

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Parish of Tadley (with Kingsclere) and Burghfield Common **28th September 2025 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR C**

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 27 th September:	6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley
Sunday 28 th September:	9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley
Sunday 28 th September:	11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common
Monday 29 th September:	The Feast of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael 7.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley Main Celebrant: Father John Lee, Parish Priest
Tuesday 30 th September:	12 Noon at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common
Wednesday 1 st October:	9.30 am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley
Thursday 2 nd October:	9.30 am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley
Friday 3 rd October:	7.00 pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley
Saturday 4 th October:	9.30 am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley – Every First Saturday of the Month

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (with Confessions available in Sacristy): 30 minutes prior to the start of each Weekday Mass.
- The Rosary: Immediately following each Weekday Mass.

Annual Mass Count continues at all Masses this weekend.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Talks:

Although CAFOD's Family Fast Day & Collection is not until next Sunday 5th October, the associated Talk will be given at the end of each of this weekend's Masses. Posters, together with Gift Aid Envelopes & leaflets, will be available in the entrance areas of both our Churches.

Harvest Festival:

St. Michael's Church will celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday 12th October in aid of the Basingstoke Food Bank. Please consider bringing items to donate to the Foodbank – More details in later in this Newsletter.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:

Would parents of those children that they wish to be part of the preparation programme for First Holy Communion 2026, please declare their interest to 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.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF 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.

(Please note: The Rosary is prayed in church after each weekday Mass at St Michael's & St Oswald's)

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REMINDER: A Day with Mary – Saturday 4th October, 10.00am – 5.30pm

We are all invited to participate in this day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Including Mass in honour of Our Lady, Confession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. Venue: Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi, Early, Reading.

<https://adaywithmary.org/>

Fatima Festival at the Cathedral – 4th & 5th October

We are invited to St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth on **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October** to welcome the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of the Fatima Visionaries, Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto. The programme for the weekend begins at Midday on **Saturday 4th October** with the welcome and crowning of the pilgrim statue and Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip. The visit continues until after the 12 Noon Mass on **Sunday 5th October**, and includes praying the Rosary, talks and opportunities to venerate the relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto. The weekend's programme can be viewed [here](#). All welcome!

Draw closer to Jesus through Mary

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother – Begins on Monday 20th October at 7.30pm

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. Join us for Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother beginning Monday 20th October at 7.30pm and continuing every Monday for 8 weeks, leading up to Advent. For more information or to register for the study, email Joan at jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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Harvest Festival – 12th October, St. Michael's Church

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 12th October at St Michael's Church in aid of the Basingstoke Foodbank. Please be generous and bring food items, which will then be processed at the Offertory & placed before the Altar (please let Dan in the Parish Office know if you, or your children, would like to participate in the procession, or speak with Pauline Penfold).

Although it's many years since we celebrated the harvest at Mass, many of you have generously supported the Basingstoke Foodbank over the years for which we are very grateful.

The app "Bank the Food" has an up-to-date list of the food where stock levels are currently low, such as:

Tinned meat (e.g. chilli, stewing steak, meatballs, ham etc)

Custard

UHT milk

Hot and cold desserts (e.g. jelly, sponge pudding, Angel delight)

Sweet treats

Tinned fruit

Items can also be brought to the Saturday evening Mass on 11th October.

Archangels Social Group Events

St Michael's Night – Monday 29 September:

Fr Stephen and Fr John Lee will be concelebrating our St Michael's Feastday Mass at 7pm on 29 September in Tadley. 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 it would help us to prepare, if you sign-up on the sheets in our churches please, if you hope to join us for refreshments. Many thanks. We look forward to seeing you!

Quiz Night in Aid of St Michael's Hospice on Friday 17 October:

We are organising a Quiz Night & Raffle at St Mary's Church Hall, Bishopswood Road, Tadley, RG26 4HQ on Friday 17 October from 7pm – 10pm. **All proceeds will go to St Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke, to help fund their invaluable services.** Entry: £5 cash per person on the door (and please bring more cash for the raffle!). Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Teams of up to 6 people are allowed, but if 5 other people can't be persuaded to join your team, please don't let that stop **you** coming! Please register your interest and the names of any other team members and we will make up teams, where needed. Also, please don't let transport be an issue as we shall be able to help within the parish area. To register your team or individually, please contact Mary Lee by calling or texting on 07821 254100 or emailing her: maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk

Raffle prizes needed please:

Donations of raffle prizes would be much appreciated over the next few weekends – please place in the marked containers in church porches for the Raffle in Aid of St Michael's Hospice. NB: only use the Foodbank containers for your Foodbank donations! Many thanks.

CTAT**CTAT Men's Breakfast – TOMORROW! 27th September:**

Open to all & Free.

Meeting 10.00am, 4th Saturday of the month

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

Speaker: Joyce (Thoughts on the Travel Industry)

CTAT Ladies' Breakfast - Saturday 11 October.

Guest Speaker: Sam Dunn, Children and Youth Community Pastor. All welcome!

Meeting 10.00am, usually on 2nd Saturday of the month (except August & December)

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

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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/>