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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 Gerry Penfold on (0118) 9811247.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church from 5:00pm to 5:30pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

29/09/19	£333.14
06/10/19	£236.61
20/10/19	£218.48

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

CAFOD FFD	£402.08
World Missions	£435.62

**THIRTIETH & THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAYS IN
ORDINARY TIME**

27th OCTOBER 2019 & 03rd NOVEMBER

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Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

6:00pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Tadley
10:30am	Sunday Parish Mass	Tadley

Week Days 28 October - 01 November 2019

12:00Noon	Mon 28 Oct	Tadley	<i>Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast)</i>
10:00am	Fri 01 Nov	Tadley	<i>All Saints Day (Holyday of Obligation)</i>
7:30pm	Fri 01 Nov	Tadley	<i>All Saints Day (Holyday of Obligation)</i>

Week Days 03 November - 09 November

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm: This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Next Sundays Readings (Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Wisdom 11:22-12:2. Thessalonians 1:11-2:2. Luke 19:1-10.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: I will bless your name for ever, O God my king.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Next Sundays Readings (Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14. Thessalonians 2:16-3:5. Luke 20:27-38.

60th ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

Our celebration went extremely well, with a splendid Mass of Thanksgiving in honour of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, and a magnificent three course lunch. Councillor Jo Page enjoyed the event immensely, and the Abbot of Douai has written to say he appreciated the day. Fr Tony Pennicott, in addition to donating some fine paintings to the Presbytery, sent a cheque of £50.00 for the event. Donations to the lunch came to £631.44. Our thanks to Peter Hughes for his photography, which featured on the Diocesan E-News and in the local Newbury and Basingstoke papers. Well done everyone!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

As per tradition, there will be only ONE Parish Mass on Sunday 10th November at 11:00am for our War Dead. This will be at St Michael's Church, Tadley, due to the on-going heating issues at Burghfield Common. The Saturday Evening Vigil Mass is at 6:00pm.

BAMENDA SPECIAL COLLECTION

BAMENDA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND (2nd/3rd Nov.). Every year we have a **Special Collection** to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. *Please ensure you see a copy of the Bamenda Newsletter* to understand the mutual benefits of our twinned relationship and how much your help is needed in these troubled times. Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers that weekend and be as generous as you can in your donation for the projects we support in our troubled twinned diocese in Cameroon. For an update please see your copy of the **Bamenda Newsletter** or visit our website: www.bamendaandportsmouth.com

CONFIRMATIONS 2019/2020

Applications for the Preparation are open until the end of October. If any young parishioner is interested please arrange with your parents to speak with Fr Patrick or Mary Lee as soon as possible.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS THIS SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER AT 2:00AM.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office is closed from Monday 28th October 2019 to Tuesday 05th November due to the school Half Term. Should you wish to speak with Fr Patrick, please telephone as Emails will not be addressed during this time. Fr Patrick is generally not available in the period 4th November to 8th November because of various local engagements.

ADVENT DAY FOR PARISH LAY MINISTERS, CATECHISTS AND MUSICIANS: This takes place in St Michael's Parish Room on Saturday 30th November from 09:30am to 12:00noon. All should attend this day for Formation.

MARIA MURRAY-BROWN THANKS!

I would like to thank the Parish for a truly wonderful occasion when they came to celebrate Mass and say goodbye to me officially. A special thanks to the people who looked after the catering and cleared away. I am especially grateful to Francis Brookes for his excellent organ playing and to the choir who led with fine singing. A big thank you to all those parishioners who made the evening such a joyous occasion. My husband Colin and I miss the parish very much. The parishioners' good wishes affected us deeply. And last but not least, a big thank you to Father Patrick whose idea it was to hold the Mass and celebration afterwards. He and everyone made it a memorable occasion. Colin and I feel privileged and blessed to have been a part of the Tadley community. God bless you all.

BRENDA O'DONOVAN IS DOING WELL!

It came as a great shock to learn at the end of last week that Brenda O'Donovan had been taken from Basingstoke Hospital to Winchester Hospital with a suspected stroke.

On Tuesday 22nd October her daughter Natalie called to see Fr Patrick at the Presbytery to update him on the situation.

Remarkably Brenda is now back in Tadley with her other daughter, having begun a remarkable recovery which has surprised medical staff. Natalie told Fr Patrick that Brenda felt that she was not alone during this difficult period, and is grateful for our prayers.

However, it will take several weeks for her to recover properly from the stroke, so please continue the prayers.

Her big concern during a confused few days was that the roses she had started to plant in the Presbytery grounds be cared for! Natalie and her husband will ensure that this is done—until Brenda returns to continue her dedicated work in keeping our Tadley grounds a welcoming place worthy of the presence of the Lord.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS!

This year we are knitting sheep for the children of Tadley .

If you can help please contact Pauline Penfold - it's a very easy pattern, or if you would like company whilst knitting then there is a knitting group get together at Main Road Methodist church every Wednesday from 2-4pm.

The final date for handing in the knitted strips is 14th November and for the completed sheep is 1st December.

We already have 1400 sheep completed and aim to have 2000!

PILGRIMAGE REFLECTIONS

Last Sunday Fr Patrick thanked Bill and Joy Reilly at our 10:30am Mass in Tadley for organising an "amazing" Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in early October. Bill and Joy have already thanked St Peter's Pilgrimages for its first-class organisation of this spiritual journey and its representative Suu, a delightful lady. There are many remarkable aspects of this Pilgrimage, and Fr Patrick offers a few of

his own memories:

The group stayed for the first three nights in Nazareth, which is part of Israel, but consists of a majority Christian population alongside a large Muslim one. Looking out from his hotel balcony, Fr Patrick reflected often on the presence of the Church of the Annunciation on the hillside, slightly below which was a fine Islamic minaret. During the day one could hear the call of the Muezzin for Muslims to pray, whilst the bells of the church rang out calling Christians to worship. Two great religions side by side—even though the calls to prayer could interrupt sleep! Our main guide was a Christian and our coach driver Muslim.

Celebration of Mass on the Mount of the Beatitudes on the Sunday after we arrived was a special moment for many. When we arrived the area was full of pilgrims and of Masses being celebrated in the outside chapels on the Mount. We were the last group to leave, and a great and pleasing silence had descended upon the area, enabling us to look across the countryside, reflecting as we wished. The trip on the Sea of Galilee was memorable, where Jesus stilled the storm and walked on the water. It was a calm day for us, where the sailors raised the Union Flag and played the National Anthem. What the two likeable Americans who were with us thought I do not know!

Three nights were spent in Bethlehem, with visits back and forth through Israeli check points as Bethlehem is not part of Israel. Part of the Pilgrimage was a growing understanding of the divisions in the Holy Land and the diminishing number of Christians living there because of these. There is a real need for us to support our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, especially with our Crib Collections at Christmas.

The visit to the Qumran archaeological site, where the Dead Scrolls were discovered, was fascinating. There we joined an American group—a lady from Alabama loved Fr Patrick's accent! - led by a first-class Israeli guide. Our Renewal of Baptismal Promises at the River Jordan also took place in similar intense heat.

We queued for over two hours to visit the site of the Birth of the Lord in Bethlehem, with good humour and keeping our line to stop others pushing in! Particularly impressive was the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration dedicated by Pope Benedict XVI where people were praying constantly for peace.

(To be continued)...

Fr Patrick expresses his thanks to Denis Murtagh for gifting him a fine modern guide: The Holy Land by John A. Beck.

FELLOW HOLY LAND PILGRIMS

Thank you all for your kindnesses and physical help to me. You made my journey to such a holy and special place all that more special for me. God Bless. **Helen Warner**.

COATS4CALAIS

Each year Coats4Calais provides warm clothing for the refugees in Calais throughout the winter months. This is an opportunity for you to clear your wardrobes of your unwanted coats, jackets, scarves, hats and gloves. Joe Shevlin will be collecting your donated items between 14th November and 15th December. Your donations will be very much appreciated. Please contact Joe on: **07881781407** to arrange the drop-off point for the items. More information about this project may be found on the following link: care4calais.org/#coats4calais. Many thanks

CAR PARKING BY THE POST OFFICE AND SHOPS

Fr Patrick has been asked to request that parishioners do not take spaces directly in front of the Post Office and shops across the road during Mass times. If you are unable to find a space in the church carpark, please park on the area away from the shops, enabling shoppers to use the spaces for the shops.

Fr Patrick is surprised to learn that one person was rude when requested to park further away from the Post Office. This has happened before and does not reflect well upon a Christian community gathering for the celebration of Mass!