



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st November 2024 AD

Year C (Psalter Week 1)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. Advent starts with a call to be ready—not ready for the coming of the baby Jesus at Christmas but to be standing ready for the coming of Christ on the Last Day. This is the Christian 'Hope' and 'Joy' that, at the end of time, we shall all be gathered together in the Kingdom of Heaven. This season is a joyful one but it is also one where we just take a moment to ask ourselves whether we are ready. Are we ready, in our hearts, to greet the Lord? Only when we are ready for Jesus to come again are we truly ready to celebrate Christmas with authenticity and truth.

First Reading:	Jeremiah 33:14-16 — <i>I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	<b>To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.</b> (Psalm 25)
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 — <i>May the Lord establish your hearts for the coming of Christ</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Show us, O LORD, Your mercy, and grant us Your salvation. Alleluia!</b> (Psalm 85:8)
Gospel Reading:	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 — <i>Your redemption is drawing near</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<b>The LORD will bestow His bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.</b> (Psalm 84:13)

### THIS SUNDAY: Advent Sunday—Year C (New Lectionary begins)

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	1st December 10:00am 10:30am 6:30pm	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS Taizé Service with CTOH	Patricia Carey RIP
Tuesday <b>First Week of Advent</b>	3rd December 10:00am	Rosary Group	
Wednesday <b>St Francis Xavier, priest</b>	4th December 10:00am 10:30am	Mill Rythe Infants' School Visit *No Mass*	
Thursday <b>First Week of Advent</b>	5th December 10:30am 11:30am	Mass Mass at Wimborne Nursing Home	Mary McCaffery RIP Residents and Staff
Friday <b>St Nicholas, bishop</b>	6th December 10:30am	Mass	Ann Caulfield RIP
Saturday <b>St Ambrose, bishop &amp; doctor</b>	7th December 5:00pm	Mass at St Thomas's, Emsworth	
Sunday <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	8th December 10:00am 10:30am After mass	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS Christmas Sing-along in Parish Hall	Mrs B Andrews of Chichester

**Prayers For The Sick:** Wendy Field, Mary Webb, Joan Ramsbottom, Patricia Church, John Nowaczewski, Gilly Webster, Lily Jones, Charles Quaid, Peter van der Merwe, Rita Mead, David Miles, Pauline Green, Dominic Cosgrave, David Smith, Sarah Smith, Carolyn, Monica Peters, Gina Jackman, Sarah Ellis, David Reilly, Liam Brice, Maureen Cronin, Gerard Cronin. Bill McGill.

**Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed:**

**And those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

Patricia Snelling, Edith Gutteridge (Sun) Terence McCourt (Mon) Pat Carey (Tue) Jurgen Runge, Frances Davies (Thu) Kathleen Mealing, Theresa Runge (Fri)


Queen Alexandra Hospital Chaplaincy Number : 023 9228 6000

Parish 24 Hour Emergency Number : 07584 661316 (Fr Mark)


Parishioners/Relatives may request Parish Visitors to call by sending an email to: [visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS.**  
**This is a time to gather and share fellowship with the family of God.**

## NOTICES:




The most important thing that we do here at St Patrick's is pray. Prayer is central to the life of every Christian. During Mass, we pray for the Church, the World, our Country, our Parish, the Sick and the Departed—these are the prayers of the people and we are looking for people to compose some prayers. Please see Christine Hartridge for more information.




**Catholic Women's League**, Hayling section would like to give a huge thank you to Clare, Jackie, Maureen and Emma and Rich for all their help and hard work preparing and serving food for our Diamond Jubilee celebrations last Saturday. Also the clearing away, as usual, it's a mammoth task and we are, as a section, grateful to all the people who contributed and helped in any way.

Everyone who came including the National President, Branch officers, members of other sections in Portsmouth and other guests (many who travelled long distances to celebrate with us) were very impressed with everything and we are proud, as a Parish, to have such help and all be able to work together. We must not forget the two gentlemen who also served the Prosecco - thank you Tony and Gerry.

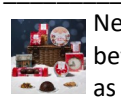
*Patricia Barnacle*, Chair Hayling Island Catholic Women's League




**Taizé Service — Advent Sunday 1st December**  
Please join us this evening from 6:00pm for our Taizé style service to which all the other churches on Hayling Island have been invited. From 6:00pm coffee, tea and homemade biscuits will be served in the Hall before the start of the service at 6:30pm in church, signaled by ringing of the bell in the bell tower.



A new **Pastoral Visiting** email has been set up. If you, or a relative would like a visit from the pastoral visiting team send an email to: [visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) All members of the team are able to visit, bring Holy Communion or simply sit and chat and all have DBS clearance. If you would like to volunteer to join our team please email the same address.



Next collection for **Hayling Holiday Lunches** will be on **Sunday 8th December** (Second Sunday of Month). This is the last one before the school Christmas Holidays. A few festive biscuits etc for schoolchildren, would not go amiss. Many grateful thanks as always for your support.




**The Catholic Women's League** has its next meeting on **Tuesday 3rd December at 2:00pm** in the Hall. For the December meeting we shall begin with a brief Advent service. The Diamond Jubilee celebrations last weekend were a huge success. Despite the not so good weather, on Saturday our guests came from varying parts of the country.

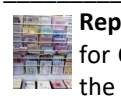
If there are any ladies in the Parish who think they might like to know "what we are all about" please come along on Tuesday, you will be made very welcome. It is very important now to try to recruit some younger members. We understand work commitments are looking to form a second group to meet in the evenings. Please do give this some serious consideration and prayer.

**Christmas Bingo on Wednesday 11th December, 2:00pm** in the Hall. All enquiries to Pauline, tel. 023 9246 8498.


**Christmas Raffle** - for the Jubilee Year. You are all asked to write your name and contact details in a numbered square for £1. Lots of super prizes, the draw will take place after Mass on Sunday 15th December. We hope the numbered boxes will become full, your continuing support is much appreciated. Please pop into the Hall after Mass and choose your number.



**Christmas Singalong** is taking place next Sunday **8th December** in the **Hall after the Mass**. Everybody is invited into the Hall for the usual tea and coffee but with some extra musical joy as we start to get the festive feeling—singing together and sharing fellowship!



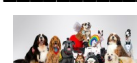
**Repository** - Christmas items are now available, cards, calendars and small gifts, all very reasonably priced. Hand-made angels for Christmas trees, you can add a small label with a child's name on it for them to hang on their Christmas tree. And of course the crosses in pockets remain popular and are very suitable to pop in with a Christmas card for a friend or family member.



**Still Standing On The Rock!** They're back! Hayling Island's No. 1 Rock Band— **The Generation Game** will be performing **Live** from **7:30pm** at the **Hayling Island Community Centre** on **Friday 31st January 2025**. **TICKETS ON SALE NOW!** Please be sure to tell family, friends, and neighbours about this evening of fun, singing and dancing. As before, there will be three sets of music: **Rock, Country Rock** and **1950s Rock'n'Roll** all of which will have you up and dancing. There will be a Spectacular Prize Draw.

**Tickets only £10.** All proceeds to St Patrick's Church.

**Tickets can be bought from Fr Mark (cash or card) after mass or by contacting the parish office 023 9246 3854**



Tess Balchin has a **Therapy Dog**, Molly, who visits at The Queen Alexandra Hospital (usually on a Tuesday). For more information please call 07711 679490

**Church Hall** Should you wish to book the Church Hall please telephone Denzil on 07791 776148