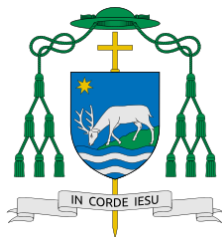


**NORTH WEST  
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**PASTORAL AREA**

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, but not on Saturdays 2nd December, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 and 30<sup>th</sup> December.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

11/12 Nov		£182.97
QTR DD	AUG	£2325.66
	SEP	£2207.00
	OCT	£2584.32

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

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**Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses**

<b>Sundays:</b>	6.00pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	<b>Tadley</b>
	9.15am	Sunday Parish Mass	<b>Tadley</b>
	11.15am	Sunday Parish Mass	<b>Burghfield Common</b>

**Week commencing 19 November 2017**

12noon Wed 22 Nov **Tadley**

*St Cecilia (Martyr) Memorial*

12noon Thu 23 Nov **Tadley**

*Feria*

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**Response to the Psalm:** O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**Next Sunday's Readings: (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—Year A)**

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17. Corinthians. 15:20-26.28. Matthew 25:31-46.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

This will take place on two Saturdays during Advent, they are 9th December (9.45am - 4.45pm) and 16th December (9.45am - 12.45pm).

A list will be available in the porch with vacant slots to be filled so please sign up with your name and phone number if you're able to commit for an hour. There has to be a minimum of two people present at all times for this to go ahead and the list is to ensure the minimum number of people will be present. It goes without saying that it's hoped there will be a lot more than just two people keeping Jesus company during those ten hours spread over two Saturdays, what a great way to prepare for His birthday!

Fr Patrick expresses his thanks to Bill Reilly for his work on this.

**CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER**

We are planning a Christmas afternoon tea in the Parish Room on the above date from 2.00-4.00pm. This will be for those living alone or unable to come to Mass or perhaps a lonely neighbour. It will be by invitation only as we have restricted space in the Parish Room. If there is someone that you would like to be invited then please contact Gina Poulter on 01256 541052. We will also be looking for volunteers to help by baking a cake, drivers to collect guests, helpers on the afternoon to set up, serve and clear up. So if you would be willing to help then please contact Gina on the above number.

## 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.

## 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.

## NIGHT LIGHT WINTER SHELTER

The Night Light Winter Shelter, offering friendship, a hot meal and shelter to the homeless rough sleepers in the coldest 3 months of the year is starting again in Basingstoke on 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Catholic community have been asked if they would like to manage and provide all the staffing for the Thursday night shelter at the URC at the top of town.

Those parishioners, who individually volunteered in 2016/17, found it so satisfying and rewarding that they have all readily agreed to participate again this year.

Could you help the underprivileged, by volunteering to get involved this year?

We need drivers, cooks, washers up, greeters, people for set up & break down, laundry, etc. Don’t worry if you cannot do a Thursday night, as there will be opportunities to get involved on other days. You do not have to commit to all 13 Thursdays. Full training will be given.

Our Parish Area is grateful to Tony Darroch for agreeing to be our link person for this important event. If you are interested in helping please contact him on (0118) 981 1105.

## ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

Alton Day of Renewal: 25<sup>th</sup> November. The guest speaker will be Kristina Cooper, on The Greatest Gift is Love. The address is Alton Convent School, Anstey Lane, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 2NG, Posters are up in our Churches. This will be the last Alton Day this year.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BURGHFIELD, SULHAMSTEAD AND MORTIMER (SECRETARY WANTED)

Do you have a heart for Christian Unity?

Are you prepared to volunteer your gifts, talents and time for the good of our local Christian Community, if so we are look-

ing for you! Whilst not a very onerous role, it is a very important one for Christian Unity. Typing and word processing skills will be needed. If this is something you feel you can offer please contact Dcn John Foley on (0118) 327 4120. Posters in our churches.

## JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

You will be welcome at the new venue of the Ambrose Allen Centre, Franklin Ave, Tadley at 12noon for coffee, drinks & biscuits when the festivities will begin. Afterwards enjoy the Christmas atmosphere in good company, with conversation and soft music as Christmas dinner is prepared, served and enjoyed! Then relax with an afternoon of fun, music and easy entertainment. There is no cost for this day. For more details please contact Mark and Julie on (0118) 970 1125.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASSES

17<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

09:15am

TADLEY

11:15am

BURGHFIELD COMMON

### BLESSING OF THE CRIB AT BOTH MASSES

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00pm Vigil Mass

TADLEY

24<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### CHRISTMAS EVE/ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

09:15am

TADLEY

11:15am

BURGHFIELD COMMON

### CHRISTMAS DAY/NATIVITY OF THE LORD

11:30pm

TADLEY

EVENING VIGIL SERVICE LEADING INTO MIDNIGHT MASS

09:15am

TADLEY

11:15am

BURGHFIELD COMMON

NO EVENING MASSES IN THE PARISH AREA ON CHRISTMAS DAY/NATIVITY OF THE LORD

30<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

6:00pm Vigil Mass

TADLEY

31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

### NEW YEARS EVE/ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

09:15am

TADLEY

11:15am

BURGHFIELD COMMON

01<sup>st</sup> January 2018

### NEW YEARS DAY/MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

11:00am

TADLEY

06<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6:00pm Vigil Mass

TADLEY

07<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD CELEBRATED AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES

09:15am

TADLEY

11:15am

BURGHFIELD COMMON