

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

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MASS TIMES

Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	18 th Oct	29 th Sunday Vigil Mass	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Patrick & Doris Duffy RIP
Sun	19 th Oct	29 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Doug & Olive Reed RIP
Sun	19 th Oct	29 th Sunday	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Fr. Stephen will be away on pilgrimage in Medjugorje next week: 20th – 27th October					
No Weekday Masses next week					
For Emergency contacts during this time, please see the Page 4 of this Newsletter					
Saturday & Sunday Masses next weekend will be celebrated by our Parish Priest, Fr. John Lee					

Word Mission Sunday

2nd Collection at all Masses this Weekend is for Missio. Posters & Gift Aid Envelopes, will be available in the entrance areas of both our Churches. Regular Gift Aiders will find an envelope at the rear of their boxes.

Books of the Names of the Dead

A Book of the Names of the Dead will be placed in the porch areas of both our Churches for parishioners to enter the names of departed family and friends.

Reminders

First Holy Communion 2026

Would parents of those children that they wish to be part of the preparation programme for First Holy Communion 2026, please declare their interest to the Parish Office by the end of October. Initial meeting for parents is anticipated for December, with preparation sessions for candidates starting in January.

Calling all Mothers and Grandmothers!

"Mother's Prayers" has been established in our Parish for over 10 years and we warmly welcome more 'Mums and Grannies' to join us. Prayers are greatly needed for our children and grandchildren in this day and age and we've experienced many amazing answers to prayers since we've been meeting.

There's the choice of a 'weekly' group that meets in the Parish Room on Thursday afternoons from 2 - 3pm or a 'fortnightly' group that meets in a couple of home venues on Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7pm. There will be a warm welcome for any mother and grandmother to attend either group and there's no commitment to attend every meeting. Please contact Joy Reilly: 0118 9813784 or Pauline Penfold: 0118 9811247 if you are interested.

ADoRE Golden Jubilee

You are invited to a special celebration of 50 years of ADoRE's ministry, with Bishop Philip Egan, Charles Whitehead KSG, and the Basingstoke Filipino Choir. Face to face meeting at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 9DX. 25th Oct, 9.30am-3.30pm, including Adoration, Confession and Healing Prayer Ministry. Theme: is "PILGRIMS OF HOPE: THE PATH OF PRAYER" - Our spiritual pilgrimage into an intimate relationship with Jesus. Register in advance for in-person attendance at: bit.ly/ADOREOCT2025 Will also be live-streamed at: www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/live/ Further information at: www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

Day of Prayer and Reparation for Life

Next Wednesday 22nd October is the day of Prayer and Reparation for Life. Bishop Philip is asking us to pray for the upholding of the dignity and value of human life in our country, as well as free speech and sound moral principles in public life and policy.

One third of babies conceived are now aborted & the bill to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia, which would normalise the termination of life for the elderly, still remains a possibility.

Diocesan Safeguarding Training

The last face to face safeguarding training for 2024 takes place on 30th November, at St Bede's Church (Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 9DX). The course is for all volunteers or staff members who wish to secure Diocese approved safeguarding training which will be valid for three years.

The day session will cover:

- Child Protection in the morning (10:00 – 12:00)
- Adults at Risk in the afternoon (13:00 – 15:00)

To register for this session, please email safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Charity Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers

On Saturday 15th November 2025, the weekend of the World Day of the Poor, Bishop Philip will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass for volunteers involved in social action throughout the Diocese. The Mass is at 10:30am, at St Joseph's Church, St Michaels Road, Basingstoke RG22 6TY

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ARCHANGELS PARISH SOCIAL GROUP

Reminder

Quiz Night & Raffle in Aid of St Michael's Hospice – TONIGHT! Friday 17th October:

If you have not yet registered, but would like to come, we still have some spaces on some teams. To register, please contact Mary Lee this afternoon by calling or texting on 07821 254100 or emailing her before 5.45pm to help us set up the hall properly: maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk. Thanks.

Venue: St Mary's Church Hall, Bishopswood Road, Tadley, RG26 4HQ

When: 7pm – 10pm tonight, Friday 17 Oct. Doors open at 6.45pm.

Entry: £5 cash per person on the door (please bring more cash for the raffle!).

Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

All proceeds will go to St Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke, to help fund their invaluable services.

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CAP Money Coaching Sessions

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Sessions will take place on Thursday nights 6th, 13th & 20th November in the Hall at St. Bede's, Basingstoke, starting at 7pm. Bookings can be made at [CAP UK](https://www.capuk.org/)

Volunteers needed – Basingstoke Night Winter Shelter

Basingstoke's winter shelter for homeless and rough sleepers will be open at nights again this year for 3 months starting on 1st December. The shelter provides a safe space during the coldest months for both men and women less fortunate than many, to enjoy fellowship, a hot evening meal, a warm and dry bed to sleep and a breakfast the morning after. Volunteers are needed for evening (1830 - 2200); overnight (2200 -0600) and morning (0600 -0800) shifts for the 90 nights. Full training is arranged on dates in November. Contact Pat Murphy 07785 312486 who can provide more information.

CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY (CTAT)

Reminders

CTAT Christmas Day Event:

This year, it sadly looks unlikely that CTAT will be able to host its usual Christmas Day Lunch at the Ambrose Allen Centre, which has been enjoyed and appreciated by about 70 people each year. However, we are looking into the feasibility of hosting an afternoon event instead with an afternoon tea, fun and games to provide an opportunity for those in our community who are alone or going through a difficult time to come together and socialise on this important feastday.

Can you help please? We need offers of transport, food preparation, serving refreshments, organising entertainment, hosting and chatting to guests. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Mary Lee by calling or texting her as soon as possible, but by 31 October at the latest, on 07821 254100 or email: secretary.ctat@gmail.com Many thanks.

Blazing Lights Party:

This alternative children's party to Halloween will take place on Thursday 30 October from 5pm to 7pm at Tadley Common Methodist Church, RG26 4HN, for children in Y1 – Y6. Crafts, sweets, glowsticks and more! No Halloween costumes – please come dressed in bright colours. Sign up online: www.ctat.org.uk/blazinglights There will also be a Party of Light for children on Friday 31 October from 5pm - 7pm at St Mary's Church, Tadley, RG26 4HQ.

Could you support a local school by becoming a School Governor? Silchester Church of England Primary School has vacancies for three school governors. Applications from Christians of any denomination welcomed. To find out more, please contact Rev Karen West, whose normal working days are Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Sunday morning on 07525 494025 or email revkarenw24@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 25th October & 22nd November

25th October – Speaker: Sally; Topic: Hampshire Fire & Rescue

22nd November – Speaker: Michael; Topic: North Hants Villages

Open to all & Free. Meeting 10.00am. Venue: Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Malthouse Lane, Tadley, RG26 3NJ

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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/>

EMERGENCY COVER

If a serious need arises to contact a priest, please immediately use the emergency contact details shown below:

Hospital Chaplaincy Contacts:

Basingstoke Hospital Chaplaincy Team

Office Hours: 01256 314901

Urgent & Outside of office hours: Via the Hospital Switchboard 01256 473202
(Alternatively, St. Bede's Parish Office during Office Hours only: 01256 465214)

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplaincy Team

Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm: 0118 322 7105

Urgent & Outside of office hours: contact switchboard 0118 322 5111 to ask for the on-call chaplain.

NOTE: When contacting Hospital Chaplaincies, please clearly state you require a Roman Catholic priest. It is the responsibility of the family to request a Chaplain to attend.

NOTE: If there is a problem in finding a priest, DEACON TONY DARROCH will help as far as possible, if available - Tel: 07723 763767

FOR INFO:

St. Bede's, Basingstoke 01256 465214

St. Joseph, Basingstoke 01256 323595

Douai Abbey (Woolhampton Parish) 0118 9715350