

**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 3221

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

28/29 Oct

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**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
05th NOVEMBER 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 05 November 2017

10:00am	Thu 09 Nov	Burghfield Common <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)</i>
12noon	Fri 10 Nov	Tadley <i>St Leo the Great (memorial)</i>

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Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Response to the Psalm: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have only one Father, and he is in heaven; you have only one teacher, the Christ! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings: (Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A)

Wisdom 6:12-16. Thessalonians. 4:13-18. Matthew 25:1-13.

THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

In accordance with Catholic Tradition, November is a month of special prayer for the souls in Purgatory, that they may be purified from sin before entering heaven.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There will be only one Sunday Mass in the Parish Area on Sunday 12th November at 11:00am in St Michael's Church, Tadley. This will be the Mass for the Dead, allowed on Remembrance Sunday in England & Wales. As part of our continuing Commemoration of the Centenary of the First World War, Fr Patrick will preach at this Mass and also at the 6:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. This remains that of the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Those attending Remembrance Services are still bound by the obligation to go to Mass each Sunday in honour of The Resurrection.

BAMENDA SUNDAY

There is an obligatory Second Collection this weekend at all our Masses for the work we support in the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. There is also information in Portsmouth People about our link with Bamenda if you have not read it yet. Bishop Philip wishes us to keep in prayer the difficult situation between the Anglo-phone and the French-speaking parts of Cameroon which has resulted in violence and civil unrest.

THE 500th COMMEMORATION OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

On All Saints' Eve, 31st October 1517, a virtually unknown Augustinian Friar named Martin Luther, Professor at the new and little regarded University at Wittenberg, Germany, made public in Latin 95 Theses, or discussion points, concerning the sale of Indulgences by the Catholic Church authorities of the day. This was a normal method, in academic circles, for a rational discussion (in the light of Christ's teaching) of an area of dispute, used frequently in the Middle Ages.

The Theses were reported to Rome, and the Pope thought that the issue was trivial and ordered the head of the Augustinian friars to keep his people quiet on the matter. The argument rapidly developed into a controversy about Papal authority and its limits, skilfully orchestrated by Luther's use of the new printing press and the use of German alongside the more academic Latin. An academic debate became a national conversation, engaging political leaders and educated members of the Holy Roman Empire. By 1520, Luther had gone beyond theological debate to a widespread criticism of the Church under Papal authority, supported by many of the German princes and nobles seeking freedom from the Church's authority. In 1521 Luther was excommunicated, ceasing to be a member of the Catholic Church, becoming a heretic under sentence of death unless he repented. The unity of Catholic Europe was shattered, ushering in years of religious wars, the growth of nation states little concerned with that unity, and persecutions of fellow Christians in the name of the Holy Trinity. The world we live in today was formed by that event in 1517—and is still affected by it. One cannot understand Europe without understanding The Reformation.

BBC Radio 4 covered the Commemoration significantly on 31st October, including interviews with Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and Vincent Nichols, present Catholic Archbishop of Westminster. Rowan Williams spoke well of the tragedy of the Reformation in spite of good things which emerged from it. He mused on that which might have happened if a different approach was taken to Luther by the Papacy, causing the interviewer to ask if he would be "Catholic" if things had developed differently. To which he answered "yes", but the Church would be different he said! Later in the morning programme, Cardinal Nichols politely reminded the interviewer that we are not "celebrating" the Reformation, but commemorating it. And deftly argued that Papal infallibility is not guaranteed in controversial debate where various arguments are being discussed outside of the formal nature of that central doctrine. Who knows what might have happened if Luther had been given his academic debate?

CALLED AND GIFTED, ST BEDE'S 11 NOVEMBER

The Called and Gifted team in the Diocese is presenting its next teaching day at St Bede's on Saturday 11th November from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Over 1000 people in the Diocese have been helped to discern their spiritual gifts through Called and Gifted. If you would like to learn about your spiritual gifts and how to use them for the benefit of others, then this day at St Bede's is highly recommended. The day and the related materials are free (paid for by Living Our Faith) and St Bede's will be the nearest teaching day for some time. If you wish to sign up for the day, please Email calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk asap. If you have any questions about Called and Gifted, please speak to Gerry Penfold or Geoff and Gina Poulter, or Deacon John Foley.

WITH OUR THANKS!

Kevin O'Connor is most grateful for all the support and prayers he has received whilst being unable to attend St Michael's Church. He is especially grateful to those who bring him Holy Communion each Sunday.

Betty Cobb sends her best wishes to all. Fr Patrick visited her in Basingstoke Hospital last Monday and found her to be in good spirits. She was very grateful to Fr Gerry from St Bede's Church for his visits as the Catholic Chaplain and for Holy Communion being brought to her through St Bede's Church.

BLESSED JOHN BODY

On 3rd November, Hampshire Parishes celebrate The Memorial of Blessed John Body, who is the Patron of our Pastoral Areas of North-West and North-East Hampshire.

John Body was born in 1549, and was a student of Winchester College and New College, Oxford. He was deprived of his fellowship at Oxford because of his Catholic Faith, and became a schoolmaster. Arrested in 1580 he was tried for his beliefs in Winchester, but it appears that a legal flaw prevented his conviction as a traitor.

He was tried again at Andover and found guilty of denying Queen Elizabeth's right to be supreme Head of the Church. His execution took place on 2nd November at Andover.

Before being hanged until half-dead and being cut down to be disembowelled—the sentence for treason—he made it clear that he was dying because he could not agree to the Monarch being Head of the Church in England. However, like many of the English Martyrs he prayed for the monarch, with the words: "I pray God long to preserve her Majesty in tranquillity over you, even Queen Elizabeth, your Queen and mine."

When his mother heard of his death, she invited a few friends to a great feast, celebrating his soul being called to the Wedding Feast of the Lamb in Heaven!

HOME NEEDED

If any person knows of a dwelling available for rent, which would house a mother and her two youngsters, please contact Deacon John Foley on (0118) 327 4120. The amount of up to £900 PCM might be affordable on discussion.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion list is now closed for 2017/2018.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK (5-11 NOVEMBER 2017)

Bishop Philip writes: Legacy income is vital for the future of our parishes and diocese, and we believe it is important to take positive steps now, to inform and encourage parishioners to think about leaving gifts in their Wills for the long term benefit of the Catholic community....legacies are a very valuable and lasting way to be involved in the Church's ministry and mission, helping to meet the needs of future generations. The Bishop has asked Parishes to publicise Catholic Legacy Week, and information cards are available in both our churches this weekend.