

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

30th March 2025 (4th Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday)

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***** BRITISH SUMMER TIME starts in the early hours of THIS SUNDAY *****

Don't forget to put your clocks forward by one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening!

Dear All,

Happy Laetare Sunday!

This weekend Laetare Sunday reminds us that we are halfway through Lent. So we rejoice that we have followed the Lord in His journey to His Cross and Resurrection so far, if not at times as well as we should, but determined to finish the journey over the coming weeks.

We'll also keep Mothering Sunday, which has its roots in an English tradition of visiting one's mother at this time. Also linked to the practice of visiting the cathedral, or mother church, of one's Diocese. Simnel cake, a rich and decorated confection, was popular on Laetare Sunday, relaxing the more rigorous Lenten fast of earlier times. So "Rejoice!"

This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 29th March: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 30th March: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 30th March: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

Note: The mandatory collection for the Diocesan Clergy Assistance Fund will take place at all Masses this weekend.

Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's church

Many thanks to Bill & Joy Reilly, who have very kindly offered to lead parishioners in the Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's church, at 7.00pm on the following two dates:

- TODAY Friday 28th March
- Friday 11th April

Pastoral Area Lenten Reconciliation Service

This will take place on Friday 4th April at 7.30 pm in St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke.

REMINDER: First Holy Communion

Next preparation session: Tuesday, 1st April at 4.30pm - 5.30pm, St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Gift Aid Envelopes – New Tax Year

The Envelopes for the new Tax Year will be distributed at our Masses next weekend 5th/6th April.

My availability

For the upcoming week, I shall be generally not available on the following days:

- Monday (My usual day off)
- Tuesday (Rescheduled dental appointment, followed by the First Holy Communion prep. session)
- Wednesday (Diocesan Clergy Lenten Day of Reflection at Douai Abbey)

Please also note the following:

- I will be unavailable for most of the day next Saturday 5th April, prior to the 6.00pm Mass, due to my attendance at a Pastoral Area Meeting in Basingstoke.
- I will not be available during the week of 7th – 12th April, having a badly needed break before Holy Week & the Easter Celebrations. Please also note that Dan may be taking the odd day or two off that week due to the school holidays – he will confirm if that is the case in next week's Newsletter.

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Lent – Other events & resources

Maundy Thursday Service & simple supper – Silchester Village Hall

Everyone welcome THURSDAY APRIL 17TH @ 6.30PM.

Please e-mail Eve to register your interest for catering purposes on eve_baker2003@yahoo.co.uk

Passion Play – Reading, 18th & 19th April

Following last year's success, Rise Theatre CIC, a local professional Christian theatre company, are again performing their Passion Play in Forbury Gardens (RG1 3BB) in central Reading on **Good Friday 18th April (3.30pm)** and **Saturday 19th April (3.00pm)**. It is a **FREE** event. Bring a blanket or outdoor chair to sit on! The play includes a dramatic interpretation of the crucifixion so parental guidance is advised. See www.risetheatre.co.uk/passionplay for more information and to WATCH THE VIDEO TRAILER. Please support this local initiative during the Easter weekend and invite your friends too!

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Thank you!

Thank you for giving generously to CAFOD's Lent Appeal. In troubling times for our world, your donations this Family Fast Day help people like Lokho in Kenya build a safety net and prepare for whatever comes. In giving to support our sisters and brothers, we are truly pilgrims of hope in the Jubilee year. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/lent

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Archangels' Events

Mingle at St. Michael's – Wednesday 2nd April

The Archangels Social Group looks forward to welcoming you to the next Mingle on Wednesday 19th March from **2.00pm – 4.00pm** in the Parish Room for conversation and laughter over tea, coffee and cake.

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CTAT Events

Ladies' Breakfast – Saturday 12th April

All are welcome! **10.00am - 12 noon**, Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Main Road, Tadley, RG26 3NJ

Speaker: Jon Morris, a Money Coach from Christians Against Poverty, who will talk about services to help people manage their money

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“Proclaim the Word”

Geoff Poulter has kindly recommended a series of talks by Fr Adrian Graffy called “Proclaim the Word”. These are designed specifically for readers/lectors in the Catholic Liturgy. They are free to attend in person or watch via live stream. Talk 2 in this series is called “A richer table for God’s word” & is this **Wednesday 2nd April 2025 7.00pm**. Details via www.whatgoodnews.org No prior booking necessary.

Note: You can also watch Talk 1 “Proclaim the Word” via the website (see the link titled ‘He stood up to read (Luke 4:16)’, in the Faith Talks section at the bottom of the website.

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

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/>

Caritas Portsmouth Newsletter:

<https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/news-events/>

Best wishes for the weekend. To all our Mums, Happy Mother’s Day!

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