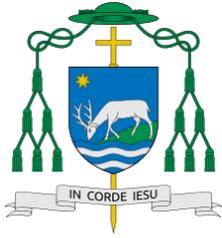


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ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,
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BURGHFIELD COMMON



**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 Saturday 13th May 2017.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

06/07 May £291.35
Clergy Training Fund £334.65

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
14TH MAY 2017**

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Tadley & 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 14 May 2017

12noon Mon 15 May **Tadley**

Easter Season Mass

12noon Tue 16 May **Tadley**

Easter Season Mass

12noon Fri 19 May **Tadley**

Dedication of the Cathedral (Feast)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me". Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings: (Sixth Sunday of Easter—Year A)

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17. St Peter 3:15-18. John 14:15-21.

BISHOP'S LETTER

This is read at all Masses this weekend. Although it is similar in parts to Fr Patrick's homily on Good Shepherd Sunday, and addresses issues on the forthcoming General Election which he has included in the Universal Prayer, he was not involved in its composition!! If any parishioners would like a copy for further reflection, please let Fr Patrick know.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Alessandro REPETTI, resident in Mortimer, wishes to marry Emma Ruth HAGAN according to the Rite of the Catholic Church. Any person who has reason to object to this marriage being solemnised for civil or ecclesiastical reasons is obliged to contact Fr Tansey as soon as possible.

BURGHFIELD MAY FAYRE—THANKS!

From Debbie Griffiths:

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed their time and energy to helping out at the refreshment tent on Sunday. It was lovely working with such willing and cheerful people.

A big thank you to everyone of you who kindly donated those lovely cakes. they were all so appreciated with a nice cup of tea! Each cake was a 'profit' and will boost the BRA coffers for sharing among local volunteer groups and charities. Thank you all very much.

BERNARD FISHER (RIP)

The Sunday Mass for the repose of Bernard's soul will be celebrated at St Michael's church at 9:15am on Sunday, 28th May (The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, transferred) Fr Patrick will preach at this Mass.

LOOKING FORWARD!

- * **First Communion Day:** This will be celebrated on Sunday 18th June, with Mass at 09:15am in St Michael's church, The Solemnity of Corpus Christi (Transferred). To facilitate a dignified non-rushed Liturgy, Fr Patrick has asked Fr Jim Keenan to celebrate the 11:15am Mass at St Oswald's church. This also enables him to spend time with the First Communion youngsters after the Mass. Parishioners are advised to take advantage of the other weekend Masses offered in the Parish as preference will be given to our First Communion children and their families. Next year the First Communion Mass will be at St Oswald, Burghfield Common following the end of the transition period.
- * **Convocation of the Clergy:** This takes place during most of the week of 12th June onwards, at Windsor, and all active priests are expected to attend. Fr Patrick will not be available from Monday 12th June to Saturday 17th June, also having the AGM of the Secular Clergy Common Fund in London.
- * **Wonersh visit & Ordinations:** During the following week Fr Patrick will be away at St John's Seminary, Wonersh for the St John's Association Meeting and for time with students for the priesthood at the Seminary. On Sunday 25th June he will be at Portsmouth Cathedral for the Ordinations of Deacons Ansel D'Mello & Robert Stewart to the priesthood. The Sunday Masses will be celebrated by Fr Jim Keenan.

DATE FOR YOU DIARY!

On Sunday 16th July, there will be a special First Communion Celebration for all our Parish candidates at St Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common, followed by a Parish Picnic for the Parish. More details to come.

PETITION REQUESTING THAT MARIE STOPES INTERNATIONAL BE STRIPPED OF ITS LICENCE TO CARRY OUT ABORTIONS

LIFE and SPUC have formed a united front to have Marie Stopes stripped of its abortion license following recent scandals. The country's second largest abortion provider, Marie Stopes is alleged to have approved thousands of abortions without meeting many women involved, and with some discussions lasting as little as 22 seconds, e.g. The Daily Mail (06.03.17).

The organisation has also been investigated by the Care Quality Commission, which made serious criticisms of its operations. Marie Stopes had to suspend abortions when the Commission found that women were being put at risk because of lack of trained staff and by failing to obtain proper consent from women. The Commission also criticised the disposal of the bodies of aborted babies in open bins. Copies of the Petition are available in our Churches for signing as soon as possible. The Petition closes on 30th June 2017.

LARGE PRINT NEWSLETTER?

If you require a Large Print Newsletter, this can be sent in future by Email if you or a member of your family contact Mrs. Winsper. Please address this matter before the end of June to enable the Parish Office to assess any possible demand.

CTAT 48 HOURS OF PRAYER

Throughout the Christian communities in Hampshire, and in some outside the county, we are now approaching the lurch of Who Cares? Hampshire. This is an attempt, in Christ Love, to seek out in our communities that which is hurting people most—marriage breakdown, various addictions, loneliness et al—and to try to address these

hurts as communities. To do so without prayers will lead to total failure—we are seeking God's response to these hurts, not engaging in a social project!

CTAT, which is fully engaged in this enterprise, is organising 48 hours of prayer at St Paul's Church on The Green, from 12noon 1st June to 12noon 3rd June. Our local churches are asked to be actively involved in taking hourly slots. It would be good to see our Parish Cell Groups, Mother's Prayer, Covenant to the People and others taking slots. A list is available in Tadley for signing over the next two weeks. Do you care?

Each hour requires an owner who will be responsible for security and leaving the space as it was found. Each owner hands the key to the next owner.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 24 June 2017** at 11 am. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Diocesan website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, or please contact Liz Murphy at St Bede's Parish office on 01256 465214. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form, or by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope 'Significant Wedding Mass'

CHRISTIAN AID FAYRE

CHRISTIAN AID FAYRE - SATURDAY 20 MAY, 1:00pm-4:00pm. Please put this date in your diaries! We are requesting donations of cuddly toys, paperback books, CDs/DVDs (no videos please), bric-a-brac/collectibles, jewellery, sweets, tombola prizes, toys in good condition and plants. We will also be asking for people to help before and at the event. Finally, if you or someone you know wants a stall, that may be possible. Any questions, please contact Tina van Ewyk on 07738-282-574.

THE HOLY PLACES OBLIGATORY COLLECTION

This will be taken at St Oswald's church this weekend as it was not taken at the Good Friday Service there.

What's on...

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

Alton Day of Renewal continues on Saturday 20 May. The guest speaker will be John Vaughan-Neil, on "The gift of Tongue & Interpretation". We are delighted that we are once again back at Alton Convent School, where we started 42 years ago. This venue is more easily accessible than Medstead: The address is Alton Convent School, Anstey Lane, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 2NG.

ROSARY GROUP

This is held every Wednesday 6pm-6:45pm in the homes of group members. Please contact Lin Foley (0118) 962 910 for further Information.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUPS

Two Tadley groups for an hour: call Joy on 0118 981 3784 for Thursday afternoon at 3pm weekly or Pauline on 0118 981 1247 for a fortnightly Wednesday evening group.

WARNING TO PARENTS!

Please ensure that your children do not walk on the wall of the car park area at St Michael's Church, Tadley. The Parish and Diocese will not accept any responsibility for injuries resulting from neglect of the above warning, and advises those using the car park to note the area indicated by cones as unstable.