



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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**21 December 2024 – 10 January 2025**

**A very happy & holy Christmas  
To all our parishioners**



## **Watch for the Lord**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C reminds us to be always looking for signs of God's presence in our lives. The Visitation, where Mary visits Elizabeth, is full of joy. Elizabeth recognises Jesus when her baby, John, leaps in her womb. This moment shows us the importance of being open to God's presence in everyday moments. Elizabeth could have dismissed her baby's movement as just another kick. Instead, she saw it as a sign of something bigger. She recognised it as a moment of grace and the closeness of redemption. This teaches us to see God's hand in small, everyday events.

Jesus came to us as a baby in Bethlehem, but He also comes to us in our daily lives. If we only see Him in the nativity scene, we miss many moments of grace. We need to be ready to encounter Him in our interactions with each other. Through prayer and the sacraments, we prepare ourselves to recognise and welcome Jesus every day.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C encourages us to be watchful and open to God's presence. Like Elizabeth, we should be aware of the signs of grace around us. By doing so, we prepare our hearts for Jesus and experience the joy of His coming, not just at Christmas but every day.

[www.Young-catholics.com](http://www.Young-catholics.com)

## **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>

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Preparation for this Sunday's Mass

### Readings

The readings for this Sunday can be found by following this link: <https://universalis.com/europe.english.portsmouth/20241215/mass.htm>

Just select 'Here is the page for today'. Then select the date of the mass you would like to view from the list on the right-hand side of the screen.

### Hymns

For those attending the 10.30am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart, if you would like to familiarise yourself with the hymns in advance of the service please follow the links below.

- We three kings [Link](#)
- As with gladness men of old [Link](#)
- King of Kings, Majesty 1 [Link](#)
- Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord 1 [Link](#)
- Shine Jesus Shine 1 [Link](#)

## Fr. Jeremy writes...

### • New Lectionaries

Our new lectionaries are mandatory; we had to buy them, they are beautiful books as befits their sacred purpose, but they were expensive. Some parishioners have asked if they could contribute to their purchase and we have already received a generous gift of money towards them. If you would also like to contribute, there is a button on the Dona card reader in the narthex for this purpose, or you could pay by cheque made out to CDP Waterlooville Sacred Heart. We are giving out the old Mass books this weekend for personal use at home. They are no longer authorised but are still helpful. We are giving them away free of charge but you might consider giving a donation under the 'Lectionary' button on the Dona reader. Thank you in advance for your help.

### • Havant Pastoral Area Webpage

Our local webpage, covering the worshipping communities of the Havant Pastoral Area, can be found here: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/havant-pastoral-area/](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/havant-pastoral-area/) The page features a calendar of Masses throughout the whole Pastoral Area for the current month, regularly revised as necessary. There is also a schedule of events across the Pastoral Area as well as a page for each community. A link to the livestream channel can be found on the Sacred Heart page under the Dona link button.

## Fr. James writes... Save the Dates!

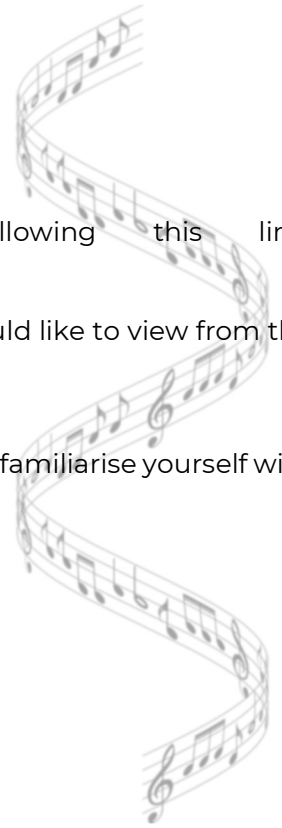
### • Saturday 22 February - Havant Pastoral Area SYNOD – St Joseph's Havant 10:00am-3:30pm

This will be 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.

### • Recollection for Readers 25 January 12pm – 4pm

St Colman's Parish, Cosham, is hosting an afternoon of formation for readers of the word at Mass. Discover the Church's teaching on liturgy, how to read and pray with the Bible using Senses of Scripture and Lectio Divina, and the practical aspects which will help you to prepare well for reading at Mass. Please bring a Catholic Bible and a packed lunch with you. Please email [scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to register your place.

- **For those keen to join the Church or receive further sacraments of initiation e.g. Baptism Confirmation, there will be RCIA sessions arranged for you from January onwards.** Our first meeting will be on Wednesday 8th January at 7pm. Fr Jeremy will meet you at the Church. Please email Sue in our office to confirm if you would like to attend [office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk](mailto:office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk)



## **A Christmas Video from our Fantastic Schools**

On Monday 25 November, Oaklands School and Sixth Form College, welcomed children from six schools in the Edith Stein Partnership (St Peter's, St Thomas More's, St Paul's, Corpus Christi, St Mary's (Gosport), and St John's Cathedral Primary schools) to record a special Christmas card video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LqxSrcTwWw>

## **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 [preceded by Carols @ 7.45pm]	Sacred Heart
9.30pm Mass (English & Polish)	St Joseph
11.30pm Midnight Mass	St Patrick
Midnight Mass [preceded by Readings & Carols @ 11.30pm]	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	



## **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!

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	SACRED HEART MASS INTENTION
<b>Saturday 21 December</b> Liturgy of the Day [‘O Morning Star’] <b>Vigil 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	9.30am 10am 10.30-11.30am 5-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration Mass Confession Confession Mass	St Edmund St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Matthias & Team Clean, Intention
<b>Sunday 22 December</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	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
<b>Monday 23 December</b> Liturgy of the Day [‘O Emmanuel’]	7am 7.30am 12.30pm	Adoration Mass Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday 24 December</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i> The Nativity of the Lord	4pm 8pm 11.30pm	Children’s Mass Vigil Mass Carols & Readings followed by Midnight Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	People of the Parish Joyce & Fred White, RIP (FM)
<b>Wednesday 25 Dec</b> <i>Christmas Day</i> The Nativity of the Lord	8.30am 9.30am 10.30am 4pm	Dawn Mass Mass of the Day Mass of the Day Mass of the Day	Sacred Heart St Edmund Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Deceased members of the Bowditch family (FM) John & Bert Sutton, RIP
<b>Thursday 26 December</b> ST STEPHEN, the first Martyr, feast	11.30am 12noon	Adoration Mass	St Edmund St Edmund	
<b>Friday 27 December</b> ST JOHN, Apostle, Evangelist, feast	11.30am 12noon	Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Margaret & John Beauvoisin, RIP (FM)
<b>Saturday 28 December</b> THE HOLY INNOCENTS, feast <b>Vigil THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH, feast</b>	9.30am 10am 5.30-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration Mass Confession Mass	St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 29 December</b> <b>THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>	9.30am 10.30am 4pm 6.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Yvonne Hands, Intention Desmond & Winifred Wilkins Mgr. Nicholas France, RIP
<b>Monday 30 December</b> Liturgy of the Day [Sixth Day within Octave of Christmas]	11am 12.30pm	Funeral Mass Mass	St Edmund’s Southampton QA Hospital Chapel	
<b>Tuesday 31 December</b> Vigil MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, sol	11.15pm	Mass	Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
<b>Happy New Year 2025!</b>				
<b>Wednesday 1 January</b> MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, solemnity	11.30am 12noon	Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	James & Rose Cremin, RIP
<b>Thursday 2 January</b> Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors, mem	11.30am 12noon	Adoration Mass	St Edmund St Edmund	
<b>Friday 3 January</b> Liturgy of the Day [Friday of Christmastide before Epiphany]	10am 10am 6.30pm	Mass Mass Mass	St Joseph St Michael & All Angels St Colman	
<b>Saturday 4 January</b> Liturgy of the Day [Saturday of Christmastide before Epiphany] <b>Vigil THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	9.30am 10am 5-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration Mass Guided Adoration, Praise & Worship and Confession Mass	St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Diana Beston, RIP
<b>Sunday 5 January</b> <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	9.30am 10.30am 4pm 6.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Scott Belcher, Intention People of the Parish

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	SACRED HEART MASS INTENTION
<b>Monday 6 January</b> Monday of Christmastide after Epiphany	7am 7.30am 12.30pm	Adoration Mass Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Intentions of the Woodgate family
<b>Tuesday 7 January</b> Tuesday of Christmastide after Epiphany	11am 6.30pm 7pm	Funeral Service for Jean-Paul Digard Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	
<b>Wednesday 8 January</b> Weds of Christmastide after Epiphany	11.30am 12noon	Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Intentions of the Taggart family
<b>Thursday 9 January</b> Thurs of Christmastide after Epiphany	9.30am 10am	Adoration Mass	St Edmund St Edmund	
<b>Friday 10 January</b> Friday of Christmastide after Epiphany	9.30am 10am	Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Paul Siperi, RIP
<b>Saturday 11 January</b> Sat of Christmastide after Epiphany <b>Vigil BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	9.30am 10am 5.30-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration Mass Confession Mass	St Edmund St Edmund Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 12 January</b> <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	9.30am 10.30am 4pm 6.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	JP Digard, RIP 'Goodbye & thanks', Hudson family

## Havant Pastoral Area

### Sacred Heart & St Peter the Apostle



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## Important! Parking for Christmas Eve

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. The Baptist Church have kindly offered the use of their car park for both the 4pm and 8pm Masses, this will offer a quicker departure. 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

## **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.

## **Amare Memoriae**

We pray for the rest and peace of the souls of Jean-Paul Digard and Timothy Sullivan who have died recently. Please remember in your prayers their family and friends at this very difficult time. The dates of their funerals will be listed in the Liturgical grid.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## **News from St. Peter's School**

St Peter's would like to offer a big thank you for all of the donations we received on our Christmas Jumper Day! Pictured here is just a small selection of the tins, packets and treats that were brought in by the children in return for wearing a wide and wild variety of Christmas jumpers. All of these products will go to Waterlooville Foodbank at Wecock Church in time for Christmas.



## **Christmas and Seafarers**

Patrick Binks writes...

Three parishioners from Sacred Heart who are ship visitors with Stella Maris have delivered Christmas gifts to the seafarers in many ships in Portsmouth. The seafarers are incredibly grateful for the gifts which you have given them, especially as they are the only presents they receive. Very many thanks.

*Martin Hartridge, Paddy Ryan and Patrick Binks handing over the presents!*



## **Baptism into the life of Jesus and the Church**

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, George Alexander Neil and Forrest Finn Andrew & Robin Rae Louise Mowatt, who will be baptised at Sacred Heart over the Christmas period. Please pray for George, Forrest and Robin, their parents, Godparents and families, that God will bless and guide them through the journey of life.

## **John McCormack writes...**

- Our Bible reading group will meet Thursday the 9th of January 2025 for our continuing journey through the book of Isaiah, 6:45 start.
- Our annual Volunteers meal this year is on Saturday the 8th of February, at 7:30, right after Holy Mass. Can all the leaders of each group, cleaners, gardeners, counters, altar servers, etc. please email me how many of your fantastic volunteers will be attending our evening so I can cater for everyone. More information to follow in the new year. My email for numbers is [johnmcc-2010@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnmcc-2010@hotmail.co.uk)

## **'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!

## **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.

- Please note: No cleaning on Monday 30 December. Restart on Monday 6 January.



## **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!

## **Update - Retreat at Buckfast Abbey 2-6 June 2025**

There are still a few rooms available to us at the Northgate House Hotel Buckfast Abbey. Father Jeremy and Father James would like to invite anyone from the Havant Pastoral Area to join the group and enjoy a relaxing few days 'away from it all' in the peace of the Abbey and surroundings. We will meet mid-morning in the Abbey Chapel for daily mass and in the hotel for informative, inspirational talks by Father Jeremy later in the day. There will also be the opportunity for one to one meetings or confession with one of the priests. Further details are on the flyer OR - contact Margaret Whyte- [margaret@mwhyte.co.uk](mailto:margaret@mwhyte.co.uk) or Trevor Nee [trev.pat@ntlworld.com](mailto:trev.pat@ntlworld.com) both at St. Edmund's. To book and pay a deposit, contact Yvonne- [office@stedmundhorndean.co.uk](mailto:office@stedmundhorndean.co.uk)

## **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.

## **IMPORTANT - Resources to oppose Assisted Suicide**

Bishop Philip issued a pastoral letter on assisted suicide that was read in the churches of his diocese on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October. [Read the Pastoral Letter here.](#)

Please see the poster later on in this newsletter and the home page of the Diocesan website which contains resources and information to oppose assisted suicide [Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth.](#)

## **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](http://www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk) Please donate cash rather than collect and send donations-in-kind: [www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal](http://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal) or [www.cafod.org.uk/ukrainecrisis](http://www.cafod.org.uk/ukrainecrisis) HOMES FOR UKRAINE: Find out more at [www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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

## **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, you will be expertly supported throughout a quick and straightforward process. You are under no obligation to leave your Parish a gift in your Will, 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.

**More information can be found at:** [Make your FREE Will - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## **Our Newsletter**

All news items and forthcoming events to the parish secretary [office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk](mailto: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.

## **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](mailto:intentions@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk) Suggested donation £10.

## **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](mailto: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 **IT Service Delivery Lead** (please see poster later on in this newsletter)



## Come to work in our Catholic Schools

Are you a Catholic currently teaching in a non-Catholic setting? Have you thought of applying to work in one of our schools, but are unclear about how a Catholic school might be different or how your application might land? These questions and more will be addressed during an hour-long session which aims to lift the lid on careers within Catholic Schools. To register your free place, click here [Come to work in our Catholic schools](#) or scan the QR code with your Smart Phone.



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## Office hours over Christmas & the New Year

Sue and Lisa are taking a break over Christmas until Monday 6 January. Please keep all general enquiries until then. Emails will not be monitored during this time. We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible after 6 January.

## The Community Cornerstone

December edition is available to read now on our webpage, please click here [The Community Cornerstone](#)

For those who do not have access to the internet, hard copies are available from the Narthex.

**RECYCLE YOUR TREE AND RAISE MONEY FOR ROWANS**

THE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING SCHEME HELPS TO RAISE VITAL FUNDS FOR ROWANS HOSPICE. VOLUNTEERS COLLECT YOUR TREE IN EXCHANGE FOR A DONATION TO ROWANS HOSPICE.

COLLECTION 10TH AND 11TH JANUARY  
BOOK YOUR TREE IN BETWEEN 15TH NOV - 5TH JAN

BOOK YOUR SLOT THROUGH THE  
[WWW.ROWANSHOSPICE.CO.UK/EVENT/CHRISTMAS-TREE-COLLECTION](http://WWW.ROWANSHOSPICE.CO.UK/EVENT/CHRISTMAS-TREE-COLLECTION)

**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**

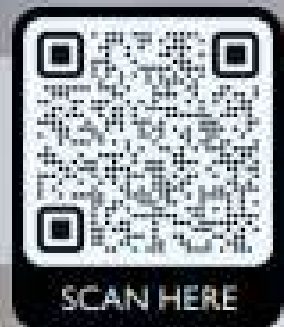
**Please bring your own Drinks, Glasses and Nibbles**

# Oppose Assisted Suicide

Unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide

Attempts are being made in parliament to legalise assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying. This would undermine the sanctity and dignity of human life.

Use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code to visit the Right to Life UK website. There you will find an easy way to contact your MP and ask them to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law.



*"Speak out against this sinister proposal, and pray earnestly that our legislators and our society will see common sense. For once this line is crossed, our society will never be the same again."*  
(Bishop Philip Egan)

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

*Transformation and renewal are central to our mission. Want an opportunity for them to be central to yours?*



# IT SERVICE DELIVERY LEAD

We are looking for a senior IT professional to deliver a best in class, digitally enabled environment encompassing IT, telephony and digital applications across the Diocese of Portsmouth and serve as a member of the Charity's Senior Management Team.

## **Full-time | Competitive Salary**

Based in the Diocesan offices in Portsmouth, but with frequent travel to parishes

Experience of leading the IT function within a complex organisation with multiple network users and full fluency in the Microsoft 365 suite of applications is essential.

The IT Service Delivery Lead provides oversight and management of a high-quality IT Support service, both in the form of in-house technicians and an external back-office function, serving the requirements of our 800 network users spread across 5 counties of England's South Coast, and the Channel Islands.

You will be comfortable combining overall operationality responsibility for all aspects of IT with leading the strategic development of effective infrastructure and technology.

To access a full job description and details of how to apply, please email [hr@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hr@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

For this post, applications are being reviewed on a rolling basis and so early applications are advised.

# 24-HOURS FOR THE LORD

## Youth Vigil



**PRAYER,  
PRAISE &  
WORSHIP**



**FELLOWSHIP  
& FUN**



**28TH MARCH 2025**

Join us for an overnight vigil of  
Adoration, prayer, fellowship and fun!

**YEAR 9+**

Email Sarah for more information  
[s.farrell@oaklandscatholicschool.org](mailto:s.farrell@oaklandscatholicschool.org)



*Oaklands Chaplaincy*

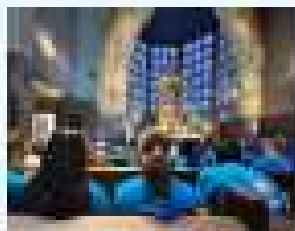


# WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE

Join the Diocese on our Pilgrimage to **Rome** for the  
World Youth Day Jubilee!

Join Bishop Philip and a group of young people, from  
across the diocese aged 17+ on this pilgrimage to  
Rome for the chance to unite with thousands of  
young people from across the world.

*Be present in Rome  
at the ceremony  
when Pope Francis  
declares Blessed  
Pier Giorgio  
Frassati a saint!*



Departing on 28th July – 4th August (7 Nights)

Total Price: £1,350

Included in this price are flights, hotel accommodation, breakfast and dinner, travel in  
Rome, entrance and participation fees, a pilgrim pack and much more...

For more information and booking please contact email  
[youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or Tel 07780 221 686

