

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

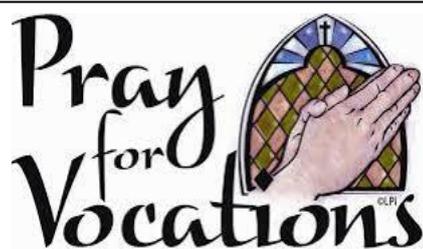
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MASS TIMETABLE					
Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	7 th Mar	Our Lady – First Saturday	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Sat	7 th Mar	3 rd Sunday of Lent – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Philip John Burton RIP
Sun	8 th Mar	3 rd Sunday of Lent	9.00am	St. Michael's	Mia Ginever RIP
Sun	8 th Mar	3 rd Sunday of Lent	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	9 th Mar	NO MASS			
Tues	10 th Mar	Lent	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	Mgr. Can. Martin John Lee RIP
Weds	11 th Mar	Lent	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	12 th Mar	Lent	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	13 th Mar	Lent	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	14 th Mar	4 th Sunday of Lent – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Albert Duffy RIP
Sun	15 th Mar	4 th Sunday of Lent	9.00am	St. Michael's	Joan Curran RIP
Sun	15 th Mar	4 th Sunday of Lent	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
<i>Weekday Masses preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary after Mass, except Tues/Fri in Lent</i>					
<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>					



“Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4:14)

In these words of Jesus, taken from this Sunday's Gospel, we are given a beautiful description of the missionary nature of the Church. Born from His pierced side, the Church is the Mystical Body of Christ from which the fountain of living water flows out upon the world.

When someone truly encounters Christ and receives this living water, that grace does not remain contained within them. It springs up and overflows in generous, loving service to others. Just as the Samaritan woman, after meeting Jesus, ran back to her town to share with others what she had received from Him, so we too are called to become channels through which Christ continues to reach thirsty souls.

For some, that overflowing grace becomes a call to serve the Church as priests, deacons, or in the consecrated religious life, dedicating their lives to helping others encounter the same living water of Christ that leads to eternal life. The Church always needs men and women whose lives become that “spring of water” for others—bringing the sacraments, preaching the Gospel, and witnessing to the joy of belonging completely to Christ. That is why praying for vocations is so important.

🙏 **This Sunday we welcome Canon John Cooke and Clare Ryan to our parish to speak about the need to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.** 🙏

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.

Parish Office closed on Tuesday 10th March

Dan is required to attend a training session at St. Bede's next Tuesday & therefore the Parish Office will be closed for the day. Emails will not be checked until Wednesday 11th March. For urgent/ emergency issues, please phone the Parish Office, but note that it will only be possible to check voice messages on a sporadic basis.

Called and Gifted - Save the Dates!

Called & Gifted is returning to Basingstoke!

What is Called and Gifted (C&G)? It's a process which helps you discern more clearly the spiritual gifts (known as *charisms*) that the Holy Spirit gave you at Baptism. The C&G journey is a bit like unearthing buried treasure. It will help you to grow spiritually, to appreciate your God given gifts, to become more fully the person God created you to be and to use your charisms more intentionally for the benefit of 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 13, 20, 27 April and 11 May to learn about spiritual gifts and the proven process for discerning them. These sessions will be held in St Bede's hall from 7:30pm to 9:00pm each Monday and will be led by our local C&G team, including Geoff Poulter, Gerry Penfold and Joan Kent. Please make a note of these dates in your diaries - more information over the next few weeks.

Donations of Old Missals & Bibles for Bamenda

Many thanks for your donations of old Missals and Bibles, which will be shipped to Bamenda and be much appreciated!

ADoRE spiritual online mini-retreat

21st March 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "THE SPIRIT OF LOVE." The Holy Spirit transforms us by opening us to God's love. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Daniella Stephens, dynamic young Catholic evangelist and conference speaker. Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREMAR2026 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales and would be grateful if this exciting opportunity could be shared through parish newsletters. You can download a poster to display and a QR code to include in a newsletter. The experience will run from 21 – 26 June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old and priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Applications close on 6 April. For more information, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

Parish Skittles Evening

A great evening was had by the 24 participants at the Skittle Alley at AWE RecSoc last Friday evening. Congratulations to the victorious team of Eileen & Jim and Vivien & Evan, who won a tub of Cadbury's Heroes and to Evan who also won the knock-out tournament at the end of the evening (PHOTO ATTACHED). Many thanks to everyone for making the evening a fun social evening!



Lenten Soup Lunches – 8 places remaining for the 10 March

Little Hospice Hoima was established in June 1998 by Dr Anne Merriman, a visionary who recognised the urgent need for palliative care in Uganda. It provides essential palliative care services to patients and their families facing life-limiting illnesses in rural areas where access to healthcare is often limited and underserved. It is funded by voluntary donations

Later this year, Jo Mellor will be returning to Hoima to work with their hospice team once again. The Archangels would like to raise funds for Little Hospice Hoima this Lent. All proceeds from our Lenten Soup Lunches will go to this worthy cause. Could this be an opportunity for you to contribute for your Lenten Almsgiving?

To assist us with catering, please sign up in St Michael's porch to attend the Lenten Soup Lunches, which will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesdays 10 and 24 March from noon to 2pm. Come along and enjoy the company of parishioners over a simple homemade soup and bread lunch, whilst raising funds for an excellent cause. Places are limited by the size of the room, so please book 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. Please save the date!

CTAT Forum

The next Forum will take place on Thursday 12 March at Main Road Methodist Church, Tadley, RG26 3NJ: 7pm refreshments for a 7.30pm start. All welcome!



CTAT Ladies' Breakfast

On Saturday 14 March, our guest speaker will be Pauline Ball from the Alzheimer's Society, who will lead a Dementia Friends Session to give us a better understanding of what it is like living with dementia and the small ways in which we can help. Please join us at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Main Road, RG26 3NJ, from 10am to noon. All welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

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!