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**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 during June.

NEWSLETTER 7th June—20th June

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**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY
TRINITY**

AND

THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS:

June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Catholic Church, and this year the Solemnity is on Friday 19th June. It is celebrated as a Solemnity on a Friday every Church Year, and as it is a Solemnity there is no abstinence from meat dishes on that Friday. A Solemnity is everything except a Holy Day of Obligation, meriting special prayer and reflection even if one does not go to Mass for it as one is obliged to do so on Sundays and Holy Days.

The modern devotion developed in France in the 17th Century, as a response to the Catholic heresy of Jansenism, wherein many prominent clergy and laity demanded a spiritual life of such purity that they excluded others from their company, regarding them as hopeless sinners unworthy of God's compassion and love. This spiritual pride is always a temptation to those who may well live the Christian life admirably, but forget that the Heart of Jesus longs also for the worst of sinners, and will leave the 'perfect' sheep to seek out one lost member of the Church, and will sit and eat with sinners as well as with the righteous. All are embraced in this love.

The Protestant poet Sir Philip Sidney (1554-1586), in True Love, captures beautifully the essence of this devotion, which has endured over the centuries:

My true love hath my heart and I have his,

By just exchange one for another given;

I hold his dear, and mine he cannot miss,

There never was a better bargain driven.

My true love hath my heart and I have his.

His heart in me keeps him and me in one,

My heart in him his thoughts and senses guides;

He loves my heart, for once it was his own,

I cherish his, because in me it bides.

My true love hath my heart and I have his.

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OBLIGATORY COLLECTIONS:

The Day for Life Collection is taken on the week-end of 20th/21st June

The Peter's Pence Collection is taken on the week-end 27th/28th June.

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IN PRAYER

We keep Malcolm in prayer for a full recovery from his nose cancer operation..

Brenda O'Donovan has a minor medical procedure on Friday 5th June and asks that we keep her in prayer.

Dennis Healey is awaiting an operation on his foot and is still in hospital. Please keep him in your prayers, especially asking that the operation will take place as soon as possible. Also keep Liz, his wife, in prayer at this difficult time.

Jane Sydenham is in Southampton Hospital due to leg problems, so please keep her in prayer too. Today, Friday, is her 54th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!!

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MAY MAZZAWI RIP

May's Graveside Funeral took place at St Mary's Church, Mortimer on Wednesday 3rd June. Fr Patrick expresses his thanks to Irene Perry of our Burghfield Common community who emailed him with information. May was the widow of Professor Musa Mazzawi; a famous international lawyer and broadcaster who spoke out in the late 20th Century about the plight of Palestinians in The Holy Land. Musa acknowledged that he was able to have a successful career due to the great and loving support of his wife, May in providing such a warm, loving supportive home for him, their children, other family members and friends.

Elias, her son, very kindly visited Fr Patrick the day before the funeral. It transpired that Elias knew Father and his brother, Michael, when they were teachers at the old Presentation College, Reading, where he was a student. Strangely, when Elias gave Father the

Order of Service, he instantly remembered his mother by the photograph on the front.

May's funeral was a sad but dignified farewell by a small family group, and it is hoped that there will be a Memorial Mass at St Oswald's Church, when it re-opens, for the repose of her soul.

Fr Patrick greatly appreciates the fine Arabic food Elias brought in on Thursday, as Fr could not attend the Family Reception following the Funeral Service.

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SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

CANCELLATION

The Mass planned for 13th June at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, is cancelled. However, at 9.00 am that morning, Bishop Philp will celebrate a live-streamed Mass from his Chapel in Bishop's House for all who in 2020 are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. They are invited to join him if they have the streaming facility.

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COUNSELLING SUPPORT SERVICE

Ruth Attfield, our Diocesan Safeguarding Co-Ordinator, has provided the following information, which Father Patrick has also let our local CTAT clergy know about in respect of our discussions about helping the bereaved and others affected by the virus:

[Association of Christian Counsellors](#)

[COVID-19 CRISIS - COUNSELLING SUPPORT SERVICE](#)

What is on Offer?

Up to ten sessions of counselling on a no-fee basis

From qualified counsellors who are volunteering their service

Either on-line or by telephone

As a reserve and where appropriate, student counsellors who are nearing the end of their training and have experience of counselling will be involved in bereavement counselling

Who is the Counselling for?

People working in the NHS who are directly impacted by COVID-19, including frontline medical staff, but also those in ancillary roles in an NHS setting (e.g. nursing assistants, cleaners, porters etc)

Paramedics and anyone working within the ambulance services

who is directly impacted by COVID-19 Anyone who has been bereaved during this time – whether or not the bereavement is due to COVID-19 infection.

How do I access the service?

Download and complete the Self-Referral Form and email to CCSS@acc-uk.org. Click on the links below for more information. If you do not have access to an email, please telephone 0247 644 9694

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https://mcusercontent.com/9f45e1d9464cfcb22c391f016/files/3e712779-55cb-4e2b-b8ba-b1e29ccf7edb/ACC_Counselling_Concertina_Leaflet_2020.pdf

Father Patrick did not join THE CONFERENCE CALL OF CTAT on Wednesday 3rd June because he was officiating at The Graveside Service for Mrs Mazzawi

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EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAM UPDATE

Readers will recall that in our Newsletter for The Fifth Sunday of Easter Father Patrick asked for prayer for our Parish EST as Pentecost approached. He also reported that on the 5th May he had discussed the challenge of recognising that a new Church is emerging, and asked Gerry Penfold to speak with the other members, namely Gina Poulter, Sarah Hunneman and Rick Wallis.

In Conference Calls on 11th and 29th May, and in e-mail exchanges, we began to address the new reality. Parishioners will recall that Father Patrick established the EST in late 2019AD, to ensure that Maintenance of our Parish properties will be seen as part of Mission, of the call of Bishop Philip to bring Christ out from our necessary buildings to others, especially those who do not frequent them regularly. The finest homily he has heard on this need to balance both, recognising that they need to work together, was by the Anglican Bishop of Salisbury, in the recent BBC Radio 4 broadcast of the 'virtual' 800th Anni-

versary Service of that magnificent building's witness to Christian Faith.

In many ways, it was good that we were not in a position before the pandemic to progress the work of the team in respect of a Mission Statement, outlining the way to go forward. It would probably have become redundant before Easter, as we are in a completely different Evangelisation context than before Coronavirus arrived.

So, we need the prayers of the Parish as we proceed with looking afresh at our strategy, looking at reduced numbers at our churches because of social distancing and fear of returning by many, necessary isolation, and addressing not only online technology, but also a new way of engaging in personal relationships, as most do not wish to live totally in a 'virtual' world. Jesus engaged personally with individuals and groups, especially the outcasts. We need to retain that essential area of Mission.

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RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES-UPDATE

Father Patrick is grateful to all those who responded to the request last week in The Newsletter and via Cath Farrow, Pam Darroch and Ellen Goodall for volunteer support for the possible reopening of churches in July. Several are unable to help for very good reasons; others can give only limited time. At the present moment Fr Patrick is considering whether or not there is adequate committed volunteer support for the proposed initial reopening for prayer only. If we cannot comply with the regulations, we cannot re-open.

Bishop Philip, alongside his fellow Bishops of England and Wales, regards the opening of our churches, even for private prayer, as an essential part of our witness to the need to be able to return to our spiritual 'homes', which churches are, and where our Brother and Saviour, Jesus Christ, is truly present in The Blessed Sacrament. This Presence is emphasised especially in June by The Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

During the 'lockdown', Fr Patrick has met parishioners from Tadley and Burghfield Common who have come to pray quietly at our churches, although unable to enter them. For some there is a real desire to return to their local church 'home', and we should, as far as possible, facilitate this.

Two EST member (Gerry Penfold and Rick Wallis), one from each community, have agreed to be part of a team to look at the many aspects of a re-opening. Tina Van Ewyk and Hugh Lobo (Tadley) and Andy Hunneman (Burghfield Common) have also agreed to be involved, and Andy's wife, Sarah, is an EST member.

An initial survey of our churches suggests that no more than around 28 people will be able to attend St Michael's Church for each Mass once we move to that stage, whilst the number at St Oswald's Church is around 38, although there is more scope for a slightly larger attendance there because of its larger space being utilised.

At the present moment, it would be good to let the Parish Office know by telephone or e-mail, remembering the Office is closed next week, if you are hoping to attend for private prayer should this be possible in July.

Times and days would be determined by the possible number of volunteers regularly available.

Over the last few days, Barbara has been trying to access possible suppliers of sanitisers and other items to facilitate reopening. This whole logistic exercise takes considerable time, so keep her and Father Patrick in your prayers.

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SOBERING TIMES!

'Tadley must be full of alcoholics!' This was the amazed statement of a lady shopper in Sainsbury's store standing near Fr Patrick shortly before 'lockdown'. Both were standing in disbelief in the wine aisle of the supermarket, gazing at shelves almost empty of bottles. Competition with toilet rolls was running close! Sadly, a particular bottle she had come to buy was not to be found.

A recent survey has found that two-thirds of the population of the UK have increased their alcohol consumption since 'lockdown' in late March. Only a short time after we were asked to stay at home the status of off-licences, originally classed as 'non-essential', was changed to 'essential', alongside pharmacies and food shops.! South Africa banned all alcohol sales during its 'lockdown'.

The online trade has also surged. Apparently, Google searches for delivery outlets had increased by 2,250% in late March. Hard luck for those not online! But pos-

sibly better health?

A good side of the off-licences becoming officially 'essential' is that independent wine merchants and specialist beer manufacturers have managed to survive by converting to 'off licences', offering next day deliveries to households.

As Samuel Pepys, the magnificent diary writer of the reign of King Charles II, wrote of the Great Plague of 1665 in England:

'I HAVE NEVER LIVED SO MERRILY (BESIDES THAT I NEVER GOT SO MUCH) AS I HAVE DONE THIS PLAGUE-TIME.'

There is nothing new under the sun!

Acknowledgement to The Tablet's Wine Writer: from The Vineyard 16-04-2020

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ACTIVITIES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Unfortunately, you have all been too busy and we do not have any prayers to publish this week about home schooling and going back to school. If you would like to compose a prayer, then please do and email it into us over the coming weeks.

Future Activity:

Calling all you clever young MasterChefs. Can you think up a recipe for a meal for Fr Patrick to cook and enjoy? We will publish in the Newsletter any recipes that he chooses. Fr Patrick does not eat anything too spicy.



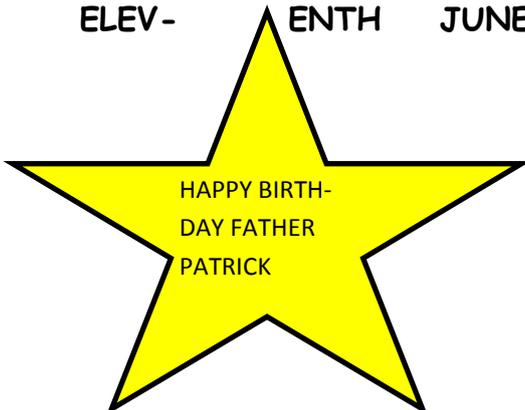
We have another WORDSEARCH for you to do.
It is Father Patrick's birthday next week so you will find words about 'Birthday' !! Have fun.

Remember the words may go in the following directions:
/\|—, diagonal, vertical, horizontal and backwards.
Good luck in finding the words.

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A T H U R S D A Y S
P A Y T N E V E S E
P I S I N G K I U L
Y J U N E A C A R D
P M A T C H I O P N
F F A T H E R J R A
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WORDS:

HAPPY	BIRTHDAY
FATHER	PATRICK
CARD	BALLOONS
CANDLES	SURPRISE
PRESENT	CAKE
MATCH	SING
SEVENTY	THURSDAY
ELEV-	ENTH JUNE



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HAVING A BREAK—PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office CLOSSES FROM MIDDAY 5TH June—15th June, enabling Father Patrick and Barbara to have a badly needed break. They are not available during this time.