

CATHOLIC PORTSMOUTH

Catholic Parishes and Schools in Partnership in the City of Portsmouth

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25 December 2011– The Nativity of the Lord / 1 January 2012 – Mary, Mother of God

Today a Saviour has been born to you

To enter the Nativity Church at Bethlehem, one must crouch through a tiny door. The great entrance was blocked off to stop the bandits on horseback who would rob the precious vessels! Christmas calls us to come off our high horse to bend low. Discover the child who is God. Discover also our lost innocence and our dependence on God.

I wish you and your families a very blessed, holy and happy Christmas and New Year.

Pope Benedict has declared that from 11 October 2012 – 24 Nov 2013 (The Solemnity of Christ the King) is to be a Year of Faith and to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. An opportunity he said, "to help us appreciate the gift of faith and deepen our relationship with God and strengthen our commitment to share this faith with others". Over the next few months we will bid a sad farewell to Bishop Crispian as he retires to enjoy his well-deserved rest. His fidelity over the last 23 years has truly been a sign of "faith". This New Year we will also welcome our new Bishop as soon as Pope Benedict appoints him.



But most importantly, amid this change, will be our faith in the *Word made Flesh*. We are called to deepen our knowledge and faith. The way we can do this is our fidelity to daily prayer. Here we meet the Lord and are able slowly but surely to dig a little deeper in our understanding and knowledge of the Lord.

I hope and pray that during this New Year we will all have the humility to "come off our high horses" and to give a little time to prayer each day.

It was Ronald Knox, the great preacher of the last century who said:

"There is head room in the cave of Bethlehem for everyone who knows how to stoop"

Canon David Hopgood

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PARISHES: Corpus Christi & St Joseph • Our Lady of Lourdes with St Swithun • St Colman & St Paul • St John's Cathedral
SCHOOLS: Primary: Corpus Christi • St John's Cathedral • St Paul's • St Swithun's • Secondary: St Edmund's

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Fr Joe McNerney, Hospital Chaplain, celebrates Mass every Sunday at 1600 in the Hospital Chapel. There will be no 1600 Mass on Christmas Day. Please inform the hospital upon arrival that the patient is Roman Catholic and ask for the hospital's Catholic Chaplain. Also please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner/family member is hospitalised or housebound. Call the Parish Office to arrange visitation, Holy Communion, Anointing.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2012



The International Eucharistic takes place next June in Ireland. The Diocese is offering a package of travel via coach & ferry with accommodation (B&B, sharing a room), registration, transport to & from the centre each day and attendance at the final Mass for approx. £470 per person. Dates for this Diocesan package are Thursday 14 June (depart) and Monday 18 June (return). Contact Fr Phillip Harris on 02392 826170 or by email (see front page).

MASS IN EXTRAORDINARY FORM

Mass in Extraordinary Form will be celebrated on 7 & 14 January 2012 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Cathedral. All welcome.

THE BOOKSHOP AND CATHEDRAL DISCOVERY CENTRE

The Centre is closed for the Christmas period and will re-open at 0930 on Tuesday 3 January 2011.



A TABLE PRAYER for Christmas

Before a meal...

Leader: Glory to God in the highest

All: And peace to his people on earth.

Leader: Lord Jesus, in the peace of this season our spirits rejoice:
with the beasts and angels,
and shepherds and stars,
with Mary and Joseph we sing
God's praise.

By your coming

may the hungry be filled with good things,
and may our table and home be blessed.

Glory to God in the highest.

All: And peace to his people on earth.

After a meal...

Leader: The Word became flesh, alleluia!

All: And dwelt among us, alleluia!



A	B	Y	M	E	L	C	H	I	O	R	R	E	CHRISTMAS TREE	ADVENT
B	D	E	L	B	A	T	S	L	A	A	E	S	DECORATIONS	CAROLS
S	I	V	D	L	E	O	N	Z	T	R	H	N	HOLLY	ANGEL
A	S	R	E	J	O	S	A	S	T	E	R	E	REINDEER	CRIB
N	G	G	C	N	O	H	O	S	P	E	T	C	TINSEL	HOLY
T	N	Y	O	M	T	S	A	H	G	I	J	N	MANGER	NOEL
A	I	B	R	L	Y	M	E	N	T	E	R	I	BABY	MARY
C	K	A	A	S	T	R	A	P	S	A	C	K	JOSEPH	BALTHAZAR
L	A	B	T	S	D	M	R	U	H	T	O	N	JESUS	MELCHIOR
A	B	R	I	G	H	O	S	H	O	L	Y	A	SHEPHERD	CASPAR
U	M	R	O	O	R	E	E	D	N	I	E	R	KINGS	GOLD
S	H	E	N	L	E	S	N	I	T	A	R	F	STAR	FRANKINCENSE
C	R	I	S	D	S	Y	R	A	M	I	N	G	STABLE	MYRRH
													SANTA CLAUS	

Please pray for our sick and our housebound, their families and those who care for them: Bishop Crispian Hollis, Betty Copestreak, Antonetta Salerno, Carole Winser, Sean Ahern, David Powell, Maria Makins, Mario Oakes, Gordon Lyons, Eva Sonnen, Steward Russell, Mary Langridge, Christine Millham, Maria Enright, Anne Crowe, John Foster, Anne Harkin, Ann Lound, Laurie Jenkins, Willow Scotney-Williams, Mark Hamilton, Raymond Stanley, Bob McGowan, Kerry Kirby, Lucy Barrett, Yvonne Tomkins, Dominic Fox, Nora and Fred Harkin, Mark Turnbull, Maisie Hider, Thomas O'Grady and Doreen Yates.

For those who have died recently, especially: George Booth, Lily Uden(Funeral Mass 6 Jan) and Beulah Hall(Funeral Mass 11Jan) RIP

As well as for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Martin Galvin Constance Boyle Daniel Cronin Ian Edward Douglas Harriet Searls Michael John Porter James Ward Margaret 'Peggy' Clouter Patrick O'Callaghan Jonathan May Gerald Fibbins Joyce Reilley Timothy Short Jonathan Foster Bell Annie Cassell Margaret Stanley David Bailey Jack Finch Terry Stallard David Reuben Hatcher Arthur Pritchard Mark Enright Margaret Ann Hallin Ellen Newnham Thomas Gormley Barbara Dangerfield Frederick Baker-North James Smith Michael Joseph Falzon Mary Nicol Harry Newell Frederick Abraham Easterbrook Charlotte Hicks Evelyn Waller Eileen Theresa Hastie Thomas Gaites Albert Massey Violet Beatrice Griffin Marie Antoinette-Menard Stephen Small Gunther Zimmerman Arthur Simon Marcelline Colbourn Joy Pratt Douglas Watson Stephen Durygarth Scott Brenda Constance Hamilton Robert Thompson Kathleen Craig

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

We acknowledge last weekend's collections with thanks:

- **St John's Cathedral:** £1,702.65 of which £1,000.03 (59%) GA.
- **Corpus Christi with St Joseph:** £330.35 (loose).
- **Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun:** £1,001.61 (62% GA) including Standing Orders. Our Advent Collection for Ethiopia amounted to £2,069.56 (28% GA).
- **St Colman with St Paul:** : 1,351.32 £inc SO (67% GA).

Liturgy Calendar and Mass Times

SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD <i>solemnity with octave</i> Pray and seek the intercession of all the Saints;	1730	St Swithun	Margaret Baker RIP (Bland)
	1800	St Joseph	Francis Isherwood RIP
	1800	St Paul	Fr Joe McNerney (A & TP)
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Gerald Child RIP
	2030	Our Lady of Lourdes	Carols and Poems for Christmas Eve
	2100	Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
	2200	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
	2330	St Colman	Ron Horsey RIP (MH)
	2330	St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY <i>(Holy Day of Obligation)</i>	0830	St Swithun	Margaret Smith RIP P
	0900	St Joseph	John & Elizabeth Carter P
	0900	St John's Cathedral	Rodger Carey RIP
	1000	St Colman	Darren Cox (A&JC)
	1015	St Swithun	People of the Parish
	1030	St John's Cathedral	Chloe da Costa In Thanksgiving / Chris & Anne Owen INT
	1100	Corpus Christi	In Thanksgiving (Blair)
MONDAY 26 DECEMBER ST STEPHEN <i>Protomartyr, feast</i>	1800	St Swithun	Mass in Polish
	1000	St Colman	For all Altar Servers
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Danny Cronin RIP and M/M Marsh RIP
	1000	St Swithun	For all our Altar Servers
TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER ST JOHN Apostle, Evangelist, feast	1000	Corpus Christi	Archconfraternity of St Stephen
	1000	St John's Cathedral	John Greenwood RIP F
	1000	St Paul	Holy Souls (CC)
WEDNESDAY 28 DECEMBER THE HOLY INNOCENTS, <i>feast</i>	1000	St Colman	William Jefferiss RIP
	1130	St Swithun	Donald Steward RIP (Steward)
	1200	Corpus Christi	Peter Diviani P
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Cronin Family RIP
THURSDAY 29 DECEMBER ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY <i>solemnity</i>	1200	Our Lady of Lourdes	Joan Margaret Baxter RIP F
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Jonathan May RIP
FRIDAY 30 DECEMBER THE HOLY FAMILY, <i>feast</i>	1000	St Colman	Frank O'Connell RIP (D O'C)
	1130	St Swithun	James Joseph & Joan Irene Brennan RIP F
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Anne Munt's Family INT F
SATURDAY 31 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day [Seventh Day within Octave of Christmas] First Mass of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, solemnity	0930	Corpus Christi	Hannah O'Donnell P
	1100	St Swithun	Johanna O'Connor RIP F
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Mary Popay INT
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Timothy Short INT
	1800	Our Lady of Lourdes	People of the Parish
	1800	St Joseph	Dick Walsh RIP
	1800	St Colman	Frank Spark RIP (JF)
	1800	St Swithun	Simeon and Rosa Karme RIP P
SUNDAY 1 JANUARY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, <i>solemnity</i>	0900	St Joseph	Isobel Dwyer P
	0915	St Colman	Paula Medd (M & MM & DT)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Mark Enright RIP
	1015	St Swithun	John Carey RIP (Groom)
	1100	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
	1100	St Paul	People of the Parish
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Daniel Nolan RIP
	1800	St John's Cathedral	People of the Parish
	MONDAY 2 JANUARY Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church, memorial	1000	St John's Cathedral
1215		St Colman	Duncan Family Members (TD)
TUESDAY 3 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day or The Holy Name of Jesus <i>optional memorial</i>	0930	St Paul	Win & Tom Cummings (CC)
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Sarah Ellen Brearley RIP
	1900	St Swithun	Dec of Warwick Family F
WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day	0730	St John's Cathedral	Ernest Charles Martin RIP F
	1130	St Swithun	Elizabeth Jane Drew RIP P
	1200	Corpus Christi	Kathleen Heffernan RIP
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Denis Eric Cronin RIP
	1215	St Colman	Private Intentions (Relatives, Friends, Alive & Deceased) (CC)
THURSDAY 5 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day	0930	St Joseph	Mona Rayner P
	1200	Our Lady of Lourdes	Marie de Glamorgan RIP P
	1215	St John's Cathedral	William Joseph Walsh F
	1900	St Paul	Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service

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FRIDAY 6 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day	0730	St John's Cathedral	Alqas and Hana Families RIP
	0930	Corpus Christi	Michael J Kane RIP
	1130	St Swithun	
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Funeral Mass of Lily Uden RIP
	1215	St Colman	
SATURDAY 7 JANUARY Liturgy of the Day or St Raymond of Peñafort , Religious, optional memorial	0800	St John's Cathedral	Mass in Extraordinary Form – Alice Walkley RIP
	0930	Corpus Christi	Michael S Kane RIP
	1100	St Swithun	Johanna & John Jeremiah O'Connor RIP F
	1215	St John's Cathedral	Peter Conroy INT
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Leonard Lock RIP
	1800	Our Lady of Lourdes	
	1800	St Joseph	Deceased Members of Frances Pratt's Family
First Mass of THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	1800	St Colman	Gunter Zimmerman (MH)
	0830	St Swithun	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 8 JANUARY THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, solemnity	0900	St Joseph	Deceased Family & Friends
	0915	St Colman	Sean Tracey & Michael and Mary Boshell (MT)
	1000	St John's Cathedral	Kruzycki Family INT
	1015	St Swithun	Steel and Mifsud Families (Tomkins)
	1100	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
	1100	St Paul	
	1200	St John's Cathedral	Antony Jones RIP
	1800	St John's Cathedral	Dr Patricia O'Connell RIP

F: Foundation – P: Perpetual

Cathedral Parish Notices

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Bishop Crispian, Canon David, Father Phillip, Sister Rita and the Cathedral Staff wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The Christmas Day collections taken at all Masses form part of the annual stipend for both Canon David and Father Phillip. This gives us the opportunity to show our appreciation for their ministry among us and the work they put into the Cathedral parish throughout the year.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS!

We are pleased to have you pray with us at St John's. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Cathedral. NEW PARISHIONERS: please introduce yourselves after Mass to the priest and to other parishioners so that we can get to know you.

THANK YOU

Canon David and Father Phillip would like to thank everyone for their enormous generosity, gifts and cards this Christmas and wish everyone a very happy and peaceful New Year. A big 'Thank You' to all the ministries that work extra hard during this busy season to enhance the liturgies with music, decorations and service, as well as for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Special thanks to our Cathedral altar servers, flower arrangers, choir, musicians, liturgists and cleaners who have all contributed to enhance our celebrations this year. Thank you also for your support with the Christmas Voucher Appeal for the Homeless of our city this Christmas.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Friday 30 Dec the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **0900 – 1800**. You are invited to spend an Hour before the Blessed Sacrament every Friday between 0800 -1800. "Let us therefore take refuge in the Heart of Christ. He offers us a word which does not pass away, a love which does not fail, a friendship which does not end, a presence which does not cease". (Blessed Pope John Paul II)

ADVANCE NOTICE OF MASSES AT 1000

Masses on Monday 26 Dec (Boxing Day), Tuesday 27 Dec (Bank Holiday) and Monday 2 Jan (Bank Holiday) will be celebrated at 1000.

CRIB OFFERINGS

The Crib Offerings by the Nativity scene are for the benefit of the Christian Schools in the Holy Land. The Christians in the Holy Land, including Bethlehem, are experiencing extreme difficulties and dangers. Education is one area that is severely affected by the situation and is getting worse. Please be generous with your prayers and money to help the children in the Holy Land this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS POST

Please ensure that you collect cards you may have from the two tables in the Cathedral Hall.

HATHA YOGA

A new course of Yoga classes will start on 10 January 2012 for ten successive Tuesdays from 1830-2000 in the Cathedral Centre. Classes will be suitable for beginners as well as those with experience.

BEREAVEMENT AND LOSS AT CHRISTMAS

Bereavement and loss can be felt even more acutely at this time of the year. If you find Christmas difficult you might like to pause for a moment at the Prayer Stations in the Cathedral.

0730 MORNING MASS

The 0730 Morning Mass will not be celebrated in St John's Chapel during the week after Christmas. It will resume on Wed 4 and Fri 6 Jan 2012.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday 1 January 2012

- Children's Mass: 1200
- Latin Vespers: 1700 Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Thursday 5 January 2012

- Parents' Group: 1000-1130 Abingdon Room
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): 1930-2045 Abingdon Room

Friday 6 January 2012

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 0800-1800
- First Friday Evening Prayers and Benediction: 1800

Saturday 7 January 2012

- Meditation: 1700-1745 St John's Chapel

Sunday 8 January 2012

- Baptism Preparation: 1000 Mass followed by Meeting in the Jubilee Room.
- Taizé-Style Prayer Evening: 1915 St John's Chapel

Tuesday 10 January 2012

- Hatha Yoga: 1830-2000 St Edmund's Hall, Start of ten-week course.

Sunday 15 January 2012

- Baptism Anointing: 1200 Mass
- First Holy Communion Preparation Session: 1130 Abingdon Room followed by 1200 Mass.

Monday 16 January 2012

- CWL (Catholic Women's League) Monthly Meeting: 1330-1530 St Edmund's Hall. Visitors and new members always welcome.

Wednesday 18 January

- Fraternal Lunch: 1300 St John's Room.

Sunday 22 January

- Baptisms: 1400