

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	25 th July	17 th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	26 th July	17 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	27 th July	NO MASS			
Tues	28 th July	Feria	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	
Weds	29 th July	Ss Martha, Mary, & Lazarus (M)	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	30 th July	Funeral Mass - Luke Conlon RIP	11.00am	St. Michael's	Luke Conlon RIP
Fri	31 st July	St Ignatius of Loyola (M)	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	1st Aug	1 st Saturday	9.30am	St. Michael's	
		18 th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm		
Sun	2 nd Aug	18 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	

Weekday Masses preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary after Mass

Confessions: Before Weekday Masses, Saturday at St. Michael's 11.00am - 12 Noon, or by appointment

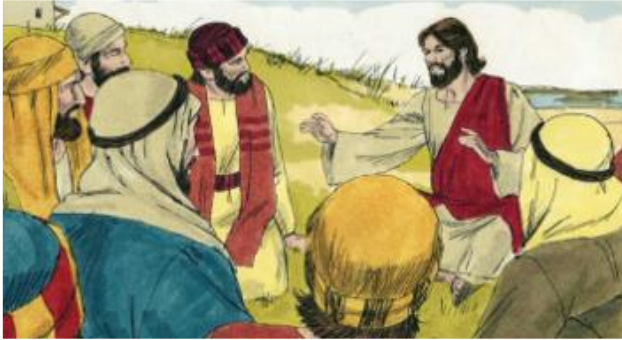
Mass Intentions: If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Dan in the Parish Office

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly – This Sunday 26th July

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for this year is: *"I will never forget you"* (Is 49:15). It reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly has grown into a cherished tradition that teaches our communities to truly value the elderly, not through occasional gestures, but as a permanent, central part of our lives. This celebration helps us appreciate older generations as vital keepers of our history, witnesses to our faith, and teachers for our lives.

PARABLES OF THE TREASURE FIELD, PEARL AND FISHING NET

Matthew 13:44–52



The three parables in this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 13:44–52) bring Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of Heaven to its conclusion. In the first two parables, the Kingdom is compared to a hidden treasure and a pearl of great price. In both cases, the discovery is so wonderful that the finder gladly sells everything to make it his own. Jesus teaches that life in God's Kingdom is worth infinitely more than any earthly possession. Once we recognise its true value, every sacrifice made for Christ becomes worthwhile.

The third parable, the dragnet, reminds us that although everyone is invited into God's Kingdom, there will come a final judgement when the good will be separated from the wicked. The Kingdom is not only to be discovered and treasured but it must also be faithfully lived.

These parables beautifully reflect and complement the meaning of First Reading from 1 Kings. When God invites Solomon to ask for whatever he desires, he chooses neither riches nor power but the spiritual treasure of wisdom and the ability to discern good from evil. Solomon recognised that true wealth is found in seeking God's will rather than material success.

St Paul also echoes this message in the Second Reading (Romans 8:28–30), assuring us that *"all things work together for good"* for those who love God and are called according to His purpose. Those who treasure God above all else can trust that He is at work in every circumstance, shaping them into the likeness of His Son and leading them towards their eternal inheritance. The Kingdom of Heaven is life's greatest treasure, worth every sacrifice because it leads to everlasting life.

Luke Conlon RIP - Funeral Arrangements

The Funeral for Luke will take place at St. Michael's Church at 11.00am on Thursday 30th July.
Please pray for the happy repose of Luke's soul and for his wife Glenice at this difficult time.

Marc Mildenhall

All parishioners are asked to keep Marc (from our St. Oswald's congregation) in their prayers, as he has recently been given the sad news that he has cancer and is currently in hospital.

Stop Assisted Suicide Being Legalised

Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11 September.

Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September.

Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School's 50th Anniversary Podcast

To celebrate its 50th Anniversary an ex-student, Simon Jones and now owner of a Podcast Company – The Bonjour Agency - has been recording a series of episodes recalling memories of the school. There are interviews with retired members of staff, ex-students (including students from the first cohort), a Priest who recalls the early days of the planning of the school and then right up to date with some current students and staff. They are wonderful to listen to and provide a great insight into the history of the school and how it has become a special place for so many. They can be heard here:

iPhone click here: <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-bishop-challoner-school-podcast/id1886147202>

Spotify click here: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/4bKhst18o1jIMOkMYy4RGi?si=4f29ddcb195547d8>

Thank you very much for your continued support of the school, it is greatly appreciated.

ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

Parish Afternoon Walk and Tea on Sunday 16 August

The Archangels' Annual Parish Walk, led by Pauline Penfold, will take place in Silchester on Sunday 16 August. The plan is to:

- meet at Silchester village playground car park at 2.30pm
- walk to St. Mary the Virgin Church down The Drove, passing the old museum. It's about one and a quarter miles, so should take about 40 minutes. This is a flat walk with no stiles.
- there will be tea/coffee and cake to buy at the Church and we can sit and chat. Non-walkers who would like to join the group at the church for the tea and chat, should aim to arrive around 3pm. There is some parking available.
- then the walkers will retrace their steps back to the car park the same way, unless some want to go back a different way alongside the outer wall on a green narrower undulating path - which is about a quarter of a mile longer route back.

Please register on the sign-up sheets in our church porches for the walk and/or the tea by Sunday 9 August, so that we can give St Mary's notice of the numbers expected for tea. Please make a note of Pauline's mobile number - 07749 409920 - in case your plans change on the day, so that you can let her know if you won't be joining her on the walk after all. Many thanks!

SAVE THE DATE – More details next week

Picnic Tea & Rounders in Silchester – Sunday 6 September



Ukrainian Ladies' Choir at CTAT Ladies' Breakfast

On 11 July, NAMYSTO, a local Ukrainian Choir, came to the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, to perform a special programme they had prepared for the Ladies' Breakfast. The Choir wore lovely Ukrainian costumes and sang a range of songs covering a mixture of emotions. The attendees enjoyed their sharing of their culture.

The Ladies' Breakfast usually meets on the second Saturday of the month, but please note there will be no meeting in August. The next Breakfast will take place on Saturday 12 September.

Last chance for a Cream Tea at Silchester Methodist!

Silchester Methodist will be serving cream teas from 3pm to 5pm every Sunday until the end of July. All welcome!

Refreshments at St Mary the Virgin Church, Silchester

There will be tea, coffee, cold drinks and cake for sale from 3pm to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays in August at St Mary the Virgin Church, Silchester. All welcome!