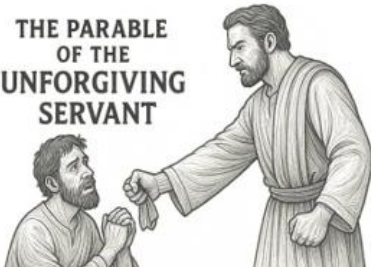


PARISH OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE**St. Michael's, Tadley
& St. Oswald's, Burghfield Common****Priest-in-Charge:** Father Stephen Vooght**Parish Administrator:** Dan Wisniewski**Safeguarding (St. Michael's Church):** Christine Carensafeguarding.tad.sm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**Safeguarding (St. Oswald's Church):** Ellen Goodallsafeguarding.tad.so@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**Pastoral Facilitation Team:** Gerry Penfold (Chair)**Presbytery & Office:** Tel. 0118 981 4572 **Email:** tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**Address:** St. Michael's Presbytery, Bishopswood Road, Tadley, RG26 4HG**Office hours:** Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri: 9.45am-2.45pm. Closed on Mondays**Website:** www.stmandsto.org.uk**MASS TIMETABLE**

Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	12 th Sept	24 th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Edmund & Patricia Welsh RIP
Sun	13 th Sept	24 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Sue Elliot RIP
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	Marc Mildenhall RIP
Mon	14 th Sept	NO MASS			
Tues	15 th Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows (M)	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	
Weds	16 th Sept	Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian (M)	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	17 th Sept	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	18 th Sept	Feria	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	19 th Sept	25 th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Luke Conlon RIP
Sun	20 th Sept	25 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Terry & Norman Lee RIP
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	

*Second Collection at all Masses this Weekend: Catholic Education Society**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***Catholic Education Society - 2nd Collection**Gift Aiders please note that there is no envelope in your boxes for this 2nd Collection.Click [HERE](#) for information about the work of the Catholic Education Society.**Advance Notice: Second Collection at all Masses next weekend will be for the Home Missions**

THE PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT



The parable of the unforgiving 'Wicked Servant' in this Sunday's Gospel can be summed up in the words we pray every day in the Our Father: *"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."* Jesus makes clear that if we want God to forgive our sins, we must also be willing to forgive those who sin against us.

As Christians, we are called to imitate the mercy and forgiveness that God continually shows towards us. *"Blessed are the merciful,"* Jesus says, *"for they shall receive mercy."*

By failing to forgive, we ultimately punish ourselves. That's what the parable of the 'Wicked Servant' is telling us. Despite the fact he was the recipient of great mercy himself, he failed to show any mercy or forgiveness to his fellow servant, and so he ends up cast into prison. Jesus is revealing to us how having an unforgiving heart creates a prison of its own. It builds up walls of bitterness and resentment and there is no escape until we come to forgive.

Forgiveness does not mean pretending that the hurt never happened or saying that what was done was unimportant. Rather, it is to make an act of will by choosing to release the debt we believe another person owes us and entrusting justice to God.

It is, indeed, a true saying that "to err is human but to forgive is divine." So, we must pray to God to give us the grace to forgive the other person who has offended us.

St Ambrose says "nothing graces the Christian so much as mercy."

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 simply wish to acquire a clearer and deeper understanding of Catholic Catechism, there is something there 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

The course outline is shown on the next page

SYCAMORE COURSE – The 20 Teaching Videos

(1) THE SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS *(6th October)*

The impossibility of sitting still. What is happiness? How to press the pause button.

(2) THE EXISTENCE OF GOD *(13th October)*

Why bother thinking about religion? Five reasons not to believe in God. Arguments for the existence of God?

(3) A GOD WHO SPEAKS? *(20th October)*

The hiddenness of God. When God broke the silence. Discovering the face of God.

(4) WHO IS JESUS? *(27th October)*

He came to bring life to the world. The Saving Death of Jesus. The light of the Resurrection.

(5) THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH *(3rd November)*

How the Holy Spirit can change your life. No one gets into heaven alone. Why we need signs, symbols and sacraments.

(6) THE BIBLE *(10th November)*

What is the bible? Can we trust the bible? How the bible can change your life.

(7) THE GIFT OF FAITH *(17th November)*

What is faith? Are Christians just stupid or are there good reasons to believe? How to take a step of faith.

(8) THE POWER OF PRAYER *(24th November)*

What is prayer? Does prayer make a difference? How to pray.

(9) FINDING TRUE FREEDOM *(1st December)*

Is there such a thing as right and wrong? Where can we find moral guidance? How do you discover your true identity?

(10) THE MEANING OF LOVE *(8th December)*

What is love? How to love your neighbour. Knowing the love of God.

(11) THE LIGHT OF CHRIST *(5th January)*

The Christian Creed. The Light of Christ. The Holy Trinity.

(12) CREATION, FALL, SALVATION *(12th January)*

A – The goodness of creation. B – Suffering and sin. C – The gift of salvation.

(13) THE COMMUNITY OF THE CHURCH *(19th January)*

Why do we need the Church? The special place of the Catholic Church. Being Catholic today.

(14) THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION *(26th January)*

The power of the sacraments and the liturgy. How baptism can change your life. Confirmation and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(15) THE HOLY EUCHARIST *(2nd February)*

The meaning of the Mass. The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

(16) FORGIVENESS, HEALING AND MISSION *(9th February)*

Forgiveness and the Sacrament of Confession. Healing and the Sacrament of the Sick. Christian mission and the call to share our faith.

(17) THE CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS *(16th February)*

The meaning of vocation. Marriage and family life. Ordination and consecrated life.

(18) THE SOCIAL TEACHING OF THE CHURCH *(23rd February)*

The dignity of the human person and the right to life. Christian teaching about family and society. Speaking the truth and following conscience.

(19) HOW TO PRAY *(2nd March)*

The amazing adventure of prayer. Four basic ways of praying. Prayers and devotions to help you through the day.

(20) MARY AND THE HOPE OF HEAVEN *(9th March)*

Death, judgment, and our longing for eternal life. Holiness, the saints, and our hope for heaven. What Catholics believe about the Blessed Virgin Mary

Children's Liturgy is now up and running at St. Oswald's!



Photo courtesy of Ellen Goodall

It is with a great sense of joy we are delighted to report that, following a 6 year absence, Children's Liturgy restarted at St. Oswald's last Sunday!

Our sincere thanks to Lisa who put in a huge amount of effort into the planning, together with all our amazing volunteers who helped deliver the session, namely, Tania, Brenda, Mel and Ellen.

We feel ourselves truly blessed by your efforts, which have now come to fruition and will no doubt bear much fruit in the future, as is also the case at St. Michael's!

As a reminder, here are the dates for the Children's Liturgy sessions at both our churches for the rest of this year. If your children are not currently attending these sessions, why not give it a go?!

St. Oswald's - 11am Sunday Mass:

First Sunday of every month.

St. Michael's - 9.00am Sunday Mass:

6th Sept, 27th Sept, 18th Oct, 8th Nov, 29th Nov,
20th Dec.

Sue Elliot RIP

Sue's funeral will be held on Friday September 18th at 11.30am at the West Berkshire Crematorium, Thatcham Crematorium. If you are intending to attend the funeral, it is very important that you let her daughter, Kate, know for catering purposes afterwards on kaceybe@gmail.com

REMINDERS

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.

Youth Group Meeting

An important update of the progress towards forming our new Youth Group from Marjorie and Karolina:

On September 23rd we will meet to form our parish youth group. We had hoped to get going sooner but both Karolina Mazur and myself Marjorie Dean have to undergo DBS checks before we begin and I wanted to delay the start to make sure the DBS clearance has been processed. We will meet at 7:30pm in the Parish room at St Michael's. There are three people who I know of in St. Oswald's and I will discuss transport arrangements with you later. Regards Marjorie and Karolina.

Online Giving

"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

Mingle @ St Michael's

The next gathering will be on Wednesday 16 September in the Parish Room from 2pm to 4pm. All welcome!



CTAT Ladies' Breakfast

The next Ladies' Breakfast will take place on Saturday 12 September at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, RG26 3NJ, from 10am to noon. Maddie Gavrolivic from Compassion UK will be our guest speaker, describing their charity's child development work to release children from poverty in 29 countries across the world, including the opportunity to sponsor a child. All welcome!

CTAT Forum

The next CTAT Forum meets on Thursday 17 September at the Salvation Army, Mulfords Hill, RG26 3LJ, 7pm refreshments for 7.30pm meeting. All welcome!

The Bible Through Glass Eyes

An exhibition of stained-glass panels and poems by local stained-glass artisan Rob Young will take place at St Paul's Church, The Green, RG26 3PB, on Saturday 19 September from 10.30am to 4pm and on Sunday 20 September from 11.30am to 4pm. Entrance free and all welcome to view. SEE POSTER ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER.

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.

SAVE THE DATES

The Tadley Arts Festival, organised by CTAT, takes place over the weekend of Saturday 17 October – Sunday 18 October. Details to follow.

Diocesan Vacancies

For current vacancies visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>

There are also opportunities in our Diocesan schools:

<https://www.casop Portsmouth.org.uk/current-vacancies-2/>

Further reading

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/>

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