

Dear All

Coffee After Mass at St Oswald's Church

There will be tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday 16th April, open to all parishioners. Many thanks to Ellen Goodall for organising this. We had a really joyful celebration in the church on Palm Sunday, parishioners being delighted to return for the beginning of Holy Week following the flooding of the boiler area.

Holy Week and Easter Service Times

The Sacred Triduum

All are encouraged to attend this as one single liturgical celebration:

Maundy Thursday - 6th April: Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7:30pm, followed by Watching before the Blessed Sacrament at St Michael's Church, Tadley, until 10:30pm.

Good Friday - 7th April: Celebration of The Lord's Passion at 3:00pm in St Michael's Church, Tadley. This is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

The Easter Vigil - Saturday 8th April: At 9:00pm-The lighting of the Easter Candle and other ceremonies leading into the First Mass of Easter at St Michael's Church, Tadley.

Easter Day - Sunday 9th April

9:00am Mass - St Michael's Church, Tadley

11:00am Mass - St Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

CTAT Good Friday Service

This will take place at St Mary's Church at 10:30am on Friday 7th April. I hope to see many of you there.

Good Friday Witness - Silchester

Also on Good Friday, 7th April, the Silchester Act of Witness with the Three Crosses will be at 9.30am outside the Methodist Church and everybody is invited to join.

The Second Collection on Good Friday is for The Holy Places

Today, there are approximately 150,000 Christians living in the Holy Land. As this Christian population struggles to survive in a volatile political environment, this appeal supports the Christian presence in the Holy Land, in preserving the important holy places related to Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The online link to be used is: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/holy-land-second-collection-2023>. This collection will open on 2nd April and close on 16th April. Thank you for your support.

The Easter Sunday Collection

Your Offerings at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses are traditionally the opportunity for you to give Fr Patrick a personal gift to him as your priest. Our parish's online giving page can be found [HERE<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/tadley-st-michael-and-st-oswald-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2023>](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/tadley-st-michael-and-st-oswald-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2023). He is greatly appreciative of your generosity.

Parish Office Closed

Please note that the Parish Office closes from 3:00pm on Holy Thursday, 6th April, reopening on Wednesday 19th April, giving Kathryn and myself a well-deserved rest after a very demanding time before and during Holy Week. During these times emails will not be dealt with. I will not be available during the week following Easter. If you have an urgent matter please call and leave a voicemail and I shall endeavour to address it as soon as possible.

Forthcoming Funerals

Theresa Zajac, RIP: Theresa's Funeral Mass will be at 12:00 noon on Saturday 15th April at St Michael's Church, followed by Cremation at West Berkshire Crematorium.

Helen Warner, RIP: Helen's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 18th April at 11:00am at St Michael's Church.

Parish Condolences

Ron Foxley, RIP - Ron died on Monday 3rd April. A long-standing member of our Tadley community, he cared diligently for his wife, Betty, who died in January 2019. As his health deteriorated he was visited by Geoff Poulter and his wife, Gina, who died recently, by Deacon Tony Darroch and myself. There are no funeral details at present. May he rest in peace and we keep his soul in our prayers.

Yve(y) Treadgold, RIP - Paul Treadgold's wife, Yve, died after a major heart attack at Basingstoke Hospital on Monday 3rd April. Paul has been a long-time friend, both of us coming from Reading and being at the now-closed Presentation College for our education. I solemnised Paul and Yve's marriage at Douai Abbey in October 2009 and they have lived in the Burghfield Common and recently the Tadley part of our parish over the years. Our thanks to Fr John Lee of St Bede's Church who visited her only moments before she had the arrest and to Deacon Tony for keeping me in contact about developments. Please keep Yve's soul in your prayers and also Paul at this difficult time. Funeral details to follow later.

Bishop Christopher Budd, RIP - Former Bishop of Plymouth, he died on Saturday 1st April. He was Rector of St John's Seminary, now closed, during my final year there in 1982, and was very supportive of me in the final months before priesthood. I had hoped to see him at the meeting of Jubilarians in Rome in November 2022 but he was unable to attend because of ill-health. Peter Hughes of our Silchester community, I know, will also be sad to learn of his death. Bishop Christopher supplied on Isles of Scilly after retirement for six months each year until recently, and Peter brought my best wishes to him whilst holidaying there and knew him very well. Keep his soul in your prayers.

CTAT Coronation Planning Meeting

There will be a Meeting at St Paul's Church on the Green at 7:00pm on Wednesday 19th April to plan CTAT's Coronation Community Celebration on 7th May. We need volunteers for it to be a success, so please come along if you can.

St George's Day Mass

Monday 24th April is the Feast of Saint George, this is transferred from Sunday 23rd April as the Easter Season Mass takes precedence. There will be Mass at 11:00am in St Michael's Church.

Alton Day of Renewal

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning 22nd April 10.00-1.00 'The Spirit of The Lord is Upon Me' - Receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Guest speaker is Dr Maria Heath, National Co-ordinator of Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Passionate about evangelisation, she holds a Doctorate exploring how parishes can become more missionary. Session starts with Mass at 10.00 and also

includes Adoration, Prophetic sharing, Praise, Testimony and discussion. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREAPR2023](https://40go7.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/cl/f/s6Y5lF2yjkUPSjGNkpSaWp6rrOAnbxMVcB8oFfveyv6fta-3ugZJ5p1SqdvY9G7qW1zavxoCmN3ps9VlFueb2MyMB0MI6fnx2nqvGlwSWA4DvqYlUYcssk6sUWptfu-paAoDAJLV9eYBHiPGcCsU1A3jSLT9J2acCplD5addDEgPXIlQgRXQ2aEO6Ellq1vYaCtyWSmlw)<<https://40go7.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/cl/f/s6Y5lF2yjkUPSjGNkpSaWp6rrOAnbxMVcB8oFfveyv6fta-3ugZJ5p1SqdvY9G7qW1zavxoCmN3ps9VlFueb2MyMB0MI6fnx2nqvGlwSWA4DvqYlUYcssk6sUWptfu-paAoDAJLV9eYBHiPGcCsU1A3jSLT9J2acCplD5addDEgPXIlQgRXQ2aEO6Ellq1vYaCtyWSmlw>>

Basingstoke Foodbank Is Recruiting Again

With the cost-of-living crisis increasing demand for the Foodbank, they are looking to enhance the day to day running of their head office, central warehouse and seven local Foodbank Centres. They are recruiting for an Operations Manager, which is a full-time, paid post to ensure our 100+ volunteers are supported, liaison with 120 agencies is maintained and the services they provide for their clients run smoothly. They are having to re-advertise this vacancy, as the recently appointed Operations Manager had to step down because of unforeseen family health issues. They are looking for someone with excellent operational and administrative skills and the Christian faith, values and ethos which underpin all areas of their operation. If you would like a full job description and to find out how to apply, please contact Phil Thomas the Foodbank's Chair of Trustees by emailing a brief note to: 1126phil@gmail.com<<mailto:1126phil@gmail.com>>.

Organ Recital - A Note For Your Diaries

Taking place on Friday 2nd June at 7:00pm at St Michael's Church, Tadley, there will be an Organ Recital by Francis E Brookes in memory of his father, Francis W Brookes. Entry is free, with donations going to St Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke. Please see the poster in our churches.

Ongoing Formation

The Dominican Sisters are offering the following courses for adults and catechists after Easter. Join others online to discover more about the treasure of our Catholic Faith. All the courses are free (donations gratefully received!).

1. Baptism - Anchoring you in New Life: 6 sessions, during the Easter season, to (re)discover the meaning and rite of our baptism in the light of our faith.

This course is especially useful for parents, catechists who offer baptism preparation, but is also open to everyone who wants to learn more about the meaning of their own baptism. Every Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 9.00 pm on Zoom, beginning on 18 April. Register here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZErcu6urj8uHtBnuhuYKgHuaci3eCA-_yJQ

2. Confirmation - Anchoring you in the Holy Spirit: 6 sessions, after Pentecost. to (re)discover the meaning and rite of our confirmation in the light of our faith.

This course is especially useful to confirmation catechists, but also to everyone who wants to know more about the Holy Spirit and his action in our life. Every Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 9.00 pm on Zoom, beginning on 30 May. Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUodOiurj0sGNLWwXbb5mBDg6CKE46JG8WY>

3. Further Training for Catechists: 5 sessions to help catechists talk about God, Jesus, salvation, the human person and the Church to adults, children and young people.

Every Thursday evening from 7.30 to 9.00 pm on Zoom, beginning on 20 April. Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZ0oc--qrjosHdboj3XE5TtV5O5Ylem1JpB3>

4. Course for Church Readers: 2 online sessions to help readers proclaim the Word of God with confidence, understanding, conviction and clarity.

On Saturdays 3rd and 10th June in the morning, from 10 am to 1 pm.

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZIsf-2vpz0iG9Vb2cpgDsFXQyPevrokQAHT>

Wishing you all a very holy and happy celebration of the Sacred Triduum and a restful few days celebrating the Resurrection next week.

Fr Patrick