

Parish of St. Michael, Tadley and St. Oswald, Burghfield Common

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MASS TIMETABLE

Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	17 th Oct	29 th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Stephen Hayden
Sun	18 th Oct	29 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Martha Mhlanga RIP
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	19 th Oct	NO MASS			
Tues	20 th Oct	Feria	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	Doug & Olive Reed RIP
Weds	21 st Oct	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	22 nd Oct	St. John Paul II (M)	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	23 rd Oct	Diocesan Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	24 th Oct	30 th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Francis Brooks
Sun	25 th Oct	30 th Sunday - Vigil	9.00am	St. Michael's	
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	

Second Collection at all Masses this Weekend: Missio - World Mission Sunday

Children's Liturgy at St. Michael's will take place at the 9.00am Mass this Sunday 18th October

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.

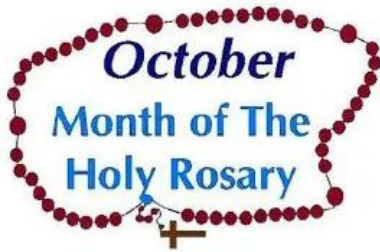
Mass Intentions: If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Dan in the Parish Office

MISSIO – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

To find out more about Missio and World Mission Sunday and to give online, please click [HERE](#)

PARISH OFFICE – POTENTIALLY CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER

Dan may be required to attend a meeting at St. Bede's



Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!

THE 15 PROMISES TO THOSE WHO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

These 15 promises were originally revealed by Our Lady to St. Dominic in the 13th century to help him defeat the Albigensian heresy. A couple of hundred years later she also revealed them to Blessed Alan de la Roche a Dominican preacher

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men and women from the love of the world and its vanities and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. ***Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!***
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered and never overwhelmed by misfortune. God will not chastise them in His justice; they shall not perish by an unprovided death (unprepared for heaven). The sinner shall convert. The just shall grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

HARVEST FESTIVAL MASS CELEBRATIONS

St. Michael's

Harvest Festival Mass will be celebrated this Sunday, 18th October, at the 9.00am Mass. Donations for our local Foodbanks will be taken up at the offertory. Many thanks to all those who have already provided donations. Please be aware that urgent needs at the Basingstoke Foodbank are tinned meat, UHT milk, fruit juice and desserts. The "bank the food" app. has a full list of other items needed.

St Oswalds Harvest Festival Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 25th October. Donations will be in aid of West Berks Foodbank. The Altar will be appropriately decorated from this Sunday, with space for parishioners to add their donations.

ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Attached to the newsletter is the parish financial statement for the year ended 31 August 2026 which shows a loss of £20,659. Emergency repairs to the sanctuary roof at St Michael's costing over £13,000 was a significant element of the loss. If you have any questions on the accounts, please speak to a member of the finance committee. Each year our expenses continue to exceed our income and that is not sustainable. In the near future we will need to take action to increase our parish income and all of us will have to play our part.

ON THE WAY: ENCOUNTER CHRIST

If you are joining the series here, **B.E.C.O.M.E.** is our simple way of describing the journey from spiritual curiosity towards following Jesus and helping others follow Him: **B**elong in Community, **E**ncounter Christ, **C**ommit to Growth, **O**ngoing Renewal, **M**issionary Led and **E**vangelising Witness.

The **first E** in **B.E.C.O.M.E.** is Encounter Christ.

At the heart of parish renewal is a simple conviction: people are not only looking for information about faith. They need opportunities to meet Jesus Christ and to respond to His call.

Bartimaeus first hears that Jesus is passing, but then he comes before Him personally. Jesus stops, listens and asks what he wants. The encounter gives Bartimaeus new sight and a new direction for his life.

There is already much in our parish life through which people can encounter Christ. The Eucharist, celebrated at Mass, remains at the heart of our communities. We have different traditions of music and prayer, the Rosary, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, often called Confession, times of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and established prayer groups. Alpha is a course where people can explore Christian faith and ask questions. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, usually shortened to RCIA, accompanies adults who are considering becoming Catholic, while preparation for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation supports many others.

Our Local Mission Plan asks us to make these opportunities easier to discover. It also asks us to look honestly at liturgy, prayer, preaching, music, hospitality and participation across our churches. Becoming one parish gives us an opportunity to recognise what is particularly life-giving in each community and to share that learning without losing the character of each church.

Testimony will also have an important place. People are often moved deeply when they hear what Jesus has done in another person's life. A real story can help someone recognise that Christ may be calling them too.

The aim is not uniformity or a busier calendar. It is a parish in which worship, prayer and community increasingly help people encounter Christ and follow Him.

Where is Christ meeting you at present, and who might you gently invite to come closer to Him?

Next week: Commit to Growth.

DIOCESAN FORMATION DAYS

- **Spiritual Direction Unpacked: Saturday 21st November | 10.00am – 1.00pm | ONLINE using Zoom**

An excellent opportunity to explore what 'spiritual direction' means and to ask questions and share your thoughts with others. Members of the Spiritual Direction Team will offer their insights, including those who are currently receiving direction. The keynote speaker for the conference is Nicola Smedley, a highly experienced spiritual director who leads courses with the Ignatian School of Spiritual Direction. Below is the hyperlink for the registration page. The system will automatically send a confirmation email to the provided email address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tNfowktipNM>

- **Parish Evangelisation Cell Formation Day: Saturday 31st Oct. | 9:30am – 1:30pm | Christ the King, Reading**

How can we grow in faith and share the joy of the Gospel?

Join us for a morning of prayer, inspiration, teaching and fellowship as we discover how Parish Evangelisation Cells (PECs) can enrich parish life. PECs are small, welcoming groups of parishioners who meet regularly to pray, reflect on Scripture, build friendships and encourage one another to live and share their faith. They offer a simple way to help people grow closer to Jesus, support one another and reach out to others with friendship and faith. Come and discover how PECs can deepen prayer, friendship and faith, strengthen parish community and mission; and build our confidence in our faith. Everyone is welcome, whether you are curious, active in parish life, or wondering whether PECs could benefit your parish.

To register go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/JGgE7zeuun> or email Meghan ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SYCAMORE COURSE

The third session of the course takes place at 7.00pm – 9.00pm this Tuesday 20th October in the Parish Room of St. Michael's Church, Tadley, and is titled:

A GOD WHO SPEAKS? The hiddenness of God. When God broke the silence. Discovering the face of God.

All are welcome to attend.

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.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

On Wednesday 28th October, English Martyr's Church in Reading is privileged to host the relics of St Gerard Majella. This is part of a pilgrimage around the country to celebrate his 300th anniversary. The relics will be available for personal prayer from 6pm, and Mass at 7pm, followed by blessings with the relics. St Gerard is the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. All welcome and bring your intentions to this little saint.

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT - 24th OCTOBER

English Martyrs, Reading 9:30am - 3:30pm. Theme: "THE HEART OF HOLINESS IS LOVE" - how sainthood is for ordinary people! Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from speaker **Judith Aylmer**. Register in advance for in-person attendance at bit.ly/ADOREOCT2026REG or join the YouTube livestream 10.00-1.00 at www.youtube.com/@englishmartyrs3732 More event details [HERE](#)

CAFOD

All Parishes have received the following message from CAFOD:

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day!

Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents.

To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit:

www.cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou

ONLINE GIVING FOR OUR PARISH

"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.



REMINDER FOR ALL AT ST. MICHAEL'S:

THE ONLINE DONATION PLATE IN THE PORCH AREA IS "UP AND RUNNING", SO PLEASE DO GIVE IT A TRY!

ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

Mingle @ St Michael's

Please join us next Wednesday 21 October in the Parish Room from 2pm to 4pm. All welcome!



Tadley Autumn Arts Festival – 17/18 October

The Tadley Autumn Arts Festival, organised by CTAT, showcases art and music from around Tadley. It takes place over the weekend of Saturday 17 October – Sunday 18 October, mainly at St Paul's Church, The Green, Tadley, RG26 3PB. All welcome!

There is an Art Exhibition with a programme of live music, artists at work and an Arts Café, all open from 10am – 5 pm on Saturday and from 11am – 5pm on Sunday. There is the opportunity to get involved in a Community Art Project at St Paul's from 11am – 4pm each day. A community of musicians will perform The Blessing at 4.30pm on Saturday and Sunday will begin with an Arts Festival Service at St Paul's at 10am.

Calling Volunteers for the Night Light Winter Shelter – Meeting on 20 October

The Night Light Winter Shelter provides safe accommodation to homeless and vulnerably housed people from December to February. If you want to know more about what is done and how you may be able to help, please come to the Open Evening on Tuesday 20 October at 7:30pm at The Safe, 18 Winchester Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7DY. Thank you!

CTAT Men's Breakfast – Saturday 24 October

The next Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday 24 October at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, RG26 3NJ, from 10am to noon, when Kath will speak about "A Channel Swim". All welcome!

Crosslink AGM – Sunday 25 October

Crosslink, the Tadley Voluntary Care Group, invites you to its Annual Meeting on Sunday 25 October at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Main Road, Tadley, RG26 3NJ, at 12.30pm, followed by a lunch of cheese and homemade soup. Volunteers, clients, families and anyone interested in the work of Crosslink are welcome. Please RSVP to the Co-ordinators on 07884 016367 or crosslinktadley@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES:

CTAT Ladies' Breakfast: Saturday 14 November, 10am – 12 noon.

CTAT Forum: Thursday 19 November, 7pm for 7.30pm at St Michael's Church.

TCM Panto: Treasure Island: Performances on Friday 27 November from 7pm – 9.30pm; Saturday 28 November from 5pm – 7.30pm; Friday 4 December from 7pm – 9.30pm; Saturday 5 December from 5pm – 7.30pm

St Michael's & St Oswalds Parish Accounts					
5 Year Summary	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Income					
Offertory Collection and Standing O	56,996	47,254	45,942	44,740	43,528
Gift Aid Tax Refund	9,759	8,039	12,416	5,999	9,274
Closer to Christ	7,962	6,777	9,684	-	-
Hall Income	1,740	1,730	2,062	1,994	967
Other Income (stole/funeral)	2,055	3,098	4,698	1,126	1,166
Interest on Deposit acc	5,937	6,670	1,751		
Gross Parish Income	84,449	73,568	76,553	53,859	54,935
Expenditure					
Diocese Levy / Insurance / Council	20,847	19,023	23,221	19,571	20,139
Priest's Stipend / Supply Priests	17,221	5,232	5,197	5,083	4,790
Wages	15,559	15,761	12,658	8,856	13,294
Utilities / Maintenance	10,992	13,379	17,609	22,651	15,372
Repairs / Refurbishments	30,110	20,780	8,905	10,247	4,469
Liturgical / Altar / Parish Events	3,268	2,965	4,371	1,168	1,707
Office and other support costs	7,111	3,792	2,381	1,514	3,149
Donations		568	60	0	250
Gross Parish Expenditure	105,108	81,500	74,401	69,090	63,170
Net Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(20,659)	(7,932)	2,152	(15,231)	(8,235)
Expenditure met from Kingsclere funds					
Presbytery roof repairs					-6,342
St. Oswald's tree work					-7,879
St. Michael's new boiler					-4,416
Contribution to Cathedral Maintenance Fund		-10,000			
Net Inflow/(Outflow) of Cash	(20,659)	(17,932)	2,152	(15,231)	(26,872)
Funds received on behalf of third party	5358	5,468			
Cash reserves of Parish at 31 August	196,241	211,542	224,006	221,854	237,085
Xmas/Easter Offerings for year	N/A	3,445	2,807	3,191	3,834
Special Collections for the year					
Cathedral	329	437	267	147	
Mission Sunday (Missio)	20	186	143	219	
Home Mission Sunday	158	128	107	64	
Bamenda	373	473	397	331	
Crib	155	133	156	33	
Catholic Education Service	185	10	-	-	
Clergy Assistance Fund	255	302	318	146	
Holy Places	280	209	181	174	
Clergy Training Fund	421	216	95	151	
World Communications	183	144		138	
Peter's Pence	233	105	123	135	
Day for Life	246	90	134	3	
Stella Maris	367	367	185	379	
CAFOD	1,219	1,352	1,220	418	
TOTAL	4,424	4,151	3,326	2,338	