

**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 3321.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
06th MAY 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

Week commencing 06 May 2018

10:00am	Thu 10 May	Burghfield Common <i>The Ascension of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation)</i>
7:30pm	Thu 10 May	Tadley <i>The Ascension of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation)</i>
12:00noon	Fri 11 May	Tadley <i>Easter Mass</i>

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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

Apostles 1:15-17. 20-26. John 4:11-16. John 17:11-19.

FIRST COMMUNION DAY, SUNDAY 3rd JUNE

This will be celebrated at St Oswald's Church this year, as the Mass of the Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Fr Patrick thanks Fr Jim Keenan for celebrating the 9:15am Mass that Sunday at Tadley, enabling Fr Patrick and our Catechists to prepare without rush for the celebration.

There is NO children's Liturgy of the Word that Sunday, all our young people coming together to be with our youngsters from Burghfield Common and Tadley. The Mass will be organised by our First Communion Catechists, with Fr Patrick.

The community at St Oswald's Church is asked to prepare a special Reception afterwards for our young people and their families before they go to their particular celebrations. It is also hoped that members of Burghfield Common will make an effort to support them on this Sunday.

There is a need for someone from the St Oswald's community to volunteer to take photographs of groups after the Mass, as is the custom in Tadley. Any volunteers? Please contact Fr Patrick as soon as possible. Our congratulations to those youngsters who made their First Confessions at Tadley last Saturday.

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

There is an Obligatory Second Collection for Catholic Communications this weekend, and cards are available in our churches.

CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY SERVICE FOR OUR DEAD

This takes place on Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm in Tadley Common Methodist Church, transferred from March because of the bad weather.

DBS CHECKED CHILDREN'S LITURGY!

Fr Patrick, as obliged to do so, regularly points out at Tadley and Burghfield Common the need for TWO Diocesan DBS checked persons to be available at every Sunday Liturgy involving children. Some parishioners think this an optional extra—IT IS NOT! No Liturgy is permitted without two properly checked Diocesan DBS persons.

Failure to comply with this means that should there be an accident, or accusation of any of any form of abuse, involving organisers of a Liturgy, the Diocese is unable to protect them against legal sanctions or even imprisonment as they have acted contrary to Safeguarding/Vulnerable adults protocols. A Diocesan DBS has to be obtained through Parish Safeguarding Representatives before any persons act in this role.

GDPR IS COMING!

On Friday 25th May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) becomes UK Law. This EU legislation applies to all current member states and replaces the UK Data Protection Act. All need to be aware of this legislation, and Fr Patrick, Dcn Anthony and Mrs Winsper have attended a Diocesan Training Programme, receiving Certificates of GDPR Training.

We are obliged under the legislation to respect the wishes of any parishioners who desire to be 'forgotten'. However, there are certain circumstances where, under the legislation this may not be possible. If a parishioner wishes to be 'forgotten' it is necessary to contact personally Mrs Winsper in the Parish Office. Parishioners are advised in so far as their personal circumstances are concerned in respect of data to study the legislation.

The Diocese is ensuring that all our parishes will be compliant when the legislation comes in to force.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BURGHFIELD, SULHAMSTEAD AND MORTIMER

There is a Service at St Mary's Church, Burghfield, at 7:30pm on Wednesday 16th May for all our local churches. This is to enable us to join the time prayer from Ascension to Pentecost which the Anglican Archbishops have called for over the last couple of years and is supported by our Catholic and Methodist Churches.

Booklets for the days of prayer before Pentecost are available in St Oswald's Church this weekend. We have decided to use those provided by the Methodist Church—find time to use them, please!

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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 30th June 2018**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, Or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively scan and send via email to above email address. Again if you have no access to the internet you can post a **COPY** along with completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass

SHARE THE JOURNEY—A CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES

Responding to Pope Francis's and Caritas Internationalis call to "Share the Journey", CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth are co-sponsoring a conference on refugees on the 12th May in St Edward the Confessor Church in Chandlers Ford. The conference will also be entitled "Share the Journey" so come along and see what we can practically do as a diocese to assist refugees including coming

together as parishes to sponsor and house refugee families. More information and registration at <https://goo.gl/22tgLY> or contact kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

MISSIO REPORT

Congratulations to parishioners in Tadley who raised £1,175.82p through the Red Boxes during 2017, and to Geoff and Gina Poulter for their work. They would be grateful if people in Tadley would start returning their boxes for counting of new sums over the next few weeks.

Our thanks also to Andy and Sarah Hunneman for their work at St Oswald's Church in respect of the collection of boxes, which they requested some time ago. They make a final appeal for any unreturned boxes as soon as possible to complete their present count.

ROSARY ON THE COAST REPORT

Martin Kucharick from our St Oswald's community writes about this event, which took place last Sunday and which he organised support for in our Parish Area:

"I would like to thank all people from our parish for joining this wonderful event. We went to Hot Walls in Portsmouth where we met two other groups—local one and one from Basingstoke, who kindly provided bus travel for some of our parishioners. We spent approximately one hour or so at the coast praying and singing various Catholic songs...it was quite chilly... it was still wonderful and a fantastic event, probably the best one in this year... just to mention one interesting thing, while we were praying the huge ship with the name Saint Faith passed near us, how amazing is that". Martin hopes to plan similar pilgrimages this year, so watch out for announcements. If anybody is interested in digital format photos, please Email him on Mato.kc@gmail.com. He expresses his thanks for the support received from Fr Patrick, who appreciates this. However, he feels a sincere 'Thank you' should go to Martin and to the lay people in Basingstoke who organised our local involvement. It was a lay initiative for England, Wales and Scotland, to which bishops and priests gave their support.

KINGSCLERE ORGAN

Kingsclere is still an important part of our Parish Area, and Fr Patrick values the continued support of the small but loyal Catholic community there since the closure of their Chapel for Health and Safety reasons a few years ago.

A reminder of that part of our Parish is the Kingsclere organ awaiting refurbishment in St Michael's Church and used for Masses and funerals.

On Friday 27th April, through the good offices of Sarah Davis, Fr Patrick met with Dr John Rowntree, who is responsible for Liturgical Music at Douai Abbey and has been of great assistance with removal of the organ to Tadley and initial enquiries about necessary work.

They discussed the Report from Griffiths and Company (Organ Builders) Ltd and the possibility of obtaining a grant for necessary work, the organ being Grade II listed. Mr Griffiths reports that the organ plays reasonably well, but needs a new pedalboard, as woodworm damage was so extensive following removal from Kingsclere that it was not useable. However, he states: This is a fine little instrument which, if properly restored, will give good service almost indefinitely. It is worth preserving for future generations.

Our Diocesan authorities have told Fr Patrick that it is part of the Patrimony of the Diocese and should not be disposed of. Initial costings for refurbishment come to approximately £12,668 plus Vat, although there would be a further cost for work on the casework of the instrument, not yet certain. At the Parish Finance Meeting that evening, members from both our communities supported refurbishment, especially as the old Kingsclere Chapel has been sold and it would be appropriate to use some of the money in respect of the Kingsclere organ.

Fr Patrick hopes that this will be completed by September 2019, when we celebrate 60 years of St Michael's Church, accompanied by recitals open to the public. Refurbishment will take around 3 months involving removal of the organ to the builders workshop.