

Parish of St. Michael, Tadley (with Kingsclere) and St. Oswald, Burghfield Common

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MASS TIMETABLE					
Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	16th May	7th Sunday of Easter - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	17th May	7th Sunday of Easter	9.00am	St. Michael's	Helena Hannah Grace Wallis - First Holy Communion
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	Anne Heavey RIP
Mon	18 th May	NO MASS			
Tues	19 th May	Dedication of St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth (F)	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	Maria Vacekova RIP
Weds	20 th May	Easter	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	21 st May	Easter	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	22 nd May	Easter	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	23 rd May	Pentecost Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	24 th May	Pentecost Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	Dorothy and William Devanney RIP

Second Collection at all Masses this Weekend: Catholic Communications Network

Weekday Masses preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary after Mass

Confessions: Before Weekday Masses, Saturday at St. Michael's 11.00am - 12 Noon, or by appointment

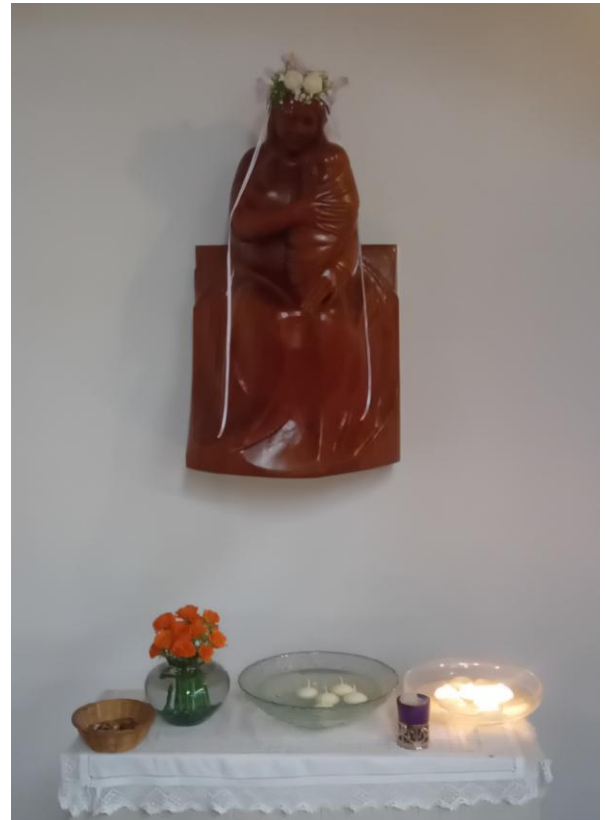


This Sunday's readings capture the atmosphere of the "in-between" time from Christ's Ascension to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. After the Ascension, the Apostles do not immediately rush into mission. Instead, they return to Jerusalem and gather in the Upper Room. The Apostles have received Christ's command to evangelise the world, but they know they cannot accomplish it by their own strength. Jesus had told them to wait until they were "clothed with power from on high." So they remain together in prayer

This nine days of prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost became the model for the Christian tradition of the novena — a period of persistent prayer, often seeking the intercession of saints or asking God for particular graces and needs through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Apostles gathered in prayer with Mary before Pentecost shows us that the mission of evangelisation bears lasting fruit not through human effort alone, but through believers united in prayer and filled with the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit.

Crowning of Mary, Queen of May

Last Sunday, at both St. Michael's and St. Oswalds', with the help of some of our children, we carried out the tradition of the crowning and blessing of our Lady as Queen of May.



“Let us give praise and thanks to the Lord as we gather today to crown and bless this image of the Mother of Jesus.

As we acclaim Mary, the Mother of God, as our queen, and as the Mother of all the baptised, let us imitate her example and be attentive to the Word of God.

Father, you have given us the Mother of your Son to be our Queen and Mother. With the support of her prayers may we come to share the glory of your children in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever”.

Dennis Healy RIP

It is with heavy hearts that we inform you that Dennis died peacefully in the early hours of today, Friday 15th May, in Basingstoke Hospital. He was such a lovely person who touched so many lives and will be greatly missed.

Please pray for the repose of Dennis' soul, for Liz and the rest of their family at this extremely sad time for them.

A Name for the Parish We Are Becoming

Through the "You Will Be My Witnesses" Diocesan Mission Plan, and guided by our Local Mission Plan, our four parishes are coming together as one Parish, with a shared mission. A shortlist of 6 names has been carefully and prayerfully discerned, in line with the direction of the Diocese. Vote for your preferred name. You are invited to approach this prayerfully. Let the Holy Spirit guide you. Voting is available online (via link or QR code) or through paper ballots at your church.



Link: <https://forms.gle/thMgN5xoSpmBj1C19> Voting closes on Corpus Christi Sunday, 7th June.

News from St. Michael's

More 'Welcomers' Needed!

Our Parish Facilitation Team have recently been looking at the importance of us being a 'welcoming' community and, seeing more lovely, new people coming into our churches, it has been acknowledged that we really need two Welcomers at each Mass to enable us to chat with them and help them feel welcome when they arrive.

If you consider yourself to be a warm and friendly person and would like to be involved in this 'Welcoming' ministry, please make yourself known to any of the present Welcomers or contact:

Joy Reilly: billjoyreilly@yahoo.co.uk or Mel Stevens: mstevens801@yahoo.co.uk

(There will also a sign-up sheet in the porch)

Double celebration last Sunday: Matt's 30th AND Matt & Adelaide's Engagement announcement!

Our congratulations and very best wishes to you both!



News from St. Oswald's

Children's Liturgy volunteers needed!

St Oswald's are looking to start a children's liturgy during Mass once a month from September and would like to know if anyone wants to come forward to help out. Please could they speak to Ellen or Mel so that we can organise the relevant DBS.

Advance Notice - Parish Office Closed for Half-Term

The Parish Office will be closed for just over a week from next Friday 22nd May and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd June, as Dan will be taking his family on holiday during Half-Term.

During his absence, emails will not be monitored. A list of emergency contact details will be included in next week's Newsletter, which will be issued on Thursday 21st May.

Second Collection this Weekend - Catholic Communications Network

This Sunday, 17th May, marks the 60th World Day of Social Communications. This year's theme is *Preserving Human Voices and Faces*.

The second collection on this day supports the work of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, particularly its websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to foster positive relationships with media outlets to communicate the Good News of the Gospel.

For more information, and to read Pope Leo's message for World Communications Day 2026, please visit: www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd/

Laudato Si' Week starts this Sunday

Laudato Si' Week is a commemoration of the publication of *Laudato Si'*, the encyclical by Pope Francis that calls humanity to care for our common home and embrace integral ecology.

It is a renewed invitation to:

- Pray deeply
- Reflect honestly
- Act concretely

and everyone is invited to take part.

This year the theme is Hope in Action and an opportunity to join with the global church.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and resources to help care for our common home.

Pentecost Praise event at St. Joseph's, Basingstoke

1CB Pentecost Praise is taking place at St Joseph's Church with their music group on Sunday 24th May at 7pm, to be followed by tea and cake. Please come and help us pray for Basingstoke.

Please contact St. Joseph's Church for more details.

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years?

If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 20th June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact your parish secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), in the Bishop's Office.

Thank you.



Choir for the Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass

Singers are being sought to join the choir for the above Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at St Bede's church on Sat 20th June.

If you can read music or hold a tune and would like to help make this a memorable celebration for the couples of our diocese, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Chris Olding at cjolding@wheatsheafmusic.co.uk for information.

ADoRE mini-retreat

Just before he left his followers at the Ascension, Jesus promised them '*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.*' (Acts 1:8) But how many Catholics realise that this promise is also for each of us who have been baptised? But, it does not happen automatically just because we have been baptised and confirmed.

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 23rd May 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "THE GIFTS AND FRUIT OF LOVE." How the Holy Spirit empowers us to be other Christs. Mini retreat morning including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Dr. Maria Heath, Director of Mission Northampton. Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREMAY2026 Full Details at https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

CHURCHSUITE

Many thanks indeed to all parishioners who have already registered their details on CHURCHSUITE or filled out and returned paper registration forms. We now have a total of 108 adults and children fully registered in the system. However, comparing with our legacy databases, we still think that there are a few more parishioners who haven't registered yet. Therefore, if you have not done so yet, we'd like to encourage you to register as soon as possible! Please see the links hereunder or let the Parish Office know if you need paper copies of the registration form. Thank you!

The Adult Registration Form is available via the following link:

<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/fqaeshz>

or via this QR Code:



The Child Registration Form is available via the following link:

<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/hislzxa>

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ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

Cake & Crystal Sale for Christian Aid this Sunday 17 May!

There will be a sale of cakes and treats in St Michael's Parish Room after the 9am Mass this Sunday 17 May to raise funds for Christian Aid – please bake or buy something delicious for the Archangels to sell! Cakes can also be donated at the Saturday Vigil Mass – please pass to Sue Tull or Marion Evans. Home bakers, please bring a note of ingredients to highlight any allergens. Many thanks!

There will also be the opportunity to browse our stalls of crystal – decanters, glasses, vases, jugs – religious pictures, jewellery and accessories – please come in for tea or coffee and have a look for a bargain!

Christian Aid Week officially ends on 16 May. The parish no longer helps conduct a door-to-door street collection in Tadley and instead holds an annual sale to raise funds for this worthy cause, standing alongside people living in poverty throughout the world. The 2026 campaign is focusing on helping mothers tackle urban poverty and hunger in Nairobi, Kenya. Any donations gratefully received!

Mingle at St Michael's

The next Mingle will take place on Wednesday 20 May in St Michael's Parish Room from 2 – 4pm. Please join us for tea/coffee, cake, conversation and laughter - all welcome!

Wintershall 'Life of Christ' Update

We now have 25 people booked for the trip to see 'Life of Christ' at Wintershall, near Guildford, on Saturday 20 June, so we have 8 places left to fill the proposed coach. It is a great experience! If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Mary Lee on 07821 254100 or email her at maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk



Coffee Morning & Plant Sale at Silchester Methodist Church Hall

There will be a Coffee Morning at Silchester Methodist Church Hall this Saturday 16 May from 10am to 12 noon with a sale of plants and gardening-related items. All welcome!

Volunteers still needed to help with CTAT Stand at Treacle Fair – Sunday 31 May

Volunteers are needed to help please with setting up the pitch, manning the stand during the day (this could just be for part of the day) and/or clearing down the pitch. If you are willing to help, please contact Dina Haywood who is co-ordinating the stand: dinahaywood@btinternet.com