

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	1 st Nov	First Saturday of the Month – Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Sat	1 st Nov	Sunday Vigil Mass	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Thomas (Tom) Reilly RIP
Sun	2 nd Nov	Sunday Mass	9.00am	St. Michael's	Stephen Rowden RIP & the consolation of his family
Sun	2 nd Nov	Sunday Mass	11.00am	St. Oswald's	Parish – Living & Dead
Mon	3 rd Nov	All Souls	10.00am	St. Michael's	Holy Souls
Tues	4 th Nov	St. Charles Borromeo (M)	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	Jim & Sadie Anderson, Family & Friends
Weds	5 th Nov	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	6 th Nov	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	Clementine Desseignet RIP
Fri	7 th Nov	Feria	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	8 th Nov	Sunday Vigil Mass	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	9 th Nov	Sunday Mass	9.00am	St. Michael's	
Sun	9 th Nov	Sunday Mass	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
<i>This Sunday is also Bamenda Sunday. There will be a short talk & 2nd Collection at all Masses</i>					
<i>Children's Liturgy at St. Michael's takes place this Sunday 2nd Nov. at the 9.00am Mass</i>					
<i>Weekday Masses are preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary prayed after each Mass</i>					

Bamenda Sunday

Each year on the first Sunday of November we celebrate the link between our diocese and the archdiocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. It is a time where we also ask for your financial support to help our brothers and sisters, who are still impacted by the civil unrest that has affected the region since 2016. Despite the risks and challenges the archdiocese continues to run its parishes, provide education and health services, and support thousands of displaced people. Currently, most government services in the region are closed and the only services available are those the archdiocese provides to people of all faiths. During a recent visit to Portsmouth, Archbishop Andrew, Archbishop of Bamenda, acknowledged that our diocese support does not only provide practical benefits to the people of Bamenda but also the encouragement that they are not forgotten in difficult times. You can read more about the partnership and how your support is transforming lives in the Bamenda Newsletter.

Links:

- [download the annual newsletter](#)
- [this short film](#) by Fr Bernardine is about the building of a new school in his parish in Ntenefor, Bamenda
- Presentation made by Fr Anthony - via link: [Bamenda-Portsmouth Partnership 2024/2025](#)

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2026

Bill & Joy Reilly are planning a pilgrimage to Medjugorje next year and wondered if you would like to join them! From Sept 23rd – 3rd Oct '26. The total cost of the pilgrimage for those sharing a room will be approx. £654 per person, including flights, return transfers from Dubrovnik Airport to Medjugorje, 10 nights' accommodation at Hotel Dina (bed, breakfast & evening dinner). It also includes the assistance of a local guide for a few days. The total cost for those in a single room will be approx. £808 per person. If you are interested in joining them or would like to find out more, please get in touch: 0118 981 3784 or email at: billjoyreilly@yahoo.co.uk As this is via a Group Booking with B. A., they will need to hear from you very soon as they require a non-refundable deposit of £37 **by 5th Nov**. Numbers are limited so it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis. Incidentally, the balance of the flights is not due until 8 weeks before departure.

Calling all Mothers and Grandmothers!

"Mother's Prayers" has been established in our Parish for over 10 years and we warmly welcome more 'Mums and Grannies' to join us. Prayers are greatly needed for our children and grandchildren in this day and age and we've experienced many amazing answers to prayers since we've been meeting. There's the choice of a 'weekly' group that meets in the Parish Room on Thursday afternoons from 2 - 3pm or a 'fortnightly' group that meets in a couple of home venues on Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7pm. There will be a warm welcome for any mother and grandmother to attend either group and there's no commitment to attend every meeting. Please contact Joy Reilly: 0118 9813784 or Pauline Penfold: 0118 9811247 if you are interested.

ARCHANGELS PARISH SOCIAL GROUP

Quiz Night & Raffle in Aid of St Michael's Hospice

We now have formal confirmation from the Fundraising Team at the Hospice that our donation of £366.20 has been received, with the following message:

We are absolutely delighted that you held a Quiz and Raffle Night in aid of raising funds for us, thank you so much for your wonderful support.

As you know, we're here for anyone in North Hampshire living with a life-limiting illness, facing end-of-life care, or experiencing bereavement. Your fundraising helps us continue this vital work, because of you, we can be there when people need us most.

On behalf of everyone at St Michael's Hospice, thank you once again for your generosity and commitment.

Calling Parish Bakers

We shall be holding a Cake Sale in the Parish Room after the 9am Mass on Sunday 9 November to raise funds for our Parish Christmas Afternoon Tea Party. Please bake some delicious treats for us to sell – and non-bakers, please make a note of the date to come in and buy them! Many thanks.



Harvest Festival - UPDATE

We also now have formal confirmation from the Admin Team at the Basingstoke Foodbank that the final total of our donations at St. Michael's has increased to a whopping 126kg! The Foodbank writes:

Thank you and your congregation so much for your Harvest Donations. This will really help those struggling to make ends meet and shows your love for the community.

CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY (CTAT)

Update on Light Plans on Friday 31 October at St Mary's

The Labyrinth outside St Mary's Church, Tadley, RG26 4HQ, will be lit up from 5pm - 7pm with free hot chocolate available outside the Church. All welcome.

Forum Meeting on Thursday 6 November

The next meeting of the Forum will take place on Thursday 6 November in St Mary's Church, Tadley, RG26 4HQ, 7pm for refreshments before a 7.30pm start. All welcome.

Ladies' Breakfast

On Saturday 8 November, our guest speaker will be Gemma Rowlands from the Tadley & District Branch of The Royal British Legion on the theme of Remembrance. NB: There will be no Ladies' Breakfast in December.

Services of Remembrance 2025

On Sunday 9 November at 3pm, there will be a CTAT Service of Remembrance beginning outside at the Tadley War Memorial and then continuing inside St Paul's Church, The Green, RG26 3PB. There will also be Remembrance services at the village War Memorials: Baughurst at 10.30am, Silchester and St Luke's, Pamber Heath at 10.45am.

Volunteers to help at Christmas Day Event

We still need volunteers please to help with setting up (Christmas Eve afternoon and/or Christmas Day morning) or offers of transport, or food preparation and/or serving, or organising entertainment or hosting guests. To register as a volunteer, please complete the online form on the CTAT website at:

<https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/xf0avmrs> or contact Mary Lee for a paper form by calling or texting her on 07821 254100 or email: maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk

The next meeting for volunteers will be on Saturday 22 November at the URC's Immanuel Centre, Main Road, Tadley, RG26 3NJ, at noon for anyone interested in finding out more about helping in some way and for roles to be assigned. Many thanks.

Save the Dates

Christchurch Players Panto

The panto this year at TCM will be 'A Christmas Carol' with shows on 28/29 November and 5/6 December.

Festival of Christmas Stars

Many thanks to those who have been knitting, crocheting or stitching Christmas Stars for the Festival in December – more are needed, so please keep going! The Festival will take place from the afternoon of Friday 12 December to Sunday 14 December at Tadley Common Methodist Church, Newchurch Road, RG26 4HN with the Stars being blessed at their Sunday morning service, ahead of their 'Appearance' around Tadley during the following week. The Festival will be set up from the afternoon of Thursday 11 December to the Friday morning, so if you are making Stars, please arrange to give them to Tracy Bennett in time for them to be tagged with information about CTAT churches. Many thanks.

Survivor Engagement: Call for information

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA), the independent auditor of the Church's safeguarding work, has issued a public call for information to learn from survivors engagement experiences.

CSSA is currently doing a thematic audit of survivor engagement across all dioceses and religious life groups in England and Wales. To do this as effectively as possible, it would welcome information from anybody who feels they have something to share with regard to survivor engagement. More information via this link: [Survivors' Work With Us](#)

Neurodiversity and the Catholic Faith

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, through its Biblical Apostolate, and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our faith. If you're an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, we want to hear from you. Your experiences will help the Church to become more aware of and responsive to your needs. Please complete the short surveys via this link: [The God Who Speaks](#)

Diocesan Vacancies

For current vacancies visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>

Diocesan schools vacancies: <https://www.casop Portsmouth.org.uk/current-vacancies-2/>

Further reading

Diocesan weekly e-news: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>
Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/>