



SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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Second Sunday of Advent

Farvin Gonsalves writes...



My name is Farvin Gonsalves and I'm a seminarian for the Diocese of Portsmouth. I am currently in the year of Pastoral Theology (Year 3) at Allen Hall Seminary in London. This year is divided into two parts: Part 1 (Sept – Nov) in the seminary and Part 2 (Dec – Jun) in the Parish. I am resident in St Colman's Parish in Cosham.

I'm originally from Goa, India. I was brought up in a Catholic family. As a child, I saw faith and reason opposed to each other, and I prioritised my school education over my faith. But while I was preparing for my Confirmation, I had my first conversion experience. It was at a retreat and after that I started developing a personal relationship to Christ. I also became a catechist as I wanted to share the love of Christ that I had experienced. In 2015, I moved to the UK (Reading) and God blessed me with a job as a software tester.

I first felt called to the priesthood after the Maundy Thursday Mass in 2018. I was praying before the Blessed Sacrament, and I got a thought that I should become a priest. So, I asked God to give me a sign. I opened the hymn book to the hymn 'Oh the word of my Lord' and started singing it silently and as I sang the first verse,

*Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you through and through, I chose you to be mine.
Before you left your mother's side, I called to you, my child, to be my sign.
I realised that it was God speaking to me at that very moment.*

I still wasn't sure why this was happening to me and why God wanted me to become a priest. I had a good job, I had just bought a house with my brother, I was giving my time and using my gifts in the Church as a Catechist. Wasn't that enough? Also, there were so many better and holier men than me. Why me? I struggled with these thoughts hoping they would go away, but they didn't. On Good Shepherd Sunday, I heard there was a Vocations Evening and I decided to go. This was the first time I spoke about my call. After attending a few retreats and talks with the vocations director and other priests, I decided to apply to diocese.

My first year of formation was called a propaedeutic year which is a year before you start seminary. I spent it in Shrewsbury Cathedral from 2019 to 2020. This gave me an opportunity to explore the faith, to ground my spiritual life and familiarise myself with community life. At the end of that year, the bishop sent me to major seminary at St Mary's College Oscott, which is in Sutton Coldfield. My first year at Oscott was memorable. There were challenging days, but I got through it, and I was quite happy being there. But in my second year, things began to take a turn. I began finding



the intellectual programme very demanding and certain changes began to overwhelm me. Instead of relying on God's grace I started to rely on myself. This is a recipe for disaster! In November 2021 I decided to leave seminary as it got 'all too much'. I was done with seminary, but God wasn't done with me.

My parents asked me to go to Goa with them for a break. Little did I know what was in store for me there. Apparently, they had a plan to get me married, they asked me if I would be willing to meet up with a girl from very good Catholic family. Clearly, I said No! I needed some time to process the last two years, to decide what I'm going to do next and what God wants me to do next. I returned to the UK two months later and got a job with the same company as before and began working. I also continued to serve as a catechist in my home parish.

In July 2021, I attended the ordination of Fr James Lewis. When Fr James lay prostrate on the floor, I felt God call me to the priesthood again. After the ordination, I met the bishop and he said to me, "The door is always open if you want to come back."



God was calling me to the priesthood again, but I decided to wait and pray about it. In January 2023, I attended the World Youth Day meeting in Winchester, and we were reflecting on the Annunciation. During the reflection, everyone was asked the question: what is God calling you to do? As I meditated on this question the answer became clear to me that God is still calling me to become a priest. I went to Confession and spent time with Jesus in adoration.

Now the time had come to take some action. So, I contacted the Vocations Director and expressed my desire to continue with the formation of the diocesan priesthood. I was accepted and Bishop Philip sent me to Allen Hall to continue my formation.

It's great to be back in seminary, meeting men from different walks of life but all discerning the vocation to the priesthood. Last year was very rewarding, and I've learnt so much. The next six months in Cosham and the Havant Pastoral Area are going to be a major part of my formation journey.

Please pray for me and all other seminarians.



Advent & Christmastime...

Havant Pastoral Area Advent Station Masses

These are a wonderful opportunity to prepare for Christmas. A number of our pastoral area priests will be present and it is also a wonderful way of developing fellowship among us.

6pm Adoration & Confession
7pm Mass
8pm Supper

Tuesday 10 December Sacred Heart, Waterlooville
Tuesday 17 December St. Joseph's, Havant



Christmas Masses in our Havant Pastoral Area

Christmas Eve:

4pm Children's Mass	Sacred Heart
4pm Mass	St Michael & All Angels
5.30pm Mass	St Thomas'
6pm Mass	St Michael & All Angels
6pm Family Mass	St Patrick
6pm Mass	St Paul
8pm Mass	Sacred Heart
9.30pm Mass (English & Polish)	St Joseph
11.30pm Midnight Mass	St Patrick
11.30pm Midnight Mass	St Edmund
Midnight Mass	St Colman

Christmas Day:

8.30am Mass	Sacred Heart
9am Mass (carols from 8.40am)	St Thomas'
9.30am Mass	St Edmund
10am Mass	St Michael & All Angels
10.30am Mass	Sacred Heart
10.30am Mass	St Patrick
11am Mass	St Joseph
11am Mass	St Colman
1pm Mass (Polish)	St Joseph
4pm Mass	Queen Alexandra Hospital Chapel

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Excelsis Choir Patronal Feast Day Concert - Sunday 8 December

Please see poster later in this newsletter for full details. **Tickets will also be available on the door.**

Our car park will be very busy and Waterlooville Baptist Church have kindly agreed to lend us their car park for the afternoon. If you are able to walk the short journey from the Baptist Church to Sacred Heart, please consider parking your vehicle there. It would certainly be a quicker exit onto London Road than leaving via our car park. Thank you for your consideration.

7.30am Mass on Monday 9 December

Taken from the recent Portsmouth E-News...

Monday, 9th December, is the great Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred this year from 8th December which is the Second Sunday of Advent). Mary Immaculate is the Patron of our Diocese and so Monday is definitely a day on which to attend Mass to pray for us all. This feast was celebrated in the East from the eighth century and in the ninth century was kept in many places in the West. Pope Pius IX extended the celebration to the universal Church when he proclaimed the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception on 8th December 1854. In that definition he expressed its precise meaning, affirming the constant faith of the Church: that Our Lady was conceived free from the stain of the original sin from the moment of her conception. It was a privilege unique to Mary, and a fitting one, for she would one day carry in her womb the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. St. John Henry Newman wrote that "there is no difference in kind between her and us, though an inconceivable difference of degree. She and we are both simply saved by the grace of Christ." The Immaculate Conception marks the beginning of human redemption. Mary is the first redeemed human being, the first of a new creation in Christ.

Here is the Collect of the Mass: *O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Sacred Heart Annual Candlelit Carol Service – Monday 16 December

Please see the A5 flyer later in this newsletter with full details. One detail that isn't mentioned on the poster is our regular plea for Mince Pies and Mulled Wine! If you could start bringing in your donations, it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your bottles and pies into the presbytery, where they will be stored securely, away from Fr. Jeremy and Fr. James 😊

Beautifying our church this Christmas

Every year our talented team of volunteer flower arrangers fill the church with beautiful bouquets and arrangements for the celebration of Christmas. But they can't do it without the generosity of our parishioners. From this weekend, there will be a basket for donations towards blooms for the festive season in the narthex.



Christmas Crib Offerings 2024



Taken from Portsmouth Diocese's E-News... In the Diocese, our annual Christmas Crib offerings are given alternately one year to the Friends of the Holy Land and one year to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. This year, 2024, our Christmas Crib offerings will go to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre (KHS). The KHS is widely believed to date back to 1099 A.D., to the first crusade. For centuries their mission has been to support the Christian community in the Holy Land. Today, made up of 30,000 members from 40 countries, lay people, priests and religious, they financially support Christians in the Middle East, and, above all, pray for them. They fund many works that support the Christians living in the Holy Land, thus ensuring that they survive and that the holy sites are still populated by Christians and do not become museums. The Knights do everything they can to help with practical projects to stabilise Christian communities. The key partner for the KHS in the Holy Land is the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and through the Patriarchate, they fund-raise to maintain schools, formation, charitable and social activities. The need to help this year is hugely urgent, thanks to the war in the Holy Land. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Christmas Collection

Do you know that twice a year the community supports the Priests directly? The collections during the Christmas and Easter Masses are used to pay an annual wage to your priest. This is given freely to both support them and give them the financial freedom to help others throughout the year. Please give generously with love, respect and faith during all the celebrations during Christmas Eve and Christmas day. To give online please use the following link: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/waterlooville-sacred-heart-of-jesus-and-st-peter-the-apostle-christmas-collection-2024>

Christmas and Seafarers

Seafarers around the world and especially those coming into Portsmouth bring us a range of goods and food, including fruit from the Caribbean. These seafarers have a tough life and will be away from the families and friends for around 9 months at a time; the only Christmas gifts they receive are the ones that we bring them – with your support. So, if you are able to put into the Stella Maris box at church any treats, including chocolates and biscuits, the seafarers would really appreciate them.

St Peter's Choir starts Advent

Headteacher, Richard Cunningham writes... The season of Advent has been well and truly begun by the girls and boys who make up St Peter's School Choir. The choir sang at two events in Waterlooville town centre - the switching on of the



Christmas lights and the Christmas Market (pictured here). Previous to these two events, the choir joined pupils from other Catholic primary schools in the Portsmouth area to record a Christmas Card Video which will be sent out on behalf of the Edith Stein Partnership of Catholic Schools. Next on the choir's schedule is to perform at the school

Carol Service on Wednesday 18th December at 6:30pm at the Church of the Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle on London Road in Waterlooville, before finishing the term with an afternoon performance for the residents of Oaklands Care Home on Stakes Hill Road just opposite the school. Well done to all of the pupils involved for their hard work, and thank you to Mrs Knight and Mrs Moore for all they do in practicing with our singers and arranging such exciting public performances.

Liturgical Fortnight

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	SACRED HEART MASS INTENTION
Saturday 7 December St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial	9.30am 10am 5-6pm	Adoration Mass Guided Adoration, Praise & Worship and Confession Mass	St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart	
Vigil SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.15pm	Mass	Sacred Heart	Joe Pace, RIP (FM)
Sunday 8 December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am 10.30am 4pm 6.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Stewart Russell, Intention Diane Quinn, RIP
Monday 9 December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese, solemnity	7am 7.30am 12.30pm	Adoration Mass Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	People of the Parish
Tuesday 10 December Of the 2 nd Week of Advent	6pm 7pm	Adoration & Confession Advent Station Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	For a peaceful Advent & Christmas for the Pastoral Area
Wednesday 11 Dec Of the 2 nd Week of Advent	11.30am 12noon	Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Hannah Shannon & family, Int
Thursday 12 December Of the 2 nd Week of Advent	9.30am 10am	Adoration Mass	St Edmund St Edmund	
Friday 13 December St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr, memorial	9.30am 10am	Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Roni – 50 th Birthday Celebration
Saturday 14 December St John of the Cross, Religious, Doctor of the Church, memorial	9.30am 10am 5.30-6pm	Adoration Mass Confession	St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart	
Vigil THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete)	6.15pm	Mass	Sacred Heart	Anita Chan, RIP
Sunday 15 December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete)	9.30am 10.30am 4pm 6.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Con Haughan, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 16 December Of the 3 rd Week Of Advent	7am 7.30am 12.30pm	Adoration Mass Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Albert Henry Lewis, RIP
Tuesday 17 December Liturgy of the Day [‘O Wisdom’]	6.45-8.15pm 6pm 7pm	Rosary Group Adoration & Confession Advent Station Mass	Sacred Heart St Joseph St Joseph	
Wednesday 18 Dec Liturgy of the Day [‘O Adonai’]	11.30am 12noon	Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Maurice & Catherine Cremin, RIP
Thursday 19 December Liturgy of the Day [‘O Root of Jesse’]				
Friday 20 December Liturgy of the Day [‘O Key of David’]	9.30am 10am	Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Angela Louise Meyer, RIP (FM)
Saturday 21 December Liturgy of the Day [‘O Morning Star’] Vigil 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am 10am 5.30-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration Mass Confession Mass	St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Matthias & Team Clean, Intention
Sunday 22 December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am 10.30am 4pm 6.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	People of the Parish Damian Whitfield, RIP

We welcome Fr. John Adikwu on Saturday 7 December who will be celebrating Guided Adoration, Praise & Worship and Confessions and also the 6.15pm Mass.

Havant Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart & St Peter the Apostle



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The New Havant Pastoral Area Calendar

Parishioners are now able to view Masses, Adoration and Reconciliation available in our neighbouring parishes in one place. Just visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/havant-pastoral-area/

Our Masses for December are now up!

Rosary in Havant Pastoral Area

Monday: St. Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park after 10am Mass.

Tuesday: St. Patrick's, Hayling Island at 10am before Mass.

Tuesday: Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Peter the Apostle, Waterlooville, 6.45-8.15pm – **Please note, No Rosary on 10 December.**

Monday to Wednesday: St. Thomas More's school chapel, Bedhampton, 8:15am.

Tuesday to Thursday: St. Thomas More's school chapel, Bedhampton, 3pm to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Third Thursday of every month: St Josephs & St Thomas' at St. Joseph's church, Havant at 3pm.

Please pray for those who need our prayers...

We pray for those who are ill in mind and body. May they find comfort and hope in the tender love of Jesus. We also pray for those who care for them, that they may be blessed with the gifts of gentleness and patience.

Woolly hats for Stella Maris

Parishioner Jenny Galvin writes... This is an appeal for some knitting wool donations please. In an ideal world the wool would be double-knitting or Aran and in dark or 'manly' colours. There is a box in the Narthex for your donations, or the wool can be handed to Patrick Binks or Jenny Galvin. Many thanks.

Team Clean!

Remember that Cleanliness is next to Godliness. Why not join the 'Team Clean' to ensure His house is always clean and tidy. This happens on a Monday morning between 09.00-10.00 hours. Give it a try - the Team are very friendly bunch.



The Tuesday Club

First and third Tuesdays of each month 2-4pm. If you have never attended before but fancy turning up for a cuppa and a chat, just come along. Any questions – please give Trish a call on 07947 611699.

The Union of Catholic Mothers

The ladies meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month @ 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome – just pop along!

Women's Monday Evening Group

Meet on December 9th (note earlier date) in the parish centre @ 7.30pm. Christmas social with seasonal refreshments. Please remember your raffle prizes. Rachel Nassif will give a brief talk on her time as a nurse in Palestine, and she will bring a beautiful selection of craft items from Bethlehem, and olive oil from Palestine for sale. For more information about the group please call Elizabeth on 07791 753545.

'Knit & Natter'

First Saturday of each month from 4-5pm in the church narthex. Everyone is welcome. Just bring along your wool and knitting needles. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Why not stay for Guided Adoration and Praise & Worship which will begins at 5pm!

Diocesan FREE Wills service

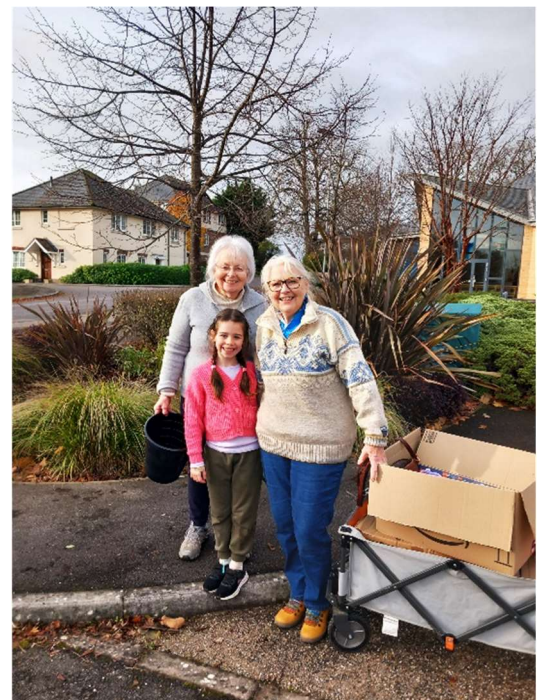
A reminder that the Diocese has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 basic simple or mirror Will for free. Whether parishioners would like to write their Will in-person, online or over the 'phone, they will be expertly supported throughout a quick and straightforward process. They are under no obligation to leave your Parish a gift in their Wills, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to the Church, and we hope many will choose to do so. For more information visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work/make-your-free-will/

Admittance to Hospital?

When a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family should ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. It is suggested that the patient have a note to give to hospital staff on admission, notifying staff that they are Catholic and would appreciate the Catholic Chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward to ensure the request is actioned. When a person is due to go into hospital, please also let your parish priest know so that he can administer the Sacrament of the Sick where appropriate.

Our volunteer Gardening Team

Can we just take a moment to thank our fab-u-lous gardening team, who come out in all weathers to keep our grounds looking tidy and beautiful for everyone who visits the parish to enjoy. Here are some of the team: Kay, Kay (no, not a typo) and second Kay's granddaughter, the youngest & cutest member of the team (sorry ladies). Apart from pruning, planting, digging, cutting grass and hedges, organising deliveries of bark and humping it around in wheelbarrows, so much more work goes on behind the scenes. Our volunteers look after the book stall and as I'm sure you're already aware, the money from all book and jigsaw sales go to the upkeep of our grounds. Kay (shorter Kay) regularly goes through all the donated books to check their ISBN numbers to see if they are worth more than 50p. Then she packs them up and sends them off via Royal Mail and in return receives money – just the other week £40 was raised! So thank you to all our lovely team, including the ones not in the photo. We really do appreciate what you do for the parish.



Retreat at Buckfast Abbey

2-6 June 2025

Margaret Whyte writes... We now have all the main details for the retreat at Buckfast Abbey in June 2025. If you would like to join the group and would like these details, please pick up a leaflet from the narthex. For any further details please contact Margaret Whyte margaret@mwhite.co.uk or Trevor Nee trev.pat@ntlworld.com both at St. Edmund's to book and pay your deposit. Please contact Yvonne, Administrator at St. Edmund's office@stedmundhorndean.org.uk We look forward to welcoming many of you to a lovely, inspirational break in June 2025.

International day for ending violence against women and girls

25th November, the International day for ending violence against women and girls (VAWG), are the 16 Days of Action to raise awareness of the global issue of violence against women and girls. We are encouraged to take part in events, campaign, educate and advocate for ending VAWG. The UK has declared this to be a national emergency and World Health Organisation as a pandemic.

Pope Francis has issued a call to all Catholics to use our power to bring about cultural change.

"It is our duty, the responsibility of each person, to give a voice to our voiceless sisters...It is necessary to act immediately, at all levels with determination, urgency and courage."

Globally 1 in 3 women subjected to physical or sexual abuse, with poverty, war and gender inequality all contributing. It is on our doorsteps too. In the UK one in four women and one in seven men are subjected to domestic abuse in their lifetime and a woman is killed every 5 days by a partner or ex-partner.

The Caritas Social Action network, partnering with the National Board of Catholic Women and Safe in Faith have put together a 16 day calendar of actions we can do to support the end of this violence. For more information please goto www.csan.org.uk

Care And Share Volunteer Opportunity

Care and Share have been overwhelmed with the support that the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church Waterlooville have shown this year and, once again, we need your help!

We are making a slight change to the way that Help Packages are collected from the Church. Until now, we have simply left the labelled bags in the welcome area, ready for the customer to collect. However, there have been some issues with this and we will soon be asking the customer to collect the bags from care and share volunteers at set times during the week.

This means that we are looking for volunteers to be available for a short, pre-arranged time to wait for each customer and hand them their labelled bags.

If you feel that you could offer your help for an hour or so on a regular weekly basis, we would really love to hear from you.

More information can be obtained from Nina or John McCormack or you can email us at CareAndShareWaterlooville@Outlook.com

Ukraine

Donate money to the DEC appeals to allow the relief agencies including Caritas to continue their work with refugees as they arrive in neighbouring countries. Visit the Caritas website for more information www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk Please donate cash rather than collect and send donations-in-kind: www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal or www.cafod.org.uk/ukrainecrisis HOMES FOR UKRAINE: Find out more at www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk

Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Amid the devastating conflict in Israel and Gaza, families are losing their homes and people are dying. They need urgent, practical help! A gift today will provide essentials like food, water and blankets to those who need it. Scan the QR code or donate online at www.cafod.org.uk



A Prayer for Israel & Palestine

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. Amen.

CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal

Please pray and please give. Every gift is needed! Families in Sudan are facing extreme hunger. 25 Million people need urgent help. CAFOD and our Church partners are there, ready to help. £22 Provides essential medicine and hygiene kits. £100 Funds two emergency food packages. More information from www.cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal or call 0808 5858885 or you can use this QR code →



CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal



The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Millions are fleeing airstrikes in Lebanon and Gaza. CAFOD and our Church partners are already there, responding. Please pray and please give – every gift is needed. £10 gives displaced families emergency water. £120 gets emergency shelter to three households. Give today at www.cafod.org.uk/give or call 0808 5858885 or scan the QR code.

www.portsmouthvocations.org



“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” John the Baptist’s call to prepare for Christ can also be a call to prepare your heart for a vocation. Is Christ calling you to serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to Fr. Jeremy, Fr. James or contact Canon John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318869.

Mass Intentions

You can email Lisa at the presbytery regarding Mass Offerings and indeed any questions or queries about booking Masses on intentions@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk Suggested donation £10.

Our Newsletter

All news items and forthcoming events to the parish secretary office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk by 2.30pm on Wednesday for inclusion in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit any articles prior to publication due to space. Articles may not be published immediately and may be held in reserve for future use. If you would like to receive a copy via email please contact Sue on the above email.

Sacred Heart Webpage

Our parish webpage can be found at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parishes/

Or just scan the QR code →

Scroll down to the bottom of the Homepage you will see our live stream link – for Sunday morning Mass.



Payments to Sacred Heart

If you would like to make a donation to the parish there are several ways to do this:

- Cheque made payable to ‘CDP Waterlooville Sacred Heart’
- ‘Donate with Dona’ button on our Webpage
- Online payments in church using the Dona machine [by the Sacristy]
- BACS: Lloyds bank account 01861043, sort code 309304, CDP Waterlooville Sacred Heart

Please consider - Gift Aiding your donation

As a charity we can get tax relief which allows us to reclaim an extra 25% in tax on every eligible donation made by a UK taxpayer. Claiming Gift Aid on donations made by parishioners means we can claim from the government 25p for every £1 you give, at no extra cost to you! Please consider completing a Gift Aid Declaration form today. There are forms available in the narthex or on request by emailing Yvonne on accounts@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

Job Vacancies and Volunteering Opportunities

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

Looking for a new opportunity?

Please visit <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs> on the Diocesan website, which lists our current vacancies including:

STELLA MARIS

Stella Maris has a vacancy within the Diocese for a full-time Regional Port Chaplain for Southern Ports based predominantly in Southampton and Fawley. For more details:

www.stellamaris.org.uk/regional-port-chaplain-southern-ports/

OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Full details on all vacancies at Oaklands:

<https://www.oaklandscatholicsschool.org/staff/vacancies/>

Lost Keys

A set of car keys has been handed into St. Colman's office following the Advent Station Mass last Tuesday at Cosham. Zia, the parish administrator, is taking good care of them – please contact the office on 023 9237 6151 or scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Contact us...

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Monday 10am-12.30pm,

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Important! Parking for Christmas Masses

As usual, we expect record numbers of worshippers for all Masses over the Christmas period, especially on Christmas Eve. To avoid accidents, conflict with fellow worshippers and local residents could attenders please note the following arrangements:

- Please follow the directions of the marshals
- Please **DO NOT** park on the St. Peter's Way Estate
- If you are coming along to the 4pm children's Mass and you are able to walk, please try parking in any of the car parks in Waterlooville centre or please consider car sharing. This Mass is very popular and the car park is likely to get very congested
- If you have to leave quickly you are likely to be delayed in the church car park. We're waiting to hear back from the Baptist Church as to whether their car park is available for our use for the 8pm Mass, this will offer a quicker departure. Update on this next weekend. Otherwise, please use the nearest town centre car parks or legal and considerate street parking on London Road feeders
- Double parking will be in operation in the church car park so a system of phased departure from the church will operate at the end of services. Please follow the directions for orderly leaving of the church and site
- Please seriously consider car sharing where possible



Excelsis

Est. 2007

Sunday 8 December 2024
3:30pm

Excelsis Choir

Patronal Feast Day

A concert to celebrate the Patronal Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception, including a selection of music to get you into the festive spirit, followed by a wonderful selection of seasonal culinary treats

Conductor - Robert Lewis

Treble - Freddie Simpson

Tickets: £12:50/U18 Free



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Sacred Heart of Jesus & St Peter the Apostle PO7 7SR

The Sacred Heart of Jesus
 & St. Peter the Apostle
 Invite you to
A Candlelit Carol Concert
 With the Denmead Brass Band
Monday 16th December @ 6.30pm
Readings & Carols followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
 Money raised from the evening will go to
 church funds and Care & Share
 This event will be live-streamed

CAROLS IN THE SQUARE

**Tuesday 10th December 2024, 6.30pm
 Horndean**

A collection will be made in aid of
Rowans Hospice
 Charity No: 259731



Horndean Parish Council
 Tel: 02392 597766



Accompanied by Blendworth Brass Band

Charity Quiz Night
 In aid of
First Steps 2 School Peru
 (Registered Charity No. 1170243)
 Who set-up and run nurseries
 for pre-school children in the poorest areas of Peru

Saturday 11th January 2025
7pm for 7:30pm start
 at
 Sacred Heart Church Hall, London Road, Waterlooville

Tickets £6 per person

To get your ticket please speak to
 Dorothy Pople at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville

Please bring your own
 Drinks, Glasses and Nibbles

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 2024

& 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

Between 25th November to 10th December are 16 days
when we remember and pray for all women and girls
harmed by the violence of men.

If you or someone you know might need support please contact:

National Domestic Abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247
www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

Live Fear Free Helpline (Wales): 0808 8010 800
www.gov.wales/live-fear-free

Rape Crisis: 0808 500 2222
www.rapecrisis.org.uk

Safe in Faith
www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/safe-in-faith

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Domestic violence is “a poisonous weed that
plagues our society, and must be torn out at the
roots.”

Pope Francis on Domestic Abuse, 2023

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