

13th October 2024 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B) PARISH NEWSLETTER

This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 12th October: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 13th October: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Note: No Mass this weekend at St. Oswald's

Ecumenical Service

Sunday 13th October: 10.30am CTAT Arts Festival Service, Tadley Common Methodist Church

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No Burghfield Common Mass this weekend

There is a special CTAT Tadley Arts Festival Service this weekend at 10.30am on Sunday 13th October, involving all of our Tadley Christian Communities, at Tadley Common Methodist Church. Father Patrick is involved in the Service and hopes many of you will attend. Obviously, he cannot be in two places at once, so there is no St. Oswald's Mass this Sunday, for which he apologises.

Our 9.00am St. Michael's Sunday Mass will be one without music, but there will be coffee and tea after Mass for those who wish to attend, in the Parish Room. Thank you to Greg and his family for facilitating this.

This Sunday - Prisoners Sunday

Prisoners Sunday is kept this weekend, when we remember prisoners and their families. Our present system is in crisis - overcrowded, lacking necessary staff and rehabilitation courses and more children and families having a parent or loved one in prison. Father Patrick will speak at our Sunday Masses on the situation and all the work of PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust), the national Catholic prison charity. There are some envelopes available if you would like to support PACT, which will be forwarded to the Charity.

Next Sunday - World Mission Sunday

Sunday 20th October 2024 is World Mission Sunday. On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and conflict. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving, unites all Catholics Worldwide to share the Good News of God's love, which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Please be generous in giving to the Second Collection next weekend. Our thanks to Sue Tull (Tadley) and Sarah Hunneman (Burghfield Common) for promoting the work of Missio in our Parish.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Father Patrick taking a break

I will be taking a break to visit & catch-up with family from 21st – 29th October. Dan will be available in the Parish Office during his normal working hours during my absence. I shall be covering the weekend Masses as normal on 25th/26th October, but otherwise I'm not available until 30th October. Emergency contact details will be provided in next week's Newsletter.

Harvest Cross at Burghfield Common

Many thanks to Mel of our St. Oswald's community, who has beautifully decorated the wooden cross outside the church for Harvest Thanksgiving. A splendid colourful tribute to the Lord of Creation. A time to stop, stand and stare!

Tadley Foodbank Appeal

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Tadley Food Bank appeal last weekend. The sanctuary in St. Michael's church had a good selection of items in six containers.

Invitation to join a Parish Cell Group

Two Parish Evangelising Cell groups have been functioning over the past seven years and all those who attend have gained so much from them that we yearn for more parishioners to experience them. We warmly invite and encourage you to visit one of these Parish Cell groups - without making any commitment.

Both groups start at 7.30pm and finish at approx. 9pm, followed by refreshments for those who wish to stay and chat.

They are very relaxed evenings whereby everyone feels free to be themselves. There is a time of praise, sharing, teaching, also reading and reflecting on the coming Sunday Gospel and finally, a time of prayer for the needs of our families, parishioners and others in our locality.

The Parish Cell groups, providentially, appear to be an answer to Bishop Philip's 6th "Holy Habit" - to join a small group and also to Fr Patrick's recommendation - to read and reflect on the Sunday Gospel beforehand.

For more information, please contact:

Gerry and Pauline Penfold: 0118 981 1247 (Tuesday group)

Bill and Joy Reilly: 0118 981 3784 (Wednesday group)

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Thank you from Father Patrick & Dan

We would like to thank all parishioners for their patience & forbearance over the last two weeks as we prepared for & then underwent Health & Safety Audits at both Church Sites. We can expect the audit findings to be communicated to us in the next couple of weeks. Thereafter, we are also to expect separate Fire Safety Audits in the near future.

Next Wednesday, a firm of professional surveyors will be conducting a Quinquennial (every five years) Survey of the buildings at the St. Oswald's site, as per Diocesan requirements.

On Thursday, following the recent annual tree survey, we will have a contractor attending the St. Michael's site to conduct a comprehensive assessment to price up the work now required to the trees & large bushes (next to the main road).

The above serve as examples of the increased obligations, driven by legislation & insurance, that we are now required to manage & implement in terms of Health & Safety, which continue to take up significantly more of our time. More on this topic in future Newsletters.

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"Mingle at St Michael's" – Wednesday 16th October

Please come along to the Parish Room between 2pm and 4pm next Wednesday afternoon for tea/coffee, cake and conversation!

Cake & Gift Sale for St Michael's Hospice - Sunday 20 October

The Archangels will be holding a cake sale in the Parish Room after the 9am Mass on Sunday 20th October and would greatly appreciate cake donations to raise much-needed funds for St Michael's Hospice. There will also be a tombola and a sale of religious items, jewellery and gifts, so please come in after Mass and join us for a browse over a cup of tea or coffee!

CTAT Tadley Arts Festival has started!!!

In addition to yesterday's call for more volunteer help, a reminder of a couple of events for tonight (Friday) & tomorrow morning (Saturday). For a full program please see our previous Newsletter for weekend of 29th September:

- **TONIGHT!!!: Fri 11th Magical Comedy from Tom Elliott and music by Move to Grace in The Link**
Tom is one of the UK's most exciting comedy magicians and has a huge following. He has performed throughout the UK and appeared on BBC TV and radio. Described by Miranda Hart as *Such Fun*, guests on his previous shows include Milton Jones and Rosemary Conley CBE. Suggested age 12 and up. Tickets £10 **Book here:** <https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/hbh6tlkx>
- **TOMORROW!!!: Saturday 12th October - CTAT Ladies Breakfast (with Arts Festival themed talk)**
This event will take place in the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC. Rob Young will be the guest speaker, talking about designing and making contemporary stained-glass panels.

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Assisted Suicide Bill

Last week, Kim Leadbeater MP confirmed that she would introduce a bill giving the terminally ill the right to so-called "assisted dying" – aka "assisted suicide". Over the next weeks, we will no doubt be subjected to a barrage of emotional pressure from the media and from euthanasia campaigners such as Exit International to persuade us to support a change in the law. Please see the article on this subject in the latest Diocesan e-news, where Bishop Philip provides his six reasons why bringing in assisted suicide and euthanasia is gravely immoral and a danger to our society:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

In addition, a reminder of the campaign organised by the Right to Life charity to contact your MP so all MPs and the Government urgently see that there is a large number of voters in each constituency who don't want to see an extreme change to our laws that would see the ending of many lives through assisted suicide. **Please take action and click here to [contact your MP now](#).** It only takes 30 seconds.

New Lectionary

The Diocese is pleased to offer two sessions about the new lectionary. The new lectionary comes into use in Advent. Each session will be led by Fr. Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy, and will be identical - so you need only attend one. The session will cover what the lectionary is, its revisions and what they mean for us. It is also an opportunity for Questions and Answers. If you wish to pose a question, please submit it in advance in writing to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The sessions are on **Tuesday 5th November** and **Tuesday 19th November** and last one hour, from 7 to 8 pm. Please register for the Tuesday 5th November session [here](#) and for the Tuesday 19th November session [here](#).

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat – 26th October

Heal the sick – Ministering in the Charisms of the Holy Spirit

Healing the sick was an integral part of Jesus' mission of salvation. As the Catechism says: "Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins; he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of." (CCC #1503). On **Saturday 26th October** there is an opportunity to participate in a free mini-retreat morning that will explore in more depth how we can have the confidence to realise that Jesus has chosen us to pray for healing, in God's will.

This meeting, on Zoom, includes Mass, Adoration, Praise and Worship, inspired Teaching and Prayer for all participants to foster the presence of the Holy Spirit in them. The main talk is given by Joe Livingston, a Catholic evangelist with a powerful ministry of healing. The free retreat morning takes place on Zoom from 10.00am to 1.00pm and advance registration is required. You can find more information on the poster [here](#), and register [here](#).

Diocesan Vacancies

For current vacancies visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>

There are also opportunities in our Diocesan schools:

<https://www.casop Portsmouth.org.uk/current-vacancies-2/>

Further reading

Portsmouth Diocese news items:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales news items:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/>

Caritas Portsmouth Newsletter:

<https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/news-events/>

Best wishes to you all & don't forget to visit the Arts Festival!

Father Patrick.

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