

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	21st Mar	5th Sunday of Lent – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Joan Curran RIP
Sun	22nd Mar	5th Sunday of Lent	9.00am	St. Michael's	Mo Dudgeon-Smith RIP
Sun	22nd Mar	5th Sunday of Lent	11.00am	St. Oswald's	Archbishop John Henry King RIP
Mon	23 rd Mar	NO MASS – Father Stephen is away			
Tues	24 th Mar	NO MASS – Father Stephen is away			
Weds	25 th Mar	Annunciation of the Lord (S)	7.30pm	St. Michael's	
Thurs	26 th Mar	Lent	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	27 th Mar	Lent	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	28 th Mar	Palm Sunday – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	29 th Mar	Palm Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Kelvin Scott RIP
Sun	30 th Mar	Palm Sunday	11.00am	St. Oswald's	Lambert Hopwood RIP
<i>Weekday Masses preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary after Mass, except Tues/Fri in Lent</i>					
NOTE: Mass on 25 th March will be at 7.30pm & will not include Adoration & Rosary					
<i>Stations of the Cross: After Tuesday & Friday Masses in Lent</i>					
<i>Confessions: Before Weekday Masses; Saturdays in Lent 11.00am-Noon at St. Michael's or by appointment</i>					



Holy Habits –Join a Small Cell Group for Prayer & Fellowship

Our Bishop is encouraging us to grow in what he calls 'Holy Habits'—simple but powerful ways of living our faith more intentionally. One of these is to gather in small prayer groups, meeting weekly in our homes.

Prayer is essential in the life of every Christian—both in private and in community. Communal prayer reflects something profound about who we are. As human beings, we are relational by nature, created in the image of God who is Himself a communion of Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Just as we naturally work, play, and share life with others, so too we are made to pray together.

Gathering in small groups to pray—especially within our local parish community—is therefore not just beneficial, but deeply fitting. It nurtures our faith, strengthens our relationships, and supports us spiritually, emotionally, and even physically. In praying together, we encourage one another, grow in unity, and become more open to the action of the Holy Spirit among us. When we pray alone, we are strengthened. But when we pray together, something more happens—the love of Christ begins to grow between us.

To be a 'people of the Resurrection' means more than believing in life after death. It means living now with the life of Christ flowing through us—lifting one another up, encouraging one another, and walking together in holiness.

NEW!!! – Parish Directory

The Parish Facilitation Team (PFT) have compiled a Parish Directory of all the ministries and groups in the Parish. The aim is to raise awareness of the many wonderful opportunities to deepen our faith or to volunteer to help others.

All parishioners will automatically receive an electronic copy of the Parish Directory when they successfully register their details on CHURCHSUITE, the new system introduced by our Diocese to manage our parishioner database and our communications (registration details provided later in this Newsletter).

Paper copies of the Directory will be available from next weekend for Parishioners who have difficulty in accessing the internet.

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 - 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 - 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: Time TBC - Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets
8.00pm - 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

NEW PARISH DATABASE SYSTEM – CHURCHSUITE

The Parish is now using a new system called CHURCHSUITE. This is a modern parish database management system that allows Parishes to more effectively store parishioner information, communicate with parishioners (e.g. Newsletter distribution), organise church rotas, manage Gift Aid, etc. It enables all parishioner information & data privacy consents to be safely secured in one place & provides full compliance with GDPR Privacy Law. It has been sourced & provided by the Diocese & is currently being adopted across all Parishes in our Pastoral Area.

As a result, we therefore need to renew all the information we hold about parishioners. Therefore, to ensure you remain registered as a parishioner and to continue to receive communications from the Parish, including the Newsletter, please do kindly fill out a new Registration Form at the earliest possible opportunity. There will eventually be a cut-off date when Newsletters will only be sent via CHURCHSUITE & this will be announced in advance. Please note the following:

- There is a separate adult and child registration form.
- Once you have submitted your completed Registration Form, you will receive a confirmation email with an electronic copy of our **Parish Directory** attached for you to download!
- If you ONLY wish to register to receive our Newsletter & don't want to provide your full contact details, you can choose to just simply provide your email address when completing the Registration Form.
- Printed forms will be made available in both our Churches from next weekend for Parishioners who have difficulty in accessing the internet. Please kindly arrange for completed forms to be returned to the Parish Office.

The Adult Registration Form is available via the following link:

<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/fqeaeshz>

or via this QR Code:



The Child Registration Form is available via the following link:

<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/hislzwa>

or via this QR Code:



Called and Gifted - Registration Open!

A reminder that Called & Gifted is returning to our 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. For a short video (1m 30s) from the authors of C&G, the Catherine of Siena Institute, click here: <https://vimeo.com/322254299>

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. For more info on C&G, please see www.calledandgifted.org.uk

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 with your name, contact details and the church you attend.**

Scaffolding at St. Michael's Church

Parishioners will no doubt notice that scaffolding has been erected at the rear of the Church. This is to facilitate urgently required works on the Sanctuary Roof & the rear gable ends, in order to address the existing water leak & prevent any further issues occurring. At this time, we are still waiting for the contractor to confirm dates for when the work will be done.

In the meantime, Parishioners are advised to stay well clear of the scaffolding when accessing the patio area & be mindful to kindly ensure that their young children are appropriately supervised in this respect.

Thank you!

ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

Lenten Soup Lunches

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

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.

Life in the Spirit seminars

Life in the Spirit is being run again in the Portsmouth Diocese starting on Thursday 23rd April. There are seven sessions with the last one being on the 18th June, due to Ascension Day and half-term. The Holy Spirit Day will also be at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on 23rd May, the Eve of Pentecost, a brilliant time to receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. These sessions are being held online, but there are also live sessions at St Bede on the relevant dates. For more details and to register, please

see <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ontyh8dxTF6b72BXv1LByg>

West Berks Foodbank

We have received the following message from the Foodbank:

On behalf of the Trustees of the Basingstoke Foodbank I am writing to thank you all at **St Michael's Catholic Church Tadley** for your generous giving throughout **2025**.

You donated **516.56Kgs of food**, which is equivalent to **1,230 meals**.

I have attached below a Thank You Certificate for you to display (*Note: Which is now displayed in the porch area of the Church*).

During all of 2025 we supplied emergency food for about 6,600 adults and children through our partnerships with many local agencies and supplying food for Emergency cupboards.

Recent Comment from one of our partners: "Thank you once again for the work you do and for how quickly you responded to my request in supporting my client today. I truly appreciate your dedication, your support makes such a difference ". - Referral Partner



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!

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/>