday 10th March. Everyone from the Catholic Parishes in the Area, who was involved is invited: volunteers, laundry team and set up & clear up teams. Partners are also very welcome. We have also invited Rev Kay and the team from URC, who allowed the Catholic community to come together on Thursday nights to provide friendship and shelter in the URC to the rough sleepers in Basingstoke.

To get an idea of numbers, please email katie.tambascia@gmail.com to let us know if you are coming.

BELATED CHRISTMAS THANKS!

With our extended Newsletter of the last four weeks, Fr Patrick has not had the opportunity to thank parishioners through it for their generous Christmas Offerings. The amount realised was: £1,124.00.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER IN TADLEY

This takes place on Friday 2nd March at 2:00pm in St Paul's, Church, The Green, Tadley, and is open to all.

However, there is an urgent request for help from the organisers. Several people have dropped out of The Service. There is a real concern that there will not be enough people to read. It is being attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire as well as the Mayor and Mayoress of Basingstoke as well as the Chairperson of Tadley Town Council. If ladies from St Michael's church, especially Readers, can help, please contact Kath Murtagh as soon as possible (0118) 981 4658.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER IN KINGSCLERE

This takes places at St Mary's Anglican Church on Friday 2nd March at 2:30pm.

MEDJUGORGE VISIT

Geoff and Gina Poulter are leading a group to Medjugorge from 10th—20th October 2018. This has been advertised at our Masses over the last few weekends, so that early bookings will result in reduced rates. This is a final reminder to telephone 01256 541 052 if you are interested.

THE TRUE COST

Basingstoke and Deane Fairtrade Group would like to invite you to a free film "The True Cost" at the Anvil (The Forge) on 9th March at 8:00pm. This is a documentary about the textile industry, human rights and the role of business in the global economy. It's about greed, power, fear and poverty. It truly shocks and moves everyone who sees it.

Seating is limited so contact the Anvil now if you would like to go 01256 844244.

FLO AND FRIENDS

Come and enjoy a few hours of sharing fun food friendship with a concert and raffle. Held on Friday 16th March at St Oswald's Church Hall between 12:00noon to 2:15pm, cost is £5.00

SILCHESTER RETREAT DAYS

Information on these day at Silchester Methodist Church are available at both our churches and on our church noticeboards. The next one is on Saturday 17th March: Journeying to the Cross.

WHO CARES? SILCHESTER MEETINGS

The Who Cares? Process continues across our Parish Area, and our Silchester CTAT Group presents the following opportunities:

- (a) **Wednesday 21st March:** Working Towards a More Just Society at 7:30pm in the Pavilion at Silchester Common
- (b) **Wednesday 18th April:** Building Healthy Mental Health at 1:45pm at the Pavilion at Silchester Common.

ADORE—ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

Alton Day of Renewal continues at Alton School, Antsey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG, on Saturday 24th March 2018. With a talk by Jenny Baker on "Living Kingdom Values" Mission and Witness. For more information and directions, please see posters or the website: www.altonrenewal.com.

CAFOD LENTEN LUNCHES

During Lent, there will be two Tadley Lenten Lunches in support of the work of CAFOD. Our Government has agreed to doubling any sums raised by the Catholic community for CAFOD (The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) in Lent.

Our St Michael's Archangels Group will hold these in the Parish Room at St Michael's Church on:

- Thursday 8th March from 12-2pm
- Saturday 17th March from 12-2pm ALL WELCOME

ROSARY ON THE COAST

Martin of our Burghfield Common community is interested in organising a coach for the Portsmouth part of this event.

It would be good if parishioners at St Oswald's Church spoke to him about this, to organise a group to attend if people are interested. Then people at Tadley can be given a chance to engage if there are places available.

A Mass Rosary Prayer event is being planned in April along the coastline of Britain.

The Rosary on the Coast is scheduled for 3pm on Sunday, April 29th. It follows similar events that drew many thousands of people in Poland and Ireland.

Organisers say the day is aimed at a "re-flourishing of the faith, for the grace to build a culture of life and true peace to reign in the hearts of all peoples and nations".