



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8th November 2024 AD

Year C (Psalter Week 2)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. Today's Gospel introduces the figure of St John the Baptist and his cry to "Prepare the way of the Lord". Jesus is the Joy that we await—Advent is a particular celebration of this; anticipating Jesus at His second coming and preparing to celebrate the anniversary of His first coming at Christmas. God will bring to completion the work He has begun in us. Our love for one another will help us be blameless; our lives on earth are a preparation for the day the Lord comes. Therefore, we can live lives full of joy and expectation.

First Reading:	Baruch 5:3-6,8-11 — <i>God will show your splendour</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (Psalm 126)
Second Reading:	Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 — <i>Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia! (Luke 3:4,6)
Gospel Reading:	Luke 3:1-6, — <i>All flesh shall see the salvation of God</i>
Communion Antiphon:	Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. (Baruch 5:5,4:36)

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

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 8th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:00am 10:30am After mass	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS Christmas Sing-along in Parish Hall	Mrs B Andrews of Chichester
Tuesday 10th December Our Lady of Loreto	10:00am All Day 6:00pm	Rosary Group Oaklands Reconciliation Day Station Mass @ Sacred Heart	
Wednesday 11th December Second Week of Advent	10:30am 2:15pm	Mass Mill Rythe Infants Nativity Play	James Clarke RIP
Thursday 12th December Second Week of Advent	10:00am 10:30am	Adoration Mass	Joe Grealish RIP
Friday 13th December St Lucy, virgin & martyr	10:30am	Mass	Teresa McNamara RIP
Saturday 14th December St John of the Cross, religious & doctor	5:00pm	Mass at St Thomas's, Emsworth	
Sunday 15th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:00am 10:30am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	People of the Parish

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:

Sheila Butler (Mon) Audrey Douglas, Ellen Gibson (Tue) James Caine, Angela Winn (Thu) Andrew Behan (Fri) Agnes Davies, Maureen Walling, Elizabeth Glynn, Maurice Chapman

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

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:



Join us after Mass in the Parish Hall for a cup of tea or coffee and a Sing-along! 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!



Hannah Newton, formerly of Oaklands school, is raising funds in order to go to Borneo next year to support developing communities. Next Sunday she will be in the Parish Hall selling some of the craft work she has made to help fund the trip.



The last collecting date for items for Christmas for the seafarers supported by **Stella Maris** is Sunday 15th December. Please bring any woolly hats you have knitted, socks, fingerless gloves, men's toiletries, sweets and chocolates and leave them in the box at the back of the Church by the CWL Repository.



A **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 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.



The Catholic Women's League Christmas Bingo is on **Wednesday 11th December** in the Hall at 2:00pm. Plenty of people to have a chat to, if Bingo isn't for you, please tell your friends and neighbours, come with friends or come alone, everyone is made very welcome and won't be alone for long. Further details can be had from Pauline, tel. 023 9246 8498.

Also we are having a **Jubilee Christmas Raffle**, you are asked to choose a numbered square or several from the board situated in the Hall. £1 a square: write your name and contact phone number in the square and you could be a winner. Prizes include a Family Hamper, a beautiful home-made Christmas cake, a bottle of whisky, one of Prosecco, other bottles of wine, a Christmas Pudding and many more. We have made several donations in the last few days and given a large one to the CWL National President when she joined us for the Diamond Jubilee Celebration, so we need to build up the funds again to continue to be able to do the same. We have always valued the support from the Parish, long may it and us continue. The list of donations given will be on the tables next Sunday, when the draw will be.



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.



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



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



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