

**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	£354.55
04/05 Nov	£176.50
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTION</b>	
Bamenda	£355.84



**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

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Our picture is of St Edmund of Abingdon,  
Patron of our Diocese, whose Solemnity is celebrated on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses**

**Sundays:** 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass **Tadley**  
11:00am Sunday Parish Mass **Tadley**  
*Remembrance Sunday Mass for the Dead*

**NO OTHER MASSES IN THE PARISH THIS WEEKEND**

**Week commencing 12 November 2017**

12noon	Tue 14 Nov	<b>Tadley</b> <i>Blessed Hugh Cooke, last Abbot of Reading &amp; Companions (Memorial)</i>
1:00pm	Thu 16 Nov	<b>Burghfield Common</b> <i>Funeral Mass of Joan Stone (RIP)</i>

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil Mass Only)**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**Response to the Psalm:** For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

11:00am Mass for the Dead (Remembrance) SPECIAL READINGS AND ANTIPHONS

**Next Sunday's Readings: (Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A)**  
Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20.30-31. Thessalonians. 5:1-6. Matthew 25:14-30.



**WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND:  
MARGARITA McCARTHY**

**HOIMA HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING**

Congratulations to Jo & Sonia for organising this last Saturday morning in the Parish Room at Tadley. They also spent time on Friday evening preparing the room, which looked very good. With further contributions on Sunday morning at coffee after the 9:15am Mass, £400.00 have been raised.

Fr Patrick enjoyed meeting parishioners and visitors on the Saturday morning, and it was good to see several parishioners helping make it an enjoyable two hours.

**BAMENDA CAKE SALE AT ST OSWALD'S CHURCH**

Many thanks to the community at St Oswald's Church on raising £30.00 last Sunday at the cake sale after Mass. The money has been given to Bamenda as a special gift alongside the Second Collection.

## CONVOCATION OF THE CLERGY UPDATE

The Clergy of our North-West Hampshire Pastoral Area met last Friday to discuss the implications of the recent Convocation. Bishop Philip has issued six discussion papers, to be considered by clergy at their Meetings into 2018. He is calling together Deans of the Pastoral Areas of the Diocese next year to discuss with him feedback and views, positive and negative, from clergy in respect of Fr Mallon's ideas.

It seems obvious that he is moving forward slowly in this matter, ensuring that all views are expressed, although prepared to allow certain things to develop with his agreement. At the present moment there is no consensus amongst the local clergy. Our discussion on Friday was on the use of Parish buildings for the Mission of the Church. Fr Patrick pointed out that whilst the Parish Room in Tadley is too small for major group meetings and not useful beyond small gatherings, St Oswald's Church has a fine Parish Hall which has potential for both areas in the Parish. He has considered an Alpha Process being held there in 2018, but this would involve co-operation between our two communities. St Joseph's Church, Basingstoke, is already preparing an Alpha, Fr Mark having developed a committed group of people prepared to engage in events demanding time and commitment. At the same time, Parish meeting places need to be kept in good order and upkeep, which demands finance. Maintenance cannot be divorced entirely from Mission!

Favourable comment was passed in discussion on the use of St Oswald's Hall for outside groups, declaring an often open attitude towards the local community. This is also part of Mission. Fr Patrick said to those present that Dcn John Foley had done a considerable amount of work in respect of the availability of the Hall for outside groups, but there was a clear provision that these had to give way to church matters, e.g. Funerals. All agreed that there needs to be this recognition our places of meeting are not there merely to make money or convenience particular social groups. Their primary purpose is to be places where the Good News can be studied and brought out by properly formed parishioners to others, enfolded in prayer.

## FORMED MINISTERS OF SCRIPTURE AND EUCHARIST, CLERGY AND LAY!

On Tuesday 31st October, Fr Patrick and Dcn Anthony, with Bishop Philip and other members of the clergy, attended the Clergy Formation Day at Winchester on St Mark's Gospel. Priests and deacons need formation as well as Lay Ministers! Next Liturgical year, starting at Advent, the Church focuses on the Gospel of Mark, and Fr Jeremy Corley presented a stimulating, exciting argument that Mark's Gospel is one seen through the eyes of St Peter, with important contributions from the women who followed Jesus in its final phases.

As well as Formation for clergy, there was discussion of formation for lay Readers and lay Ministers of the Eucharist, well formed by the Word of God which leads into Eucharist. The Advent and Lent Formation days Fr Patrick has established are initiatives which Bishop Philip congratulated him on during his Visitation last November. It is something he wants to continue and to be regarded as important by all our Lay Ministers in Tadley and Burghfield Common.

Concern was expressed by some clergy at the meeting that some Readers need support and that many are not aware of the context of Scripture they are reading, which demands prayer and study before the Sunday Liturgies.

One priest suggested that a Formal Ministry of Reader be established, involving proper study and preparation before that

ministry be exercised in a parish church. The Church of England has developed this idea considerably. Whilst this was not, at the present moment, a practical thing to develop, there needed to be commitment from our Lay Ministers in respect of the great privilege and importance of their ministries in our local communities.

OUR NEXT PARISH FORMATION FOR READERS & EUCHARIST MINISTERS WILL BE ON SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER. MORE INFO LATER.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTIONS

These will be taken at both our churches on the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December for Christmas flowers at our churches.

## MISSIO BOXES (TADLEY)

Thank you to all of you who have returned your boxes which have now been counted and await your collection from the back of the Church. Please if you have not returned your box leave it now until the next time. Thanks to your generosity we have paid £415.00 over to this charity plus a further £51.00 collected by our First Holy Communion candidates who collected for Missio, well done to all concerned. If you do not have a Red Box and would like one then let Gina Poulter know as they now have a new supply available.

## ADVENT—LAS POSADAS

Las Posadas (Spanish for "The Inns") commemorates the journey of Joseph and Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem, seeking a safe place for the birth of Jesus.

For the first time in St Michael's Church part of our Parish this will be celebrated during Advent.

So what is involved?

At the beginning of December a rota will be placed at the back of St Michael's Church covering 16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> December. This covers 9 nights, representative of Mary's 9 month pregnancy. By signing it, parishioners will be able to volunteer to host a simple service in their own homes over the 9 nights; one service in one home per night. Service sheets and advice will be provided.

The idea is that friends, family and neighbours are invited to your home on the applicable night for a simple service. Afterwards, hospitality may be offered (sandwiches, a light supper etc.) but this is not obligatory. Whom you invite is your choice, but this is an excellent opportunity for simple evangelising of neighbours and lapsed Catholics.

Pam and Tony Darroch have made available a fine representation of Joseph and a pregnant Mary on a donkey, which will travel from home to home according to the rota. If you have any questions about this, please contact Pam Darroch (0118) 091 1105.

## CONDOLENCES



The Funeral Mass for Joan Stone, formerly of our Burghfield Common community, is at 1:00pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at St Oswald's Church.

Maureen Atkinson of our Tadley Community asks that we pray for the Repose of the soul of Margaret Leahy, her aunt, who died on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Mai Robinson, who had links with St Oswald's Church, died on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, and prayers are asked for her soul. To all who are grieving the loss of loved ones, our sincere condolences.