

Dear all,

Once again, a brief update, especially as things have been more than busy these last few days.

On Sunday there was no heating operating in Saint Oswald's Church and not all of the lights were on. My thanks to those who had come to Mass for staying until its end despite the chill. Following the Mass, as is my custom, I checked the Leonard Rooms and surrounding areas to ensure all was well. I found that the pathway around the crypt/boiler area had about two feet of water, rising slightly above the doors, suggesting that the pump had failed during heavy rain at the end of the week. So, my day off on Monday was spent trying to prevent another major flood and insurance claim. Greatly appreciated was the response of Richard Cole who does work for us at the Church and of Andy Hunneman of the church community. Although unable to attend Mass on Sunday because of ill health, he ably assisted Richard. Hopefully the Church will be open for Sunday if the boiler is working & an update will be sent on this at the end of the week.

My thanks to Christine Caren, who spent considerable time with me today on her appointment as safeguarding officer for Tadley area, and with Dan concerning our parish website, which she and her husband care for.

Dan and I have been addressing the blocked drains around the Tadley property, and appreciate the support of Ben Rowden on this.

The Burghfield Common site needs considerable tidying up which is beyond the ability of the small group of volunteers there, and with Ellen Goodall we are in touch with the Community Payback organisation for this to begin in November.

As from Sunday I shall be having a break and will not be available until 1st November, for the All Saints Day Masses. Remember this is a Holy Day of Obligation and the times are in this update.

Please also note the Parish Office will be closed on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Visit of Father Brian Oswald, MHM**

On the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a special Missio appeal in the parish, promoting the work of this important missionary organisation of the Catholic Church. Missio is the Pope's charity for worldwide mission and through the Red Boxes we support the Church around the world where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via direct debit.

The priest giving the appeal is Father Brian Oswald. I take this opportunity to thank Anne Howlett of our Burghfield Common community for volunteering immediately to accommodate him on the evening of Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>, and providing a lunch for him on the Sunday as necessary. Following my request for some support from the Tadley community, Sue Tull offered accommodation on the Saturday, and Dennis and Kath Murtagh were prepared to cover Saturday and Sunday alike. After discussion we have decided to accept Dennis and Kath's kind offer, especially as Father Brian will be leaving after the Sunday Mass at Saint Oswald's church without lunch. He is most grateful to all who came forward.

### **World Mission Sunday**

This is celebrated this coming weekend across the Catholic Church. All the faithful are called to take part in it as far as possible, helping transform struggling missionary communities, enabling them to bring Christ to others, as we are called to do so in our time and place. There is a second collection at all Masses this weekend for this important work, and it will be an opportunity to prepare us for Father Brian's visit next weekend. Make the coming week one of prayer for the foreign missions.

### **Mass arrangements:**

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| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October: | 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church                            |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October:   | 9.00am at St. Michael's Church                            |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October:   | 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church <b>**TO BE CONFIRMED**</b> |

### **Children's Liturgy**

Will take place at the 9.00am Sunday Mass at St. Michael's Church.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE: All Saints Day - 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Mass times will be as follows:

11.00am at St. Oswald's Church

7.00pm at St. Michael's Church

### **IMPORTANT – Parish Office closures**

**The Office will be closed this week & next on: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> ; Friday 20<sup>th</sup> ; Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> ; Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> .**

The above arrangements are due to Dan's participation in the Diocesan Parish Administrators' Training Day in Portsmouth & to enable him to undertake Half-Term childcare duties at home.

### **REMINDER: First Holy Communion 2024 – Applications invited**

I would like to know by Sunday the 29th of October the names of all those who wish to receive their First Holy Communion in 2024.

Candidates must be aged 8 years by the end of August (at least year 3 of school) and be regular Church attendees. Please provide the following details to me in a sealed envelope:

NAME OF CANDIDATE.

ADDRESS.

TELEPHONE NUMBER.

EMAIL ADDRESS.

DATE OF BIRTH.

NAMES OF PARENTS.

### **ADORE spiritual mini-retreat**

THE IMPORTANCE OF LISTENING AND OBEDIENCE IN SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

28th October 10.00 am -1.00 p.m "Whatever the Father Does, the Son also does – Following God's will in evangelisation." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer and inspiring guest speaker Fr Gareth Leyshon. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREOCT2023](https://bit.ly/ADOREOCT2023)

### **CTAT 3Cs Café – Volunteers needed**

The 3Cs Cafe, which is owned by CTAT, is run by a handful of volunteers. Over recent months they have struggled to staff the cafe because of age, illness, family difficulties and the occasional holiday of volunteers and urgently need more to help. Since changing its name & purpose, the Cafe has seen an increase in people coming and we hope it will continue to grow and meet a need in the

community. Please consider helping if you can. It involves a maximum of two hours once a month on a Thursday afternoon to make tea and chat to people and provide a few cakes, which do not have to be home made.

If you are interested, please call or email the Parish Office & we will put you in touch with the Café.

### **Green Health Tadley – Food/Quiz/Live Music Night**

CTAT have drawn our attention to the following event in support of Green Health Tadley, a community based horticulture program.

Venue: Tadley Community Hall, New Church Rd, RG26 4HN

Date: 28th October 23 Time: 7pm

Meal: Curry and rice supplied by Hatchgate Burghfield (vegetarian available)

Live music by: Flight.

Quiz: Prizes for winning teams Raffle and auction for great items.

Bring your own drinks and glasses Ticket: £20 per person - Children U16: £10

Enquiries: David 07519586407 Mark 0772245821

### **Prayers for the Persecuted Church**

Sunday 5th November is an International Prayer Day for the Persecuted Church. CTAT have informed us that there will be a dedicated time of prayer on that day in the United Reformed Church, Tadley at 12.30pm, lasting approximately 1 hour. It would be great to have as many people as possible joining in with this special time of prayer.

### **Diocesan Vacancies**

IT Technician with the Department of Support and Administration Services - Closing date 6 November 2023.

For this & other vacancies visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>

### **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/>

Enjoy your weekend.

Father Patrick.

### **Father Patrick Tansey**

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