



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSPEH

29th December 2024 AD

Year C (within the octave)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. Today's readings are about 'family'. The traditional idea of 'family' has been under threat for some time now. But that is the structure and foundation of society planned by God. God Himself is 'family' in the Holy Trinity; and God the Son came into the world and lived in a family with earthly parents. Families get broken because of human frailty. It is our calling and our duty under God to try not to lose this valuable gift from Him. And we, at St Patrick's, must always work together and pray together as a "family of believers".

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 — *Samuel. As long as he lives, is lent to the LORD*

Responsorial Psalm: **Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, O LORD.** (Psalm 84)

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 — *We are called children of God, and so we are*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of Your Son. Alleluia!** (cf. Acts 16:14b)

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52 — *Jesus is found by His parents sitting among the teachers*

Communion Antiphon: **Our God has appeared upon the earth, and lived among us.** (Baruch 3:38)

**NEXT WEEK: Epiphany of the Lord (transferred) — Mass at 10:30am**

Day	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 29th December <b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>	10:00am 10:30am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	Mary McCaffrey RIP
Tuesday 31st December <b>7th Day within the Octave</b>	6:00pm	Mass at St Joseph's, Havant	
Wednesday 1st January <b>Mary, Holy Mother of God</b>	12:00pm	Mass at St Joseph's, Havant	
Thursday 2nd January <b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, b&amp;dr</b>	10:00am	Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth	
Friday 3rd January <b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b>	10:00am	Mass at St Joseph's, Havant	
Saturday 4th January <b>Saturday of Christmas</b>	5:00pm	Mass at St Thomas's, Emsworth	
Sunday 5th January <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	10:00am 10:30am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	St Patrick's Choristers and Musicians

**Prayers For The Sick:** Wendy Field, Mary Webb, Joan Ramsbottom, Patricia Church, John Nowaczewski, Charles Quaid, Peter van der Merwe, Rita Mead, Dominic Cosgrave, Monica Peters, David Reilly, Liam Brice, Maureen Cronin, Gerard Cronin, Bill McGill, Kevin Conroy.

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

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

Martin Conway, Warwick O'Connor (Sun) Priscilla McMunn (Mon) Madelene Ashley (Wed) Paul Chapman (Thu) John Walter Adams (Fri) Michael Noel Stewart, Anne Bull (Sat)

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:**



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](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.



The **Tuesday Rosary** Group is taking a mini-break for Christmas and New Year and will return on Tuesday 7th January 2025 in Church at 10:00am. How about a 'New Year Resolution' to spend half an hour with Our Lady? There is no pressure on any participant to do anything, if you wish to 'take on' one of the mysteries there is opportunity to do so, if you just wish to sit and pray by yourself, that is fine also. We look forward to seeing you.



The **Catholic Women's League** thank all parishioners and friends for their support throughout the year at its events and in buying goods from the Repository. Please remember if you want something in particular please ask Margaret or another CWL member and we can let you have a browse through the catalogue. A full list of the charities who have benefitted from CWL donations during the year can be seen on the CWL noticeboard.



**Havant Pastoral Area SYNOD** 22nd February 10:00am-3:30pm. St Joseph's Havant will be hosting the third of these occasions inviting everyone within our pastoral area to come together to hear what's been developing in recent months, to listen to each other and to pray together. Lunch will be provided. More details to follow in the New Year.



**Repository** - The Catholic Women's League have obtained some of the new Sunday Missals and they are available now from the repository priced at £15 each



**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**



**Included in your ticket is a free entry into the raffle for a *The Generation Game* band t-shirt!**

**SPECTACTLAR PRIZE DRAW**

Tickets for the Grand Draw with a Star Prize of £250

Other prizes include: Days Out, Gin Tasting and Distillery Tour and Sports Car Racing Day...

This is the major fund raising aspect of this event and we need to sell as many tickets as possible. Please take books of tickets home to sell to family members, neighbours, friends, work colleagues, college friends, anyone you can find! If anyone is doing a "dry January" or the like, please buy these tickets with money saved. It's for the greatest cause of all, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to Hayling Island



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