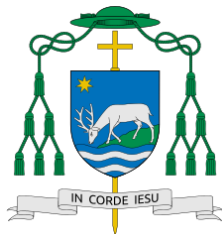


**NORTH WEST
HAMPSHIRE**

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**

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Covenant to the People

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Bill Reilly on (0118) 9813784

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church from 5:00pm to 5:30pm, but no on Saturday 14th March.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

09.02.20	£314.82
16.02.20	£214.62
23.02.20	£386.74

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 1 MARCH 2020

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 8 MARCH 2020

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 15 MARCH 2020

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Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

6:00 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Tadley
9.15 am	Sunday Parish Mass	Tadley
11.15 am	Sunday Parish Mass	Burghfield Common

Week Days 2—6 March 2020

12.00 noon	Mon 2 March	Tadley Mass	Lent Mass
12.00 noon	Fri 6 March	Tadley Mass	Lent Mass

Week Days 9—13 March 2020

NO MASSES

Week Days 16—20 March 2020

12.00 noon	Tues 17 Mar	Tadley Mass	Saint Patrick (Feast)
10.00 am	Thurs 19 Mar	Tadley Mass	Saint Joseph (Solemnity)

THERE ARE NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory. I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Have mercy on us, O lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

Next Sunday's Reading (The Second Sunday of Lent)

Genesis 12:1-4, Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon: Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

Responsorial Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Next Sunday's Reading (The Third Sunday of Lent)

Exodus 17:3-7, Letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-42

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Next Sunday's Reading (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13, Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

FIRST CONFESSION DAY

This takes place in St Michael's Church on Saturday 7th March, from 9.45 am—11.00 am. Please keep in prayer our young candidates as they prepare for this joyful event.

FR PATRICK NOT AVAILABLE

During the weekdays 9-13th March, Fr Patrick is having a Private Retreat, in which he will be praying that both he and our Parish Area experience a spiritually fruitful Lent.

On Monday 16th March there is a Diocesan Audit of our Parish finances, postponed from last November because of the immense pressure on himself and others in respect of Parish Maintenance for both our Churches. The Office will be closed that day, & Fr Patrick expresses his thanks to Barbara Davis, Helen Warner & Eamonn McArdle in preparing for the Audit. Please pray that all goes well. On Wednesday 18th March he is at the Douai Day of Reflection for clergy of the Diocese as part of our Lenten formation.

SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EUROPEAN CITIZENS IN THE UK AFTER BREXIT

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales are asking that the large numbers of European Union and European Economic Area citizens settled in the UK should be made aware of the Settlement Scheme if they wish to remain amongst us after the end of 2020. Many have contributed significantly to our religious life as well as to our economy. To be eligible, people must be living in the country by 31st December 2020. This does not apply to Irish citizens, who have the right to settle already under long established legislation.

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus

Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE—'FOLLOW ME'

The Bible Study Course organized by Roy Singh got off to a good start on Friday 21st February at The Leonard Rooms, Burghfield Common. Twelve people began to enter more deeply into the Gospel of St John, looking at the Prologue of the Gospel, at the Signs given in it and the I AM statements of Jesus. These difficult areas are dealt with very well in the video.

However, several others did not realise that the Course started that Friday, although full details have been in the Newsletter. So please take it home and pin it up where it can be consulted!

The next meeting is on Monday 2nd March at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm, ending at 9.00 pm. Then at the same times on Friday 20th March, Monday 30th March, Monday 6th April, Friday 17th April, Monday 4th May, Friday 22nd May & Friday 5th June. The venue remains The Leonard Rooms.

CAFOD VOLUNTARY FAST DAY

The Fast Day for Lent falls on Friday 6th March. Monies saved by fasting or giving up some food or other item for that day will be collected at Masses on 7th-8th March. Envelopes should only be used if you are 'Gift Aiding'. A short talk, at the end of each of our Masses on Saturday 29th February/ 1st March, will be given before the Final Blessing. Thanks to Anne Reilly for organising the speakers

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This occurs on Friday 6th March and there are three Services in our Parish Area. They are open to all, enabling those present to pray with Zimbabwe. Posters are in our Churches.

- (a) Tadley - 2.00 pm @ St Mary's Anglican Church
- (b) Kingsclere - 6.00 pm at Kingsclere Methodist Church
- (c) Burghfield Common— 2.00 St Mary's Anglican Church.

ARCHANGEL EVENTS

RAMBLE: This take place on Saturday 7th March at 10.00 am, beginning at corner of Green Lane and Camp Road, near Ufton Court. Contact Tina on 07738 282574 for full details.

LENT LUNCH: The Lunch, in support of Bamenda, is from 12-2.00 pm on Thursday 19th March in The Parish Room, Tadley.

CTAT AUTUMN ARTS FESTIVAL 2020—YOUR INPUT!

Planning for this is well under way, after considerable praise from people in Tadley following the first one last October. They appreciated the engagement of CTAT (Churches Together Around Tadley) with our local community.

On Saturday 7th March, the planning group will have a stand at The Ambrose Allen Centre as part of the "You Decide" Funding. Alongside other local projects, the group will be seeking support from Tadley Council. Funding for these projects is determined by local residents voting for the cause they want.

So please go to the Centre between 11.00 am—3.00 pm on 7th March to vote for The Arts Festival. IT IS UP TO YOU! Our local Church leaders need the support of their communities in this venture.

SILCHESTER METHODIST CHURCH RETREAT DAY

The Ebenezer Retreat Centre hosts a Day Retreat on Saturday 14th March at the Silchester Methodist Church, from 10.00 am—3.30 pm. The cost per person is £10.00. The Reverends Jenny Dowling and Lesley Martin will lead on The Garden of Gethsemane. Please book to attend.

Details of this Retreat and others until November at The Ebenezer Centre are in the brochures in the porch at St Michael's Church, Tadley.

CARITAS CHARITY DINNER

There are still some tickets available for this event at The Bolton Arms, Old Basing, on Saturday 14th March at 7.30 pm. Auction prizes are required. Please contact Brita Coleman on: mikejcoleman@hotmail.com for further details.

LENT FORMATION FOR LAY MINISTERS

All Lay Ministers are reminded that their Lenten Day of Formation is on Saturday 21st March in the Parish Room at Tadley. All in Parish Ministry should attend this time of pray and reflection in preparation for their Easter Ministries. There are refreshments at 9.30am, and the time of Formation starts at 10.00 am, to finish at 12 noon. Please let Pam Darroch know that you are attending, if you have not already done so.

GARDENING AT TADLEY CHURCH 2020 AD

Brenda O'Donovan is recovering slowly, but surely, from her heart attack last year, and wants to continue the Volunteer Gardening which has established the Church grounds at Tadley as very welcoming.

The following dates for 2020 are:

Apr 4th	(10-2.00 pm)	EASTER PREPARATION
May 2nd	(10-2.00 pm)	General Maintenance
June 6th	(10-2.00 pm)	General Maintenance
July 4th	(10-2.00 pm)	General Maintenance
Aug 8th	(10-2.00 pm)	General Maintenance
Sept 5th	(10-2.00 pm)	General Maintenance
Oct 3rd	(10-2.00 pm)	WINTER PREPARATION

Please meet in The Parish Room, which is not available for any events on these days.

CONSULTATION ON ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 21/22 ADMISSIONS POLICY

Following on from the recent consultation period, the governors of St Bede's Catholic Primary School in Basingstoke have now published the School's 21/22 Admissions Policy. The policy, alongside accompanying documentation can be found on the school website: <https://www.stbedeprimary.co.uk/our-school/admissions>

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN "DON BOSCO" BOYS CAMP—SUN 26th JULY TO SAT 1ST AUG

Fr Mark Hogan will again be leading a camp for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £210 (part bursaries may be available on application).

Email: dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LUCKY ME WINNER

Mrs Tracey Fletcher from Letchworth Garden City