

PARISH NEWSLETTER
Parish of Tadley (with Kingsclere) and Burghfield Common
21st September 2025 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR C
Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

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This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 20th September: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 21st September: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley – **With Children's Liturgy!**

Sunday 21st September: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

2nd Collection at all Masses this weekend:

Home Missions (For more info: [Evangelii Gaudium Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#))

(Gift Aiders: Please remember that the specific envelope for this collection is located towards the back of your envelope box).

Mass Count at all Masses this weekend:

As is customary at this time of year, we are required by the Diocese to conduct a series of four weekend Mass Counts. The first Count will be conducted this weekend.

Weekday Mass arrangements

Tuesday 23rd September: **NO MASS TODAY (due to electrical works)** at St. Oswald's Church

Wednesday 24th September: 9.30 am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Thursday 25th September: 9.30 am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Friday 26th September: 7.00 pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 30 minutes prior to the start of each Weekday Mass
- The Rosary: Immediately following each Weekday Mass.

The Feast of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael – 29th September

There will be a 7.00pm Mass at St. Michael's Church, concelebrated by Father Stephen & Father John Lee, our Pastoral Parish Priest.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Savoury nibbles & cake will be available after Mass.

Children's Liturgy at St. Michael's - Dates for the remainder of the Year

21st September; 12th October; 2nd November; 23rd November; 14th December

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. An initial meeting for parents is anticipated for December, with preparation sessions for candidates beginning in January.

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CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING SURVEY

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency's (CSSA) are inviting everyone engaged with the Catholic Church, including Clergy, Religious, volunteers and parishioners to contribute their experiences of how the Catholic Church engages with survivors. Information and form can be found [here](#) (this is a separate survey to the Survivor Engagement in the Catholic Church, England and Wales). The survey is anonymous unless you choose otherwise.

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Interview with Bishop Philip

Last week, Bishop Philip was interviewed by the Catholic Herald on a whole range of matters from the Latin Mass to the Labour Government. You can see the interview via this link [on the Catholic Herald website](#)

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REMINDERS FOR TOMORROW!!! (Saturday 20th September)

Relics of St. Columba:

The Knights of St. Columba proudly safeguard the revered relics of St. Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret. Once again this year, the local Knights have been helping bring these sacred relics to locations across the country, inviting pilgrims to partake in their spiritual legacy. We are blessed to have the relics of the Knights of St. Columba coming to at **St. Joseph's Church in Basingstoke**. Parishioners from around the Pastoral Area are warmly encouraged to come and venerate the relics on **Saturday 20th September**.

There will be a **short liturgy at 2pm** to welcome the relics. Thereafter, there will be opportunity for silent prayer and veneration of the relics interspersed with gentle music throughout the afternoon. The relics will be displayed until after the **6pm Vigil Mass**. You are welcome to make known any prayer intentions which can be placed before the relics. Please spread the word for this special occasion.

CAFOD Meeting:

We are all invited to a CAFOD meeting at **St Bedes Church Hall Basingstoke on Saturday 20th September from 10:30am to 1:30pm**. Come and hear about the difference your donations are making to communities around the world and CAFOD's work with partners in Southern Ethiopia . A simple lunch will be provided so please book your place by emailing Jo on jlewry@cafod.org.uk.

ADORE Zoom mini-retreat "*Pilgrims of Hope – Pilgrims of Hope Minister to One Another*":

How can we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help our fellow pilgrims on the journey through life?

We are called to help others along the Pilgrim way, using our God-given gifts and talents for the Kingdom. Guiding people to God as loving Father, Jesus as Saviour, and the Holy Spirit as Counsellor. Providing for the needy; helping the weak; being stewards of sharing God's provision; giving cheerfully & not counting the cost.

This mini-retreat will include an inspiring talk from Geoff Poulter, Director of the Catholic Bible School for 12 years and leader of training courses in Prophecy, Healing and Discipleship.

Saturday 20th September, 10.00am - 1.00pm on Zoom. Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at

bit.ly/ADORESEP2025 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

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A Day with Mary – Saturday 4th October, 10.00am – 5.30pm

We are all invited to participate in this day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Including Mass in honour of Our Lady, Confession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. **Venue: Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi, Early, Reading.**

<https://adaywithmary.org/>

Fatima Festival at the Cathedral

We are invited to St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth on **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October** to welcome the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of the Fatima Visionaries, Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto. The programme for the weekend begins at Midday on **Saturday 4th October** with the welcome and crowning of the pilgrim statue and Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip. The visit continues until after the 12 Noon Mass on **Sunday 5th October**, and includes praying the Rosary, talks and opportunities to venerate the relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto. The weekend's programme can be viewed [here](#). All welcome!

REMINDER: Formation Day for Readers

A Formation morning for **Readers** will take place at St. Bede's, Basingstoke, on **Saturday 18th October** and all readers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. This day will include a session on Lectio Divina. Anyone wishing to attend either day should register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Click on the image for a poster.

Also, why not visit the [Liturgy Project website](#) to see what else the Diocesan Liturgical Formation Team has to offer?

Douai Abbey – Autumn Programme

Please find the list of all Douai Abbey Workshops & Reflection Days for the remainder of the year attached to this Newsletter.

Diploma in Spiritual Theology & Formation

Claritas Spiritual Theology offers a two-year *Diploma in Spiritual Theology & Formation* (or for personal enrichment without assignments). It explores the workings of grace, the virtues, the mystical life, including the gifts of the Holy Spirit, meditation and contemplative prayer, (primary text: St Teresa of Avila's *Interior Castle*). It also examines the three stages of the spiritual life and spiritual discernment. Live weekly two-hour sessions (with notes). To register or to find out more, please visit: www.claritas-st.com

Archangels Social Group Events

Card Games' Night this evening, Friday 19 September:

A reminder this will now be held in St Michael's Parish Room, Tadley, from 7pm to 10pm. Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Tea and coffee will be available. There is no charge for this event.

St Michael's Night – Monday 29 September:

Fr Stephen and Fr John Lee will be concelebrating our St Michael's Feastday Mass at 7pm on 29 September in Tadley. There will be the opportunity to socialise afterwards in the Parish Room and toast the Parish. All welcome! We will be organising some savoury nibbles and cake, so it would help us to prepare, if you sign-up on the sheets in our churches please, if you hope to join us for refreshments. Many thanks. We look forward to seeing you!

Quiz Night in Aid of St Michael's Hospice on Friday 17 October:

We are organising a Quiz Night & Raffle at St Mary's Church Hall, Bishopswood Road, Tadley, RG26 4HQ on Friday 17 October from 7pm – 10pm. All proceeds will go to St Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke, to help fund their invaluable services. Entry: £5 cash per person on the door (and please bring more cash for the raffle!). Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Teams of up to 6 people are allowed, but if 5 other people can't be persuaded to join your team, please don't let that stop you coming! Please register your interest and the names of any other team members and we will make up teams, where needed. Also, please don't let transport be an issue as we shall be able to help within the parish area. To register your team or individually, please contact Mary Lee by calling or texting on 07821 254100 or emailing her: maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk

Raffle prizes needed please:

Donations of raffle prizes would be much appreciated over the next few weekends – please place in the marked containers in church porches for the Raffle in Aid of St Michael's Hospice. NB: only use the Foodbank containers for your Foodbank donations! Many thanks.

CTAT

Next CTAT Forum:

This will take place on Thursday 25 September at St Luke's Church, Church Road, Pamber Heath, RG26 3DX, 7pm for refreshments before the meeting starts at 7.30pm. All welcome!

CTAT Men's Breakfast – Forthcoming dates:

Open to all & Free.

Meeting 10.00am, 4th Saturday of the month

Venue: Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Malthouse Lane, Tadley, RG26 3NJ

Sept 27th – Speaker: Joyce (Thoughts on the Travel Industry)

CTAT Ladies' Breakfast:

Open to all & Free.

Meeting 10.00am, usually on 2nd Saturday of the month (except August & December)

Venue: Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Malthouse Lane, Tadley, RG26 3NJ

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Caritas Portsmouth Autumn Update

Please see the latest Caritas Newsletter [All the news this autumn](#) for news of forthcoming events, including:

Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th October: World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Saturday 18th October: Anti-Slavery Day.

Sunday 16th November: World Day of the Poor.

Saturday 15th November: Thanksgiving Mass for all Caritas volunteers.

Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd September - 5th October

This year's theme is **Do it Fair**. For over 30 years Fairtrade has been supporting over 2 million Fairtrade farmers and workers across 58 countries to ensure they can earn a fairer wage and extra money to spend in their community. It's also about tackling the effects of a changing climate, giving more power to women and protecting the environment.

This is an opportunity for us to decide to use Fairtrade products and show how buying products with the Fairtrade Mark can make a real difference to some of the poorest people in the world. There are ideas and links [here](#).

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/>

Have a good weekend.

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DOUAI ABBEY PROGRAMME Autumn 2025



AUTUMN PROGRAMME

Workshops & Reflection Days

- **Booking & further enquiries:** Email: pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk
- **All Days:** 10.30am to 4pm. (arrivals & coffee from 10am) Please bring own lunch.
- **How to arrive** see: <https://www.douaiabbey.org.uk/contact-us.php>
- **Contribution** £20 made on the day (coffee & tea provided)

Saturday 25 October

Ecumenical Council of Nicaea AD 325 - led by Br Simon Hill

A Day of information & discussion. The Council of Nicaea took place in Asia Minor in the year 325AD, the first time that the whole Church was summoned in consultation. It produced the creed which has become the distinctive expression of the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

Saturday 8 November

Caring for Carers Reflection Day - facilitated by Br Christopher Greener

A Day Retreat, offering opportunity for collective prayer & reflection. The treatise *The Sacrament of the Present Moment* will be introduced & discussed. There will be opportunity for private prayer and sharing.

Saturday 22 November

Wider Horizons of the Spirit: Themes from an Indian Journey – led by Fr Peter Bowe

Flashbacks from a year in India in the 1980s, living with Fr Bede Griffiths at Shantivanam ashram in the south, and extensive journeys, right to the source of the Ganges. Questions arise relevant to the Christian spiritual journey today: How does Christianity relate to Hinduism & Buddhism? How to encounter Christ in the context of these and other faiths? Do we need a new ecumenism? How do we live with religious faith – Christian and otherwise – in a secular world today?

Saturday 13 December

Advent Reflection Day - led by Barbara Priest

In the dark days of winter we find the promise of light. Come and rest in this gentle Advent season of waiting for the Light of the World. *Barbara Priest is an Anglican lay minister in Salisbury and Bath & Wells Dioceses, and an oblate of Douai Abbey*

Flyers with details & more information on request - ALL WELCOME !

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