

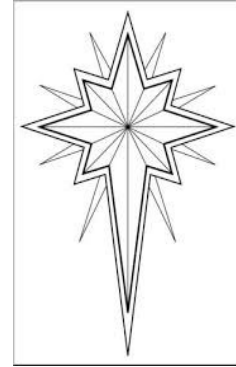
SACRED HEART PARISH

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & THE HOLY FAMILY - Year A - 21, 25 & 28 December 2025

On behalf of Fr. John C, Fr Peter and the Parish Office,
we wish you all a
“Holy, Blessed & Peaceful Christmas”.
Thank you to everyone who has contributed of their
time and talent to preparing the church, liturgy and
helping us all in our worship of God.
May Christ our Saviour bless us all during
this Festive Season.



MASS TIMES

Mass in the Convent on Monday mornings at 9:30am
Daily Eucharistic Service at Maryfield Convent at 10:00am (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 20 Dec	6:00 pm	Mass	Richard Allen RIP
Sun 21 Dec	10:00 am	Mass	Damian Maranzano RIP & Terry Wright RIP
Mon 22 Dec	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

CHRISTMAS

Wednesday 24 Dec	4.00 pm	For the Children of the Parish	
	8.00 pm	Carol Service	
	8.30 pm	Live Streamed	Mary Chardry RIP
Thursday 25 Dec	10.00 am	Live Streamed	



**Children attending the Nativity Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00pm
are invited to dress as Angels and Shepherds, if they wish to.**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sat 27 Dec	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sun 28 Dec	10:00 am	Mass	People of the Parish
Mon 29 Dec	9:30 am	Mass in the Convent	

Priest in Charge: Fr. John Chadwick
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St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) now have a confidential mobile phone line to assist & help. 07434 773219.

Please note we now have CCTV Cameras around the premises for security purposes.



Celebrating Christmas



**We welcome all Visitors
to our Parish over the
Christmas Season**

who are visiting Family and Friends.

**Thank you to everyone who contributed of their time
and talent in preparing the Churches and
helping in our
Worship of God.**

**May Christ the Saviour whose coming
we now celebrate Bless you and all your
loved ones now and in the
New Year ahead.**

PLEASE PRAY

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember:
Debbie Cavedon, Jacob Weston, Mike Murch,
Ken Musgrave, Sylvia Hosking, Fr Jean Patrice,
David Xavier, John Kidd, Anne Mitchell, Peter Ward,
Sheila Barlow, Andrew Henderson, Fr John Chadwick
Tony & Jackie Hopgood



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Tradition holds that the Christmas and Easter Offerings are, if you wish, your opportunity for a personal gift to Father John and it is the main source of annual income for him.

This will still happen this year even though he is not going to be celebrating with us this Christmas.
If you wish to give Fr Peter a gift, please either place in an envelope clearly marked or give to him personally.
Many thanks.

ADVENT WREATH HYMN

During the lighting of the advent candle this weekend, we will be singing the Fourth verse of the Advent Wreath Song

Light the Advent candle four
Think of joy for ever more
Christ Child in the stable born
Gift of love that Christmas morn

*Candle, candle burning bright
Shining in the cold winter night
Candle, candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light*

DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

During December, the Holy Father asks us to pray for Christians in areas of conflict. *Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD



Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading Isaiah 7: 10 - 14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23

Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

Second Reading: Romans 1: 1 - 7

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'**

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 1: 18 - 24

Nativity of the Lord - Mass During the Night

First Reading Isaiah 9: 1 - 7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95

**Today a saviour has been born to us;
He is Christ the Lord.**

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11 - 14

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy:

Today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2: 1 - 14

Nativity of the Lord - Mass During the Day

First Reading Isaiah 52: 7 - 10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11 - 14

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy:

Today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2: 1 - 14

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 3: 2 - 6, 12 - 14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 127

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!**

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12 - 21

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

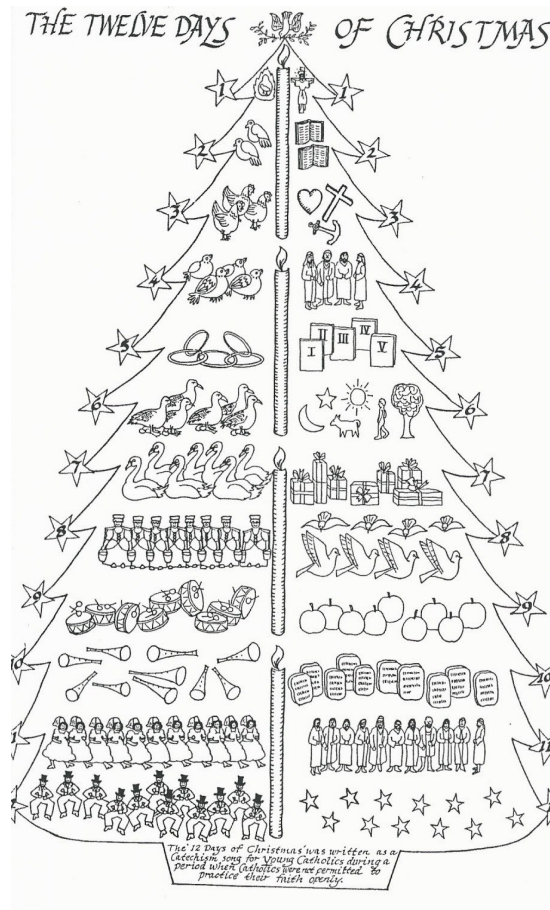
**May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
let the message of Christ find home with you.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 2: 13 - 15, 19 - 23

The 12 days of Christmas was written as a Catechism song for Young Catholics during a period when Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly.

- 1: Partridge in a Pear Tree
- 2: Turtle Doves
- 3: French Hens
- 4: Coley Birds
- 5: Gold Rings
- 6: Geese A-Laying
- 7: Swans A-Swimming
- 8: Maids a Milking
- 9: Drummers Drumming
- 10: Pipers Piping
- 11: Ladies Dancing
- 12: Lords A Leaping



- 1: Jesus
- 2: Old & New Testaments
- 3: Faith, Hope & Charity
- 4: Mathew, Mark, Luke & John
- 5: 1st 5 books of the Old Testament
- 6: Days of Creation
- 7: Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 8: Beatitudes
- 9: Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10: Ten Commandments
- 11: Faithful Apostles

Holy Communion at Basingstoke Hospital

Deacon Tony will be taking Holy Communion to Basingstoke Hospital on Christmas morning. The hospital will provide him the names and locations of all of the Catholic patients known to them. If you or a loved one is going into hospital, please make sure that the Chaplaincy Team are notified. If you are a member of staff who is working on Christmas Day, please email: adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by Monday 22nd December, confirming where in the hospital you will be located and Deacon Tony will find you.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for the weekends of the 7 & 14 December amounted to £1,557.40 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits and Mass Collections.

Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS TREE

This Christmas as we remember all our dearly departed Family and Friends, you are invited to help us dress this year's Christmas tree with the names of your loved ones. On the welcomers table and also to the side of the Nativity Scene you will find some silver and gold stars, please write the name of your loved ones on one of them and place the star in the basket provided

Please contact the office if you are unable to come to church but would still like a star filled in.



ILL AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL

If you are ill and are unable to attend Mass, please let Sister Mary-Doris know, we can then arrange for communion to be brought to you. If you are in hospital or know that you are going to go in, let us know in the office by phone 01256 577007 and Sister Mary-Doris on 07899 653413

REPOSITORY

Please check out our repository in the porch.

If there is anything you would like especially Advent and Christmas items please ask Cecile

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Jan in the Parish Office on 01256 577007.

Advent - a word that means 'coming'

Advent Confessions

After Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses

Advent Services of Reconciliation

Friday 19th Dec 7pm at St Joseph's Church Basingstoke.



Christmas Carols

Sunday 21st December 4pm in the Sacred Heart Church

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine in the hall afterwards

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve (Thursday 24 December)

4:00 pm Children's Nativity Mass -

why not bring your child dressed as an angel or a shepherd? Some costumes are available in the church.

8:00pm Carol Service

8:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day (Friday 25 December)

10:00 am Mass During the Day

ADVENT CANDLES

Week 1 Purple - Hope

Adam and Eve disobeyed God and lost heaven but God promised to send a redeemer.

We Hope and believe Jesus will come in Glory.

Week 2 Purple - Peace

God chose Mary to be the mother of His son. The angel Gabriel wanted Mary to feel God's Peace and he said to her 'Do not be afraid'.

Week 3 Pink - Joy

Joseph and Mary were filled with Joy as they travelled to Bethlehem. We are joyful as His birth draws near.

Week 4 Purple - Love

When Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem there was no room at the inn. In this final week of Advent we ask God to help us prepare for this coming by listening to His words 'Love one another as I have loved you'.

Christmas White - Jesus

Jesus Christ Light of the World came to shine in the darkness. He is the Way, the Truth and the Light.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2026

We are delighted to announce our second annual ecumenical pilgrimage to Walsingham, taking place from 17th—21st August 2026, departing from Sacred Heart Hook.

This special journey offers time for prayer, reflection and fellowship with friends from different Christian traditions

A non-refundable deposit of £40 is required by the end of November to secure your place.

If you are interested please put your name on the list at the back of the church

PASTORAL AREA PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Pastoral Area Penitential Service is on Friday 19th December at 7pm and will take place in St Joseph's Church. All are most welcome to attend.