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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

Bishopswood Road, Tadley
RG26 4HG

St Oswald's Church

Abbey Park, Burghfield Common,
RG7 3HQ

Parish Priest:

Rev Fr Patrick Tansey
0118 981 4572

Safeguarding Officers:

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0118 981 4658

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Kathryn Garden
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Parish Office hours:

9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday to Friday

Covenant to the People

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Gerry Penfold on 0118 9811247 during January.

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

The Baptism of The Lord

9th January 2022

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Tadley, Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

6:00 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Tadley
9:00 am	Sunday Parish Mass	Tadley
11:00 am	Sunday Parish Mass	Burghfield Common

Weekday Mass:

12:00pm	Wednesday 12th January	Tadley
	<i>Saint Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	

Advance booking is not required for weekend Masses but please telephone or email to advise if attending so Father Patrick can ensure we keep within acceptable numbers.

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The Baptism of The Lord – Year C

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm: Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Next Sunday's Readings (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 62:1-5 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11

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Mass Attendance Christmas Eve/Day 2021

Tadley 6:00pm: 34 Tadley 9:00am: 47

Burghfield Common 11:00am: 54

Mass Attendance on Sunday 26th December 2021

Tadley 9:00am: 35

Burghfield Common 11:00am: 45

Mass Attendance on 1st/2nd January 2022

Tadley 6:00pm: 24 Tadley 9:00am: 25

Burghfield Common 11:00am: 23

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Crib Collection

This is your last weekend to contribute to this Collection in support of our Christian brothers and sisters in The Holy Land. At both churches there are receptacles at our cribs for you to give your offerings.

Obligatory Collection for the Cathedral in Portsmouth

This will be taken on the weekend of 22nd/23rd January. The Collection supports our Cathedral as it is used for both civic and religious services; for Confirmations in the Diocese and for Ordinations.

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ORDINARY TIME BEGINS!

The Feast of The Baptism of The Lord ends the Liturgical Celebration of Christmastide. On Monday 10th January we enter the Ordinary Time of the church year until the beginning of Lent on 2nd March.

As we do so, my sincere thanks to you all for the many cards, gifts and for the Christmas Collection, traditionally given to priests as part of their material support. Also, on behalf of Our Saviour, thanks to all who made our Christmas celebrations so joyful liturgically and spiritually. All was done well, in spite of the continuing pandemic.

Father Stuart Seaton, visiting family in our Parish, celebrated the Saint Oswald Mass on Sunday 26th December and has been in touch to say how greatly he appreciated the opportunity to do so in a wonderful atmosphere. He sang the Preface and Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass of The Holy Family beautifully. I appreciate his kindness in letting me know that he has celebrated a Mass for us all, and I have assured him that he will always be welcome in the Parish. Keep him in prayer, especially his ministry as Chaplain at Harrow School.

Deacon Anthony Cairns, who served so well as a Deacon in our Parish until he retired, with his wife Diana, to Lymington in December 2018, sends you all his best wishes for a happy New Year. Diana joins him in adding her greetings. Both have had Covid and their health has not been good in the last year. They ask for your prayers.

Father Jim Keenan also asks to be remembered to all and hopes to see us from time to time in the coming months.

As the new year starts, I shall be addressing the Synodal Process with the group which has agreed to meet with me as Parish Priest. So far, only one parish group has asked to be involved alongside us, but are there any others interested? It would be good to know as soon as possible, as time is short to ensure that all the reports are sent to Father John Chandler from the Parish. The information for the forming of a group will be sent out to others wishing to be involved if they contact Kathryn in the Parish Office.

Also, across the Diocese there will be a 'rolling out' of the consultation concerning the future of our Diocese over the next ten years, alongside the challenges of the pandemic. Please look out for information on meetings as these are advertised in newsletters, on the website and through the Diocesan E-News. Hopefully, we shall not be exhausted by the time Lent arrives!

Father Patrick

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FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR 2022

Please keep in your prayers the seven youngsters who will be starting preparation for First Holy Communion at the end of January and come from across our Parish Area. The Parents' Meeting will take place in Saint Michael's Church at 7:00pm on Monday 10th January, rather than the Parish Room. With the present worrying surge of Omicron, Father Patrick will be assessing, as he is obliged to do, the suitability of the Room for the Preparation meetings at the end of January. He has also decided to hold the Enrolment Mass at the end of January, so that it may be better organised in the continuing situation and so that parishioners will be aware that benches for the youngsters and their families will be allocated first on that particular weekend, before other bookings are taken.

He expresses his thanks to Marion Evans for co-ordination of the Preparation, with Jenny Seaborn and Katherine Whitehouse, and the families involved for their co-operation. First Communion Day will, all being well, be celebrated on 12th June, The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity. Let us pray that all will progress well for this important event in our Parish Life in 2022.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY UPDATE

Father Patrick asks again if any parishioner is prepared to act as a Catholic CTAT Representative, alongside Mary Lee. Mary is not in the best of health, but does a tremendous ministry from home in supporting our ecumenical work in the Tadley area. However, she is not able to attend meetings personally, and it is sometimes difficult for Father Patrick to attend particular meetings. It would be good to have a lay representative to attend meetings, as is the case for the United Reformed Church and the Community Church, who have no local ministers at the moment. Again, an area for the future of our Diocese in the next ten years. What will be the response of a Catholic Parish which will have no resident priest in the not too distant future?

The next CTAT AGM, at which there should be a lay representative, will be on 13th January at 7:30pm, venue to be arranged, possibly by Zoom. More details later.

The Service for Christian Unity will be held at 3:00pm on Sunday 23rd January at Saint Mary's Church, Tadley. More details to follow.

The Alpha Course being organised by the Reverend Richard Harlow, which is open to all, will take place online from Tuesday 25th January at 7:30pm. If you are interested: contact Richard on 0118 9814860, richard73harlow@aol.com or www.stpaulstadley.org.uk

Father Patrick has explained to the Reverend Richard Harlow that our parishioners will probably be involved in The Big Picture which starts across our pastoral area on Monday 10th January, via Zoom, from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. If you are interested please do not hesitate to contact geoffpoulter@hotmail.com or phone 01256 541052.

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TIME OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This starts on Tuesday 18th January, ending on The Feast of The Conversion of Saint Paul on 25th January.

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PEACE SUNDAY

Sunday 16th January is The Day of Prayer for Peace. One Mass for Peace may be offered on the weekend of 15th/16th January. Father Patrick will celebrate this at 11:00am on Sunday 16th at Saint Oswald's Church.

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SAINT AELRED OF RIEVAULX

"No other English monk of the twelfth century so lingers in the memory". These words of Professor David Knowles, the outstanding 20th century historian of monasticism, were written of Aelred, whom we celebrate on Wednesday 12th January. Today, sadly, many do not know of this English saint.

Born in 1110, the son of a parish priest, educated at Durham, and in the household of King David of Scotland, many believed he would settle into courtly life perfectly. However, aged 24, he entered the Cistercian monastery of Rievaulx in Yorkshire, where he eventually became abbot, dying there in 1167. During his time as abbot, the community of monks increased to 600, and apparently he lost no member of the community during that time.

Profoundly influenced by a deep love of Christ, evidenced in his writings, he had a remarkable gift for friendship. His On Spiritual Friendship, about human and divine love, is a masterpiece.

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MISSIO BOX COLLECTION

Saint Oswald's Church raised £87.42 last year for Missio through the Red Boxes, in addition to the direct debits from the Parish. If anyone would like a red box or more information they can contact Sarah Hunneman 07902788597 or go to the Missio website <https://missio.org.uk/donate/>

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THANKS FATHER CHRIS!

Father Chris Whelan, our Pastoral Area Co-Ordinator, has updated Father Patrick on the situation at Saint Joseph's Church, Basingstoke, in respect of Father Benoy testing positive for Coronavirus and Father Chris awaiting his PCR result. All Masses were cancelled there last weekend.

Father Benoy's lateral flow test is now negative and it is hoped that Masses will be celebrated at Saint Joseph's Church this coming weekend.

Father Chris appreciates our prayers. Please continue to pray that all will go well for the weekend for them.

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NEW COURSE FROM THE FORMATION FOR MISSION TEAM

For Adults who wish to know their faith better we are offering a 6 weeks course on Tuesdays 15th February - 22nd March, 7.00 - 8.30 pm. This course, Anchoring your Faith: the Mass, will help you (re)discover the Mass, exploring its liturgy in the light of our faith. We will go through the Mass step by step but also through the essential truths of our faith, using Scripture, artworks, and breakout group activities. You can register here for Anchoring your Faith:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcuceCorDovG9QrjWx_cp3PAjFr0s1z1Q9m

All our initiatives are listed on our website: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/>

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PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE VACANCY

The Diocese have asked us to advertise the following vacancy:

Deputy Director of Estates

We are looking for a chartered surveyor or equivalent to support the Diocese of Portsmouth as we go through a period of significant change; to oversee the management of all Diocesan Properties, working towards the decarbonisation of our estate and to undertake line management responsibilities for the Estates Team.

The successful candidate will have a proven track record of leading development projects including both refurbishment and new build schemes. They will also have proven team leadership experience, with the capability to lead internal staff members as well as external project teams. They must have excellent communication and leadership skills, along with the ability to operate successfully at a senior level liaising with a variety of stakeholders is essential to succeed in this role.

Experience of working with parishes, schools and residential property is advantageous although not essential. It is expected that candidates will be a Chartered Building Surveyor with 10 years post qualification experience or possess an equivalent professional qualification.

The Diocesan Estates Team is based in Portsmouth, with a hybrid office/home model. It will require occasional evening/weekend working and flexibility will be required. The role involves site visits throughout the Diocese, therefore a clean driving license and access to a vehicle is essential.

Salary: up to £50,000 per annum

For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact: Recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Closing Date for applications: 12 noon on Monday 17th January 2022.

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