

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

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This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 21st June: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 22nd June: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 22nd June: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

Next week's Mass arrangements

Solemnity of The Sacred Heart:

Friday 27th June: 11.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Advance Notice

2nd Collection NEXT Sunday, 29th June: Peter's Pence

Attention St. Oswald's Parishioners

Please be aware that a Fire Drill will be conducted at some stage in the next few weeks.

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Dear All,

June is traditionally a month of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This developed in France in the 17th century and spread across the Catholic Church, opposing the Jansenist heresy, an extremely dangerous new Catholic teaching which suggested only certain individuals would be worthy of salvation by God's choice.

Jansenism takes its name from Cornelius Jansen, a theologian who became Bishop of Ypres. It was influenced by Calvinism, which held strongly to a Protestant idea of predestination, of an elect being saved and the rest being lost! Two Popes condemned it in the 1650s, but it appealed to many clergy and religious and the nobility, denying God's mercy to all people, arguing that only the virtually perfect could receive the Eucharist, excluding many ordinary people. It can still resurrect itself today in various church bodies!

In prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a French nun received revelations of Christ's love, both divine and human, for broken humanity, symbolised in His physical Heart. This love embraces even the worst sinner, offering eternal life if that sinner truly returns to the love of Christ, whatever the social status, rich or poor.

St Margaret Mary Alacoque, often sidelined by her fellow religious, received support from the Jesuits, who supported the devotion during the 17th century. Needless to say, it spoke to many struggling to be saints

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This is celebrated with Mass in Saint Michael's Church on Friday 27th June at 11.00 AM. As it is a Solemnity the Friday abstinence from meat dishes and any personal penance in remembrance of the Death of Our Saviour does not apply that Friday. Happy celebration!

The Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul

The weekend of 28th/29th June is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and there is an obligatory Second Collection for Peter's Pence. This supports the personal charities of the successor of Saint Peter which the present Pope designates as he sees necessary.

Banns of Marriage

Damian Pauric Duffy and Niam Margaret Tolan intend to enter into The Sacrament of Matrimony in the Republic of Ireland, in late July. Should any person have a reason to suggest that this marriage should not take place, that person is obliged to inform Father Patrick as soon as possible.

Baptism

We welcome in Baptism this Saturday: Leon Mohan.

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REMINDER: Pastoral Area - Ten Year Mission Plan – PARISH MEEETING 30th June

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.

FOR MORE DETAILS: PLEASE SEE POSTER & AGENDA ATTACHED TO THE BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER

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.

St. Oswald's Site – Cleaner Vacancy

We are looking for someone to replace our existing part-time cleaner, Ana, who is moving on to a different job. We are very grateful to Ana for her work over the last few years & we wish her all the best with her new job.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in taking on this part-time paid role, please do get in touch with Dan in the Parish Office for more details, or take a look at the Diocesan Vacancies section toward the end of this Newsletter, where the vacancy is now posted in the section "Parish Roles".

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Archangels Social Group Events

'Fete on The Green':

Many thanks to all those who donated sweets and/or wine for prizes for our games or gave a cash donation instead and/or came up to the Fete to support the Archangels' stalls on the day – all very much appreciated! We were blessed with great weather and had a fairly steady stream of visitors throughout the day, several coming back after enjoying the 'Everyone's a Winner' sweet jar game and the 'Find a Bottle of Wine' game last year. There were lots of stalls and activities for all the family to enjoy and it was great to see so many of the CTAT churches participating, running stalls or being generous visitors. Congratulations to: Tilly who correctly guessed there were 101 sweets in the jar; Vivien, whose choice of 'Cuddles' was voted the most appropriate name for the teddy bear by the judges; and David who won £5 for the highest score of the day on our Bagatelle game.

We raised a total of £503.21 for St Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke to fund its vital work:

Wine game	£179
Sweet jars	£169.71 (inc some donations)
Jewellery	£49
Bagatelle	£19
Guessing Games	£11.50
Donations	£75

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way!

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Parish Walk on Sunday 20 July:** Details will follow soon but please reserve the afternoon in your diary now to enjoy a social walk in Silchester with fellow parishioners, including a stop at the Methodist Church for a cream tea!
- **Games Night on Friday 19 September:** This will be held in the Leonard Rooms at St Oswald's with doors opening at 7pm. Further details will follow nearer the time.

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CTAT

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 gthadley@gmail.com

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FINAL REMINDER: Called and Gifted online Information Evening - Monday 7th July at 7pm - 8:30pm

The Called and Gifted team in the Diocese are planning to hold an online information evening for Called and Gifted on Monday 7th July. This is intended for anyone who may be interested in hearing more about discerning charisms and the spiritual and practical benefits this can bring for individuals and communities. To register, please email calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with your name and parish.

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FINAL REMINDER: 2025 BACCA SUMMER FETE – Saturday 28th June

The Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA) 2025 Summer Fete takes place at St Bede's School field on Saturday, 28 June 2025. Please contact BACCA for info regarding tickets: bacca.unitedkingdom@gmail.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.casopportsmouth.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,

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St.Michael's and St.Oswald's

Catholic community of Tadley, Kingsclere, Burghfield Common and Mortimer

PARISH Meeting

**MONDAY, JUNE 30TH
7:30PM - 9:30PM**

PLEASE ARRIVE FROM 7PM FOR A PROMPT START

10 YEAR MISSION PLAN

- OVERVIEW OF THE PASTORAL PLAN
- Q AND A SESSION
- PLANNING FOR NEXT PARISH MEETING

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



**ST LEONARD ROOMS, ST OSWALD'S,
BURGHFIELD COMMON, RG7 3HQ**

Parish of St Michael's and St Oswald's

Parish Meeting - Monday 30 June

Venue - The Leonard Rooms, St Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

Timing - 7:00 - 7:30pm - Gathering, tea/coffee; 7:30 - 9:30pm - Meeting

Objective

To share the draft pastoral area plan, listen to feedback, answer questions and deepen understanding of how to make it relevant in our parish. (NB after this meeting, a second meeting is planned to discuss and agree how best we can contribute to the draft plan)

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction (GP)
2. Opening Prayer (Fr Patrick)
3. Overview of Pastoral Area Plan (Fr John Lee)
 1. Introduction - how the draft plan was developed
 2. Presentation of the draft plan
4. Q&A Session (All)
5. Closing Prayer (Dcn Tony)

Notes

Copies of the plan are available in advance to anyone who would like to read it before the meeting

Fr John Lee is the parish priest of Holy Ghost/St Bede's parish Basingstoke and the co-ordinating pastor for our pastoral area