

Parish of Tadley (with Kingsclere) and Burghfield Common - PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Dear All,

First of all, my sincere thanks to all those parishioners who sent me cards & gifts for my 75th birthday, on 11th June. Also, thanks to the Lord that I had a happy day! Unfortunately, that didn't last too long, since I am not feeling on top form today (Friday). As a result, **I have decided to CANCEL the Tadley Saturday Vigil Mass**, in order to recover & conserve my energies in anticipation of celebrating the two Sunday Masses. Dan will let you all know via email late on Saturday evening if that changes, so please be sure to check your Inboxes last thing on Saturday night & first thing Sunday morning.

Day for Life

This Sunday, Catholics across England and Wales will mark Day for Life, an annual occasion dedicated to cherishing and protecting human life from conception to natural death. This year's theme, 'Finding Meaning in Suffering – Hope Does Not Disappoint', draws on St Paul's words in Romans 5:5-6, reminding us that Christian hope is not mere optimism, but an unshakeable trust in God's presence — even amid the darkest trials of illness, grief, or emotional pain.

The 2025 Day for Life comes at a crucial time as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill — commonly known as the Assisted Dying Bill — is making its way through Parliament. This proposed legislation would permit adults with mental capacity, diagnosed as terminally ill and within six months of death, to request medical assistance to end their lives. While supporters argue this offers autonomy, a wide coalition — including religious leaders, medical professionals, and ethicists — have voiced grave concerns about the dangers of legalising assisted suicide and the erosion of palliative care.

You can find prayers for Day for Life 2025 via [Prayers for Day for Life 2025 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Our 2nd Collection this weekend will be in support of the pro-life work of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England & Wales.

Pope Leo XIV

Our thanks to Ben Rowden for providing framed photos of our new Pope for both our Churches.

Pastoral Area - Ten Year Mission Plan

Don't forget! There is a meeting for all parishioners of this Parish in the Leonard Rooms, adjacent to St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common, on **Monday 30th June from 6:30 PM**, to provide feedback from the Saint Bede's meeting concerning the move of our Pastoral Area to become one Parish.

Please let Dan in the Parish Office know ASAP if you plan to attend AND if you need a lift.

Many thanks to those parishioners who have already confirmed their attendance.

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This Weekend's Mass arrangements

**** NOTE: No Saturday Vigil Mass at Tadley this weekend****

Sunday 15th June: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley – **With Children's Liturgy!**

Sunday 15th June: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

2nd Collection this Sunday: Day for Life

Gift Aiders: Please be sure you use the correctly labelled envelope located at the back of your box.

Archangels Social Group Events

TOMORROW! 'Fete on The Green' on Saturday 14 June: Many thanks to all those who donated sweets and/or wine for prizes for our games or gave a cash donation instead – all very much appreciated! All funds raised from our various games and stalls or donations will go to St Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke to fund its vital work.

Please come and visit the Archangels' stalls at St Paul's 'Fete on the Green', RG26 3PB, this Saturday 14 June from noon to 4pm – all very welcome! There will be lots of stalls and activities for all the family to enjoy, either on The Green or in St Paul's Church opposite.

Mingle at St Michael's: The June Mingle will take place next Wednesday 18 June from 2pm – 4pm in the Parish Room or hopefully outside on the patio – please join the Archangels then for a warm welcome and tea/coffee, cake and conversation!

Planning Meeting for Fr Patrick's Retirement Party and Farewell Mass: The Archangels will be having a planning meeting with Fr Patrick on Thursday 19 June at 7pm in the Parish Room – all welcome! Many thanks to those who have already offered to help either at the evening party on Friday 29 August or with refreshments after Fr Patrick's Farewell Mass on Sunday 7 September or both! If you are not able to come to the meeting on 19 June, but would like to help, please telephone or text Mary Lee on 07821 254100 or email her at maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk so that she has your contact details. Many thanks.

SAVE THE DATE: Parish Walk on Sunday 20 July: Details will follow soon but please reserve the afternoon in your diary now to enjoy a social local walk with fellow parishioners.

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Cream Teas at Silchester Methodist Church: Cream teas are available on Sunday afternoons in June and July from 3pm to 5pm in the church hall, RG7 2NY, to raise funds for the church. All are welcome, but if you are bringing a party of people or have special dietary needs, early warning would be appreciated for catering purposes!

Organisers needed for the CTAT Christmas Day 2025 Lunch: For several years, Tammy & Nathan and Julie & Mark have generously organised this special occasion for about 70 people who are on their own on Christmas Day to come together to celebrate. Planning usually starts in September, so they have given early warning that they will not be able to organise the event this year, although they will be available to offer advice in advance to new leaders, if desired. If you think you may be able to help with this great community project, please contact Mary Lee in the first instance: 07821 254100 or email her at secretary.ctat@gmail.com

Green Health Tadley: This is a horticultural project based at Rowan Road allotments, providing people with free opportunities to come together and enjoy the many health benefits of gardening. They are looking for extra help with their polytunnels over the summer and also any volunteers who like ponds. Anyone interested in finding out more can look at their Facebook page, go along on a Friday afternoon or get in touch by emailing ghtadley@gmail.com

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AWE – New Emergency text service

Parishioners living or working within the AWE Emergency Planning Zones should have received a letter, offering the the ability for you to "opt in" to the new emergency text service being offered by both the Aldermaston & Burghfield Sites. You can check to see if you live in the Zones via this link [AWE Detailed Emergency Planning Zones](#)

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Missio Impact Report - Now available!

Find out about the difference you make in the lives of so many people, and see the impact your prayers and support have on our sisters and brothers around the world via this link: [Mission Today Magazine - Missio](#)

Our thanks to Sue Tull (Tadley) and Andy & Sarah Hunneman (Burghfield Common) for promoting this important work of Evangelisation in our Parish.

Evangelisation Day at St Peter's Church, Winchester - Saturday 21st June

Time: 10am – 4pm; Venue: St Peter's Church, Winchester SO23 8RY

The day offers practical help and encouragement on ways to witness and share our faith with others and be equipped for the task of evangelisation. It will include teaching on the importance of sharing faith and the Gospel message and will also look at the power of testimonies and how to share our personal story with others.

Worship and prayer form part of the day, which will be led by Allegra Mutanda, Director of Evangelisation & Leadership (St Peter's and the Winchester Martyrs).

To register for the day, visit <https://bit.ly/EvangelisationDay>. Please bring a packed lunch.

Please note: The parish will be holding Quarant'ore (40-Hours Adoration) in the lead up to Corpus Christi; therefore the 9am Mass will also conclude the Quarant'ore. For more info about this, check their parish newsletter.

REMINDER: Diocesan Formation Day for Ministers of Children's Liturgy – 6th September

Formation for Ministers of Children's Liturgy will take place on 6th September, at St Bede's, Basingstoke, from 10.30 am to 1 pm. The programme will include prayer and reflection, sharing good practice; working collaboratively; how to grow and communicate as Liturgical Catechists; Music suggestions; and a wish list for future support, networking and how to find more helpers. Anyone wishing to attend should register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk **Note from Fr. Patrick:** *This will be of great help to those involved in Children's Liturgy in our Parish. Highly recommended!*

Looking for a Lourdes Pilgrimage Nurse

The Diocesan Lourdes team are looking for a qualified nurse to join the pilgrimage this July, to offer general care and advice to assisted pilgrims within the group.

If you are a qualified and experienced nurse and would be willing to share your training by supporting pilgrims, please [email](#) for further information. The successful applicant will need to hold the usual Professional Indemnity Insurance, provide references, and obtain a DBS certificate through the Diocesan Safeguarding team.

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ADoRE mini retreat "Pilgrims of Hope – Along with Mary" - Saturday 28th June

The next ADoRE mini-retreat in Alton will consider how Mary travels with us on our pilgrimage, just as she travelled with Jesus. She is the bride of the Holy Spirit and conceived Jesus through humility and obedience. She followed Jesus' ministry and points us to him. She was at the Cross and at the birth of the Church at Pentecost. Mary supports us Pilgrims with her prayers.

As well as the inspiring talk, there will be live-streamed Mass and Adoration, Prophecy, Praise, and Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be fanned into a flame, and of course an inspiring talk from International Evangelist and Author Joe Livingston, who is a regular visitor to Medjugorje. He will be sharing his fascinating experiences of healings and miracles.

Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUN2025 More information at altonrenewal.com

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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

Portsmouth Diocese news items:

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

Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales news items:

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

Best wishes for the weekend... & to all our fathers, Happy Fathers' Day!

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