

Dear All,

First Holy Communion thanks!

The First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday 16th June went splendidly. Our congratulations to Lou, Daniel and Jacob on their first reception of the Eucharist and our thanks to their parents for supporting them in their Christian journey. Also to our catechists Marion, Jenny and Katherine for their work in preparing them for this important moment in their lives. The music for the Mass was well presented by the Saint Michael's music group under Anne Reilly's leadership, and an enjoyable social followed in the Parish Room and patio area.

A very special thanks to Beata, mother of Daniel and Jacob, for arranging the decoration of the front benches in the church, alongside the amazing First Communion display board by the Sacred Heart statue and a smaller one on the sanctuary area, naming the candidates under a fine portrayal of Host and Chalice. The display board has been kindly left to the church for future First Communions, which is greatly appreciated.

Prayers for Father Jean-Patrice, please

Father Jean-Patrice Coulon, the assistant priest at Saint Bede's Church, serving the Basingstoke Hospital and Winchester Prison, is seriously unwell at the present time. He had very kindly agreed to cover the two Sunday Masses at Tadley and Burghfield Common next weekend. Our thanks to Father Peter Codd who has now agreed to celebrate these as well as the Saturday evening Mass at Tadley, during Father Patrick's break.

Final Profession congratulations!

Tom Messenger, who was an altar server at Saint Bede's Church, and whom Father Patrick knows well, makes his final vows as a monk at Douai Abbey on Saturday 22nd June at 11:30 AM. Keep him in your prayers.

LEPRA thanks

Laurice Jarman (Assistant Manager - Faith Partnerships) of LEPRA writes:

"Dear Father Patrick, on behalf of LEPRA, my heartfelt thanks for the donation of £321.00 following the recent appeal in support of LEPRA. The continued support from the parish is greatly respected and valued". The amount sent by our Parish for their [Centenary Appeal](#) will cure 13 people of the disease. There is a notice of thanks in both our churches.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) leaflets

These are available in both our churches in respect of the General Election and the need to contact candidates concerning their views on abortion and assisted suicide. Please take one. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has recently stated:

"I want to encourage all Catholics, especially young adults, to engage with their candidates to ascertain their views on the key issues".

The protection of human life from the moment of conception to natural death is a key issue for Catholics.

In addition, as advertised in our last Newsletter, the Right to Life charity is conducting a *Vote For Both Lives* campaign. Click here to [sign the Both Lives Pledge](#). It only takes 30 seconds.

Dan outlines below the details of emergency cover, so please read them clearly. He will be available in the Office during his normal working hours to assist as necessary.

This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 22nd June: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church
Sunday 23rd June: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church - **Children's Liturgy**
Sunday 23rd June: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church

REMINDER!!! FATHER PATRICK IS NOW ON HOLIDAY & not available until the Sunday Masses 7th July
NOTE... There will be no Saturday evening Mass that weekend in Tadley, as Father will be attending the 50th Anniversary Bamenda Celebration in the Cathedral.

Advance notice for NEXT weekend 29th/30th June:

* All 3 weekend Masses to be celebrated as normal by **Father Peter Codd**, assisted by Deacon Tony Darroch.
* Mandatory Second Collection for next weekend: Peter's Pence.

Emergency cover in Father Patrick's absence:

DURING OFFICE HOURS:

Parish Office: Tuesday-Thursday 10.00am-2.30pm, Friday 10.00am-2.00pm, **CLOSED MONDAYS & WEEKENDS**
Emails: Will be reviewed as normal during the above Office Hours.
Phone: Available during the above Office Hours. Messages will be checked regularly during these 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.

FOR INFO:

Deacon Tony Darroch: 07723763767
St. Bede's, Basingstoke: 01256 465214 – Rev. John Lee
St. Joseph, Basingstoke: 01256 323595 - Rev. Paul Leonard
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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FINAL REMINDER!!!: Bike Ride

The Archangels are organising a bike ride on **this Saturday June 22nd at 10am**. It is to start outside St. Michael's church and will be for about 15 miles, including a coffee shop stop. If anyone needs any more information please contact Jo Mellor on 07963551988.

FINAL REMINDER!!!: Men's Breakfast

This CTAT event is to be relaunched **this Saturday 22nd June at 10am** in the Immanuel Centre. Please come along for good food and company.

Following the relaunch of the Men's Breakfast, Pam Darroch and other ladies from St Michael's church are keen to restart the **Ladies' Breakfast**. It is proposed that this will take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month in the Immanuel Centre. Help will be needed. **If you are interested in helping take this forward, please let Janet Gross know via janetgross2301@gmail.com**

FINAL REMINDER!!! BACCA Summer Fete

The Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association will be holding their Annual Summer Fete **this Saturday 22nd June, 12.00 Noon – 6.00pm**, at St. Bede's School Field, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Adults £10, Children (2-7) £5, Children (Under 2) Free, Family Ticket (2 Adults & up to 4 Children) £30. All money raised will support St. Bede's Parish projects.

NEW ITEM: Bingo/Food/Music Night

At Tadley United Reform Church, Malthouse Lane, Tadley, RG26 3NY, **this Saturday 22nd June**. 7.00pm
Adults: £15, Children: £10. Cold buffet included.
Proceeds to Green Health Tadley, a community-based horticulture program
Enquiries: Ruth: 07584 037839 or Carol: 07735 561727

REMINDER: Parish Summit Meeting

As advertised last weekend, this takes place on **Thursday 4th July** from 7.00pm – 8.30pm in the Parish Room, Tadley. There are 4 places left ("first come, first served"). **Please let Dan in our Parish Office know if you wish to be present ASAP. The list will be closed once full. Thank you.**

REMINDER: CTAT General Election Hustings

As Advertised in last week's Newsletter, this event will be on **Monday 1st July at 7.30-9pm** at St Mary's Church on Bishopswood Road.

Submit any questions that you want the candidates to answer, just by dropping a card in the black box in St. Michael's entrance area, via the QR Code on the screen or poster adjacent to the box, or via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/tadleyhustings24>

Your questions will be aggregated and summarised to enable the most popular topics to be answered by prospective parliamentary candidates on the night. Come along and hear the candidates before you vote!

Tadley Remembers

On behalf of Churches Together around Tadley (CTAT) & Tadley Town Council, all are invited to attend a memorial service on **Sunday 7 July at 3pm**, at Tadley Cemetery, Church Road, Tadley RG26 3AU. At the service we will remember and give thanks for the lives of those who we have loved and lost, no matter how long ago or how recently.

These services allow us to gather to share our sadness and show our solidarity with one another. The services will be simple and not too long - readings & poems, with music by Tadley Concert Brass band, and a few prayers. We invite you to bring along a photograph of the family member or friend whom you wish to remember. There will be the opportunity for the name of your loved one to be read out during the service.

The service will be led in the cemetery grounds (or in St. Mary's if wet) by local clergy. You are welcome to bring a chair if you would prefer to sit. **Please let us know well in advance if you have special access needs.**

CTAT Event: Steve Legg Tricks and Laughs BBQ, & Live music

Saturday 13th July Pamber Heath Memorial Hall 6-9pm. Adults £10, Children £5, all ages welcome. Tickets via <https://bccs.churchsuite.com/events/ydyomqub> Or call 07932247363

Profits to support youth and children's work.

CTAT Arts Festival 12-13 October – Showcase Your Talent!

People wishing to take part in the "Community Art Exhibition" or the "Music at The Arts Events" can apply online via the website at <https://ctat.org.uk/arts>

West Berks Foodbank "SOS"

Further to the appeal from the WBF for support of their 2024 Hungry Holidays scheme in last week's Newsletter, we have received a follow up "SOS" message: "The shelves at our warehouse are standing empty as the demand for help regularly outstrips the donations received. In the last 5½ weeks £16,000 from our operating stocks has had to be spent to keep shelves stocked". A shopping list of items currently needed which can be found at [Donate food | West Berks Foodbank](#) .

The Mayor of Newbury has chosen WBF as his chosen charity and is holding a coffee morning **this Saturday, 22nd** June 10am – noon, in the Town Hall. Please let as many people know as possible to come and support the Foodbank.

There will also be collection promotion at Waitrose in Newbury on Friday 12th July. Please pass on this message and ask people to consider, if they can, donating an item or two from the attached shopping list whilst doing their weekly shop.

Diocesan Vacancies

For current vacancies visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>

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.

Dan (on behalf of Father Patrick).

Fr. Patrick Tansey

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