

Dear All,

A bumper 3 week edition of the Newsletter covering my absence while I take a break!

The month of June is customarily devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is among the most familiar and moving of Catholic devotional images. But its symbolism can also be strange. It obviously brings to mind the Passion of Christ on the cross. There is the crown of thorns, the cross, usually atop the heart, and the wound from the spear that pierced His side. But why is the Sacred Heart always shown as if it's on fire? That certainly did not happen at the crucifixion. There are three reasons behind this. First, we have to remember that Christ's self-offering on the cross was the one-time perfect consummation of all the sacrifices of the Old Testament. This necessarily includes burnt offerings, which were the highest form of sacrifices in ancient Israel. Second, fire is always associated with the essence of divinity in the Old Testament. Think back to the burning bush that spoke to Moses, the cloud of fire that settled on Sinai, and the flames from above that consumed the sacrifice of Elijah. Finally, the image of fire associated with heart represents Christ's passionate love for humankind.

Mass arrangements – 10th & 11th June *Solemnity of Corpus Christi*

A reminder that this Sunday, 11th June, four of our young people will receive the Body of Christ for the first time at 10.00am Mass in Saint Michael's Church. This will be the only Sunday morning Mass in our parish this weekend, enabling this important celebration to take place without rush and with full liturgical music. The 6.00pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass will take place as normal. **There will be no Sunday Mass at St. Oswald's Church.**

Mass arrangements – 17th & 18th June

The 6.00pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass will take place as normal at St. Michael's Church & Fr. John Lee has very kindly agreed to celebrate this Mass. On Sunday, we unfortunately have no priests available at all, therefore Deacon Tony Darroch has thankfully & very kindly agreed to celebrate a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at the usual times: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church & 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church. My sincere thanks to them both. The Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion is principally for those unable to attend a Sunday Mass elsewhere. NOTE: The *Day for Life* collection (see item below) will be taken this weekend.

NOTE: Coffee will be served in the Leonard Rooms after the Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion at St. Oswald's.

Mass arrangements – 24th & 25th June

We return to our normal Mass schedule at both churches.

NOTE: The traditional *Peter's Pence* collection will be taken this weekend.

Mass arrangements for the Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul – Thursday 29th June

11.00am at St. Oswald's Church

7.00pm at St. Michael's Church

Contact during my absence (12th – 25th June)

Dan will be working his normal hours in the Parish Office during my absence:

Tuesday	10.00am – 2.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am – 1.00pm
Thursday	10.00am – 2.00pm
Friday	10.00am – 2.00pm

Tel: 0118 981 4572

Email: tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

If you call or email outside of these hours, Dan will get back to you when he is next in the office.

HOSPITAL VISITS:

Please contact Deacon Tony Darroch on 0118 9811105 if you have any need to ask for a priest to visit a person in Basingstoke Hospital.

The Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplaincy number for Burghfield Common parishioners is 0118 227105

Robert McCafferty, RIP

The Funeral Mass for Robert, on Thursday 8th June, was attended by so many people, Catholic & non-Catholic, that some had to participate outside St. Michael's Church & others in areas adjacent to the toilets & Parish Room.

It was good that Deacon Tony Darroch, who knew him, was able to assist me at the Mass & at Robert's burial in Tadley Cemetery. A fine farewell to a long-time parishioner & a gentleman respected by many in the Tadley area. Pam Darroch brought to my attention the fact that some parishioners did not seem to know of him, which is not surprising, since he was unassuming & often visited family in Scotland.

Pam has kindly framed the cover of his Order of Service to be put in the church porch area to enable parishioners to remember him. Keep his soul in your prayers, also his wife, Karen, & Megan his daughter, who made her First Communion here & was confirmed from the Parish.

Banns of Marriage

The following parishioners have asked to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony:

1. Pablo Nicolas Moraga & Celine Victoria Weir of Tadley.
2. Connor Marshall Heath & Ciara Georgina Grogan of Tadley.

If any person(s) know(s) of a reason, civil or religious, why these marriages should not take place, they should immediately inform Father Patrick.

Closer to Christ Campaign

Our parish is currently undertaking the Diocesan-wide *Closer to Christ* Campaign, which aims to support our priests from formation through to retirement & rejuvenate our parishes. We will be hosting a number of small gatherings to explain this initiative at St Michael's Church and hope you are able to make one of the following dates:

Thursday, 20th July at 6.00pm Tuesday, 25th July at 11.00am

To rsvp, please email tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call the parish office on 0118 981 4572

This is a major initiative by the Diocese, so I earnestly hope you will be able to attend one of these meetings.

Thank you for the cleaning!

Our thanks to Tina & Rob Van Ewyk, Mary Cleghorn, Pam Darroch & Sue Tull for organising a clean of St. Michael's Church in preparation for Robert McCafferty's Funeral Mass, which was on Thursday 8th June & for our First Holy Communion Mass, this Sunday 11th June. Not forgetting others of our Tadley community who have helped to keep God's House in good order over the last few years during the pandemic & as things eased. Tina is looking to organise a more regular rota for cleaning in the not too distant future.

Our thanks also to Ana Jepeikina, who has responsibility from the Diocese to ensure that St. Oswald's Church & the Leonard Rooms are regularly cleaned.

As a member of my first placement as Parish Priest in Totton, near Southampton, used to say: "They think the angels do it!".... Naturally, angelic volunteers are most welcome!

Welcome to new Anglican clergy in our Churches Together Around Tadley family

On Monday 26th June, the Reverend Steve McKay will be installed as Rector of the Benefice of Tadley with Pamber Heath & Silchester at 7.00pm in St. Paul's Church on The Green, where he is now in post as Rector Designate. Our sincere congratulations to him.

Since the departure of the Reverend Richard Harlow to the Diocese of Ely as an Archdeacon, the Reverend Steve has worked tirelessly to cover the Anglican churches in the Benefice. I know he will be delighted that at the same ceremony of Installation, the Reverend Karen West will become the Resident Vicar in Silchester, which the Reverend Rob Young has served so well in his retirement & this now gives him more time to himself.

On 2nd July, the Reverend Chris Knight will be ordained to the Anglican ministry at Winchester Cathedral & will take up residence with his wife & two children at St. Mary's Church, Tadley.

Our prayers are with them all, not forgetting the Reverend Cathy Penn, who has been assisting in her retirement & continues to do so. Needless to say, clergy never really retire!

Last minute reminder! - 24 hour prayer for Burghfield & surrounding areas

For those of you from St. Oswald's who are reading this on Friday afternoon, a reminder that this event starts today Friday 9th June at 2.00pm & ends tomorrow 2.00pm Saturday 10th June at St. Mary's Church, Burghfield. All are welcome to pray for their community.

Day for Life & the Novena for Life

As noted in last week's Newsletter, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year & this year falls on 18th June. The *Novena for Life* is nine days of intercessory prayer, which can be prayed in the lead up to *Day for Life 2023*. It is offered to encourage a flourishing of a culture of life, with a particular focus, on ending abortion and healing the trauma of abortion. Visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-life/>

As mentioned on the previous page a *Day for Life* collection will be taken this weekend

Pregnancy and Maternity Discrimination Bill

On a positive note, this Bill passed its third reading in the House of Lords and has now received Royal Assent. Previously, employers had an obligation to offer an employee who is on maternity leave, shared parental leave or adoption leave, a suitable alternative vacancy where one exists if they are making redundancies. Under the change to the law that will be introduced by this Bill, these protections will expand to pregnant women as well as new parents returning to work from a relevant form of leave.

This is a positive change to legislation that could help reduce pressure on women to have abortions and save the lives of many unborn children.

Jubilee Year

Although it may sound a bit premature, we need to be aware of the Church's Jubilee Year in 2025.

As part of the preparation for the Jubilee, Pope Francis has invited the Church to reflect on the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023 and for 2024 to be a Year of Prayer. Reflection events are being held in London & Liverpool in June & places can be booked on-line.

Visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sinners-called-to-holiness-prayer-for-a-pilgrim-church/>

Call for Youth Helpers & Nurse - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

As advertised last week, the Pilgrimage takes place on Monday 17th July - Friday 21st July. In addition to those who are interested in joining simply as a pilgrim, we have received a specific appeal from the Diocese for the following:

YOUTH HELPERS:

Calling young people aged 16+ who would be able to dedicate their participation in the pilgrimage to supporting some of our less agile pilgrims. This is a rare opportunity to immerse yourself in your faith whilst serving others and enjoying the social aspects of a holiday.

Contact: 07780 221686 or email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

NOTE: For U18s the initial contact must be from your Parent/Carer.

NURSE:

Are you a nurse? We need a nurse to support our pilgrim team during our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. For further details please use the same contact details as above.

Diocese job vacancies

Estates Manager Building Surveyor - 16 June 2023.

Part-Time Parish Administrator, Hinksey Parish – closing date of 23 June 2023

Choral Director - closing date of 28 June 2023.

Manager with Catholic Home Care, Southampton - closing date of 3rd July 2023.

Pastoral Coordinator for Evangelisation at Winchester parish - closing date of Thursday 6 July 2023.

For these & other vacancies visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>

Diocesan e-news

Did you know that the Diocese website has a news section? In addition to the latest news from the Diocese, it features numerous interesting articles & reflections on our faith.

Visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/latest-news/>

Lucky Me Winners

April: Loraine Cramp

May: David Brown

Donations send to the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph & Right to Life

Enjoy your weekend & see you all in a couple of weeks.

Fr Patrick

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