

Parish of Tadley (with Kingsclere) and Burghfield Common - PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th August 2025 (21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C)

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Office hours: Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri: 9.45am-2.45pm. Closed on Mondays

This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 23rd August: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 24th August: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 24th August: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

REMINDER: Father Patick's Farewell Mass

Sunday 7th September: 10.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley (Followed by tea, coffee, cake)

Note: There will be no Mass at St. Oswald's that weekend, however the Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Michael's will go ahead as normal.

AVAILABILITIES – Fr. Patrick & Parish Office

Father Patrick: Generally not available except in an emergency.

Parish Office: Normal Office Hours apply (as shown in the header above).

REMINDER

Following the weekend Masses on 30th & 31st August, Father Patrick will not be available for any matters, due to the inevitable last-minute flurry of activity to ensure all is finalised for his departure.

Any requests for Baptisms, Funerals, etc will need to be made via Father Stephen following the weekend of 13th & 14th September, as there are no more available dates in Father Patrick's diary prior to his departure.

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St. Oswald's – Part Time Cleaner

A reminder that we are still looking to employ a Part Time cleaner for both St. Oswald's Church & the Leonard Rooms. If you know anybody locally who may be interested, please let them know.

For an informal chat about the role, please contact the Parish Office.

More Parish volunteers needed

First Holy Communion:

In order for our Parish to offer a First Holy Communion preparation programme for 25/26, we will urgently need two more volunteer Catechists.

Distribution of Children's Worksheets after Masses:

We're also looking for two more volunteers at St. Michael's & one at St. Oswald's to help distribute the Children's worksheets at the end of each Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in finding out more either of the above roles.

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Relics of the Knights 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.

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Archangels Social Group Events

Retirement Party for Fr Patrick:

We look forward to welcoming you to **Heath End Village Hall**, Heath End Road, Baughurst, RG26 5LU, **next Friday 29 August from 7pm to 10pm** to thank Fr Patrick for his ministry in our parish and wish him well in his retirement. We will be joined by some of his family, Pastoral Area clergy and ministers and laity from CTAT.

Just a reminder that we shall be providing light refreshments, a celebration cake, tea/coffee/squash and fizz for the toast. You are welcome to 'bring your own bottle' (and glasses!) if you wish to bring alcohol or your own favourite drink. Please help us by taking any 'empties' away with you afterwards, as we are responsible for disposing of all rubbish off site at the end of the evening.

Those parishioners who needed transport will be contacted after the bank holiday to confirm arrangements. It would help in terms of parking, if parishioners would car share where possible. Please follow the guidance of any car parking stewards to maximise the use of the car park. If you are likely to want to leave early, it might be better to park in the side streets that lead off the turning opposite the hall to avoid potentially being blocked in the car park.

There will be another opportunity to wish Fr Patrick well on Sunday 7 September:

Tea/coffee/squash and cake will be available after Father's Farewell Mass as Parish Priest – on that Sunday, there will be only one Mass in the Parish at 10am in St Michael's Church, Tadley.

Collection for a Parish Retirement Gift for Fr Patrick:

Many thanks for the generous donations already received over recent weeks! Please use the special white envelopes for cash or cheque donations and place sealed envelopes in the marked collection boxes in our churches by this Sunday 24 August. Any cheques should be made payable to: 'CDP Tadley St Michael' and marked 'Retirement Gift' on the back.

If you prefer to pay by bank transfer, please transfer your gift to the parish account by Sunday 24 August, using the reference: Retirement Gift.

Account Name: CDP Tadley St Michael
Sort Code: 30-93-04
Account No: 00889440

Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity!

Adult Social Evening on Friday 19 September:

Please join us for a fun evening of card games for adults such as rummy, golf, uno, cribbage etc. We will meet at St Oswald's Leonard Room. Friday 19 September 7-10pm.

Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Tea and coffee will be available.

There is no charge for this event, but to help us set up the room, if you would like to come, please register by contacting Pauline Penfold (penfoldfamily5@yahoo.co.uk) by Sunday 14 September.

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CTAT

Community Commemoration:

On Sunday 7 September at 3pm, there will be a Community Commemoration on The Green, Tadley, to mark the 80th anniversary of the end WWII. All welcome.

Weekend Teas in August at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester:

There will be tea, coffee and cake available in St Mary's on Saturday & Sunday afternoons in August.

CTAT Men's Breakfast – Forthcoming dates:

Open to all & Free. Just come along & enjoy cooked breakfast & the company of other men.

Meeting 10.00am, 4th Saturday of the month

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

Aug 23rd – Speaker: Peter (A Journey from Ship to Shore)

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

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REMINDER: St. Mary's Kingsclere Village Fete – Bank Holiday Monday 25th August

12 Noon – 4pm, St. Mary's Church & Churchyard, Swan Street, Kingsclere, RG20 5PJ.

There will be stalls selling bric-a-brac, books & accessories. Any good quality donations will be gratefully received. Please see Sarah Davis at St. Michael's after the Sunday morning 9.00am Mass, if you have any such items to donate. For those attending the 6.00pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass, please leave your donated items clearly labelled, in the box provided.

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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 & Happy Bank Holiday!

Father Patrick.

Fr. Patrick Tansey

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