

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

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<b>MASS TIMETABLE</b>					
Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Vocations
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.00am	St. Michael's	Kathleen & Frank Bridle RIP
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	11.00am	St. Oswald's	Leontous & Rositta Sofocleous RIP
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	NO MASS			
Tues	28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	St. Louis M. de Montfort (M)	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	Paul Donnachie RIP
Weds	29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	St. Catherine of Siena (F)	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> May	First Friday	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Our Lady - First Saturday	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.00am	St. Michael's	
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
<i>Second Collection at all Masses this Weekend: Diocesan Clergy Training Fund</i>					
<i>Weekday Masses preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary after Mass</i>					
<i>Confessions: Before Weekday Masses, 11.00am - 12 Noon Saturday, or by appointment</i>					



### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

On 11 April 1964, Pope St Paul VI established the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday', as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. He expressed urgent concern about a shortage of priests and religious and called the whole Church to prayer. He emphasised that **vocations are a gift from God**, not something that can be produced purely by human effort and that the entire Christian community must pray insistently for this gift. He particularly stressed that without sufficient priests, the Church's sacramental life - especially the Eucharist - would suffer.

This Sunday we are very pleased to welcome one of the seminarians of our diocese training for the priesthood at Allen Hall in London, **Adam Trzebinski** (pictured). He will be joining us for Mass when we can look forward to him sharing his vocation story with us.

The following prayer was composed by Pope St Paul VI:

*"O Jesus, divine Shepherd of souls, you called the apostles and made them fishers of men. Continue to draw to yourself ardent and generous souls from among the young, in order to make them your followers and your ministers. Give them a share in your thirst for the redemption of all... Open before them the horizons of the entire world... By responding to your call, may they prolong your mission here on earth, build up your Mystical Body which is the Church, and be 'the salt of the earth' and 'the light of the world' (Mt 5:13)".*

### **Second Collection this weekend - Clergy Training Fund**

The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians, including the ten men currently in formation for the priesthood, for their six or seven-year journey to ordination. Each seminarian brings to his training his own life experience, and then participates in a comprehensive programme of formation, pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. Our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow. The annual cost to sustain a seminarian is around £30,000. Please therefore kindly consider supporting our seminarians in their journey by donating to the Fund. Thank you.

### **Kathleen "Kim" Mary Briggs RIP**

Kim's family have informed us of her passing last Friday. Parishioners may remember her, and her husband David, as stalwart members of the St. Oswald's congregation, where David was also church organist. Their son, Fr. Charles Briggs (deceased) was also ordained there. Please pray for Kim's soul and all her family and friends at this very sad and painful time. Kim's Funeral Mass will be at St. Oswald's at 12 Noon on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Barbara Stocker RIP**

Barbara's funeral takes place in the Douai Abbey Church, Woolhampton at 11.00am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

### **Parish Directory**

Some parishioners have reported difficulties in accessing our Parish Directory after registering their details on our new Parish database system, CHUCHSUITE. If you have experienced this issue, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office, so that we can send you a copy via email (for those without email access, we can arrange for a printed copy to be made available for you to pick up at Mass).

### **Formation day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

The next Diocesan Formation Day is on Saturday 9 May in Winchester. Email the Liturgy team to book a place: [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### **ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP**

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Cake Sale for Christian Aid on Sunday 17 May after 9am Mass

#### **"Life of Christ" – Saturday 20 June – 10am – 3.30pm**

The "Life of Christ" is a three-act play, performed annually by over 100 actors in the open air in the grounds of the Wintershall Estate, near Guildford, covering: the Nativity; scenes from the Ministry of Christ; and the Passion of Christ. It is an immersive theatre experience where the action unfolds around the audience. It runs from 10am to 3.30pm on Saturday 20 June. We highly recommend the experience! On previous trips, we have travelled by coach from St Michael's at 8.15am. Please see a short 'Life of Christ' promotional video at this link: <https://youtu.be/bhvEV8zxhe8?si=c1tHoTfOOEP6VHP9>

Due to the nature of some scenes, they recommend parental guidance for children under 5 years old. Ticket prices for the performance are Adult: £40; Child (3-18) £20; Family (2 Adults, 2 Children) £110, but if we have a group of over 30, we should be able to negotiate a discount. Please note that coach or minibus travel will be an extra cost.

People are invited to take folding chairs, rugs and packed lunches. Toilets are dotted throughout the site. The Estate will provide free transport for people with reduced mobility from the car park to the opening setting and then between the main locations of the action around the estate and back to the coach.

Please register an interest by Wednesday 29 April by signing up on the forms in the church porches or contacting Mary Lee on 07821 254100 or emailing her at [maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk). A price to cover tickets and transport from St Michael's will then be advised and those who have registered an interest will be able to confirm their participation.



### **Men's Breakfast – Saturday 25 April**

The next Men's Breakfast will take place at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, RG26 3NJ, from 10am on Saturday 25 April, when Peter will be the speaker on Japan. Come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast in the company of other men. All welcome!

### **Ladies' Breakfast – Saturday 9 May**

The next Ladies' Breakfast will take place at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, RG26 3NJ, from 10am on Saturday 9 May, when Nick Bhugeloo of A&N Wellbeing Services will be the speaker on "Supporting Others Without Losing Yourself – the Sandwich Generation". Come along and enjoy a continental breakfast in the company of other women. All welcome!

### **'Almost Family Fortunes' – Saturday 16 May at 7pm**

URC is holding a fun time for all ages fundraising event on Saturday 16 May at 7pm in the Immanuel Centre. Enter your teams of 4-8 people, £7.50 per person. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Money raised to go to the Adonai Children's Centre in Uganda. If anyone is interested in joining up to make a St Michael's team or teams, please contact Mary Lee on 07821 254100 or email: [maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Volunteers 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)

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday 9 May in the morning: St Mary's Tadley Plant Sale, timing TBC

### **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.casoportsmouth.org.uk/current-vacancies-2/>

### **Further reading**

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/>



# Ladies' Breakfast

Come and join us on  
**Saturday 9 May 2026**

**Nick Bhugeloo of A&N Wellbeing Services will speak on “Supporting Others Without Losing Yourself – the Sandwich Generation”**



We usually meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Main Road, Tadley, RG26 3NJ, from 10 am to 12 noon, except in August and December. **All welcome!**