

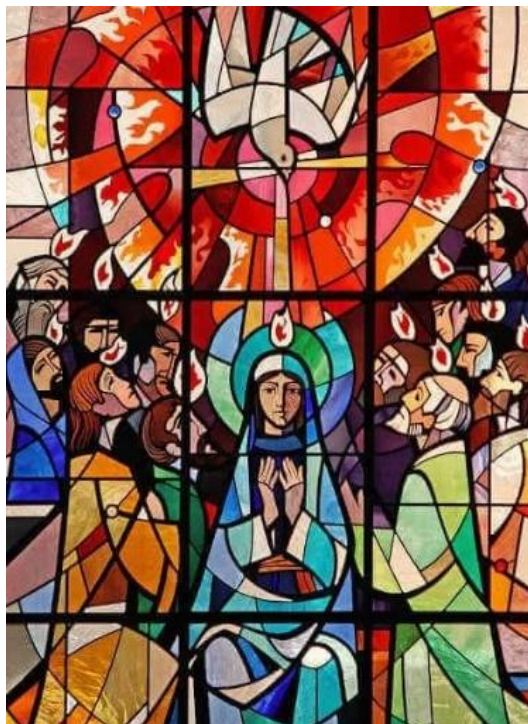
## Parish of St. Michael, Tadley (with Kingsclere) and St. Oswald, Burghfield Common

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### **“PARISH RENEWAL DEPENDS ON EACH OF US”**

The Catholic Catechism (2472) reminds us we are all called to bear witness to Christ: “The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as *witnesses of the Gospel* and of the obligations that flow from it.”

*“Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of  
your faithful  
and enkindle in us  
the fire of your love”*



*“Send forth  
your Spirit,  
O Lord,  
and renew the face  
of the earth”*

This is what Bishop Philip is urging us to do in his Ten Year Mission Plan for our Diocese entitled *You Will Be My Witnesses* (Acts 1:8). He is asking us all to pray more earnestly to the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of renewing our parish life. He wants each one of us “*to share responsibility more effectively for the mission of the Church.*” He emphasises that:

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On this great feast of Pentecost, let us pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the whole world. Come, Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire with the desire to become saints!

*“The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint.” (Leon Bloy - French Catholic novelist)*

## MASS TIMETABLE

Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	23rd May	Pentecost Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	24th May	Pentecost Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Dennis Healy RIP
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup> May	NO MASS			
Tues	26 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Philip Neri (M)	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	Fred & Rose Culver RIP
Weds	27 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Augustine of Canterbury (F)	9.30am	St. Michael's	Kathleen "Peggy" Mary Poulter
Thurs	28 <sup>th</sup> May	Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest (F)	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup> May	Feria	7.00pm	St. Michael's	Geoff Wilman RIP
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup> May	The Most Holy Trinity (S) - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup> May	The Most Holy Trinity (S)	9.00am	St. Michael's	
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup> June	NO MASS			
Tues	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Feria	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	
Weds	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	St. Charles Lwanga & Companions (M)	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Boniface (M) - First Friday	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup> June	Our Lady - First Saturday	9.30am	St. Michael's	
		Corpus Christi - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Corpus Christi	9.00am	St. Michael's	Our First Holy Communion Candidates
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	

*Parish Office is now CLOSED for holidays and re-opens on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.*

*Children's Liturgy at St. Michael's will take place at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May.*

*First Holy Communion will take place at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at St. Michael's.*

*Weekday Masses preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary after Mass.*

*Confessions: Before Weekday Masses, Saturday at St. Michael's 11.00am - 12 Noon, or by appointment.*

### Dennis Healy RIP

The Funeral Mass for Dennis will take place at 10.00am Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at St. Michael's Church.

Please continue to pray for the repose of Dennis' soul, for his wife Liz and the rest of their family.

### Holiday Arrangements - Parish Office

- The Parish Office is **NOW CLOSED & Dan will be on holiday as follows:**

**2.45pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - 9.45am on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

(during this period, e-mail will not be checked. Telephone messages will be checked only on a sporadic basis)

- The next Parish Newsletter will be for the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> June

### Emergency Cover

If a serious need arises to contact a priest during these periods, please immediately use the emergency contact details shown below:

#### Hospital Chaplaincy Contacts:

##### Basingstoke Hospital Chaplaincy Team

Office Hours: 01256 314901

Urgent & Outside of office hours: Via the Hospital Switchboard 01256 473202

(Alternatively, St. Bede's Parish Office during Office Hours only: 01256 465214)

##### Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplaincy Team

Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm: 0118 322 7105

Urgent & Outside of office hours: contact switchboard 0118 322 5111 to ask for the on-call chaplain.

**NOTE:** When contacting Hospital Chaplaincies, please clearly state you require a Roman Catholic priest. It is the responsibility of the family to request a Chaplain to attend.

**If there is a problem in finding a priest, DEACON TONY DARROCH will help as far as possible, if available - Tel: 07723 763767**

#### Other alternative contacts:

St. Bede's, Basingstoke 01256 465214

St. Joseph, Basingstoke 01256 323595

Douai Abbey (Woolhampton Parish) 0118 9715350

### A Name for the Parish We Are Becoming

Through the "You Will Be My Witnesses" Diocesan Mission Plan, and guided by our Local Mission Plan, our four parishes are coming together as one Parish, with a shared mission. A shortlist of 6 names has been carefully and prayerfully discerned, in line with the direction of the Diocese. Vote for your preferred name. You are invited to approach this prayerfully. Let the Holy Spirit guide you. Voting is available online (via link or QR code) or through paper ballots at your church.



Link: <https://forms.gle/thMgN5xoSpmBj1C19> Voting closes on Corpus Christi Sunday, 7th June.

### Parish Caritas Volunteer Needed

The Parish Caritas Representative is a new volunteer role to support the Church to reach out to those in need in the wider community. You will connect the parish/pastoral area with Caritas Portsmouth to enable the sharing information, campaigns, initiatives and support. You will also be the point of contact within a parish that will enable the Church to respond to urgent or newly emerging needs in these unpredictable times. No experience is needed for the role, just a passion to put faith into action and to make a difference.

[More information can be found here](#) or you can use the QR code below. If you have any questions or want to apply, please contact Jenny at [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



### The Proposed Removal of the Church Pipe Organ from St Michael's

One of the issues that the Pastoral Facilitation Team (PFT) have been looking at recently is the question over what to do about the big pipe organ at St Michael's, which has been in disuse for some years. According to an expert, it is completely unplayable and in desperate need of a complete restoration and, also, parts of it are missing, in particular the pedal keyboard. The consensus among the PFT is that it would be more pastorally beneficial for the community to have it removed and to, instead, use the space it occupies as a special area for children during Mass. The other smaller organ which we do use is a much more suitable size for the church and adequately serves our liturgical music needs. If anyone has any serious objection to the pipe organ being removed, please would they speak about it to Fr Stephen or a member of the PFT.

### Pentecost Praise event at St. Joseph's, Basingstoke

1CB Pentecost Praise is taking place at St Joseph's Church with their music group on Sunday 24th May at 7pm, to be followed by tea and cake. Please come and help us pray for Basingstoke.

Please contact St. Joseph's Church for more details.

### Bishop Challoner School – Jubilee Celebrations

As you are probably aware Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School is 50 this year. To end our Jubilee Year we are holding an Alumni Celebration on Saturday 11 July 2026 - details below. We would love former students, colleagues and supporters of the school to join us for our final celebration of this Jubilee Year. If you would like to come, please complete the short form [Alumni Celebration - Saturday 11 July 2026 - 7-10 pm – Fill out form](#) Or scan the QR Code in the notice below.

Please do share this with anyone you know who also has a connection with Bishop Challoner and might be interested in joining the celebration. We are trying to "spread the word" about this event and any help would be greatly appreciated. We hope to see you there!

Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School is

# 50

Calling all past staff, students and supporters of the School. We would love you to join us at our

## Alumni Celebration

Saturday 11 July 2026  
7.00 pm to 10.00 pm

Come and see what has changed since you were at the school. It will be a great opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones

### Licensed Bar

Please scan the QR Code to let us know if you are coming



**Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years?**

If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 20th June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact your parish secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire ([kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)), in the Bishop's Office.



Thank you.

**Choir for the Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass**

Singers are being sought to join the choir for the above Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at St Bede's church on Sat 20th June.

If you can read music or hold a tune and would like to help make this a memorable celebration for the couples of our diocese, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Chris Olding at [cjolding@wheatsheafmusic.co.uk](mailto:cjolding@wheatsheafmusic.co.uk) for information.

**ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Many thanks to all our parish bakers who provided an array of delicious cakes and treats and to those who provided crystal, jewellery and accessories for the Cake & Crystal Sale in St Michael's Parish Room last Sunday to raise funds for Christian Aid. Many thanks also to all those who came in to socialise and generously bought cakes or other items or gave a donation - £212 was raised on the morning!

We shall be transferring the sum raised soon, but it is not too late if you wish to donate. The 2026 Christian Aid Week campaign is focusing on helping mothers tackle urban poverty and hunger in Nairobi, Kenya. All donations gratefully received!

**Wintershall 'Life of Christ' Update – 6 places left**

We are going ahead with the trip to see 'Life of Christ' at Wintershall, near Guildford, on Saturday 20 June. There are six places left if you are interested in joining us for a great experience! If you would like to book or find out more, please contact Mary Lee on 07821 254100 or email her at [maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk)

**Donations of Wine and Sweets Welcomed for our Parish Stalls in aid of St Michael's Hospice at Tadley Fete on The Green**

Once again, the Archangels will be running several stalls to raise funds for St Michael's Hospice at Tadley Fete on The Green on Saturday 13 June from 11am to 3pm. Please do come along on the day and join in the fun at this big Tadley event on The Green and in St Paul's Church opposite.

Amongst our stalls, we shall once more run: the "Everyone's a Winner" game where participants are guaranteed to win the contents of one of variously sized sweet jars; and adults can try to "Find the Wine" in one of the bottle bags containing either a bottle of wine they win or tap water we keep. We should therefore greatly appreciate donations of packets of sweets (preferably sadly not chocolate in case it's a hot day!) and/or a bottle of wine for the prizes. Please leave any donations in the marked containers in the church porches. Many thanks in anticipation!



**Volunteers still needed to help with CTAT Stand at Treacle Fair – Sunday 31 May**

Volunteers are needed to help please with setting up the pitch, manning the stand during the day (this could just be for part of the day) and/or clearing down the pitch. If you are willing to help, please contact Dina Haywood who is co-ordinating the stand: [dinahaywood@btinternet.com](mailto:dinahaywood@btinternet.com)

**CTAT Forum**

The next CTAT Forum will be on Thursday 18 June at St Paul's Church, 7pm for 7.30pm. All welcome!



COME & JOIN THE FUN AT



*Tadley*  
**FETE**  
*on*  
**THE GREEN**

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**11AM TO 3PM**

**The Green,  
Tadley, RG26 3PB**



**FREE ENTRY!**



*Events*

Bouncy castle | live music | food | craft market  
games | and lots more!



For more information:  
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