

**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 Saturdays 23rd December 2017 and 30th December.



**A HAPPY AND HOLY
CHRISTMAS AND A JOYFUL
2018 TO ALL OUR
PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH.
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.**

24th December 2017, 31st December 2017 & 7th January 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

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASSES

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

23rd December 2017 6:00pm Vigil Mass TADLEY

CHRISTMAS EVE/ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

24th December 2017 09:15am TADLEY
11:15am BURGFIELD COMMON

CHRISTMAS DAY/NATIVITY OF THE LORD

11:30pm TADLEY
EVENING VIGIL SERVICE LEADING INTO MIDNIGHT MASS
09:15am TADLEY
11:15am BURGFIELD COMMON

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

30th December 2017 6:00pm Vigil Mass TADLEY
31st December 2017 09:15am TADLEY
11:15am BURGFIELD COMMON

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

Response to the Psalm: He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

NEW YEARS DAY/MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

01st January 2018 11:00am TADLEY
Entrance Antiphon: Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.
Response to the Psalm: O God, be gracious and bless us.
Communion Antiphon: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

06th January 2018 6:00pm Vigil Mass TADLEY
07th January 2018 09:15am TADLEY
11:15am BURGFIELD COMMON

Vigil Mass only

Entrance Antiphon: Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Communion Antiphon: The brightness of God illuminated the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED & FR PATRICK NOT AVAILABLE

The Office closes from Tuesday 19th December to Thursday morning 4th January because Mrs Winsper will be attending her step-father's Funeral on Wednesday 20th December. From Christmas Day afternoon until the morning of Saturday 30th December Fr Patrick will not be available, taking a short break, using up unused holiday time, and taking the Funeral Service of Maria Smithers.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue 26th Dec—Fri 29th Dec No Weekday Masses

Week commencing 31 December 2017

12noon Wed 03 Jan Tadley
Christmastide Mass

Week commencing 07 January 2018

12noon Tue 09 Jan Tadley *Feria*

12noon Fri 12 Jan Tadley *Feria*

CHRISTMAS THANKS!

Fr Patrick expresses his thanks to those parishioners who have sent him cards and gifts and adds the thanks of Dcn Anthony for similar kindnesses. The Christmas Collections are traditionally given to your priest as part of his income, covering various costs in daily life. Fr Patrick is most grateful for the continuing generosity of the Parish each year.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

This year, with the encouragement of Bishop Philip, our parish will be donating all the Crib Offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. All the offerings will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, The West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and other initiatives. Friends of the Holy Land, a non political and ecumenical organisation, is to be responsible for forwarding the monies collected. For further information, please visit their website www.firendsoftheholylan.org.uk and remember to keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in prayer at this time and please be generous.

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 looking 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.

FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT

We welcome to our First Communion Preparation for 2018: Khaled, Kara, Adam and Oliver.
They will be enrolled for this Preparation at the 11:15am Mass at St Oswald's Church on Sunday, 7th January, when we celebrate The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.
Prayer cards for both our churches are being prepared by Tony Darroch, enabling both our communities to keep them in prayer in 2018. As a parish community, all are involved in this Preparation. All parishioners are called to engage in prayer for these youngsters and their families. Sacraments are not private matters.

NOT AVAILABLE!

Fr Patrick will be taking a Christmas break (belated) from Monday 29th January to Saturday 3rd February, and after the weekend Masses attending The Catholic Rural Conference in Preston the following week. This will be looking, amongst other things, at the impact upon our faming communities of our decision to leave the European Union. He will be available for Parish matters from Tuesday 13th February (Shrove Tuesday)

MARIA SMITHERS RIP

Maria's Funeral Service takes place at St Peter's Church, Tadley on Friday 29th December at 1:30pm. Our condolences to her husband Jim and all her family members.



ADMOREMUS

From 7th–9th September 2018 a Eucharistic Congress will be held in Liverpool, and Bishop Philip calls us to begin now to prepare for it. This is an opportunity for Catholics in England & Wales to enter more deeply into the Mystery of the Eucharist, which we celebrate every Sunday but often with half-heartedness and no real preparation. In Eucharist, Christ our Risen Lord is present; Heaven touches earth; we Sacramentally prepare for our Resurrection entering with Christ into His Death for the Salvation of the world.

Tickets for the Congress cost £40.00 if people wish to engage in the Theological Symposium on Friday 7th September, which is designed for catechists, RE teachers, seminaries, Lay Ministers of the Eucharist & Hospital & Prison Chaplains.

The charge for tickets on the main day, Saturday 8th September, is also £40.00, which includes a 6 hour programme of Mass, keynote speakers and drama highlighting the importance of reverence & devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

On Sunday 9th September, there will be a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Liverpool.

If you interested, please see the poster in our churches after Christmas/New Year.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN 2018

Churches Together Around Tadley has its Forum at 7pm for 7:30pm on Thursday 18th January at Tadley Common Methodist Church

The CTAT Unity Service is at 4pm on Sunday 28th January. Volunteers to assist at this Service are required—please contact Fr Patrick ASAP, otherwise he will have to ask people from our local churches to provide hospitality & support. The Service will be at St Michael's Church, Tadley.

Churches Together in Burghfield, Sulhamstead & Mortimer
The Unity Service takes place on Sunday 21st January at St Mary's Church, Burghfield Village at 6:30pm.

NATIVITY FESTIVAL

Congratulations to Tadley Common Methodist Church for a fine display of cribs, traditional and modern, over the weekend of 16/17th December.

Fr Patrick enjoyed visiting this event, at which he happened to meet Mrs Gregg from our Tadley community, who had arranged a splendid representation of the Lord's Birth in Stones! Stone stars, stone characters, and a stone crib with Jesus portrayed on one side & without Him, for Advent, on the other. This was a delightful modern crib, which Mrs Gregg explained to Fr Patrick. Our thanks to her for ensuring that we were represented at this event, which was arranged with great taste in the Methodist Chapel.

It was good to speak with Rev. Ruth & Sally, the Treasurer of Churches Together in Burghfield, Sulhamstead & Mortimer, who had come over because she had been told that it was a very good display. Whilst there, Fr Patrick was delighted to see a youngster, who had searched for the figures in the crib placed in local sites in Tadley, receive a prize for completing his Passport. Sadly, one of these figures disappeared from the Co-Op! However, the Lord comes to a broken & sinful world!

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Parish Finance Committee meets on Monday 15th January 2018 at 7:30pm in St Michael's Parish Room

ADORE—ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit, at Alton School, Antsey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG, on Saturday 27th January 2018. With a talk by Charles Whitehead on "The Good News of Jesus Christ" The message of Mission. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge for more information and directions, please see posters or the website: www.altonrenewal.com