

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

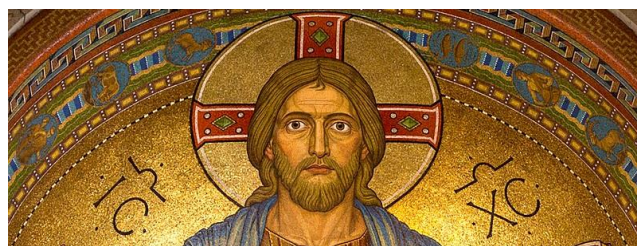
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MASS TIMETABLE					
Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	22 nd Nov	Christ The King (S) – Vigil Mass	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Claudio Zagni RIP
Sun	23 rd Nov	Christ The King (S)	9.00am	St. Michael's	Teresa & Vincent Murtagh RIP
Sun	23 rd Nov	Christ The King (S)	11.00am	St. Oswald's	Private Intention
Mon	24 th Nov	NO MASS			
Tues	25 th Nov	Feria	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	
Weds	26 th Nov	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	Mgr Canon Martin Lee RIP 48th anniv. of Ordination
Thurs	27 th Nov	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	28 th Nov	Feria	7.00pm	St. Michael's	Carmela Cacioppola RIP
Sat	29 th Nov	1 st Sunday of Advent – Vigil Mass	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Michael Cowley RIP
Sun	30 th Nov	1 st Sunday of Advent	9.00am	St. Michael's	
Sun	30 th Nov	1 st Sunday of Advent	11.00am	St. Oswald's	John Gomes RIP
<i>Weekday Masses are preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary prayed after each Mass.</i>					
<i>Confessions available before Weekday Masses or by appointment</i>					



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

On this last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year we celebrate the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King. Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925 when he promulgated the encyclical *Quas Primas*. He wrote this in response to a growing wave of secularism and nationalism. In it the Holy Father quotes the words of his predecessor Pope Leo XIII who said "Oh, what happiness would be ours if all men, individuals, families, and nations, would but let themselves be governed by Christ! Then at length will many evils be cured; then will the law regain its former authority; peace with all its blessings be restored. Men will sheathe their swords and lay down their arms when all freely acknowledge and obey the authority of Christ, and every tongue confesses that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father." As Christians, this is why we pray to God: "THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN." The **Kingdom** is **God the Father's** reign. **God the Son, Jesus, is the King** through whom God the Father exercises that reign. **God the Holy Spirit** brings that reign into our hearts.

Important - Missio Boxes

A reminder for parishioners who have not yet returned their red Missio box to please do so ASAP to Sue Tull (St. Michael's) or Sarah Hunneman (St. Oswald's). If you are unable to see Sue or Sarah, please contact Dan in the Parish Office to make an alternative arrangement. Thank you.

ADVENT EVENTS

Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service, Friday 19 December

This Advent, St. Joseph's Church, Basingstoke will host the Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service at 7pm Friday 19th December. Address: 171A St. Michael's Road, Basingstoke, RG22 6TY

Live Animal Nativity starting at St. Michael's Church, Monday 22 December

This year's CTAT Nativity experience will start outside our church and journey on to Tadley Common Methodist Church and then on to St Mary's Church from 4pm to 5.30pm. Volunteers to steward the event at our church and then journey with visitors along the route and volunteers to serve refreshments at St Mary's would be greatly appreciated: please let Mary Lee know if you can help, email maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk

Advent preparation at St. Joseph's, Basingstoke

Advent Taize: All welcome to a simple service of Taize chants, scripture and periods of silence around the Taize cross, Weds 10th & 17th December, 4-5pm.

Afternoon of prayer and reflection: All are warmly invited to an afternoon of prayer and reflection, Sat 6th Dec from 2-4pm. Led by members of the Verbum Dei community. Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 4-5pm. Please consider coming as a great way to prepare spiritually for the season of Christmas.

The "Missing Peace"

All are welcome on Saturday morning, 29 November, 10.00am-12.30pm to join in a range of ways designed to help you reflect on what Christmas really means in the peace of Silchester Methodist Church on Silchester Common. Everybody welcome, no need to book. (Anglican, Methodist, Catholic and Community Church event).

Advent Fair

Holy Ghost Parish Advent Fair, Sat 29th Nov, 11.30am-3.00pm at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke:

- 11.30am Grand opening by Luke Murphy MP
- 11.45am 9am choir
- 12.10pm Fancy hat competition - please arrive by 12 noon
- 12.35pm Cecelia Sound and Stephen Lake
- 1.00pm Popley Group
- 1.25pm Filipino choir
- 1.50pm BACCA Choir
- 2.30pm Grand draw
- 3.00pm Close

Basingstoke Catholic Men's Group

A new group for Catholic Men will be starting in January. Men of all ages are welcome from 18 upwards. The idea will be that Catholic men can come together to chat about issues that face us, enjoy fellowship and have time to pray. We will also arrange the occasional social night out. Sessions will run on Tuesday evenings at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke. To register your interest please use the QR code or sign up here: <https://forms.gle/ZUSxCHpMsoXuRvG48>



ARCHANGELS PARISH SOCIAL GROUP

Cake Sale Update

Thanks to further generous donations from parishioners last Sunday, we raised a grand total of £144.60 for our Parish Christmas Afternoon Tea Party. Many thanks!

CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY (CTAT)

Volunteers to help with CTAT Christmas Day Event

Volunteers are still needed to help with setting up (Christmas Eve afternoon and/or Christmas Day morning) or offers of transport, or food preparation and/or serving, or organising entertainment or hosting guests. To register as a volunteer, please complete the online form on the CTAT website at:

<https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/xf0avmrs>

The next meeting for volunteers will be tomorrow, Saturday 22 November at the URC's Immanuel Centre, Main Road, Tadley, RG26 3NJ, at noon for anyone interested in finding out more about helping in some way and for roles to be assigned. Many thanks.

Guests wishing to book to attend the Christmas Day Event

There will be fun, games, quiet areas and Christmas Lunch at the Ambrose Allen Centre, Tadley from 11.30am to 4pm. This is a free event, but advance booking is required. Transport can be provided, subject to volunteers being available to ferry guests. To book or for more information, please call 07471 848508 or email:

tadleychristmasday@gmail.com or register online at: <https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/kziuxpi8>

Tickets on sale for the Christchurch Players Panto

The panto this year at Tadley Common Methodist Church, RG26 4HN, will be 'A Christmas Carol' with shows on 28/29 November and 5/6 December. Performances on Fridays start at 7pm and on Saturdays at 5pm. Tickets cost £8.50, Under 12s: £6. To book, call 0333 666 3366 or go to: www.ticketsource.co.uk/christchurch-players

Volunteers to help with packing Foodbank Christmas Hampers

Volunteers are needed to pack the Christmas hampers – this year in a unit on a Basingstoke industrial estate. To find details of items needed for the hampers and volunteering details, please go to the Basingstoke Foodbank website: <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/support-us/christmas-hamper-project>

Christmas Toy Appeal

CTAT Churches are once again supporting the Salvation Army's Christmas Toy Appeal. In 2024, new toys, wrapping paper and a £25 food voucher were delivered to 650 families across Tadley, Silchester and Newbury. Donations of unwrapped, new toys would be welcomed at the Salvation Army Hall by 12 December at the latest. The Hall is open between 10am and noon on Mon, Wed and Fri. Gifts for teenagers are particularly needed. The Entertainer in Newbury will match donations purchased in store if you tell them it is for the Salvation Army.

SAVE THE DATES: Christmas Fairs at CTAT Churches

Salvation Army Fair on the morning of Friday 28 November.

Silchester Methodist Fair in aid of Action for Children on Saturday 6 December, 10am – noon.

St Paul's Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 6 December, 11am to 2pm.

Festival of Christmas Stars

Please arrange to give any stars you have been making for the Festival of Stars to Tracy Bennnett for them to be tagged with information about CTAT churches before the Festival set up begins on Thursday 11 December.

The Festival will take place from Friday 12 December, 2pm to 7pm, to Saturday 13 December, 10am to 5pm, at Tadley Common Methodist Church, Newchurch Road, RG26 4HN.

Volunteers to help with setting up the Festival on 11/12 December or assisting with refreshments on 12/13 December would be greatly welcomed – please let Mary Lee know if you can help, email:

maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk

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