

**** REMINDER!!! THE CLOCKS GO BACK BY 1 HOUR AT 2.00am THIS SUNDAY MORNING ****



This Weekend's Mass arrangements

- Saturday 26th October: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley
Sunday 27th October: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley – **with Children's Liturgy**
Sunday 27th October: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

Note: There will be a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip read out this weekend – It will also be emailed on Sunday afternoon to all on our Newsletter Distribution List.

Next week

• **All Saints' Day (Holy Day of Obligation)**

- Friday 1st November: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common
Friday 1st November: 7.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Note: All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass unless there is a good reason for them not doing so. As it is a Solemnity, there is no need for the usual Friday abstinence from meat in honour of the Death of the Lord.

Advance Notice

• **Remembrance Sunday**

- Saturday 9th November: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley (Mass of 32nd Sunday – Year B)
Sunday 10th November: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common (Mass for the Dead)

Note: There will be no Mass at St. Michael's on Sunday 10th November.

• **Advent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025)**

Saturdays 7th, 14th, 21st December, from 10.30am – 11.30am. Please make a note in your diaries now.

Father Patrick returns

Father Patrick will be available again for pastoral matters from midday tomorrow (Saturday).

Autumn Cross photo

Many thanks indeed to Peg for submitting her excellent photo (above) of the beautiful Autumn Cross at St. Oswald's, recently so brilliantly decorated by Mel, & commented upon by Father Patrick in a previous Newsletter. I think we can all agree it looks fantastic!

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Invitation to join a Parish Cell Group

Two Parish Evangelising Cell groups have been functioning over the past seven years and all those who attend have gained so much from them that we yearn for more parishioners to experience them. We warmly invite and encourage you to visit one of these Parish Cell groups - without making any commitment. Both groups start at 7.30pm and finish at approx. 9pm, followed by refreshments for those who wish to stay and chat.

They are very relaxed evenings whereby everyone feels free to be themselves. There is a time of praise, sharing, teaching, also reading and reflecting on the coming Sunday Gospel and finally, a time of prayer for the needs of our families, parishioners and others in our locality.

The Parish Cell groups, providentially, appear to be an answer to Bishop Philip's 6th "Holy Habit" - to join a small group and also to Fr Patrick's recommendation - to read and reflect on the Sunday Gospel beforehand.

For more information, please contact:

Gerry and Pauline Penfold: 0118 981 1247 (Tuesday group)

Bill and Joy Reilly: 0118 981 3784 (Wednesday group)

THANK YOU! Last Sunday's Fundraiser at Tadley for St Michael's Hospice

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to making last Sunday's Fundraiser for St Michael's Hospice a success & to all who attended & bought items. We raised £189.80 in total for the Hospice!

ADVANCE NOTICE: "Mingle at St Michael's"

The next "Mingle" session will take place on **Wednesday 6th November from 2pm - 4pm**, in the Parish Room at St. Michael's.

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Bamenda Sunday – 3rd November

Sunday 3rd November is Bamenda Sunday and this year we mark its Golden Jubilee. Fifty years ago, Bishop Worlock and Bishop Verdzekov, of the then newly established Diocese of Bamenda, initiated the twinning as a practical demonstration of St Pope Paul VI's Vatican II document "Gaudium et Spes". Since 1974, the relationship has grown and strengthened. In the early years, priests from our Diocese worked in Bamenda, teaching the Faith, establishing parishes, schools, youth ministries, etc. Their mission was hugely successfully and saw a fledgling Church grow and develop. Many were inspired by bringing the Gospel message directly to them. Today, we have the great privilege of welcoming priests from Bamenda into our own parishes and their mission to us is one of renewal at a time when our communities become daily more secular. We have much to thank God for from this twinning. A core aspect of the twinning is the practical projects that have been funded through the over £1,000,000 that has been raised by our parishes, largely through the annual Bamenda Sunday collection. This source of funding remains an important and tangible

part of the relationship. Bamenda (Cameroon) is ranked 151st on the UN's Human Development Index covering 193 countries. The UK is ranked 15th. Please give as generously as possible to the Bamenda Sunday collection, every penny will go directly to an approved project aimed at cementing this twinning. Donations can also be made online [here](#). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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CTAT Ladies Breakfast – Saturday 9th November

Do come along & enjoy a breakfast in good company from **10.00am** – 12noon at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC. Cathie Joseph, from the Alton Clothes Bank, will be the Guest Speaker – Hear about how they rehome free pre-loved clothes to aid the local community and provide an opportunity to live more sustainably by reusing and recycling clothes.

Volunteering Opportunities at Basingstoke Foodbank

There are a number of volunteering opportunities ranging from:

1. Warehouse: receiving donations, checking & sorting items...particularly this term through harvest and our Christmas Hamper events (approx 3 hours)
2. Centre Volunteer. Setting up our pop up cafes, chatting with and listening to clients, and packing up bags for them (once weekly approx 3.5 hours. We like to offer a short prayer where appropriate, as well as practical support for clients who come into our centres, so we are particularly looking for volunteers for this role who have a Christian faith and who believe that prayer can change situations and would feel confident to do this.)
3. Voucher administrator (once weekly approx 3 - 3.5 hours in our Houndmills office) You need to be fairly competent with IT and in chatting to agencies & clients on the phone.
4. collecting from our permanent collection crates (ad hoc supermarkets around town)
5. Christmas Hamper supervisors. We'll be advertising on our <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk> how you can get involved in our Christmas Hamper project soon. We're particularly looking for a small team of volunteers to oversee what each morning or afternoon group of packers need to do. Training given. You're welcome to get in touch and arrange to shadow any role before you decide whether or not it's 'for you'! Training will always be given. Please contact:

Paula Vallance, Development Manager - 07941 336464 and 07722 673645 basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk

CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter. Click here: [DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal](#)

Assisted Suicide – Should the Law be changed?

Join Dr Dominic Whitehouse, a palliative care consultant, in Reading on **Tuesday 29th October**, when he will explain why changing the law on Assisted Suicide would be harmful to patients, doctors and society.

Date: Tuesday 29th October 2024

Time: 7.30pm – 9pm

Place: Novotel Reading Centre, 25B Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1DP

(The hotel is 5 minutes' walk from Reading station)

This event is organised by [Lives Worth Living](#), a campaign of SPUC Pro-Life. [Click here](#) to register to attend.

Assisted Suicide – Right to Life campaign

The Right to Life Charity is appealing for funds for its campaign to defeat the Assisted Suicide Bill. More details via this link: [Donate: Support Right To Life UK | Opposing Abortion and Euthanasia UK](#)

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Buckfast Abbey - Retreats for 2025

Buckfast Abbey are delighted to announce their Group Guided Retreats for 2025, details can be found on the Buckfast Abbey website via this link <https://www.buckfast.org.uk/retreats/>.

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.casoportsmouth.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/>

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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