

**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 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

16/17 Sept £285.48
Special Collection
Home Mission Sunday £263.63

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
24th 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 24 September 2017

12noon	Mon 25 Sept	Tadley
	<i>Feria</i>	
7:30pm	Fri 29 Sept	Tadley

The Solemnity of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

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Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is close to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Next Sunday's Readings: (Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A)
Ezekiel 18:25-28. Philippians. 2:1-11. Matthew 21:28-32.

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

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)

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!

TWO FUNERALS—ONE EUCHARIST!

Fr Patrick was privileged to concelebrate at two Funeral Masses recently—both different yet both similar. In Faringdon, Oxfordshire (The old Berkshire) he preached at the Funeral Rites for Fr Leo Targett and two days later he joined a small group of priests from Portsmouth, alongside many from the Archdiocese of Westminster and the Diocese of Arundel of Brighton, to pray for the soul of Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor in the grandeur of Westminster Cathedral.

The Mass in Blessed Hugh Church, Faringdon was a deeply homely affair, within a beautifully sung English Liturgy, in which the fine musical talent of the Parish Fr Patrick spent seven years in retained its outstanding quality, aided by the magnificent organ of this former Congregational church which graced sacred music during his years there. The English Kyrie was splendidly simple but moving, as was the Our Father, sung to the traditional music of the modern liturgy.

Fr Patrick was somewhat overwhelmed by the praise he received from priests and lay people for his homily on the remarkable priestly life of Fr Leo. One of our priests told him that it was the most perfectly formed sermon he had heard, one of the senior clergy of the Diocese has suggested that it be put on the Diocesan Website and the Bishop has agreed this.

The Westminster Cathedral Mass was one that befitted a Prince of the Church, beautifully sung in English and Latin, displaying the simple grandeur of the Roman Rite celebrated well. The Kyrie, for which we sat in accordance with custom, was from the Spanish composer Victoria (1548-1611), deeply spiritual and unhurried. A joy to listen to! The Our Father, sung in Latin, was taken up by the Priests and Laity with a restrained vigour. And the In Paradisum, from Fauré's Requiem, was beautiful. Cardinal Vincent Nicholls sang the Preface in English splendidly, and presided with immense dignity. As Jacob Rees-Mogg, the accomplished Conservative politician, commented to Fr Patrick in their conversation on the road to Westminster afterwards, it was a magnificent Mass.

A magnificent Mass! But the same Mass as that celebrated for Fr Leo in a beautiful market town church; a Mass in which, as at the Cathedral, we prayed for the soul of a priest, that he might be purified of sin swiftly and join the company of the Saints.

One was of a community which knew each other and loved its former priest deeply; the other on a grander scale, with a former President of the Irish Republic, the Duke of Norfolk representing Prince Charles, the British Ambassador to the Holy See, several politicians publicly displaying their Catholic Faith. Yet the same Mass. It was a grace filled few days!

THANK YOU CATH!

After a considerable number of years involvement in our First Communion Preparation in respect of photography before and during our First Communion Masses, Cath Farrow has decided that it is time for another parishioner to take over. Our sincere thanks to her for all her work.

So, are there any volunteers from our two communities especially St Oswald's Church? The First Communion Mass will be celebrated there in 2018, and the community will be called upon to host the Mass and celebration in The Leonard Room afterwards, should we have enough candidates from our Parish Area for that year.

BAPTISM LIST CLOSED FOR 2017

Excepting those Baptisms Fr Patrick is progressing at present, no bookings for future Baptisms will be taken until 2018. There will be no Baptisms during Advent, which starts on Sunday 3rd December 2017.

CATHEDRAL COLLECTION

This is taken at all Masses this weekend for the upkeep of our Cathedral in Portsmouth.

CONVOCATION OF THE CLERGY FOLLOW-UP

The second information meeting takes place in the Parish Room, Tadley, on Wednesday 27th September at 7:30pm to 9:00pm. All welcome from both our communities.

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.

AUTUMN FAST DAY

The CAFOD voluntary Fast Day takes place on Friday 6th October, and the monies raised by fasting or denial of food or some other item will be collected at our Masses on 7/8 October.

CARITAS CELEBRATION EVENT

The work and development of Caritas in the diocese will be celebrated at an event on Friday 13th October at the Louis Suite, Holy Family Church in Southampton. The event begins at 1030am. At the event Caritas will share with you some of its key projects and hopefully you will be able to give some feedback about where you think Caritas should be heading in the future. Bishop Philip will join us in this event and will offer the opening prayer. A simple lunch will also be provided. You are welcome to just come along on the day, but for planning purposes we would appreciate you booking a place at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caritas-celebration-tickets-37125163363> For more information please contact Kevin Gallagher on kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Caritas is the Diocesan Agency tasked with developing the outreach of our local Church in the Diocese of Portsmouth to those in need, co-ordinating work with CAFOD and other agencies and with Rome.

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.