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ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE, HOOK,
TADLEY AND BURGHFIELD COMMON



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

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Covenant to the People

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Bill Reilly during September (01189 813784).

NEWSLETTER

6th September — 19th September 2020

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THE 23rd & 24th SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH BULLETIN

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LOOKING TO MOVE FORWARD POSITIVELY AS A PARISH

(1) MICHAELMAS CELEBRATION

We celebrate the Mass of St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael as a Solemnity in the Parish on Tuesday 29th September at 7.30 pm in St Michael's Church. Booking will be as normal for this Mass, as for all forthcoming weekday Masses, from Tuesday of the previous week (22nd September) until 12.30 pm on the Thursday of the week (24th September). Earlier bookings will not be accepted.

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(2) 'THANK YOU' TINA!

To enable this Mass to be celebrated to comply with the guidelines, a thorough clean of the church is necessary, and this will take place on Tuesday 29th September at 10.00 am onwards. Father Patrick expresses his thanks to Tina van Ewyk for agreeing to organise this clean, and she will be contacting volunteers to assist her. Tina has also generously agreed to organise cleans for Funeral and Memorial Masses in St Michael's Church when necessary. Father Patrick is in contact with the Spano Family in respect of a Memorial Mass for Margaret, whose Graveside Funeral took place on 21st April during lockdown. Should this Mass have to be celebrated on a Saturday evening, preference for attendance will be given to family with parishioners being asked to transfer to St Oswald's Church on the Sunday.

Tina would appreciate more volunteers, to enable celebrations more frequently in St Michael's Church in compliance with the guidelines of thorough cleaning. Parishioners at Burghfield Common are asked to contact the Parish Office volunteering for cleaning groups to be organised at St Oswald's Church. There is a Memorial Mass to be organised there as well, as well as a Baptism.

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(3) KEEPING THE GUIDELINES!

This is a requirement of both Church and the Government, and places of Worship can be closed if it is found they fail to comply. Bishop Philip and our Catholic Bishops have made it clear that churches should open with full compliance. This is especially important as we enter a period of the year when medical experts are expressing serious concern that a 'surge' is quite possible, possibly leading to a second, disastrous, lockdown nationwide. Our police are also worried that social distancing and other measures are being ignored, especially by some young people.

A) SOCIAL DISTANCING of 2 metres should be kept in our

churches - with only 1 metre acceptable if mitigating factors are in force.

B) SANITISERS are to be used by all on entry and exit, with 2 metre distance observed by all.

C) FACEMASKS are obligatory in all places of worship in England from 8th August, unless a medical exemption applies. Please speak to Fr Patrick if necessary, so that he is aware of an exemption. Entry to a place of worship is refused if the rule is not followed. We are entering a difficult period and in charity are obliged to think of the health of others, as Christ would expect and Pope Francis makes clear.

RESERVE STEWARDS are asked to confirm that they will be attending a particular Mass so that a seat may be reserved for them.

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4) WELL ORGANISED

Parishioners at the 6.00 pm Tadley Mass on 22nd August will recall the visit of PCSO Bethany, new to our area of Tadley and Baughurst. Whilst passing the church, she noticed a large gathering and asked Father Patrick the nature of this. She was delighted to learn that the church had re-opened and accepted the invitation to say a few words before Mass. Her comment as she watched people arrive was that it all seemed well organised and she should like to visit the other church, but could not do so as Burghfield Common was outside her area. Her few words of introduction received applause from the congregation, and looking down the church it was obvious that Barbara's work of bench numbering and distancing signs clearly demonstrated good organisation inside. Many thanks to Stewards and parishioners! And to Bethany!

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5) PARISH RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) RESUMES IN BASINGSTOKE

Father Patrick is grateful to Deacon Tony Darroch for enabling Malcolm, Hazel and Maureen to resume their preparation to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church via the social distancing RCIA Preparation at St Bede's Church Hall starting later in September. Father Patrick had been juggling with resuming the Preparation in Tadley, using the socially distancing adapted Parish Room, or the larger Hall in Burghfield Common. This has yet to be adapted for larger social distanced Parish Meetings, and also Barbara is addressing the use of it for groups which ceased to meet during lockdown. However all this involves Risk Assessments and thorough cleaning. The Parish normally receives a useful income each year from lettings, and it is unlikely that this money will come to the Parish for 2020. It is good that our cleaner has now been taken off furlough by the Diocese at Father Patrick's request, but volunteer cleaners will be required to assist in maintaining St Oswald's Church and the Leonard Rooms.

Deacon Tony suggested that the Tadley Preparation could be linked to the St Bede's one if those involved were happy to travel there regularly. The actual Receptions would, God willing, take place in Easter 2021 in that which will probably be the still re-organized St Michael's Church. The three candidates have agreed to this, and Fr Patrick is also grateful to Joy Reilly for assisting in their continuing formation in our Cell Groups.

Please keep Malcolm, Hazel and Maureen in your prayers.

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(6) BANNS OF MARRIAGE

NEUZA VANESSA HENRIQUE CORREIA and WILLIAM BENNY NCHANJALA of BURGHFIELD COMMON intend to marry on 3rd October 2020. If any person knows why this marriage should not be solemnised according to The Rites of the Catholic Church, they are obliged to contact Father Patrick as soon as possible.

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(7) CHILDRENS LITURGY SHEETS

Father Patrick will be making these available to those of our youngsters attending our Sunday Masses at present. They will be available after each Mass. Our thanks to The Knights of St Columba (Basingstoke) for supporting this.

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(8) SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

LEPRA COLLECTION

Father Patrick had agreed last year with Laurice Jarman of LEPRA that there be a Second Collection to support Lepers on 5th/6th September. They have both agreed that this should be postponed until further notice.

OBLIGATORY COLLECTION FOR HOME MISSIONS

This will be on the week-end of 19th/20th September, and parishioners are asked to place clearly marked contributions in The Special Collections box at each church.

THE AUTUMN FAST DAY COLLECTION FOR CAFOD

This Voluntary Collection is designated to the week-end of 3rd/4th October. Clearly marked donations should be placed, again, in The Special Collections box at each church.

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(9) AUTUMN MASS COUNT (for national statistics)

The first one is on the week-end of 19th/20th September. The figures will be taken from the Church Booking Registers.

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(10) CONFESSIONS

Father Patrick will be offering people the opportunity for The Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament will be celebrated in The Parish Room, with face masks and social distancing. The first opportunity will be from 11.00 am - 12 noon on Saturday 19th September, and times (15 minute slots) will need to be booked with him via the Parish Office by Thursday 17th September. If these slots are taken, Fr will consider offering another day with booking times and will make contact with the Parishioner having received their request. Please do not arrive on the Saturday expecting him to be available if you do not book, and do not come for the Sacrament if you are unwell.

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(11) THE RESULTS ARE IN! PARISH VISION SURVEY

Our thanks to Rick Wallis of The Evangelisation Strategy Team (EST) for summarising the response to the survey which closed at the end of August.

58 responses were received, and it is hoped that Gerry Penfold of the Team will produce a Word Cloud for discussion and publication. More on this later - and thanks to all who responded.

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(12) FORMATION FOR MISSION

In the last Newsletter (23rd August - 5th September 2020), Father Patrick encouraged those parishioners who have been engaged in Children's Liturgy in our churches to become involved with Sister Hyacinthe's Course for them and others involved in catechesis. It is important that as part of our moving forward in Mission that we ensure that people are properly prepared to engage with young people and their families during the pandemic and after it is under reasonable control. Now is the time to be doing this.

Sister Hyacinthe asks that the following two initiatives be advertised. It would be good if our Readers took advantage of the first one, as at present it is most difficult to provide social distancing Workshops to enhance our ability to proclaim Sacred Scripture, especially during the continuing YEAR OF THE WORD

Below are two of initiatives that may be of interest to your readers and catechists:

*Our Formation for Mission is now offering **diocesan Readers Workshops online**. We had started offering them in parishes for the God who Speaks campaign, and had to cancel them due to Lock-down.*

We'll now be offering two sets of workshops on Zoom:

on Saturdays 17th October (workshop 1) and 24th October (workshop 2) at 10 am

on Saturdays 14th November (workshop 1) and 21st November (workshop 2) at 10 am

You can find a registration page for the workshops here: <https://www.godwhospeaks.org/readers>

As part of the training, we will be offering one-to-one online meetings to each participant to give them a chance to practice their reading. This will be organized separately, once they have attended the workshops.

*In response to a few requests, I am also offering the **Catechists training on Monday evenings**, at 7.30 pm, starting on the 7th September for five weeks. The registration link for the Evening Catechists course is here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8121212121>*

This course is certified by the diocese and offers an essential foundation for the work of catechists. It is open also for children's Liturgy leaders, parents, grandparents, church readers and ministers: for all those who wants to grow in their understanding and love of the faith.

I would be so grateful if you could advertise those courses in your parish,

God bless,

Sr Hyacinthe

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(13) CORONAVIRUS ETHICS - AN INTERESTING FUTURE?

BBC Radio 4 gave considerable space in its 7.10 am religious programme last Sunday (31st August) to a debate in Australia about a possible vaccine from Oxford many hope will protect people from COVID 19. The leaders of the Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox Churches in Sydney have asked that political leaders seek a similar vaccine from another source, giving a choice not only to Christians, but to others from different religious beliefs or of none, alongside the Oxford vaccine being researched. The reason: the Oxford vaccine being proposed is linked to the use of past cell lines from an aborted foetus.

The former Oxford scholar and scientist Archbishop Fisher, Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, outlined the position of the Christian leaders in his accustomed clear style. He is one of the finest Catholic commentators of our age.

Whilst he had no particular concern about the use of the vaccine from a moral point of view, there were others who did and were not prepared to receive it if it was the only one available. He and his colleagues felt that this genuine moral concern needed to be addressed both to control the pandemic as far as possible and to `respect conscientious objection. The Clergy were also expressing their alarm at serious suggestions being aired in political circles that those who refused the vaccine should be deprived of medical and social security rights. There is a growing debate in some countries about making any vaccine obligatory by law. Some are concerned about possible 'cutting of corners' to develop one quickly and possible side effects.

Archbishop Fisher explained his own moral position of acceptance of the Oxford vaccine, if proven safe, from an area of 20th Century History which Fr Patrick knows

well. During the Second World War, concentration camp inmates were used in barbaric and degrading experiments to save the lives of German pilots rescued from freezing seas. Some of the knowledge gained was actually of real medical use, which the Allies felt should be used for the good of mankind, although from an evil source. The same applied to X-Ray experiments conducted in the camps, which proved valuable medically. In early August the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales also addressed the acceptance of the use of cells of aborted fetuses being used in vaccines. They rejected direct abortion, but expressed the importance of Catholic moral teaching in this matter.

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(14) ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL (ADoRE)

Saturday 19th September 10.00 - 12.45, mini conference for spiritual renewal with Mass, Adoration, praise, prophecy, and an inspiring talk 'Here is your mother' from Fr John Seddon. Please register in advance for ZOOM following this link: bit.ly/adore0920

For more information go to the ADoRE website:

www.altonrenewal.com

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(15) HUGH LOBO

Would appreciate your prayers as he prepares for a medical procedure to help with a back problem, asking that all will go well for him.

Our thanks to Hugh for his great contribution to the re-opening of our churches, his Stewarding in both over the last two months, and his assistance to those parishioners keeping the Tadley Church grounds in good order.

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(16) EILEEN SMITH

Has kindly placed pleasant flower arrangements in the Tadley Church as we move towards more, if limited, use of it in time of pandemic. Thanks Eileen!

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(17) THE ACADEMY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Founded by the Bournemouth Oratory in response to Bishop Philip Egan's request that we be a centre for Catholic Formation and Catechetics for the New Evangelisation, offers a 1 year Certificate and 2 year Diploma, starting this Michaelmas.

At the forefront of personal involvement (not passive video watching) the academy offers real-time interaction between lecturers and students.

You are cordially invited to attend an informal Academy Open Evening on Wednesday 16th September at 8.00 pm via ZOOM. In just 45 minutes, you can meet the Teaching staff and the Trustees get an overview of the courses, have your questions answered, and decide

which courses may be most beneficial for your parish or community. Please let us know if you wish to attend, and we will send you a link. Contact: Father Peter G Edwards, Moderator & Parish Priest, The Bournemouth Oratory (in Formation), Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, University Catholic Chaplaincy and Academy of the Annunciation www.aoa-edu.com

The Oratory House, 1 Albert Road, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH1 1BZ.

Telephone: 01202 411140

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(18) BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS—REMINDER

Parishioners should now be aware that they need to book for a Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass from 10.30 am each Tuesday to 12.30 pm each Thursday. Bookings after this time will not be accepted.

Please email your booking request to the Parish Office, giving the names of those attending and a contact telephone number. Email address:

tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

If you do not have access to the internet, please telephone the office on 01189 814572 to make a booking. If you have not booked within the requisite time, feel free to check with Fr Patrick if a place is still available on Saturday morning. However, do not feel disappointed if one is not available. He appreciates your understanding.

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