

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	3 rd Oct	27 th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Thomas Reilly RIP
Sun	4 th Oct	27 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Sue Elliot RIP
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	5 th Oct	NO MASS			
Tues	6 th Oct	Feria	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	
Weds	7 th Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary (M)	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	8 th Oct	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	9 th Oct	St. John Henry Newman (F)	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	10 th Oct	28 th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	11 th Oct	28 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Paul Mallon - Special Intention
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	

Second Collection at all Masses this Weekend: CAFOD

Fr. Peter Codd will celebrate the Saturday Vigil Mass on 3rd October

Children's Liturgy at St. Oswald's will take place this Sunday 4th October

Weekday Masses preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary after Mass.

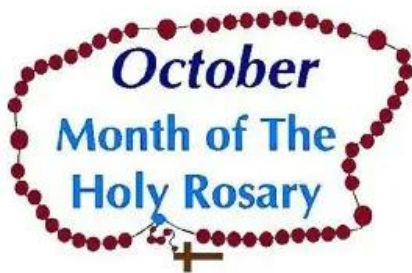
Confessions: Before Weekday Masses, Saturdays at St. Michael's 11.00am - 12 Noon, or by appointment.

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

ADVANCE NOTICE: HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

We plan to celebrate God's bounty and share what we have. If all could bring in donations for our local Foodbanks, it would be much appreciated. We will take them up at the offertory. Urgent needs at the Basingstoke Foodbank are tinned meat, UHT milk, fruit juice and desserts. The "bank the food" app has a full list of other items needed.

THE HOLY ROSARY LEADS US TO JESUS AND TO PRAISE OF THE HOLY TRINITY



A reflection by Fr Stephen in this month dedicated to the Rosary

When you take a closer look at the Holy Rosary, you can see that it is truly a Scripture-based prayer. Each decade starts with the **'OUR FATHER'**, a prayer that the Catechism describes as the "Summary of the Gospels". It is the prayer Jesus taught his Apostles when they asked Him how to pray. St Thomas Aquinas calls it the "the most perfect of prayers".

Then there is the **'HAIL MARY'** (aka the Angelic Salutation), which is repeated 50 times in a standard 5 decade Rosary. This forms the main body of the vocal part of the prayer. The first part of the Hail Mary is made up of verses taken from the Gospel of Luke (1:28 and 1:42). At the centre of the Hail Mary is the name of **JESUS**, "the name which is above all other names" (Phil2:9). He is Our Lord and Saviour, the "Word made flesh" (Jn1:14), the One to whom Mary always leads us and the One to which her prayer the Rosary leads us to contemplate. It is a **CHRISTOCENTRIC** prayer because it is centred on Jesus and helps us to make Him the centre of our lives and so become more open to being filled with His Divine life of grace. Our Blessed Lady wants all of us to be full of God's grace as she was.

Finally, each decade ends with the **'GLORY BE'** – suggesting that the whole Rosary is a movement towards praise and joyful union with the **HOLY TRINITY**.

Next week: The important 'element of contemplation' on the 20 Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

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: The B.E.C.O.M.E. journey

Much is changing as our five church communities move towards one parish. Alongside the practical work of becoming one parish, our Local Mission Plan asks a deeper question:

What kind of parish is Christ calling us to become?

The story of Bartimaeus has become our Guiding Star. He hears Jesus passing by, calls out, throws aside his cloak, comes to Christ, receives new sight and follows Him on the way. The crowd changes too. Those who first try to silence him become the people who encourage him: "Take heart. Get up. He is calling you."

Alongside Bartimaeus we have developed **B.E.C.O.M.E.**, a simple way of describing the journey from spiritual curiosity towards following Jesus and helping others follow Him too. It stands for Belong in Community, Encounter Christ, Commit to Growth, Ongoing Renewal, Missionary Led and Evangelising Witness.

B.E.C.O.M.E. is not intended to place people into categories or suggest that everybody follows the same route. It helps us keep one simple question in view: what is the next step for this person?

Our Local Mission Plan is beginning to connect welcome, worship, opportunities to explore Christian faith and ask questions, ways of learning and growing, work with young people, volunteering, leadership, service and communications around that journey. The aim is not simply to offer more activity. It is to help people become known, encounter Christ, grow in faith, discover their gifts and eventually help others do the same.

There are already encouraging signs. When people from different church communities work together, relationships grow and we begin to discover gifts and experience which can help the whole parish flourish.

Over the next six weeks, On the Way will look at each part of **B.E.C.O.M.E.** and at some of the ways our Local Mission Plan is helping us support the journey more clearly.

Where might Christ be inviting you to take your next step?

Next week: Belong in Community.

- **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

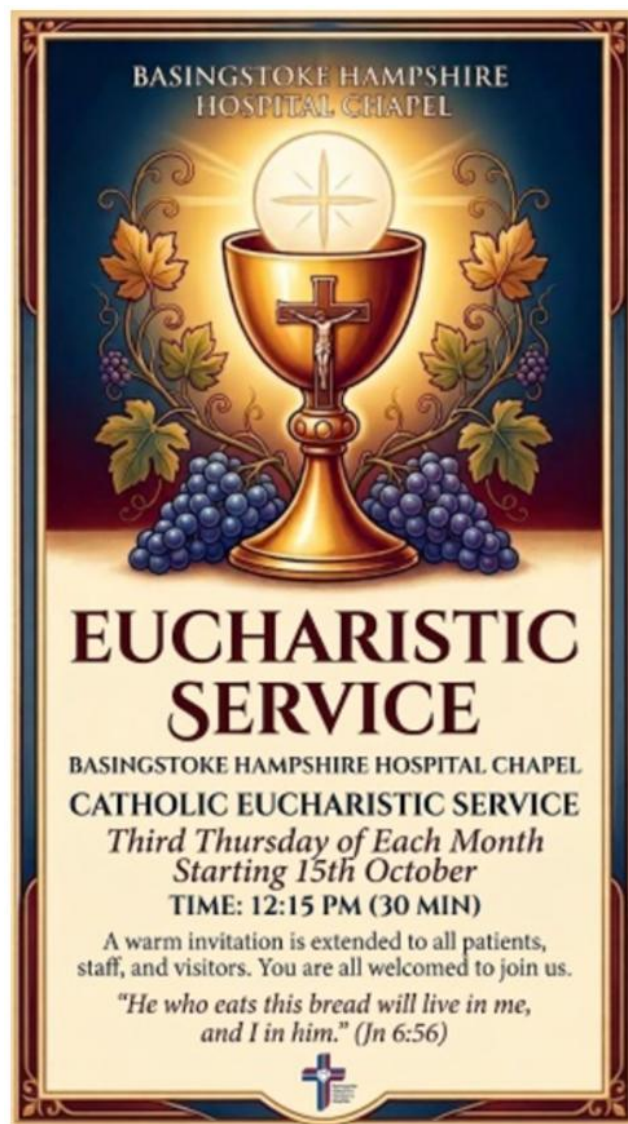
Adoremus is a National Eucharistic Congress initiated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to deepen devotion to the Eucharist and encourage adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be an Eucharistic Procession in the grounds of St Bede's School on the afternoon of Friday 9th 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 FOR OUR PARISH

"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

St Michael's Night Mass & Reception

Many thanks to Fr Peter Codd for coming to Tadley on Tuesday 29 September to celebrate an Evening Mass for our Patronal Feastday and to all those who ministered at the Mass. It was good to gather to pray together for members of our community, living and deceased. Several parishioners were able to stay on afterwards to enjoy socialising over refreshments – our thanks to the Archangels Social Group for organising and to Hayley, Maria and Ola for baking some delicious, sweet treats for us to enjoy! Photos below courtesy of Dee Boswell-Vagg.

Mingle @ St Michael's

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



**CTAT Ladies' Breakfast – Next Saturday 10 October**

The next Ladies' Breakfast will take place on Saturday 10 October at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, RG26 3NJ, from 10am to noon. A team from Green Health Tadley will describe how they work in the community to improve physical and mental health through gardening together and to help combat food insecurity. All welcome! Please see poster attached.

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.

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

Ladies' Breakfast

Come and join us on

Saturday 10 October 2026

A team from Green Health Tadley will tell us what they do in the community to provide physical & mental wellbeing through gardening together and to help combat food insecurity



We usually meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Main Road, Tadley, RG26 3NJ, from 10 am to 12 noon, except in August and December. **All welcome!**