

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	18 th July	16 th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Adam – Special Intention
Sun	19 th July	16 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	20 th July	NO MASS			
Tues	21 st July	Feria	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	
Weds	22 nd July	St. Mary Magdalene (F)	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	23 rd July	St. Bridget of Sweden (F)	9.30am	St. Michael's	Juliet Vooght RIP
Fri	24 th July	Feria	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	25 th July	17 th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	26 th July	17 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	

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

Mass Intentions: If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Dan in the Parish Office

Mass Intentions

All parishioners are invited to consider making more use of the larger number of Masses now celebrated in our Parish to book Mass Intentions, not only for the deceased, but also for any worthy intention. Please note that Mass Stipends are not compulsory, but always gratefully received, since they are paid directly into the Parish Account thereby assisting with the upkeep of the Parish.

Next Sunday 26th July

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly



In today's gospel from Matthew, Jesus describes what the Kingdom of Heaven is like by telling his listeners three parables. These parables are to do with the growth of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The first one is about good seed and bad seed, wheat and dandel, that are sown in the same field and grow together. This represents the battle between good and evil that we have to face in life, from within ourselves and from outside of ourselves. In the end the dandel will be thrown away and destroyed, whereas the wheat will be saved and kept.

The second one is about a tiny mustard seed that when planted in a garden grows into a tree that birds can shelter and nest in. The third is about how yeast, when mixed with flour, causes it to expand and rise up. These parables help us to understand that the Kingdom of Heaven is something dynamic, that grows and develops within us. It is not a kingdom which is a physical place or a physical power but, rather, it is a SPIRITUAL reality. It comes from within our hearts.

It was through the waters of Baptism that we were first received into God's Kingdom - when we received the life of Christ. We were transferred from the kingdom darkness into the kingdom of God's light. At Baptism we were anointed by the power of the Holy Spirit and received the life and grace of salvation. From then onwards, this new life requires nurturing and cultivating in order for it to grow strong within us. Baptism can be compared to a seed that we are given – a seed of NEW LIFE IN CHRIST. We do not become the finished article all at once, but we are given the POTENTIALITY to become fully human and alive in Christ.

Our daily challenge is to remain faithful to our baptismal vows, to remain faithful to Jesus. This we do by following His WAY, which is to always seek to do the will of God the Father. This is how we help to bring about the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth!

“THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.”

CONGRATULATIONS TO GEOFF POULTER!



Many congratulations to Geoff Poulter, of our St. Michael's congregation, upon receiving an Apostolic Blessing from His Holiness Pope Leo to coincide with his 80th birthday.

This treasured blessing is a fitting recognition of a lifetime of faithful service to God, the Church, and His people.

In addition, Geoff's award is celebrated in this week's Diocesan e-news, which you can access via this link: [e-News - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

We therefore echo the words of Joan Kent (Called and Gifted Team Administrator) by offering Geoff our heartfelt congratulations and sincere thanks for all he has given so generously over the years. May God continue to bless him with good health, peace, and joy, and may the loving memories of his beloved late wife, Gina, continue to inspire all who were privileged to know and serve alongside them.

Ad multos annos, Geoff! May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly in the years ahead.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Now published on the Diocesan website, the report highlights the progress and many achievements of the year across the length and breadth of our Diocese, as well as explaining how our income sustains our Diocese, our clergy and parishes. Link to access the report: <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/document/annual-report-2025/>

ADORE spiritual mini-retreat 25th July 10.00-1.00 on Zoom

"HIS BANNER OVER US IS LOVE." Responding to God's invitation to His heavenly banquet. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Russ Fairman, Member of the National CHARIS renewal team. Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2026 Details via this link:

[Spiritual renewal this month at ADORE](#)

Silent Retreat at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre Isle of Wight - 21st - 28th August 2026

Time to be renewed, empowered, re-energised by being with and listening to God. "Come to Me and you will live..." (Is. 55:3) For more info, please, click on:

verbumdei.iow@gmail.com

or

www.uk.verbumdei.org.

ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

Thanks received from Christian Aid

We have received a letter of thanks from Christian Aid, following receipt of the £222.00 raised at the Cake & Crystal Sale for Christian Aid Week which took place in St Michael's Church on Sunday 17 May 2026.

They are very grateful for our donation, which will help empower families push back on poverty, and send their sincere thanks to all who contributed in any way. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATES

Parish Walk to St Mary the Virgin Church, Silchester – Sunday 16 August

Picnic Tea & Rounders in Silchester – Sunday 6 September



The Ladies' Breakfast usually meets on the second Saturday of the month, but please note there will be no meeting in August. The next Breakfast will take place on Saturday 12 September.

Cream Teas at Silchester Methodist

Silchester Methodist will be serving cream teas from 3pm to 5pm every Sunday until the end of July. All welcome.

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.casportsmouth.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/>

Thank you for making a difference

From Christian Aid UK <giving@christian-aid.org>

Date Tue 2026-07-14 12:45

To Parish of St Michaels Tadley <tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk>

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Fridah with her sons Eliud and Abiud and grandson Quillan.

Dear ~~Dan~~ Parishioners

Your gift of £222.00 - whether given personally, through your church, or your Christian Aid Group - is helping communities thrive. Thanks to support like yours, people are gaining the skills, confidence and opportunities they need to build a brighter, fairer future.

Your generosity is helping communities thrive by supporting partners like Beacon of Hope, equipping urban farmers like Fridah with training, tools and seeds.

"When I harvest what I've planted, it makes me happy. Urban farming has changed my life."

Thanks to support like yours, Fridah can now grow food for her family and earn a reliable income.

Your gift is helping people gain the skills, confidence and opportunities they need to build a brighter, fairer future.

Thank you again for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Senior".

Jay Senior
Community Fundraising and Volunteering Lead