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TADLEY AND BURGHFIELD COMMON



**St Michael's Parish, Tadley,
Kingsclere,
and St Oswald's Church,
Burghfield Common**

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Covenant to the People

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Gerry Penfold on 0118 9811247 (during October) and Mary Lee on 0118 9813221 (during November).

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on request at the present time in the Parish Room at Tadley. Please book with Fr Tansey by telephone.

NEWSLETTER

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time and All Saints Day 24th & 31st October 2021

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Tadley, Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

6:00 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Tadley
9:00 am	Sunday Parish Mass	Tadley
11:00 am	Sunday Parish Mass	Burghfield Common

Weekday Mass:

2 Nov (time tbc) Funeral Mass for José Coelho Tadley

Advance booking is not required for weekend Masses but please telephone or email to advise if attending so Father Patrick can ensure we keep within acceptable numbers.

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

ALL SAINTS DAY (transferred)

Entrance Antiphon: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Such are the men who seek your face O Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Next Sunday's Reading (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Kings 17:10-16. Hebrews 9:24-28. Mark 12:38-44

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Diocesan Collections: The weekend of 6th/7th November there will be an Obligatory Collection for Bamenda.

Mass Attendance on 16th/17th October 2021

Tadley 6:00pm: 30 Tadley 9:00am: 22
Burghfield Common 11:00am: 28

Clock change: Don't forget the clocks will change on Sunday, 31st October, in the early hours of the morning. It means we will gain an extra hour in bed next weekend when the clocks go back an hour.

Remembrance Sunday (14th November): The 11:00am Mass at Saint Oswald's Church will be the Mass for the Dead allowed that day, with the appropriate Readings and music.

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WHAT'S IN A DATE!

As parishioners may remember from a Newsletter of September 2020, there was total confusion about dates for a number of Special Collections the following month of October because of the pandemic situation. Father Patrick wrote: "It is good to know that not only Father Patrick but also the Diocese is not quite certain where it is at this time!".

Well, things may have eased somewhat, but parishioners were confused that the envelopes they had for the Foreign Missions Collection had the date of 24th October on them but Father Patrick had announced that the Collection was to be taken on 16th/17th October this year. That weekend was the date given to him by the Diocese via email and the Diocesan List; however, Foreign Missions Sunday does fall on 24th October, as the envelopes state, so just put them in the Special Collection boxes this weekend if you did not have them with you last weekend. As for your Parish Priest? He is looking forward to a long holiday ... sometime!

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PARISH CONDOLENCES

It was with sadness that Father Patrick heard of the death of José Coelho, following his recent hospitalisation for COVID, on Saturday 16th October. His Funeral Mass will be at Saint Michael's Church on All Souls Day, 2nd November, time to be confirmed.

Our prayers are with Angela, his wife, and all his family at this difficult time. May he rest in peace.

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CELEBRATING HARVEST AND CREATION

Last Sunday's Mass at Saint Oswald's Church was a joyful recognition of God's many gifts given to us through the world created for us by our Heavenly Father.

There was a splendid arrangement of flowers and foliage before the altar, for which we thank Aggie Michalec. She also arranged the tins requested by West Berkshire Foodbank within her display, as shown in the photograph. Three carrier bags will go to the Foodbank, and thank you to the parishioners who brought them to the Mass. Rick Wallis and Veronika Kucharcikova provided some splendid music in praise of God's Creation, which included a fine Celtic piece, partly in Gaelic.

I addressed two themes - the importance of the Harvest and COP26, speaking of how recent events have

made us realise that we can take things for granted in respect of our drink and food. Alongside the service of our farming communities, there is the necessary service of delivery drivers and of those who work in the supermarkets and other outlets, ensuring that goods continue to reach our sometimes empty shelves. This is part of the Service God calls us to in stewarding the gifts of Creation for all, not only for ourselves.

At the same time, our Creation is struggling as the result of climate change and, as Catholics, we are called to engage with the issues involved, many involving difficult choices. Over the coming weeks we should be careful not to take the attitude that the Glasgow Conference has nothing to do with us, but should make ourselves aware of the issues involved by following media reports. We should have a special concern for those in poorer parts of the world who suffer increasingly from climate change accelerated by our industrial and economic policies.



Father Patrick

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BISHOP'S CONFERENCE LETTER TO PARISH PRIESTS ON COP26

'In 2021, the UK government assumed the presidency of COP26. This provides a unique opportunity for the UK government to present its vision of a 'Global Britain' and lead the way in international efforts to tackle the climate crisis.

As a Catholic community we have been given a very clear steer from Pope Francis about the importance of caring for our common home. In his 2015 encyclical 'Laudato Si', His Holiness made it clear that to 'harm the environment was to harm human beings'. Furthermore, it asks us the key question, 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?'

The Conference of Parties (COP26) is the 26th United Nations Climate Conference, that is set to meet in Glasgow in November 2021. It will be attended by leaders from over 200 countries to discuss climate change and how to tackle the global ecological crisis. The conference follows on from a series of summits, including the Paris climate talks in 2015, where countries pledged to work together to keep the global temperature rise below 1.5°C.

If we exceed this threshold, millions of the most vulnerable people in our communities at home and abroad will be at risk of the devastating effects of climate change. In this respect, Pope Francis also makes the link that our current environmental crisis represents a sociological crisis as well, with the effects of climate change disproportionately affecting the world's poorest communities.

In the run up to COP26 and specifically on the last Sunday in October, we are asking people to pray that the leaders meeting in Glasgow (including Pope Francis who plans to attend in person) work together for positive outcomes for people and the planet. To assist with this the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, in partnership with CAFOD, have produced a prayer resource.'

Father Patrick will make this available after Masses this weekend for those who ask.

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR COP26

This takes place in Saint Michael's Church on **Saturday 30th October** from **10:00am—11:00am**, led by Father Patrick. Bishop Philip asks that each Parish has an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on the weekend of 30th/31st October, praying for the success of the Climate Conference which starts in Glasgow at the beginning of November.

Although the letter from our Catholic Bishops' Conference correctly states that Pope Francis plans to attend in person in Glasgow, some doubt has been cast on this by the announcement that Cardinal Secretary of State, Pietro Paolin, will be the Holy See's representative at the Conference.

Our Pope is aged 84 and has recently undergone serious surgery, which some felt he might not have survived. Understandably, he is having to consider seriously the number of engagements he can manage. Keep him in prayer. Also, Elizabeth, our Queen, who has had to rest recently.

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HAPPY RETIREMENT PASTOR GREG - WE SHALL MISS YOU!

On Monday 18th October Father Patrick, the Reverend Richard Harlow, the Reverend Ruth Midcalf and Deacon Steve McKay wished Pastor Greg Whittick of Tadley Community Church a deserved retirement at the end of October.

During an enjoyable lunch at The Queen's College Arms, amidst reminiscences of a memorable Ecumenical Partnership together, punctuated by frequent laughter about our Christian Ministry, we bade him God's blessings and thanks for his long and great contribution to Churches Together Around Tadley. We wish Pastor Greg and Sue, his wife, a somewhat less hectic time in the years ahead!

CATCHING UP!

Just to remind you that Father Patrick will not be available from Monday 25th October to Saturday 30th October.

The Parish Office will be open from Tuesday 26th October to Friday 29th October, from 9:30am to 2:30pm each day and the weekend Masses on 30th and 31st October are celebrated as usual.

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Once again, our parish preparation programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be run jointly with St Joseph's Parish, Basingstoke. Sessions will take place from January to June 2022, either in person at Saint Joseph's or online, depending on the Covid situation at that time. It is hoped that the Confirmation Mass will take place on 15 or 22 May 2022 in Portsmouth Cathedral, but we await confirmation of a date from Bishop Philip.

Applications are invited from those in Year 9 or above. Forms are available from Fr Patrick and should be returned to: Mrs N Pink, Parish Administrator, St Joseph's Church, 171a St Michael's Road, Basingstoke, RG22 6TY by 30 November 2021.

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SUMMARY OF THE MEETING ON CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE FOSTERED OR ADOPTED

Marie Roberts represented our Parish at this meeting on 14th October at Saint Paul's Church, Tadley. We are grateful for her thoughts:

'On Thursday 14th October, Jenny Seaborn and I attended a meeting at St Paul's on the Green in Tadley, led by Carolyne Oates, a local Occupational Therapist and adoptive mother. The purpose of the meeting was to educate and inform people who are involved in youth groups (churches, Scouts & Guides, after school/ holiday clubs etc) about developmental trauma in children, in order to consider ways in which youth clubs can be adapted to create "safe spaces" for these children.

Developmental Trauma:

Carolyne explained that when children or babies (including pre-birth) face traumatic experiences (such as neglect or abuse) their brain adapts to help them cope and this is called developmental trauma. Even when they have transitioned to a safe environment, developmental trauma can cause children to live in a state of heightened "alert", where any, seemingly insignificant, new experience can be treated as a threat and trigger a safety response (fight/ flight/ freeze/ collapse). This can happen even when the child has no actual memories of the trauma -the brain adaptation has already occurred so the child may not know or understand why they react in the way that they do.

In addition, so much of their cognitive function is given over to ensuring their own safety, that children who have experienced trauma, often do not develop the essential daily living skills, such as being able to manage impulses; regulate their behaviour or emotions; solve problems or learn new information.

Creating Safe Spaces:

Children's behaviour which we may see as "naughty" may be due to early developmental trauma. Carolyne explained that as adults, it's important that we reflect and try to see challenging behaviour in a different light as these children really need our help to feel safe and to build and maintain relationships.

When caring for children with developmental trauma, we need to create safe environments that are predictable, stable and secure. This could be telling the child what to expect; positioning them somewhere they can see what's going on around them; giving them a safe space to "hide"; and using simple language to remind them they are safe and what is going to happen next. It's important to speak to the parent to find out how to best support the child and how to deal with situations that might arise.

When dealing with challenging behaviour, Carolyne recommended co-regulation, where the adult helps the child to regulate themselves. Punishment just makes them feel bad about themselves when they already have fragile self-esteem. The steps to co-regulation are to first help the child to recognise the emotion by naming it ("I can see you're feeling cross/ sad/ scared... this is tricky for you..."); next, relate to the child, by connecting patiently and without judgement, until they have calmed -movement or distraction can help here. Only after the event, help the child to reason and reflect on what happened and what they might need to do to put things right.

For more information, watch a short 5 minute video on childhood trauma, follow the link below: [Childhood Trauma and the Brain - UKTC \(uktraumacouncil.org\)](https://www.uktraumacouncil.org/)

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COURSES FOR PARENTS AND READERS

Father Patrick knows that Sister Hyacinthe's previous Workshops for Parish Readers were greatly appreciated by parishioners who engaged in them, and for the receipt of the Diocesan Recognitio (Recognition) awarded to them. He would like all our Parish Readers to receive the Recognitio, and asks that they consider this.

At the present time, he is liaising with Pam Darroch in respect of the return of Readers to our Tadley week-end Masses, with a regular commitment to be present at Masses where the Ministry of Readers will be possible within the present Church guidance. He again expresses his thanks to Cath Farrow, who has retired from preparing rotas for leaders, as recently mentioned in a Newsletter. The provision of Readers for our Saint Oswald Sunday Mass will also be addressed in the near future.

Father Patrick highly recommends Passing on love for the Eucharist to our children to parents and those involved in Children's Liturgy, in preparation for an eventual return to Liturgies for Children in our churches, when the time is right and those involved are committed to the necessary guidelines during the continuing pandemic. The Children's Liturgy sheets he has provided during the pandemic have been greatly appreciated by parents and children, and continue to be available on

request. Our thanks as a Parish, once again, to the Basingstoke Circle of The Knights of Saint Columba who provided funding for this during difficult times.

Passing on love for the Eucharist to our Children

In this Year of the Eucharist our Formation for Mission Team is offering an opportunity to share advice and ideas on how to foster love for the Eucharist in our families.

We are offering 4 online sessions for parents, grandparents, catechists, teachers and everyone passionate about passing on love for the Eucharist to our children, led by Sr Hyacinthe and Angela Wood, with practical advice, discussions, testimonies and prayer, finishing each session with Adoration.

The sessions will run on **Mondays, from the 22nd November to the 13th December at 7.00pm.**

The sessions will be:

1. Why the Eucharist is Important and how to pass on love of the Eucharist
2. Going to Mass as a Family
3. Making the Home a Place of Communion
4. Taking and Making Opportunities to foster love for the Eucharist

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84481117000>

Workshops for Parish Readers

Two workshops to equip parish readers will be offered on **Saturdays 4th and 11th of December, from 10am to 1pm.** The first workshop covers an introduction to the Liturgy of the Church, with a specific focus on the Liturgy of the Word, as well as the Reading Skills necessary for parish readers. The second workshop offers a general introduction to the Bible as well as a set of keys to understand any biblical texts. Both workshops are led by a diocesan team: Deacon Martin McElroy from Winchester, Claire Tickell from Southampton and Sr Hyacinthe from the Lymington Dominican Sisters.

Both workshops involve small group discussions. To complete the training, awarded with a diocesan *Recognitio*, a reading practice with a diocesan listener is required. The details for arranging for the one-to-one 15 minutes practice are given during the workshops.

Find out more and register here for the workshops: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Father Patrick expects to have received any further First Holy Communion application forms by the end of Sunday 24th October. The form has been available in our Newsletter over the last few weeks, but if anyone has a need of one please let him know which Mass they plan to attend this weekend and he will make one available.

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MANY THANKS!

The Parish is grateful to Robert May and Andy Hunneman for repairing the seriously damaged areas in Saint Michael's car park last Sunday and for ensuring that the area was closed so that the repairs had time to settle.

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