

Parish of St. Michael, Tadley (with Kingsclere) 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	21 st Feb	1 st Sunday of Lent – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Joan Curran RIP
Sun	22 nd Feb	1 st Sunday of Lent	9.00am	St. Michael's	Lilian Mary Thomas RIP
Sun	22 nd Feb	1 st Sunday of Lent	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	23 rd Feb	NO MASS			
Tues	24 th Feb	Lent	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	
Weds	25 th Feb	Lent	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	26 th Feb	Lent	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	27 th Feb	Lent	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	28 th Feb	2 nd Sunday of Lent – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Stephen Hayden RIP
Sun	1 st Mar	2 nd Sunday of Lent	9.00am	St. Michael's	Giuliana Chiste RIP
Sun	1 st Mar	2 nd Sunday of Lent	11.00am	St. Oswald's	

NOTE: Children's Liturgy at this weekend's 9.00am Mass in St. Michael's

Weekday Masses preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary after Mass, except Fridays in Lent

Stations of the Cross: After Friday Mass in Lent

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

TRIPLE PENANCE FOR TRIPLE CONCUPISCENCE

On this first Sunday of Lent, we hear the Genesis account of the Fall of Adam and Eve. The ancient Jews recognised three root causes of sin revealed in this story which they refer to as **Triple Concupiscence** (concupiscence is the “inclination to sin.”).



It is this sinful condition that has infected the whole human race and is what everyone wrestles with daily. St John the Apostle warns us about Triple Concupiscence in his first epistle. He says: *“Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.”*

(1 John 2:15-17)

The lust of the flesh is an inordinate or unnatural desire for bodily pleasure of any kind such as food, drink, sensual pleasures, excessive comforts, etc. **the lust of the eyes** is an inordinate or unnatural desire for possessions. This can manifest itself in greed, envy, consumerism, materialism, etc. Finally, **the pride of life** is a rebellion and disobedience against God seen in sins such as egotism, pride, selfishness, arrogance, atheism, etc. All sin can be categorised into one of these three divisions. To overcome these sinful temptations Jesus gives us the remedy of **Triple Penance**, which refers to the three traditional penitential acts that he speaks about in his famous Sermon on the Mount, namely: **Fasting**, to overcome the *lust of the flesh*; **Almsgiving**, to overcome the *lust of the eyes*; **Prayer**, to overcome the *pride of life*; (cf. Matthew 6:1-18)

LENTEN OBSERVANCES



Parish Stations of the Cross

Immediately after the 7.00pm Friday Mass at St. Michael's



Parish Confessions

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

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.

A Lent Invitation to Prayer and Renewal

Through prayer, we learn to listen for what God is doing among us.

Recently, we shared prayer cards linked to our Local Mission Plan and invited everyone to pray for the life and future of our parish. As we approach Lent, we would like to build on that invitation by turning our attention more deeply to prayer itself, not only in church but also in the quiet of everyday life at home.

Over Lent, we will be hosting a **six-week online prayer course** on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00, starting on the first Monday of Lent. The sessions will be simple and practical, drawing on Scripture, the wisdom of the saints, and gentle guidance on the challenges people often face when praying.

This course is open to everyone and may also be a quiet way to invite a family member or friend who has drifted from faith to take a step back towards God this Lent.

Register using the QR Code, or:

This link: [Registration](#)

Email: jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Sign-up sheets in Church

We look forward to journeying together in prayer through Lent!



Afternoon of Prayer & Reflection - St. Joseph's, Basingstoke

There will be a Lenten afternoon of prayer and reflection at St. Joseph's on Sunday, 8th March, from 3-5pm and led by the Verbum Dei Missionary Community. All are warmly invited.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day is on Friday 27th February

- There will be a CAFOD talk at all our Masses THIS weekend
- CAFOD envelopes will be collected NEXT weekend

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.



Donations of Old Missals & Bibles for Bamenda

Since Fr Rinda (from the Archdiocese of Bamenda) collected our old Lectionaries and Missals from Mary Lee at the end of 2025 to ship them to Bamenda, we have received more donations of Missals and enquiries about whether Bibles are also needed. All items should be in good condition. Please place them in the box in St Michael's Church porch **by Sunday 1 March at the latest**. For parishioners at St. Oswald's wishing to donate, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!

ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

Parish Skittles Evening

The Archangels look forward to welcoming ticket holders to the Parish Skittles Evening at AWE RECSOC next Friday 27th February at 7.00pm. If you can't gain access to the Club on arrival from 6.45pm, please call or text Pauline Penfold on 07749 409920 to let you in.

Please remember to bring a debit or credit card to purchase drinks from the bar as AWE RECSOC now operates a cashless bar.

SAVE THE DATES: Lenten Soup Lunches

The Archangels will be organising two Lenten Soup Lunches in aid of Hoima Hospice, Uganda, on Tuesdays 10 and 24 March – please save the dates!



CTAT Men's Breakfast seeking helpers

The Men's Breakfast takes place on the 4th Saturday morning of the month and begins with a cooked breakfast. Mark Ward is seeking some younger men to join the cooking team. Please contact him if you can help: mandjward@hotmail.co.uk

CTAT Ladies' Breakfast

Details of the next Ladies' Breakfast will be advertised as soon as we have them.

SAVE THE DATE

The CTAT World Day of Prayer Service will take place at St. Luke's, Church of England Church in Tadley at 2.00pm on Friday 6 March. Additional information will be provided next week.

World Day of Prayer service at Kingsclere

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the World Day of Prayer service at Kingsclere Methodist church on Friday 6th March at 7pm. The service has been written by women from Nigeria.

One Church Basingstoke

St. Bede's have invited all parishioners across our Pastoral Area to join with them at the One Church Basingstoke Ecumenical Praise and Worship evening, to pray and discern plans for the town on Tuesday 3rd March from 7.15pm to 9.15pm at Mosaic Church, Stroudley Road (opposite Wade Road tip). All are welcome.

CANCELLED - St Boniface's Pilgrimage in France in June 2026

In case there are any parishioners who had booked on this pilgrimage, or know of someone who has, please kindly note that we have been asked to announce that it has been cancelled. If you are affected, please contact the St. Boniface Parish Office for further details.