



**Advent 4, Christmas Day
& Holy Family Year B
24,25 & 31 Dec. 2017**



North West Hampshire Catholic Weekly Newsletter

Serving the parishes of Andover, Basingstoke, Hook & Tadley

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Crib Offerings

Bishop Philip Egan is encouraging parishes this Christmas to donate crib offerings to the **Friends of the Holy Land**.

Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in & around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health & housing costs/initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical.



Song to Light the Candle on our Advent Wreath



*Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine in the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church
Gathered today.*

Rest In Peace

We pray for all the souls who have passed away during the course of 2017 and we pray that they Rest in Peace.

Please keep family & friends in your prayers at what will be a difficult time of year for them.



St Joseph's Church - Facebook - Follow us on: www.facebook.com/phsRcChurchBasingstoke/
Take a look at the St Joseph's Website - <http://www.stjosephsbasingstoke.org.uk/>

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Parish Diary w/commencing 24 Dec. 2017

Sun: 4th Sunday of Advent - 10am Mass
(We welcome Fr Gerry presiding at 10am Mass)

Sun: Christmas Eve - 3pm Toddler Liturgy with HC
5pm Children's Nativity Mass
9pm Christmas Eve Night Mass

Mon: Christmas Day—10am Mass

Tue: St Stephen's Day - 10am Mass + all Altar Servers

Please note the Parish Office will be closed until Tue 02 Jan.

Wed: No Service at St Joseph's/Mass at Holy Ghost 10am

Thu: No Service at St Joseph's/Mass at St Bede's 10am

Fri: No Service at St Joseph's/Mass at Holy Ghost 10am

Sat: 5pm Confessions / 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Church
We welcome **Fr Bill Wilson** at all Masses this w/end

Sun: 9am & 11am Masses in Church

Parish Diary w/commencing 01 Jan. 2018

Mon: No service at St Joseph's/Mass - Holy Ghost 12 noon

Tue: 8.00am Adoration/Morning Prayer in Church
9am Parish Office re-opens, as normal
9.15am Mass in Church
11.30am Wedding Service in Church

Wed: 9.15am Mass in Church
(No Toddler Group today - back next week)

Thu: 9.15am Mass in Church

Fri: 9.15am Mass in Church (no Adoration today)

Sat: 5pm Confessions / 6pm Vigil Mass in Church

Sun: 9am & 11am Masses in Church (Epiphany Sunday)

Parish Office

Nikki Pink is working part-time whilst she recovers from her recent stroke so the office will only be open between 9am & 11am on Tuesdays & Thursdays for a while. **The Office will be closed 22-31st December inc.**



Liturgy of the Word

Psalm 88 (Advent IV)

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord

Psalm 97 (Christmas Day)

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

St Michael's Hospice - Used Stamps

Please remember to **save your used U.K. and foreign postage stamps** (leaving a 1/2" envelope border around). Please put in box provided in the foyer or give to Eileen or Alfredo Lavorgna, alternatively, send into Parish Office. Thank you.

This Christmas, 'Rediscover Jesus'

This Christmas, as a help to the work of evangelisation across the Diocese, Bp Philip wishes to give a gift to everyone who comes to Christmas Mass – not only to the regularly practising but to all the Christmas attendees.

A generous donor has provided him with 40,000 copies of Matthew Kelly's best-selling book, **Rediscover Jesus**, for distribution to all the faithful of our Diocese of Portsmouth.

Every parish will be receiving their allotment of books, enough for the usual numbers of practising Catholics, plus many more for the Christmas attendance. The books are to be handed out to each person at the end of the Christmas Masses as people leave church. Bishop Philip hopes you enjoy it, adding: May it help all of us in our efforts at "Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church."

Make sure you get your copy.

A warm Welcome ...

To students back on holiday, to family members who have been away, to visitors staying with family, to friends here on holiday and to new & regular parishioners.

... and Thank You

A lot of behind the scenes work and commitment is put into our Parish throughout the year and more recently our Christmas celebrations; the Choir, Musicians, Sacristy, Cleaners, Flower arrangers, Crib builders, Parish Office, Servers, Children's Liturgy Team, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Social Groups, Electrics and Welcomers, the list goes on ... **Thank you** to all who have helped in the Parish that the presence of Christ might be known.

Parish Mass Timetable

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C (24 December 2017)

Sat: 6.00pm Advent 4 Suzanne Hayes RIP (Irene Paddon)
 Sun: **10.00am** Advent 4 Joanita Gomez RIP (Oscar Gomez & Family)

Please note there will only be one Mass on Sunday morning (Christmas Eve) and note time change!

3.00pm Christmas Eve Toddler Nativity with Holy in Church—children are invited to dress up as Angels. Shepherds or animals if they so wish.

5.00pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass in Church - We welcome our Pastoral Area Youth Band, Cecilia Sound, playing at this Mass. Again, children are welcome to dress up with a Nativity-themed outfit.

9.00pm Christmas Eve Night Mass in Church

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION- It is the custom that the collections taken at the Christmas Masses are our personal gifts to our Parish Priest.

Please don't forget we have a Deacon too. Thank you.



Sun: 3pm Christmas Eve Liturgy (no Intention)
Sun: 5pm Christmas Eve Jim & Maria Stowell RIP (Paul Stowell)
Sun: 9pm Christmas Eve Ted & Kit Evans RIP (Pat Hooper)
Mon: 10am Christmas Day Harry/Agnes Parkinson RIP (Margaret Kessell)
Tue: 10am St Stephen's Day D'cd Memos of Byrne/Daley Family (Brigid & Phil Daley & Family)
Wed: St John No Service at St Joseph's/Mass at The Holy Ghost Church 10am
Thu: The Holy Innocents No Service at St Joseph's/Mass at St Bede's Church 10am
Fri: St Thomas of Canterbury No Service at St Joseph's/Mass at The Holy Ghost Church 10am

Sat: 6pm Holy Family Margaretta McGratten RIP (Donnelly)
Sun: 9am Holy Family McDermott Family/Foundation Mass
 11am Holy Family Rita Nurse & Thanksgiving (Nurse)

We welcome Fr Bill Wilson who is celebrating all our Masses on the weekend of Sat/Sun 30th & 31st December. Thank you Fr Bill.

Mon: New Year's Day No Service at St Joseph's/Mass at Holy Ghost 12pm
Tue: 9.15am Ss Basil & Gregory N Sheila Kelly RIP (Michael Kelly)
Wed: 9.15am Holy Name of Jesus Neil Towns RIP (Helen Cameron)
Thu: 9.15am Liturgy of the Day Catherine Dowd RIP (Tony & Val)
Fri: 9.15am Liturgy of the Day Ints of Theresa Langridge (Mullally)
Sat: 6.00pm Epiphany For the people of the parish
Sun: 9am Epiphany James Morrissey RIP (Kathy Evans)
 11am Epiphany Guy Martin RIP (Bonacey & Martin)

Oakley Village Community

Next Service- Fri 26 Jan 8pm
 East Oakley Village Hall, Hill Rd.

All Very welcome.



South Ham Churches Elderly Lunch Club

Contact: St Joe's 323595

NEXT: At St Joseph's Church
Fri 12 Jan 2018 - 12 noon
Tickets £4 - need to pre-book

*Thank you to the **Knights of St Columba** who very kindly provided our door posters 'Peace & Joy at Christmas' - please do take one from the Foyer and display in your own front window/door.*



Confessions:

Every Saturday at St. Joseph's 5pm or by prior appointment with Fr Chris.

Please remember the Church is God's House where people come to pray...



Please respect His House: turn off mobiles, no food and/or drink, no noisy toys. Thanks!



Please pray for the sick & housebound in our Parish

If you or your sick relative could benefit from a visit from the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), please contact the Parish Office or our Clergy on 323595.

Please let us know if you would like us to pray for anyone...

From January we are hoping to leave a book in the church for you to write your intentions in, rather than publish names in the newsletter.



Other local church Sunday Mass times

Sacred Heart, Hook

Sat 6pm,
 Sun 10am.

St Bede's, Basingstoke

Sun 9am, 11am, 6.30pm

St Michael's, Tadley

Sat 6pm,
 Sun: 9.15am

St Oswald's Burghf. Sun 11.15am

St Joseph's 'Big Challenge 2018'

Are you interested in learning more about the next parish 'Big Challenge 2018?' If so please come to the Foyer on Monday 29 January 2018 at 7pm to learn more or contact Caroline Manuel: cmanuel@tiscali.co.uk

Birthdays, Special Birthdays and Anniversaries

Due to the limited space available in our newsletter, we will not be listing/printing the names of those people who have a special day or indeed those who have died every week. We will display those who have died in our Remembrance Book. Wishing all those with Birthdays shortly 'Many Happy Returns!'

STEWARDSHIP ADVENT PRAYER



Lord, As we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, to listen more intently to Your Word; a time to allow our faith to grow and mature. Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends & those with whom we worship. Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely or suffering; and to serve them as if we were serving You. And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path and prepare for the joy of Your coming!

Amen



Sacrament of Baptism

Next Course : Tues 14 March 2018 at 7.30pm

(Blue Registration Forms available in Foyer)

Please note there are no Baptisms during Advent.

Day of Prayer - Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday 31 December)

Please remember the annual diocesan day of prayer on Sunday 31 December, the Feast of the Holy Family, to pray for those in the ministry of Safeguarding. This is our annual diocesan day of prayer for children and vulnerable adults, for the victims of abuse and for all who work in the ministry of safeguarding. Just as Mary and Joseph created a safe home-environment for Jesus, so too on this day especially, let us pray that the Church in all her contexts will be a safe haven for our children and for the vulnerable. Indeed, for all their efforts, let us thank God today for the work of our diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, for the members of the Safeguarding Commission and for all who serve so generously in our parishes as safeguarding representatives.

Have you signed the petition yet?

Next October in 2018, the Holy Father has convened a Synod of Bishops in Rome on the topic of *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. The Vatican has sent out a Preparatory Document for discussion: you can read it [here](#). Meanwhile, as mentioned in an earlier e-News, a petition is being put together to be sent to the Holy Father asking him to canonise the Patron of our Youth, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati either at the Synod itself or at the World Youth Day in Panama in March 2019. The petition is gaining numbers – you can read an article about it on the Diocesan website:

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Coats 4 Calais

Over 3,000 refugees are currently sleeping rough in Northern France, and temperatures are rapidly dropping. There are minors as young as 13, and they have no access to clean clothes, water or shelter. So this holiday season our goal is to provide each and every one of these refugees with a warm winter coat. To do this we URGENTLY need your help. You can donate at: [147 Greenhill Road, Winchester SO22 5DU](#) or, if you can't give a coat, simply visit [here](#) and buy a coat for a refugee for just £25.