

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

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St Oswald's Church

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Covenant to the People

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Mary Lee during November. Her number is 0118 9813221.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

NEWSLETTER

The Thirty-Third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

14th November 2021

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Tadley, Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

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

*Those attending the Burghfield Common Mass are asked to be in their seats by 10:50am at the latest, so that the two minutes Silence may start at 11:00am in a dignified manner. The Mass for the Dead is celebrated.

Weekday Mass:

No weekday Mass this coming week

Advance booking is not required for weekend Masses but please telephone or email to advise if attending so Father Patrick can ensure we keep within acceptable numbers.

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place..

Responsorial Psalm: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Next Sunday's Reading (Solemnity of Christ The King)

Daniel 7:13-14. Apocalypse 1:5-8. John 18:33-37.

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Special Collection

This will take place on weekend of 27th/28th November, The First Sunday of Advent for LEPR. Please see Father Patrick's Reflection for the week.

Mass Attendance on 6th/7th November 2021

Tadley 6:00pm: 34 Tadley 9:00am: 37
Burghfield Common 11:00am: 28

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We welcome in Baptism this weekend at Burghfield Common:

Gianna Louise Collett

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SUPPORTING LEpra

Since March 2020 and the beginning of the Lockdowns, I have been in touch with Louise Jarman, Organiser for Lepra. We had agreed there be a Second Collection for this organisation in September 2020, in the hope that the pandemic situation might be controlled! There was a full report of this in a Newsletter at the time.

Louise and I spoke during last week, and we decided to go ahead for the date we had agreed earlier this year - 27th/28th November, The First Sunday of Advent. Like many churches she has been speaking with, for over 18 months it has been sensible to postpone, to protect congregations and speakers and because of restricted services. So please be generous towards the Collection at the end of November.

Jesus had a special love of lepers, and Lepra works in India, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe with marginalised and hard to reach communities to support those with leprosy, referring them for treatment and care.

Leprosy is curable with a combination of antibiotics, known as multidrug therapy. However, if left untreated it can lead to severe disability and blindness. Reconstructive surgery, followed by physiotherapy, can reverse the damage, enabling people to use hands, feet and eyes again. Lepra also provides mental health support and advocates social and economic provision for sufferers, often marginalised.

As the result of COVID, fewer people have been able to come forward for treatment. Lepra provided testing for Covid alongside leprosy treatment, but considerable work needs to be done to make contact with those unable to come forward during the last months.

Although not a Catholic organisation, it has links with Catholic charities in India and Zimbabwe. St Joseph's Leprosy Centre in India is run by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and concentrates on reconstructive surgery, ulcer care and other associated treatment.

Father Patrick

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WEST BERKSHIRE FOODBANK UPDATE

The response to the Foodbank Harvest Appeal was tremendous and all who supported this have received thanks. So, on behalf of our Saint Oswald's community, Father Patrick conveys the gratitude of the Foodbank to those who brought items to our Harvest Celebration Mass on Sunday 17th October. Well done!

Mark Bradberry of the Foodbank has contacted Father Patrick about the intended reopening of Foodbank services in The Leonard Rooms in November, to say:

'Due to the high rate of Covid in our area we have decided not to reopen the foodbank for the time being. We will therefore not be using the St Leonard rooms from this Friday as agreed. Of course when things are safer we would like to start up again.

Thank you for your support. Food will continue to be delivered to those who need it in our area from the main store in Greenham, as we have done since the pandemic started.'

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Jo Lewry of CAFOD Portsmouth writes:

As we rejoice in once again celebrating Christmas with our loved ones, let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

Father Patrick is happy to provide a catalogue after our weekend Masses to anyone requesting a copy.

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, TADLEY

The Reverend Deacon Steve McKay has kindly invited Father Patrick, on behalf of Saint Mary's Church, to the Christmas Tree Festival which will be held on Friday 26th November (2:30pm - 10:00pm), Saturday 27th November (10:00am - 10:00pm), and Sunday 28th November (noon - 4:00pm). The theme this year is 'Christmas 2021 Emotions' and the trees are decorated by local residents, including Helen Warner of our St Michael's Church, assisted by Eileen Smith who arranges our Tadley Church flowers. The Festival has been organised by Marilyn Lewis and Sally Wood. Entry is free, but any donations will be used to enhance the Church Hall as a more accessible place for community events. So come along! Full details are on the posters in our churches.

The previous one, before the lockdown, which Helen also engaged in, was most enjoyable. Christmas is coming!

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ALTON SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Alton School is an independent Catholic day school, educating boys and girls from six months to Sixth Form and offers these days to parents:

Nursery Open Event - 9:30am Tuesday 23rd November
Reception Taster Day and Parent Q&A - 9:30am Monday 22nd November. Please register on the website - www.altonschool.co.uk

If you are unable to attend these Open Days but would like further information regarding the school please contact Mrs Pigott on 01420 82070 or admissions@altonschool.co.uk

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ADoRE MONTHLY MINI-RETREAT FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWALS

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning is taking place on 27th November 10.00am -1.00pm, with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Fruit of the Holy Spirit" - As you give the Holy Spirit more control of your life, He grows you to look more like Jesus.

Mass celebrant will be Fr Paul Leonard, and the guest speaker Andrew Lawrence, Lead Pastor of the Harvest Church in Alton and a gifted and passionate speaker on the Holy Spirit. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADORENOV2021