

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

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THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The Easter Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal mystery.

HOLY THURSDAY: commemorates three principal mysteries:

- **Institution of the Holy Eucharist:** "Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life." (*St Teresa of Calcutta*).

Institution of the Priesthood: He has made men sharers in His priesthood to bring that life to others.

Commandment to Love and Serve others (exemplified by the Washing of the Feet) He has made Himself a servant to teach us to give our lives in love.

GOOD FRIDAY: commemorates the mystery of the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus.

"How splendid the cross of Christ! It brings life, not death; light, not darkness; Paradise not its loss. It is the wood on which the Lord, like a great warrior, was wounded in hands and feet and side, but healed thereby our wounds. A tree destroyed us, a tree now brought us life." (*Theodore of Studios*)

EASTER SUNDAY: commemorates the mystery of the Resurrection in which Christ crushed death. It is the "Feast of feasts," the "Solemnity of solemnities." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages ." (*St John Chrysostom*)

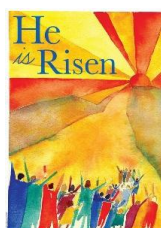
MASS TIMETABLE

Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Thurs	2 nd Apr	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	St. Michael's	
Fri	3 rd Apr	Good Friday Liturgy Service	3.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	4 th Apr	Easter Vigil	8.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	5 th Apr	Easter Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Teresa Murtagh RIP
Sun	5 th Apr	Easter Sunday	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	6 th Apr	NO MASS			
Tues	7 th Apr	Octave of Easter	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	
Weds	8 th Apr	Octave of Easter	9.30am	St. Michael's	Terry & Norman Lee RIP
Thurs	9 th Apr	Octave of Easter	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	10 th Apr	Octave of Easter	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	11 th Apr	2 nd Sunday of Easter – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	12 th Apr	2 nd Sunday of Easter	9.00am	St. Michael's	
Sun	12 th Apr	2 nd Sunday of Easter	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	13 th Apr	NO MASSES - Fr. Stephen is away			
Tues	14 th Apr				
Weds	15 th Apr				
Thurs	16 th Apr				
Fri	17 th Apr				
Sat	18 th Apr	3 rd Sunday of Easter – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	19 th Apr	3 rd Sunday of Easter	9.00am	St. Michael's	Mary & Joe Penfold RIP
Sun	19 th Apr	3 rd Sunday of Easter	11.00am	St. Oswald's	

The Annual Diocesan Holy Places collection will be taken at the Good Friday Liturgy Service

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Hour Devotion 2.45pm to 3.45pm at St. Michael's: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 3pm Hour of Mercy prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Silent Adoration, Meditation on Readings from the Diary of St. Faustina, Confessions, Benediction.

Weekday Masses preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary after Mass, except Tues/Fri in Lent Confessions: Before Weekday Masses; Saturdays in Lent 11.00am-Noon at St. Michael's or by appointment



A HAPPY & HOLY EASTER TO YOU ALL

Dearly beloved people of Tadley and Burghfield Common, I wish you and all your families a very happy and holy Easter. As we celebrate the great solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord, I pray that the radiant light and grace of Christ's victory over sin and death may always shine brightly in your lives.



May I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the wonderful support I have received from you in the last six months since arriving to serve as your priest. Please keep me in your prayers as I keep you in mine. Fr. Stephen.

Congratulations to our Catechumens and Candidates!

Our Easter joy will be amplified this year with three adults being Baptised and two Received into The Church:

Easter Saturday Vigil at St. Michael's:

Matt Clark & Callum Johnston will be Baptised.

Kevin & Claire Davies will be Received into The Church.

Easter Sunday at St. Oswald's:

Marc Mildenhall will be Baptised.

Our heartiest congratulations to them all!

Holiday Arrangements – Fr. Stephen & Parish Office

- **Father Stephen will be taking some days off as follows:**

Monday 13th April - Friday 17th April

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

2.45pm Thursday 2nd April - 9.45am on Tuesday 14th April

(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 19th April**

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

IMPORTANT - St. Michael's Church temporary closure

St. Michael's Church will be CLOSED from Monday 13th April - Friday 17th April to enable the installation of an Emergency Lights System. These works are required to comply with the findings of our recent Fire Safety Audit.

In addition, the Sanctuary Roof works at St. Michael's have now been completed. However, the scaffolding remains in place, since it was discovered that the Church Roof gable end urgently also requires remedial work. We anticipate this work to be done during week commencing 6th April.

ATTENTION ALL GIFT AIDERS

Gift Aid envelopes for Tax Year 6th April 2026 – 5th April 2027 are to be made available after Masses this weekend & next weekend. For those who have not already done so, please add your name to your envelope box if it is not already listed. Thank you.

Called and Gifted - Reminder

C&G will be starting after Easter with 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. If you can't make all four sessions, you can still take part as there are videos of the material available online for those who register so you won't miss out!

The cost per person is only £30 which covers the learning, discerning and using stages mentioned 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.** And if you have experienced Called and Gifted before and would like to either come along for a refresher or, even better, come along to support and encourage those discerning for the first time, you'll be most welcome.

Life in the Spirit seminars - Reminder

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. Note that these sessions are now all being held online. For more details and to register, please see: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ontyh8dxTF6b72BXv1LByg>
Or use the QR Code.



ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat - "SURRENDER TO LOVE."

On 25th April from 10.00am – 1.00pm. there is an opportunity for us to be inspired by a retreat on the transformative power of God's love. The Holy Spirit transforms us by helping us surrender to God's love. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and an inspiring talk from our very own Tadley parishioner, Geoff Poulter, trainer in prophecy, healing and discipleship. **Attend in person** if possible at St. Joseph's, Christchurch, Dorset. Details at https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

Mingle at St Michael's

The next gathering will be on Wednesday 15th April from 2pm to 4pm in St Michael's Parish Room for tea, coffee, cake, conversation and laughter. A basket of craft activities will also be available for anyone who would like to have a go. All welcome! (As noted earlier in this Newsletter, contractors will be working in the Church that week, with vans parked outside the main entrance to the church, so please be aware & park closer to the Presbytery).

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

The Archangels will be organising a trip to the Wintershall Estate, near Guildford, to see an open-air performance in their grounds by over 100 actors of their three-act play of the "Life of Christ": the Nativity; scenes from the Ministry of Christ; the Passion of Christ. The Passion element has been performed on Good Friday in the centre of Guildford and in recent years in Trafalgar Square. It is an immersive theatre experience where the action unfolds around the audience, particularly in Acts 2 and 3. 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, if we book early enough. 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.

Interest was expressed by members of other CTAT church communities at the CTAT Forum, so the opportunity to book is also being offered to CTAT members. To gauge interest to enable us to negotiate a ticket discount and obtain suitable transport quotes, please sign up on the forms in the church porches **by Sunday, 12 April**, or contact Mary Lee on 07821 254100 or email her at 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.

CTAT

CTAT Good Friday Service

Friday 3 April, 10am, outside St Mary's Church, Newchurch Road, Tadley, public witness to our local community, together with our fellow Christians, to the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

NOTE: If the weather is inclement, the Service will take place inside the Church.

Ladies' Breakfast – Saturday 11 April

The next Ladies' Breakfast will be held at the Tadley URC's Immanuel Centre, RG26 3NJ, on Saturday 11 April from 10am to noon. We shall be joined by the popular local folk duo, Thistledew, who will perform a mixed selection of serious and light-hearted songs to raise funds for Basingstoke Foodbank.

St. Paul's Praise Event - Saturday 18 April: 2pm – 3.30pm

This will take place at St Paul's Church as part of their 60th Anniversary celebrations. The bands of all CTAT communities have been invited to participate in a celebration of their favourite hymns and songs. Please come along and join in praising God!