

NORTH WEST

HAMPSHIRE

PASTORAL AREA

Serving the Parishes of

ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE, HOOK,
TADLEY AND BURGHFIELD COMMON



**St Michael's Parish, Tadley,
Kingsclere,
and St Oswald's Church,
Burghfield Common**

St Michael's Church

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St Oswald's Church

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Covenant to the People

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Gerry Penfold on 0118 9811247 during July or Mary Lee on 0118 9813221 during August.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on request at the present time in the Parish Room at Tadley. Please book with Father Patrick by telephone.

NEWSLETTER

EIGHTEENTH & NINETEENTH SUNDAYS

IN ORDINARY TIME

31st July & 7th August 2022

Tadley, Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

6:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass Tadley

Please note: No Mass at 6:00pm on Saturday 30th July. There will be Liturgy of The Word and Holy Communion at that time. Our thanks to Deacon Tony Darroch for celebrating this service.

9:00 am Sunday Parish Mass Tadley

11:00 am Sunday Parish Mass Burghfield Common

Weekday Mass:

Wed 10 Aug 11:00am Mass Tadley
Feast of Saint Laurence the Deacon

In consideration of others, please wear a face mask and sanitise when entering our churches. Those who wish to be seated in the socially distanced area please telephone or email to advise if attending. Please do not come to church if you have any symptoms of a viral infection.

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next. **OR,** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

Following Sunday's Readings (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53.

MASS ATTENDANCE

23rd/24th July:

Tadley 6pm: 24 9am: 44 Burghfield Common 11am: 27

PARISH PLATE COLLECTIONS

16/17th July: Tadley: £71.00 Burghfield Common: £51.82

23/24th July: Tadley: £302.41 Burghfield Common: £46.00

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WELCOME TO SAINT BERNADETTE!

It was good to hear from Roy Singh before our Saturday Mass last weekend that he had had a wonderful pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Philip and members of the Diocese. He was obviously spiritually invigorated by the experience.

I understood how he felt, having been there twice, assisting a fellow priest with his parish pilgrimage and leading our diocesan Union of Catholic Mothers as their chaplain, alongside other UCM groups.

The apparitions experienced by Saint Bernadette took place over a period of five months, between 11th February and 16th July 1858 in a cave on the outskirts of Lourdes, a place known as the Grotto of Massabielle. Aged only 14, and a simple peasant girl, she became the friend and confidante of Our Lady. From **1st September to 1st November** there will be a tour of her relics in England, Wales and Scotland and over those two months the importance of the messages she received should become well known.

Relics are an essential part of our Catholic tradition, discarded by many Protestants during the Reformation, but venerated from the early days of the Church until the present age. The bodies of martyrs were held in special veneration during the Roman persecutions and Masses were celebrated in the catacombs at their tombs in Rome. I have done so on a pilgrimage to Rome and it was a strange spiritual event, as if one was touching eternity. Simply put, relics help us to feel close to a saint as part of the Communion of Saints, as the Church on Earth looking to the Church in Purgatory alongside the Church in Heaven.

As Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI has truly stated:

"By inviting us to venerate the mortal remains of the martyrs and saints, the Church does not forget that, in the end, these are indeed just human bones, but they are bones that belonged to individuals touched by the transcendent power of God. The relics of the saints are traces of that invisible but real presence which sheds light upon the shadows of the world and reveals the Kingdom of Heaven in our midst".

There is a poster in each of our churches which has links for those interested. You can also find out more on this major event here: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/st-bernadette/> *Father Patrick*

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DRAFT 10 YEAR PLAN

The draft strategic diocesan plan is now available and is called '**You Will Be My Witnesses**'.

There will be a consultation period that runs across all

parishes from the 13th July to 15th December 2022. The feedback will then be collated and the plan will be finalised. In early 2023 there will be the development of the three year phase of the plan to make our present Pastoral Areas ready to become single parishes.

It is therefore important that, before any discussions take place, we all read 'You Will Be My Witnesses'. The document should be read in a spirit of prayer, asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, reflecting deeply on its implications for cooperation across our present North-West Hampshire Pastoral Area as it begins to look towards becoming one inter-connected Parish, sharing resources and clergy as one unit. You can find the document here: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/our-mission/planning/ten-year-plan/>

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CASH DONATIONS

Helen Warner has asked that you please check any cash donations for old or foreign coins as these cannot be accepted by the Post Office where the banking is done. In a similar way, old £10 notes and also old £20 and £50 notes which will only be acceptable until the end of September. If we cannot pay them in then this will be lost funds to the parish. Many thanks.

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THANK YOU FROM AGGIE

Aggie Michalec left our Parish last Sunday to return to Poland, but when I arrived at Saint Oswald's Church for the 11:00am Mass I found a card left for me from her in the sacristy.

On behalf of herself and Martin, Veronika and family, who returned to Slovakia on Thursday, she wanted to thank all at Burghfield Common and Tadley: "for everything we received from you all, prayers, time we spent together and wonderful memories that will always stay in our hearts". She thanked those who organised the Farewell Tea on Sunday 3rd July which she found "very emotional" and assured us of their prayers as they leave. They will be missed!

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BOOK LAUNCH

'*Grace upon Grace*' is a book by Angela Webb, a Methodist Minister. It is a book of pictures, poems & prayers. One of her sources of inspiration was the course 'Imaging the Story - Rediscovering the Visual and Poetic Contours of Salvation' by Karen Case-Green and Gill C Sakakini. Angela is launching her book at Silchester Methodist Church on Wednesday **10th August** from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Activities for all ages. Some of the artwork will be on display.

If you wish to purchase a copy of the book a donation of about £10 is requested, with the profits going to the charity 'Wheels for the World', a project run by the Christian disability charity, Through the Roof.

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