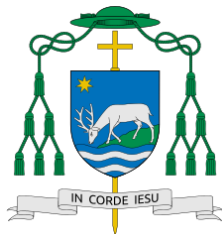


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SERVING THE PARISHES OF
ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,
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BURGHFIELD COMMON



**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 Gerry Penfold on (0118) 981 1247.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

26.01.20 **£259.96**
02.02.20 **£299.46**

CATHEDRAL COLLECTION:

26.01.20 **£283.32**

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5 FEBRUARY 2020

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16 FEBRUARY 2020

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23 FEBRUARY 2020

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Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

6:00 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Tadley
09.15 am	Sunday Parish Mass	Tadley
11.15 am	Sunday Parish Mass	Burghfield Common

Week Days 10—14 February 2020

NO MASSES

Week Days 17—21 February 2020

12:00 noon	Weds 19 Feb	Tadley Mass	Feria
12.00 noon	Thurs 20 Feb	Tadley Mass	Feria

Week Days 24—28 February 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00 am	Wed 26 Feb	Burghfield Common Mass
7.30 pm	Wed 26 Feb	Tadley Mass

Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence

12 noon	Fri 28 Feb	Tadley	Lent Mass
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

Next Sunday's Reading (The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20, St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10, Mathew 5:17-37

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm: They are happy who follow God's law!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

Next Sunday's Reading (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18, St Paul 3:16-23, Matthew 5:38-48

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

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

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Next Sunday's Reading (First Sunday of Lent)

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7, St Paul 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on the following days: 13th, 14th and 17th February, and, as normal, over the weekend. Father Patrick is not available during the week 10th-14th February as he is away at a meeting of The Secular Clergy Common Fund and at a Diocesan Conference on Challenges To Pastoral Ministry, of which there are many! Please keep Bishop Philip and the Priests and Deacons at the Conference in your prayers.

FAREWELL TO HARRY RUSSELL

Fr Patrick was saddened to receive a letter from Harry saying that he has decided to move on from St Oswald's Church, to serve a larger congregation elsewhere. Harry has provided splendid music over the years, music which has enhanced the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. Fr Patrick has written to thank him for his dedicated service and wishes him and Diana all the best.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This is kept in England and Wales on Sunday 9th February, and celebrates the contribution of the Travelling Communities to the Church. It gives us the opportunity to consider the discrimination practiced by many towards these communities and towards Gypsies and the Roma People. There are cards available in our churches.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE—'FOLLOW ME'

Roy Singh hopes to lead this Course as part of The Year of The Word, engaging with our Diocesan input. The course is centered on meeting Jesus in the Gospel of St John and will be held in The Leonard Rooms, Burghfield Common, on some Mondays and Fridays from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm, starting Friday 21st February. There are lists available in our churches for interested parishioners to sign, advising of the following course dates. We MUST have the names of all those willing to engage by Sunday 16th February. The Diocese is providing resources, but there will be a £15.00 charge per course book. Please contact Roy Singh for all enquiries: roymsonline@gmail.com

THE SEASON OF LENT

It is now time for people to prepare for Lent, considering what extra time they will be giving to God during this sacred season. We are in the Year of The Word, so extra reading and reflection on The Scriptures should be a priority. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence in the Catholic Church.

Abstinence binds all who have completed their 14th year not to eat meat on days of abstinence, and every Friday is such a day in honour of the death of Jesus. If a Solemnity or Holy Day should fall on a Friday, abstinence does not apply.

Fasting applies to all who are 18 years of age until their 60th year. One full meal and two small snacks are permitted on Fasting Days. Those with serious health issues are obviously exempt from fasting.

DAY OF REPARATION FOR SEXUAL ABUSE

Bishop Philip has declared The First Sunday of Lent this year as a time of prayer and reparation for the sins of sexual abuse committed by members of the Church. We are called to ask for God's forgiveness for this crime in His Church and to prayer for God's healing of those who have been abused. Reparation involves us making amends for offences committed by others in the Church and also recognising our need for forgiveness in our Christian lives.

As part of this Diocesan Reparation there will be Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 11.30 am to 12 noon in St Michael's Church on Sunday 1st March. This is to enable people to attend the Coffee Morning after 9.15 am Mass and to finish coffee around 11.20am so that there will be quiet for Exposition. Hopefully, those at the Coffee Morning will attend as part of our Reparation. Father Patrick is grateful to Deacon Tony Darroch for leading this time of prayer, as Father Patrick will be celebrating Mass at St Oswald's Church during this time. He will be preaching at all Masses on 1st March.

Bishop Philip asks that as many as possible join him in Portsmouth Cathedral that afternoon, with Fr Dominic Allain, of the organisation From Grief to Grace, whose posters are in our churches. More details to follow from Bishop Philip.

LENT MEETING FOR MINISTERS AT OUR CHURCHES

This will take place in the Parish Room at Tadley on Saturday 21st March, from 10.00-12 noon, with refreshments at 9.30 am. All in Parish Ministry should attend this time of prayer and reflection in preparation for their Easter Ministries. Please let Pam Darroch know that you will attend as soon as possible.

CAFOD VOLUNTARY FAST DAY

The Fast Day for Lent falls on Friday 6th March. Monies saved by fasting or giving up some food or other item for that day will be collected at Masses on 7th-8th March. Envelopes should only be used if you are 'Gift Aiding'. A short talk, at the end of each of our Masses on Saturday 29th February/ 1st March, will be given before the Final Blessing. Thanks to Anne Reilly for organising the speakers.

CAFOD MEETING

There is an up-date meeting by CAFOD (Portsmouth) at St Bede's Church on Saturday 15 February from 10.15 am – 12.15 pm. Lizie Funnell (Programme Officer for the Middle East) will be speaking. All welcome, and please indicate your attendance by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or by calling 01252 329385

LENT BAMENDA SOUP LUNCH

This takes place in the Parish Room from 12 noon to 2.00 pm Saturday 29th February, with delicious home made soups. The monies raised will go towards supporting the work of the Church of Bamenda in assisting those who are being displaced and terrorised by the civil unrest there. There is no need to sign up in advance for this. Our thanks to Anne Reilly for coordinating this on behalf The Archangels Group.

RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

On 29th March at 12 noon throughout England the Re-Dedication is to take place. There will be available, from Sunday 16th February, copies of the 33 Day Retreat leading to the Annunciation of the Lord on 25th March., for those preparing for this event.

Should you wish to make the entire Retreat it starts on 21st February, ending on The Annunciation. Our thanks to Roy Singh for bringing the copies for our communities from the Cathedral when the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham was there in 2019.

INSIGHT TADLEY

Thanks have been sent by Brita Coleman for St Michael's Church hosting the recent appeal for help. Thanks also to the parishioners who have volunteered to help in Tadley. The Caritas Team still need more helpers on Thursdays lunchtimes at The Ambrose Allen Centre. Help with transport is required. One guest who wants to come every Thursday has no means to get there.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact Brita at Caritas on mikejcoleman@hotmail.com (if you gave your name to the Caritas Team after the appeal and have not been contacted, please email asap). There will be a fundraising meal on Saturday 14 March at 7.30pm at The Bolton Arms, Old Basing, for local supporters. The owner is providing a 3 course meal for £25.00 per person, with £12.50 being donated to Caritas funds. (20 tickets are allocated to our Parish) Please email Brita asap for either tickets or to donate prizes for a mini auction.

THE HAPPINESS LAB

The Lab begins again on Thursday 27th February at 7.30 pm in The Salvation Army Community Hall, Mulfords Hill, Tadley. Details on the poster in St Michael's Church.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This will be held at St Mary's Anglican Church Tadley at 2.00 pm on Friday 6th March. ALL WELCOME.

INVITATION TO CULTURAL MASS FOR NIGERIANS

Bishop Philip and the Nigerian Catholic Priests, Religious and Laity in Portsmouth Diocese invite everyone to a Thanksgiving Eucharistic Liturgy. This will take place on Sunday, 23rd February 2020, at 3.00 pm at St John's Cathedral. Refreshments will follow immediately after the Mass in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. If you are attending or you wish to make further enquiries, please contact the main event organiser, Fr Daniel Agber, at nigeriansinportsmouthdiocese@gmail.com or call him: 07424 426845 or 07778 866137.