

## 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**

### St Michael's Church

Bishopswood Road, Tadley  
RG26 4HG

### St Oswald's Church

Abbey Park, Burghfield Common,  
RG7 3HQ

### Parish Priest:

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Kathryn Garden

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### Parish Office hours:

**9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday to Friday**

### Covenant to the People

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Gerry Penfold on 0118 9811247 during July.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on request at the present time in the Parish Room at Tadley. Please book with Father Patrick by telephone.

## NEWSLETTER

### FOURTEENTH & FIFTEENTH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

**3rd & 10th JULY 2022**

### Tadley, Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

6:00 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Tadley
9:00 am	Sunday Parish Mass	Tadley
11:00 am	Sunday Parish Mass	Burghfield Common

#### **Weekday Mass:**

Fri 15 July	11:00am	Mass	Tadley
<i>Feast of Saint Swithun</i>			

In consideration of others, please wear a face mask and sanitise when entering our churches. Those who wish to be seated in the socially distanced area please telephone or email to advise if attending. Please do not come to church if you have any symptoms of a viral infection.

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### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

### Following Sunday's Readings (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 18:1-10 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42.

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### MASS ATTENDANCE

25th/26th June:

Tadley 6pm: 25 9am: 37 Burghfield Common 11am: 22

## NO 6:00PM MASS ON SATURDAY 16TH JULY

On 16th July I shall be attending the Ordination of Deacon James Lewis to the Priesthood at our Cathedral in Portsmouth. He has invited me to the Reception afterwards, so I shall not be rushing back to Tadley after the Mass. So please note that there is no Saturday evening Mass that day.

*Father Patrick*

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## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Kathryn will be on holiday next week and the Parish Office will be closed from 2:30pm on Friday 1st July until 9:30am on Tuesday 12th July. During this time emails will not be addressed. If a matter is urgent you can contact Father Patrick by telephone and leave a voicemail for him and he will endeavour to respond when he is able.

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## A COMMON SENSE VOTE BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

On Friday 24th June the United States Supreme Court, as was expected, by six votes to three, overturned the Roe versus Wade ruling which had permitted abortion on demand up to the moment of birth across the US for almost 50 years. It is a shocking fact that our abortion law allows the destruction of unborn life up to the moment of birth in cases of disability, including a cleft palate and Downs Syndrome. Is this not discrimination against the disabled?

A baby's heartbeat is present from 22 days after fertilisation, spontaneous movement begins from 6-7 weeks in the womb; at 8 weeks the baby has fingers, toes, a working digestive system and 90 per cent of the body parts have formed. It is an absurdity medically and morally to claim that an unborn child only becomes human at the moment of birth, as some do.

It was sad to see President Biden condemning the vote and hoping to return to the previous situation as soon as possible, and our own Prime Minister stating his displeasure over it. For many, abortion has become a human right. This is strangely the stance of Amnesty International, which does excellent work to support prisoners of conscience, and owes its origin to a Catholic.

Recently the Commission representing the European Union's Catholic Bishops denounced a resolution of the European Parliament declaring abortion a 'fundamental right' and urging the US not to introduce restrictions on it as happened last Friday. The Bishops declared: 'There is no recognised right to abortion in European or international law'.

In fact, the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights actually guarantees the right to life, and the Catholic position that it is to be respected from the moment of conception to natural death merely accords with this Declaration's original intent after the Second World War.

The fallout from the Supreme Court ruling was covered in detail by the BBC News Channel which, at first, seemed to lose its direction, even suggesting bias in fa-

our of Roe versus Wade in interviewing so many of its supporters. However, when adequate time was given to pro-life women in favour of the Supreme Court decision, there developed a very balanced debate, especially from two women who had had abortions.

They made it clear that abortion had not been banned in the United States, but its legislation had been returned to the States of the Union, over 20 of which appear to want restriction on the time limit. Mississippi had brought the matter before the Court to uphold its law on a 15 week limit, leading to the vote.

And they stressed that two lives were involved in any abortion, namely the unborn child and the woman carrying that life. The pro-life movement in the US is also concerned about protection for both mother and child. There are thousands of pro-life pregnancy centres and maternity homes across the US, enabling women to turn away from abortion if given adequate support and care. Is not this more positive than saying abortion is the only answer, as it can, even if legal, lead to the death or ill-health of the mother or mental problems in coming years. This area of the debate seems to be given little attention.

*Father Patrick*

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## A FINE FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

As mentioned in last weekend's Newsletter, our First Communion Mass in Saint Michael's Church on 12th June went exceptionally well. Our thanks to Jenny Seaborn for the photograph of the youngsters with me after the Mass. Sadly there is no room for the others sent to the Office to be published, but thank you for sending them and I enjoyed seeing them.

## AND AN 'AFRICAN' BAPTISM CELEBRATION

Nathan Chege's Baptism last weekend had an African atmosphere to it, which I enjoyed immensely. Joyce, his mother, is from Kenya and regularly attends Mass at Saint Michael's Church.

She asked Toni Bates to provide music for the celebration and asked if there might be an African presentation of gifts to me before the Final Blessing. The photograph shows two first class chateau-bottled Medoc wines, a magnificent watermelon, delicious grapes and fruit juice. These were brought to the sanctuary with dancing and song in Swahili, and left before the altar. Helen Warner



and Jenny Seaborn had been invited to the Baptism and found it uplifting.  
*Father Patrick*



### SECOND COLLECTION (APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA)

Our Second Collection on Sea Sunday, **9th/10th July**, is for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's maritime charity. Seafarers lead hard and dangerous lives. This Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishers get the support they need. Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers are working in ports up and down this country, and across the world: but they cannot do it without your support. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate here:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/apostleship-of-the-sea>

Support for this appeal over the course of the last year raised £13,636.71 across the Diocese in 2020-21!

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### TEA PARTY AFTER 11:00AM MASS

Don't forget, there is a Farewell Tea Party for the Kucharcik Family and Aggie Michalec after the 11:00am Mass at Burghfield Common this Sunday, **3rd July**, for both our communities, to which all are welcome.



### GET WELL THERESA

As you may know, Theresa Zajac, a Kingsclere parishioner, has been very unwell recently. With Theresa's birthday coming up soon, Sue Tull has thoughtfully provided a birthday card for those at Saint Michael's Masses this weekend to sign. Hopefully this may cheer her up as she recovers.

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### TADLEY REMEMBERS

Churches Together around Tadley (CTAT) Memorial Service to remember and give thanks for the lives of those who we have loved and lost takes place this Sun-

day, **3rd July** at 3pm at Tadley Cemetery, Church Road, Tadley RG26 3AU.

The service will be held in the cemetery grounds and you are welcome to bring a chair if you would prefer to sit. If the weather is poor, we will move inside Saint Peter's Church.

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### NEWS ON CARITAS 'HOMES WITHOUT BORDERS' APPEAL

Sadly, the Caritas Homes without Borders for Refugees (Basingstoke) appeal has been unable to proceed. If you gave money to the appeal, you are entitled to claim it back: please see the notice displayed in our Churches.

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### A WELCOME VISIT

On Monday afternoon, 27th June, Father Patrick was visited by the new Abbot of Douai, the Right Reverend Dom Paul Gunter. He thanked Father Patrick for the welcome to him in a recent Newsletter and asked that parishioners be thanked for their prayers as he takes on this new ministry at the Abbey.

They spent some time chatting about our Parish links with Douai and about priests he had known, in particular Father Roger Hendry who was Parish Priest in Tadley some years ago. Also about the Advent and Lent Days for diocesan clergy which Father Patrick attended regularly before the pandemic.

It was an engaging discussion and both looked forward to meeting again in the not too distant future.



### HONG KONG 25 YEARS ON

In our prayers this weekend should be Hong Kong, especially those imprisoned or on bail since the Chinese Government's introduction of harsh legislation in contravention of the agreement signed with the United Kingdom 25 years ago. This agreement guaranteed significant freedoms to the people for 50 years when the former colony came under China's rule on 1st July 1997.

Remember Cardinal Joseph Zen, 90 years of age, who goes on trial on 19th September, charged with failing to register a pro-democracy association. Following his court

appearance on 24th May, his live-streamed Mass was viewed by thousands. At it he declared "Martyrdom is normal in our Church".

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## CLERGY MEETING ON OUR DIOCESAN TEN YEAR PLAN

Bishop Philip has called the clergy together for a meeting near Southampton on Wednesday 13th July for an update on the initial phase of the Diocesan Plan following recent consultation of the laity in various parts of the Diocese. A document should be issued this September, beginning the ongoing development of a very different Diocese over the next few years which will affect and challenge us all.

The meeting will also be looking at the 'Closer To Christ' initiative, which is designed to raise money during our present serious financial situation to continue the training of new priests and forwarding the necessary work of maintaining our parishes. Please continue to pray for the development of the plan over the coming months and prepare to engage with it.

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## KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE DIOCESE

To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow them on:

Facebook: @PortsmouthRC

LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Twitter: @PortsmouthRC

Website: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

If you have news that you would like to share with the rest of the Diocese, please contact [communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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## VOLUNTEER ROLE WITH BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

Paula Vallance, Operations and Development Manager of Basingstoke Foodbank, writes: "Our volunteer voucher administrators could benefit from 1 or 2 new people who could offer either: 9-3pm, 9-12 or 12-3pm a day a week.

We have a special email that receives all voucher referrals daily and our team uploads the vouchers onto our database so that clients can then head to one of our 7 centres to collect their 3-4 days' worth of food & toiletries etc.

There's quite a lot of chatting to agencies and clients over the phone as we sometimes need to check details or chase up if clients or agencies are aware of additional help particular organisations/charities could offer them.

If anyone is interested we would invite you to come and shadow one of our voucher administrators to see if you felt you would enjoy the role.

We would need you to be fairly confident with Microsoft office and other admin type programmes such as drop box and excel as there could be other admin type jobs from time to time. You don't need to be an expert.

Please email me if you are interested, at: [paula-vallance@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:paula-vallance@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk)

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## SAFEGUARDING MINISTER FOR SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH

We have a vacancy for a Safeguarding Minister at Saint Michael's Church. This important work with children and vulnerable adults enables us to act in accordance with National and Diocesan Guidelines and a new representative is required if this work is to continue in the Tadley part of our parish.

Below is an outline of the role and Father Patrick would like to know as soon as possible who might be interested in the role.

***It is important to stress that if we are unable to fill this role locally parish work with children and vulnerable adults may have to be curtailed.***

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING MINISTER (PSM) ROLE:

This is a voluntary role with responsibility for raising awareness of good safeguarding practice and ensuring standards are in line with the policies and procedures for the catholic church.

- As a PSM you will provide advice and support to all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk within your parish community.
- The PSM is the link between the Parish and the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. In your role you will be supported with relevant training and advice from the central Diocesan Safeguarding team.
- The PSM is involved in the safe recruitment of volunteer roles within the parish and has the responsibility for leading the DBS process at Parish level.
- As PSM, you will have a clear commitment to keeping children and vulnerable people safe in accordance with the principles of the catholic church, your parish and your faith.
- You will be a good listener, adhere to confidentiality, relate well to children and adults and be willing to work within a team to build relationships.

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