

## **20<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B) PARISH NEWSLETTER**

### **This Weekend's Mass arrangements**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

**Note:** Mandatory 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at all this weekend's Masses for **Missio**.

### **Advance Notices**

- **All Saints' Day (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: 7.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

**Note:** All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass unless there is a good reason for them not doing so. As it is a Solemnity, there is no need for the usual Friday abstinence from meat in honour of the Death of the Lord.

- **Remembrance Sunday**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley (Mass of 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Year B)  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common (Mass for the Dead)

**Note:** There will be no Mass at St. Michael's on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

- **Advent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025)**

Saturdays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> December, from 10.30am – 11.30am. Please make a note in your diaries now.

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### **Arts Festival Thanks!**

On behalf of Churches Together Around Tadley (CTAT), I thank Mary Lee, Marion Evans, Sue Tull and Gerry and Pauline Penfold from our Tadley Catholic community for their greatly appreciated involvement in our recent Arts Festival. Not to forget Pam Darroch for her work in the Ladies Breakfast contribution of Rob Young's presentation about the design and creation of contemporary stained-glass panels on Saturday, 12th October.

### **A memorable Arts Festival Service**

A large number of people from our Tadley Christian community attended the Ecumenical Service at Tadley Common Methodist Church on Sunday morning, 13th October. Our thanks to Sue Tull for representing our Catholic community.

The Service lasted 1 hour 30 minutes, but the time seemed to go very quickly, and I found it a spiritually enriching experience. It was well brought together by the Rev. John Banks of the Methodist Church and the Rev. Chris Knight of the Anglican Church, with involvement by myself and lay members of our other Christian Communities.

Although beginning as one would expect a Christian Service to do, it then changed into a fine opportunity to allow the improvisation and creativity of the Holy Spirit to take charge. We often forget the central role of that Spirit in all that is good and true in the Arts, especially in music, silent reflection on the Father's creative power, and the joyful presence of Jesus in our lives.

The Rev. Chris presented an impromptu musical interlude on the piano, which was exceptionally graceful, leading one into quiet contemplation. This was enhanced by the opportunity to join those who sought silent reflection in the Quiet Room, whilst others chose to engage in "paper engineering" in the Hall, or chose to remain in the body of the Church with appropriate music. The Rev. John, using the paper boat he had created, delighted us then with a short meditation whereby the boat became the Cross!

After prayers for the World, the Church, the Festival and those in need, and the Lord's Prayer with a joyful Sharing of the Peace, came our Act of Commitment to all that is God's Gift to us. I concluded the Service with The Blessing, and we retired to a time of refreshment and lively conversation at Saint Mary's Church. Memorable!

**REMINDER: Father Patrick taking a break**

I will be taking a break to visit & catch-up with family from 21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> October, but otherwise I'm not available until 30<sup>th</sup> October. Emergency cover details are shown hereunder.

**EMERGENCY COVER: 21<sup>st</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Father Patrick:** On holiday & generally not available.

**Parish Office:** Tuesday-Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm, Friday 9.30am-2.00pm, CLOSED MONDAYS

**Emails:** Will be reviewed as normal during Office Hours.

**Phone:** Available during Office Hours. Messages will be checked during Office Hours.

**OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS** - If a serious need arises to contact a priest, please use the emergency contact details 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.

**If there is a problem in finding a priest, Deacon Tony Darroch will help as far as possible, if he is available** Tel: 07723 763767

**FOR INFO:**

St. Bede's, Basingstoke 01256 465214 – Rev. John Lee

St. Joseph, Basingstoke 01256 323595 - Rev. Paul Nwune

Douai Abbey (Woolhampton Parish) 0118 9715350

Note: Some of these Clergy and /or their Administrators might also be taking a break at this time.

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### **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)

### **REMINDER: Fundraising for St Michael's Hospice - After 9am Mass, Sunday 20 October**

Donations for the **Cake Sale** may be brought to the Saturday Vigil Mass or on Sunday. Please come into the Parish Room after Sunday Mass to enjoy refreshments and buy something from our cake, religious items, jewellery and accessories stalls, plus have a go on the tombola - all in aid of a very good cause!

### **Archangels Social Group Meeting – 7pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

There will be a meeting in the Parish Room next Thursday 24 October at 7pm to plan our next activities and a calendar for 2025 - suggestions and new members very welcome - why not come along on Thursday and join us?

### **New Lectionary**

I am requesting that all Readers should try to attend the Diocesan online sessions (advertised last week) to learn about the new Lectionary (which comes into use in Advent). Naturally, all other parishioners are also encouraged to participate, especially our Parish musicians, as there will be new Psalm settings.

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](mailto: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](#).

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### **Diocesan Annual Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life - Wednesday, 23rd October**

It's now almost sixty years since the 1967 Abortion Act - one of the most liberal in the world - came into effect in the UK. Since then, ten million babies have been aborted, one in five pregnancies. As a people of life, our efforts as Catholics to defend the unborn child, to care for pregnant mothers and to reverse or blunt this Act have had mixed results and this month, unjustly, new legislation will no longer allow us even to pray outside hospitals and clinics. This is why we keep every 23rd October, the day the 1967 Abortion Act was passed, as a diocesan Day of Prayer and Reparation for Life. Please endeavour to do so this coming Wednesday.

### **Assisted Suicide – Should the Law be changed?**

Join Dr Dominic Whitehouse, a palliative care consultant, in Reading on **Tuesday 29th October**, when he will explain why changing the law on Assisted Suicide would be harmful to patients, doctors and society.

Date: Tuesday 29th October 2024

Time: 7.30pm – 9pm

Place: Novotel Reading Centre, 25B Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1DP

(The hotel is 5 minutes' walk from Reading station)

This event is organised by [Lives Worth Living](#), a campaign of SPUC Pro-Life. [Click here](#) to register to attend.

### **A “Thank You” from Life Charity**

The Life Charity have written to us, thanking those who supported their Emergency Appeal earlier this year & also those who decided to become a regular donor or increased a current regular donation.

Thanks to this, in uncertain times, women facing the unexpected can be certain of life-affirming support through their entire pregnancy and early motherhood journey.

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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.casoportsmouth.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,

Father Patrick.

**Fr. Patrick Tansey**

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