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**St Michael's Parish, Tadley,
Kingsclere,
and St Oswald's Church,
Burghfield Common**

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Covenant to the People

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Gerry Penfold during July on (01189 811247).

NEWSLETTER 12th July —18th July

2020 AD

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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OBLIGATORY COLLECTION: this takes place on weekend of 11th/12th July for **THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA.** If you wish to make a BACS payment into the Parish Account, the [details for this collection \(The Apostleship of the Sea\)](#) are as follows:

Sort Code: 30 93 04

A/C No: 0088 9440

Account Name: PRCDTR Tadley St Michael

Reference: OBCOLL-AOTS

If you wish to pay by cheque, the payee is as the Account Name above. Please send cheque to Parish Office, advising us what the collection the offering relates to (Parish or Special Collection). If you are a Gift Aid Donor, please advise the Parish Office when you have made a payment, advising of your number and the amount paid. Thank you.

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WELCOME BACK TO SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH

On Saturday 4th July, St Michael's Church in Tadley re-opened for Private Prayer from 10.00 am—4.00 pm. All being well, it will be open again on Saturday 11th July from 10.00 am—4.00 pm for more Private Prayer. The opening time may be curtailed if we do not have enough Stewards, but full information will be available from The Parish Office and on the notice in the glass board alongside the church door by Friday 10th July.

A sincere thanks to all who made this possible and who have volunteered to clean the church and to steward. We shall need more volunteers when the two churches re-open on 1st/2nd August for Masses, especially from St Oswald's Church. The provision of Masses will require a regular commitment from volunteers, probably well into 2021AD. More details on Sunday and weekday Masses in future Newsletters.

A special thanks to our part-time Secretary, Barbara, for working throughout the week to ensure that all necessary hygiene measures were in place, and especially for her work with Father Patrick all day Friday 3rd July. Also to Hugh Lobo for his assistance with signage, and to Geoff and Gina Poulter for organising the Rota for Stewards.

The week leading to the re-opening was especially stressful, with the new e-mail system introduced by the Diocese constantly failing and losing e-mails. This was particularly frustrating as there

were several conflicting updates emanating from the Diocesan Office until late Friday 3rd July, following the publication of the Government Guidelines at the beginning of that week for the re-opening of religious buildings for Public Worship from 11th July. It was extremely difficult to deal properly with Parish matters, including requests for Marriage and Baptism Preparations. Father Patrick apologises if he is unable to deal with some matters until we are reopened for Masses and asks that you respect the immense pressure Barbara has been under. She is contracted to do 15 hours a week—last week it was 37 + hours! This area will have to be addressed in August.

Both Father Patrick and Barbara greatly appreciate the gift of a bottle of wine each from Tina van Ewyk, on behalf of the volunteer cleaners (Tina and Rob Van Ewyk and Anna Lobo), following the sanitising of the church on Friday, for which all was prepared, saving them considerable time. A special thank you to them for their time and help in getting the church sanitised and ready for reopening.

The Parish is also grateful to Pam Darroch, who generously tidied up some of the church areas and assisted Barbara at the beginning of the week to cover the pews with plastic for the period of Private Prayer.

This will end once Masses resume and the pews are returned to their proper places to enable more seating for parishioners.

On Wednesday evening, 1st July, Deacon Tony Darroch began The Risk Assessment for the re-opening of St Oswald's Church, assisted by Fr Patrick, Andy and Sarah Hunneman and Rick Wallis. Barry Rockhill, who addresses many items there, was unable to attend. Andy and Sarah have been asked to liaise with Ellen Goodall in respect of a Rota of Cleaners and Stewards for St Oswald's Church in the coming months.

The re-opening of St Michael's was a moment of Grace following its closure from 19th March. Including the Stewards (Deacon Tony and Pam, Christine Caren and Jo Mellor, Denis and Kath Murtagh), 21 people used the opportunity for Private Prayer. It was good that Ita McDonagh and members of her family were able to pray there on the anniversary of Ted's death.

A great day and thanks to all who made it possible! However, this is only the beginning of the return to the new normal.

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GARDENING THANKS!

The re-opening of St Michael's church coincided with the resumption of Gardening in the church grounds. It was good to meet, at a distance, with people coming to pray and with Brenda's gardening team, some of whom took advantage of the time to pray also. Gardening will continue in August, and our Parish thanks to Brenda O'Donovan, Roy Singh, Hugh Lobo, Calum Woodhouse, Rob and Tina van Ewyk for ensuring that God's house in

Tadley reflects our love of it. They are grateful to Sue Mullan for her deliveries last week of several bags of manure.

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ALL HANDS ON DECK!!

FR PATRICK ABOUT HIS PRIESTLY DUTIES—ENSURING THAT PROPER SANITISATION EQUIPMENT IS FUNCTIONING!

RESUMING PUBLIC MASS FROM ST BEDES CHURCH, BASINGSTOKE

Daily Mass has resumed from Monday 6th July with relevant hygiene restrictions in place as well as reduced numbers attending in compliance of space restrictions. Full details are available from St Bede's website: <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk>

We have also uploaded onto our website details of their Parish Newsletter which also gives this information.

See below for your information:

<https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/newsletter/newsletter-2020-07-05/>

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RESUMING PUBLIC MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BASINGSTOKE

Fr Chris Whelan has written that it will take some time to organise volunteer helpers to resume Masses on Sundays, but he will be allowing a certain number of parishioners (42) to join weekday Masses at 9.15 am commencing from Monday 6th July.

Weather permitting there will be a simple outdoor Mass on Bishop Challoner School playing field on Sunday 12th July at 12.00midday. People must bring their own blankets or chairs.

Please check website for further details:

<https://www.stjosephsbasingstoke.org.uk>

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ALTON PRAYER OF SUPPORT

Healing prayer by phone

Experienced prayer ministers from Alton Day of Renewal will pray for anyone feeling isolated, anxious, depressed or physically ill. We will help you draw close to the love of Jesus, who said: "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." On weekdays 10am-4pm, telephone 07579 824523, leave your name and number and you will be called back within 90 minutes from a withheld number. For full details and Terms and Conditions click on_

https://www.altonrenewal.com/prayer_request.html

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IN PRAYER

- (1) Jenny Seaborn, recovering from her minor operation last Tuesday and doing well. Also Mark, a friend of Jenny's who is doing well.
- (2) Lyn Foley, who has been unwell recently and appreciates the care given at The Royal Berkshire Hospital during this time.
- (3) Malcolm, recovering from his nose cancer operation.
- (4) Dennis Healey, recovering from a recent operation.

All Parishioners are remembered in Father Patrick's Pro Populo (For the People) Mass each week, known and unknown. Please keep him in your prayers.

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JANE SYDENHAM'S FUNERAL SERVICE

Deacon Tony Darroch writes that it will take place at Basingstoke Crematorium on Friday 24th July at 1.15 pm. Numbers are limited, but the Service will be available online and will be relayed to the outside of the Crematorium on speakers. Flowers are welcome. He will be checking with the Undertaker concerning donations, which are for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Service.

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CAFOD THANKS FOR LENT COLLECTION

CAFOD Head Office wrote in late June to acknowledge receipt of the Parish Lent Fast Day Collection of £315.26 received on 29th May. The money will support overseas communities in desperate need of food, clean water and

hygiene kits during the pandemic. Thanks to all who contributed!

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RETROUVAILLE—MARRIAGE DEVELOPMENT

Pam Darroch shares these thoughts from Clive & Kathy Jones, Coordinators of Retrouvaille England and Wales of how the current crisis may be an opportunity to grow and develop your marriage...

"It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:8

The consequences of what we have all lived through these past months, has been for many, a roller coaster. Lows are predominant now as many marriages are struggling, frayed by the relentless cycle of managing work, schooling children, toddlers, more cooking, in addition to increased housework. Add exhaustion, money worries and lack of usual support from family and it can feel overwhelming. Arguments and tensions increase, who does what, when and how becomes the focus. Finger pointing and blame creep in, flare-ups become more frequent, with no outlet for distress. If we came into lockdown already at odds with each other, it's probably got worse as the weeks passed. Hopelessness and thoughts of 'this marriage is not working' become more frequent.

What might help?

Prayer:

Yes prayer! Ask God who is already in your marriage for help. Consider taking a minute each morning to turn to each other, (hold hands if you can) and say 'Lord help us through this day. Amen'.

Arguments:

Money, time, mess, sex, kids are some topics argued about. Important to know that conflict is an inevitable part of living as a couple. Marriages that were faltering may be cracking under the strain. Increased arguments point to the need to have a better way of communicating and managing conflict, not to failure or the end.

Calm down:

Did you know we become deaf to each other when arguments escalate? Survival responses kick in (fight, flight, freeze). When both are calm, plan how you will give each other 'time out' when needed so listening can recommence. Some ideas: remove yourself to a quiet space,

bathroom? Count from 20-0 backwards; Listen to classical music; Pray; Breathe (internet); Physical exercise. Calming yourself is being responsible and loving.

Consider:

Learning some additional skills for managing conflict and improving communication. The Catholic Marriage Alliance website is a great starting point. Be kind and gentle to each other, you are good people doing your very best in a tough time.

Our Diocesan Marriage and Family Life (MFL) Office endorses and promotes the 'Retrouvaille' weekend. Married Couples may also wish to consider our 'Breakthrough' workshop. 'Breakthrough' offers couples an opportunity to overcome 'gridlock' in communication. They say 'it takes two to tango but it only takes One to change the dance'. Spouses do NOT have to do the breakthrough workshop together. Contact Aba Shields, our Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Officer for more information: mandfl@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or visit the MFL page on our website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/marriage.

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HAMPSHIRE ALERT—COVID—19 TRACK & TRACE SCAM

A Silchester Parishioner has kindly passed on the following warning regarding their son who received a call from the 'Track and Trace Service' and was told that according to their system he had been in close proximity to someone who has tested positive for Covid 19. This meant he had to isolate for 7 days and take a Covid 19 test. The caller was unable to tell him any details as it was confidential information. The caller kept emphasising the test needed to be taken within 72 hours and that the caller needed his mailing address for the kit. He then went on to say he needed the bank card number for the kit which cost £50, and even threatened the son with non-compliance action. The son then realised that it was a SCAM as the TEST KIT IS FREE. Please be warned and pass this on to your family, your friends and neighbours. (Acknowledgement and thanks to Silchester Magazine for this Alert)

Please also be aware that there have been a number of other scams operating over the last few weeks:

Banks and Card Misuse

Purported calls from banks alleging fraudulent use of cards and accounts. Advise disconnect call and contact bank yourself to advise receipt of call and check validity.

HMRC

Telephone calls and emails purporting to be from HMRC, alleging a repayment and requiring your details. Again contact HMRC direct yourself.

TVLA

Emails being sent alleging a problem with your Direct Debit payment for TV Licence. Check with your bank.

They are very professional sounding and looking communications—please take care, if in doubt, disconnect and make your own investigations. Do not give out or confirm any of your personal details.

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ORDINATION CONGRATULATIONS

Please keep in your prayers Matthew King, who was ordained a Priest by Bishop Philip in Portsmouth Cathedral on Sunday 5th July. Father Patrick, who knows him, sent him a card with best wishes. Also remember Anthony Fyk, who was ordained to be a Deacon at the same Mass. Edward Hauschild was instituted as an Acolyte, and Father Patrick sent him a message, as he knows him and his mother. Ambrose Chou received The Ministry of Lector at the same celebration.

Father Patrick was delighted to learn that Paul Nwne, whom he knows well from his visits to St John's Seminary, received Candidacy that day. Please keep them before the Lord in this difficult time, and all students for the priesthood, especially those for our Diocese.

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NEW RECTOR FOR ST JOHN'S SEMINARY, WONERSH

Monsignor Gerry Ewing has been appointed the new Rector of St John's Seminary, succeeding Canon Brian Coyle. Gerry is a friend of Fr Patrick, and both studied at Wonersh. Canon Brian wrote to Fr Patrick letting him know that he, Canon Brian, will be receiving a Parish Appointment after the Summer. Keep them both in your prayers, and also Fr Giles Coward, former Parish Priest of Caversham, near Reading, who becomes the new Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott. Life goes on!

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'OUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!'

If our churches are to re-open and remain open, volunteers under the age of 70 are needed to help with stewarding and cleaning. Please reconsider whether you can

help and please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible with your details and availability. Even one hour would help, but a couple would be wonderful.

At the present moment, we shall be unable to cover the period 2-4 pm on Saturday 18th July for Private Prayer as we are in need of two more Stewards for that afternoon. If two are not available, the church will have to close at 2.00 pm.

We are really struggling, especially as two of our volunteers stewards, will not be available after July. PLEASE CONSIDER WHETHER YOU CAN ASSIST, as we shall need regular stewarding, at both churches, if Sunday and Week-day Masses are to start in August.

Thank you for your consideration of the situation.

Please Lord -
I need some help!

