

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	26 th Sept	26 th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	27 th Sept	26 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Repose of the Soul of Helen Warner RIP
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	Sally Lydon
Mon	28 th Sept	NO MASS			
Tues	29 th Sept	Holy Archangel's Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (F)	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Weds	30 th Sept	NO MASSES – FR. STEPHEN AWAY ON PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE			
Thurs	1 st Oct				
Fri	2 nd Oct				
Sat	3 rd Oct	27 th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	4 th Oct	27 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Sue Elliot RIP
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	

Fr. Paul Lyons will celebrate all three Masses this weekend 26th/27th September

*There will be a **Pastoral Letter** from Bishop Philip read out at all Masses this weekend – Electronic copies will be sent to all parishioners on our Newsletter Distribution List on Sunday afternoon*

Children's Liturgy at St. Michael's will take place this Sunday 27th September

Fr. Peter Codd will celebrate the Masses on Tues. 29th Sept AND Sat. 3rd Oct.

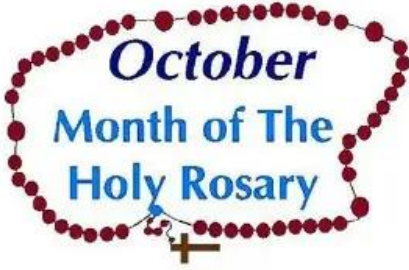
Mass Intentions: If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Dan in the Parish Office

Advance Notice: The CAFOD Harvest Day Collection will be next weekend 3rd/4th October.

Parish office CLOSED this Tuesday 29th Sept. - Dan is required to attend a meeting at St. Bede's.

THE HOLY ROSARY

"A prayer loved by countless Saints"



In his Apostolic Letter: *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (The Rosary of the Virgin Mary), Pope St John Paul II speaks of how influential the Holy Rosary has been in the life of the Church over the centuries. He says it is *"a prayer loved by countless Saints, and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of the third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness."*

Pope St John Paul II's devotion to Mary and the Holy Rosary was greatly influenced by the great 'Apostle of the Rosary', St Louis Marie de Montfort, who wrote a book called 'The Secret of the Rosary'. In this book, St Louis Marie says: *"Never will anyone be able to understand the marvellous riches of sanctification which are contained in the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Nor is there anything in the world more moving than the wonderful story of the life, death and glory of Our Saviour, unfolding before our eyes in the Rosary mysteries. How could there be any prayer more wonderful and sublime than the Lord's Prayer and the Angel's Ave. For learned men and women, these mysteries are the source of the most profound doctrine, while simple men and women find in them a means of instruction well within their reach."*

As we enter October, the month of the Rosary, inspired by the knowledge that countless saints loved to pray the Rosary, may we make a special effort to make it a prayer we love to pray too.

The Rosary is prayed in church after each weekday Mass at St Michael's & St Oswald's

SYCAMORE



A Teaching Course on the Catholic Faith

We will be running a Sycamore programme that will be **open to anyone** interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith.

Sycamore is presented by Fr Stephen Wang [recently named as the next Bishop of Arundel & Brighton]. It uses a series of 20 teaching videos to explore Christianity and the Catholic Faith. Each session will start with some nibbles and bites and a drink in a relaxed atmosphere. The teaching video will then be shown and set questions, based on the video, will be discussed in small groups. You will be free to take part in the discussions or to simply listen without any pressure

For those who would like to become Catholic, or for those who are already Catholic and wish to complete the Sacraments, or for anyone who would just like to acquire a clearer and deeper understanding of Catholic Catechism, there is something on this course for everyone.

**The course will be held weekly at St Michael's, Tadley
on Tuesday evenings from 7pm – 9pm, starting on 6th October**

Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your place on 01189814572 or by
email tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Alternatively: Please see our Welcomers after Mass if you wish to register your interest
Copies of the course outline are also available from our Welcomers

On the Way: Our parish renewal, one step at a time

What does our Guiding Star mean for us?

There is something in that story for every one of us.

Sometimes we are Bartimaeus. We need healing, courage, a new beginning or simply the confidence to take another step towards Christ.

Sometimes it is one of our children, someone in our family, a friend or somebody we care for who needs encouragement.

Sometimes we are the crowd. We can make another person's journey harder, or become the people who say: "Take heart. Get up."

And sometimes we have our own cloak to throw aside: something familiar or comfortable that is holding us back.

This is why almost everything in our renewal comes back to the Guiding Star: worship, Alpha, young people, volunteering, communications, leadership, our buildings, our finances and the way our five communities grow together.

The question is always essentially the same:

Is this helping us, and the people entrusted to us, hear Christ's call, come to Him and follow Him?

The Guiding Star gives us our direction.

The Local Mission Plan helps turn that direction into action.

Next: B.E.C.O.M.E. and a very personal question:

What is my next step towards Christ, and how can I help someone I love take theirs?

DIOCESAN FORMATION DAYS

- **Catechist Day: Saturday 10 October | 9:30am–1:30pm | St Bede's, Basingstoke**

Whether you are a parish catechist, sacramental preparation leader, RCIA team member, children's liturgy volunteer, youth catechist, or involved in any ministry of faith formation, you are warmly invited to the **Portsmouth Diocese Catechists' Formation Day**. We will be joined by Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Dr Káren North from St Mary's University Twickenham as we come together from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. Starting with Mass before we move into our sessions, there will also be a time for prayer and reflection as well as hearing from each other before we finish with a shared lunch (provided). To register go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGROzEzDh> or email Meghan ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

- **Formation Day for Readers: 17th October 2026 | 9:00am–1:30pm | Pastoral Centre, Winchester**

It is not too late to sign up for the Formation Day for Readers being organised by the Diocesan Liturgy. Details can be found on the attached PDF. Anyone wishing to attend is kindly asked to email liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org

- **Parish Evangelisation Cell Formation Day: Saturday 31st Oct. | 9:30am – 1:30pm | Christ the King, Reading**

How can we grow in faith and share the joy of the Gospel?

Join us for a morning of prayer, inspiration, teaching and fellowship as we discover how Parish Evangelisation Cells (PECs) can enrich parish life. PECs are small, welcoming groups of parishioners who meet regularly to pray, reflect on Scripture, build friendships and encourage one another to live and share their faith. They offer a simple way to help people grow closer to Jesus, support one another and reach out to others with friendship and faith. Come and discover how PECs can deepen prayer, friendship and faith, strengthen parish community and mission; and build our confidence in our faith. Everyone is welcome, whether you are curious, active in parish life, or wondering whether PECs could benefit your parish.

To register go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/JGgE7zeuun> or email Meghan ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

- **Spiritual Direction Unpacked: Saturday 21st November | 10.00am – 1.00pm | ONLINE using Zoom**

An excellent opportunity to explore what 'spiritual direction' means and to ask questions and share your thoughts with others. Members of the Spiritual Direction Team will offer their insights, including those who are currently receiving direction. The keynote speaker for the conference is Nicola Smedley, a highly experienced spiritual director who leads courses with the Ignatian School of Spiritual Direction. Below is the hyperlink for the registration page. The system will automatically send a confirmation email to the provided email address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/OXWSTvzJT-iQWiws95ad2Q>

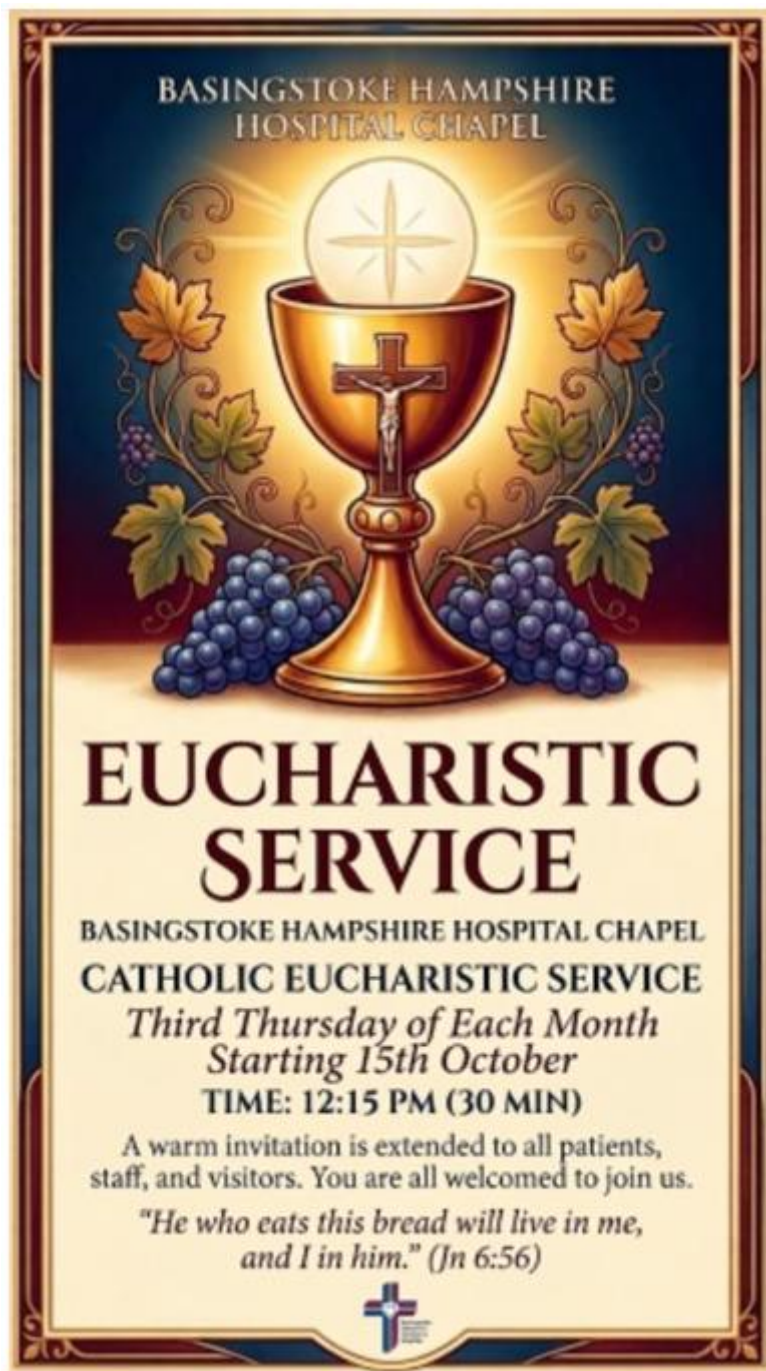
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

Parents of children who will be aged 8 in August 2027 are invited to declare their interest in our 2027 First Holy Communion programme. To do so, please kindly contact the Parish Office by the end of October. An initial meeting for parents is anticipated for December, with preparation sessions for candidates beginning in January.

ADOREMUS 2026

Adoremus is a National Eucharistic Congress initiated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to deepen devotion to the Eucharist and encourage adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be an Eucharistic Procession in the grounds of St Bede's School on the afternoon of Friday 9th October, starting at 2pm, leading into all night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St Bede's Church through to 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended when exposed, so we are asking that people sign up for an hour's slot (or more) sometime through the Exposition. Please sign up using the link:

[Adoremus 2026](#)



ONLINE GIVING

"And this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you" - Genesis 28:22

In support of our churches, and in alignment with the Catechism of the Catholic Church fifth precept (cc 2043) that we shall help to provide for the needs of the Church, the following QR Code has been established for scanning to enable us to give easily online.



ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

Patronal Feast Day Mass of St Michael, the Archangel – 7.00pm, Tuesday 29 September

This year, Fr Stephen will be away on the pilgrimage to Medjugorje on our Tadley Patronal Feast Day; however, Fr. Peter Codd has kindly offered to celebrate a Mass at 7.00pm in St Michael's Church. There will be the opportunity to socialise afterwards in the Parish Room and toast the Parish. All welcome! We will be organising some savoury nibbles and cake, so, to help us prepare, please register on the sign-up sheets in our church porches if you intend to stay for the refreshments. Many thanks.

Mingle @ St Michael's

The next gathering will be on Wednesday 21 October in the Parish Room from 2pm to 4pm. All welcome!

CTAT

CTAT Men's Breakfast Tomorrow

The next Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday 26 September at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, RG26 3NJ, from 10am to noon. Mary will be speaking about the Boundary Players. All welcome!

CTAT Ladies' Breakfast

The next Ladies' Breakfast will take place on Saturday 10 October at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, RG26 3NJ, from 10am to noon. All welcome!

Musical Showcase Event – Calling Musicians and Singers!

Tadley URC will be hosting a Musical Showcase Evening as part of the Tadley Arts Festival on Saturday 17 October from 7.30pm, raising funds for Adonai UK, supporting the work of schools in Uganda. The church is eager to hear from musicians and/or singers who would like to take part! All abilities welcome, but participants will have to register beforehand at tadleyurc@gmail.com - there will be no facility to perform without having registered in advance. Please see poster on next page.

Tadley Autumn Arts Festival – 17/18 October

The Tadley Autumn Arts Festival, organised by CTAT, showcases art and music from around Tadley. It takes place over the weekend of Saturday 17 October – Sunday 18 October, mainly at St Paul's Church, The Green, Tadley, RG26 3PB. All welcome!

There is an Art Exhibition with a programme of live music, artists at work and an Arts Café, all open from 10am – 5 pm on Saturday and from 11am – 5pm on Sunday. There is the opportunity to get involved in a Community Art Project at St Paul's from 11am – 4pm each day. A community of musicians will perform The Blessing at 4.30pm on Saturday and Sunday will begin with an Arts Festival Service at St Paul's at 10am. On Saturday evening, the Musical Showcase Event will take place from 7.30pm at The Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Main Road, RG26 3NJ. All welcome!

Crosslink AGM – Sunday 25 October

Crosslink, the Tadley Voluntary Care Group, invites you to its Annual Meeting on Sunday 25 October at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Main Road, Tadley, RG26 3NJ, at 12.30pm, followed by a lunch of cheese and homemade soup. Volunteers, clients, families and anyone interested in the work of Crosslink are welcome. Please RSVP to the Co-ordinators on 07884 016367 or crosslinktadley@gmail.com

A vertical poster for a musical showcase. The background is dark with warm, bokeh light effects. On the right, a microphone on a stand is positioned in front of an acoustic guitar. The text is arranged in a hierarchy: a large title at the top, event details in the middle, and a call to action below. A circular badge on the right side of the middle section adds a welcoming message. The bottom section features a purple banner with white text and a gold banner with green text.

MUSICAL SHOWCASE

Evening
of MUSIC

 **SATURDAY**
17TH OCTOBER  **7:30PM**

 **CALLING ALL**
SINGERS & MUSICIANS
TO JOIN US!

 **EMAIL**
tadleyurc@gmail.com

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!
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PART OF THE 2026 *Tadley Arts Festival*

RAISING FUNDS FOR
ADONAI UK ♡
SUPPORTING SCHOOLS WORK IN UGANDA