

## Parish of St. Michael, Tadley (with Kingsclere) and St. Oswald, Burghfield Common

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<b>MASS TIMETABLE</b>					
<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
Sat	14th Mar	4th Sunday of Lent – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Albert Duffy RIP
Sun	15th Mar	4th Sunday of Lent	9.00am	St. Michael's	Joan Curran RIP
Sun	15th Mar	4th Sunday of Lent	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	NO MASS			
Tues	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	St. Patrick (F)	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	Patrick Stevens RIP
Weds	18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lent	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	St. Joseph (S)	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lent	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Joan Curran RIP
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.00am	St. Michael's	Mo Dudgeon-Smith RIP
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	11.00am	St. Oswald's	

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at all Masses this Weekend: Diocesan Clergy Assistance Fund*

*Weekday Masses preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary after Mass, except Tues/Fri in Lent*

*Stations of the Cross: After Tuesday & Friday Masses in Lent*

*Confessions: Before Weekday Masses; Saturdays in Lent 11.00am-Noon at St. Michael's or by appointment*



### PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

On this forth Sunday of Lent, as we continue to work on our own spiritual renewal, we also continue to pray for those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Many parishes will also receive candidates for Reception into the Church. Lent marks the final stage of their preparation. It began when they attended the Rite of Election on the Saturday preceding the First Sunday of Lent at the Cathedral.

The people of God, as represented by the local Church, should understand and show by their concern that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptised. During Lent, the period of purification and enlightenment, the faithful should take care to participate in the rites of the scrutinies and presentations and give the elect the example of their own renewal in the spirit of penance, faith, and charity. At the Easter Vigil, they should attach great importance to renewing their own baptismal promises.

## This Weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – The Diocesan Clergy Assistance Fund

The Clergy Assistance Fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team. The Clergy Support Team is responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, such as the provision of spiritual direction, counselling, appraisal, ongoing formation and practical advice. It organises retreats, ministerial formation days, courses and sabbaticals.

Donations can also be made via this link or the QR code.

Thank you.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/diocesan-clergy-assistance-fund>



## LENTEN OBSERVANCES



### Parish Stations of the Cross

Immediately after the 7.00pm Friday Mass at St. Michael's and the 12 Noon Tuesday Mass at St. Oswald's

### Parish Confessions

- Before each of the Weekday Masses
- Saturdays in Lent 11.00am - Noon at St. Michael's
- By appointment via the Parish Office



### Pastoral Area Lenten Reconciliation

The Pastoral Area Lenten Reconciliation will take place at 7.30 pm on Friday 27th March in St Bede's Church. Priests will be available to minister the Sacrament of Forgiveness. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for Holy Week & Easter.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGIES IN OUR PARISH

### PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 28th March: 6.00pm Mass at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 29th March: 9.00am Mass at St. Michael's Church, Tadley  
Including Solemn Procession with Blessed Palms

Sunday 29th March: 11.00am Mass at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

### HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday 2nd April: 7.30pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley  
Mass of The Lord's Supper  
Followed by Watching Before The Blessed Sacrament until 10.30pm

### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 3rd April: 3.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley  
Liturgy of the Passion & Death of The Lord  
The Diocesan Holy Places collection will be taken  
Reminder: Good Friday is a day of fasting & abstinence

### HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 4th April: 8.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley  
The Easter Vigil, lighting of the Easter Fire, Sacred Readings & the 1st Mass of Easter

### EASTER DAY

Sunday 5th April: 9.00am Mass at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 5th April: 11.00am Mass at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

Note: No evening Mass

### News from St. Oswald's Church

- Mel Stevens has kindly offered to do coffee and homemade cakes this Sunday in the Leonard Rooms after Mass & all are very welcome!
- There is now a small area at the back of the Church where children can access drawing materials and books to occupy themselves during Mass, with seats for parents to supervise quiet activities but still be able to participate in Mass.
- Volunteers are being sought to join up to a possible rota so that Coffee/ biscuits can be regularly provided after Sunday Mass. At present this is done by a few people on an ad-hoc basis, but it would be great if more parishioners would like to help set up, buy milk (refunded with receipts) and tidy away. This is something which has grown in popularity and is a wonderful way to catch up with other members of our Church Community and welcome new people. If anyone is interested, please contact the Parish Office using the details at the top of the first page of the Newsletter. Thank you!

### Called and Gifted - Registration Open!

As announced last week, Called & Gifted is returning to the Basingstoke Pastoral Area. C&G is a great way to prayerfully discover your spiritual gifts (called Charisms) and use them in your everyday life. As a result, you become more fully the person that God created you to be, leading to deeper peace and joy and greater confidence in being a channel of God's love for others.

There will be four 90 minute sessions on Monday evenings, 13, 20, 27 April and 11 May from 7:30 to 9:00pm at St Bede's Hall. These sessions will enable you to learn about the charisms and get an initial insight as to which ones you may have. You will then have the opportunity to book a personal discernment meeting with a trained member of the Called and Gifted Team to deepen your discernment. Finally you will have the opportunity to join a small group of people with similar charisms to you to help you complete your discernment and start using your charisms.

The cost per person is £30 which covers the learning, discerning and using stages above plus a comprehensive workbook that covers the whole journey and access to a library of online resources. To register, please email Joan Kent at [jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) with your name, contact details and the church you attend.

### ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

#### Lenten Soup Lunches



There was a full house at the first of two Lenten Soup Lunches on Tuesday 10 March! Fr Stephen and 23 parishioners enjoyed coming together to share a simple lunch of tasty homemade soups with bread. Thanks very much to Pauline, Pam, Jo and Sarah for providing the soups and Sonia the bread and butter. Thanks also to Marion, Sue and Ellen for their sterling work alongside the team to set up, welcome, serve and clear away – a great team effort! £160.05 was raised for Little Hospice Hoima in Uganda, which will be much appreciated. Later this year, Jo Mellor will be returning to Hoima to work with their hospice team, who provide essential palliative care services to patients and their families facing life-limiting illnesses in this rural area where access to healthcare is often limited and underserved. It is funded by voluntary donations and all proceeds from our Lenten Soup Lunches will go to this worthy cause. Could this be an opportunity for you to contribute for your Lenten Almsgiving? **CONTINUED OVERLEAF --->**

### Lenten Soup Lunches – CONTINUED

Please sign up in St Michael's porch to attend the next Lenten Soup Lunch in the Parish Room on Tuesday 24 March from noon to 2pm. Come along and enjoy the company of parishioners over a soup and bread lunch, whilst raising funds for an excellent cause. Places are limited by the size of the room, so please book in advance to secure your place!

Any queries, please contact Mary Lee on 07821 254100 or email: [maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk)

### SAVE THE DATE: "Life of Christ" – Saturday 20 June – 10am – 3.30pm

The Archangels will be organising a trip to Wintershall to see an open air performance of their three-act play of the Life of Christ.



### CTAT Ladies' Breakfast

On Saturday 14 March, our guest speaker will be Pauline Ball from the Alzheimer's Society, who will lead a Dementia Friends Session to give us a better understanding of what it is like living with dementia and the small ways in which we can help. Please join us at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Main Road, RG26 3NJ, from 10am to noon. All welcome!

### Palm Sunday in Silchester

Commemoration of the entry to Jerusalem with the entry to the Roman city, led by a donkey, with stations for prayer and readings as we walk from the Village Hall through Roman Calleva to St Mary's church via the amphitheatre. The ecumenical gathering will see people from CTAT churches and from further afield. Gather outside the Village Hall for a 9.30am start. Remember it is the day that the clocks change! Parking available in the Pavillion car park.



### CTAT Good Friday Service

On Friday 3 April, the CTAT Good Friday Service will take place at 10am, hopefully outside St Mary's Church, Newchurch Road, Tadley, so that we can publicly witness to our local community, together with our fellow Christians, to the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please come along and join in this reflective and poignant service.

### Praise Event - Saturday 18 April – 2pm – 5pm

This will take place at St Paul's Church as part of their 60th Anniversary celebrations. The bands of all CTAT communities are invited to participate in a celebration of their favourite hymns and songs. Come along and join in praising God!

### REPORT: CTAT World Day of Prayer, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Parishioners from St Michael's joined with other local churches in the hidden-away, tiny Anglican Church of St Luke in the village of Pamber Heath for a joyful celebration prepared this year by the women of Nigeria. A full church in good voice listened to the stories from a number of Nigerian women living their Christian faith through great difficulties.

