



Sacred Heart Parish, Bordon

The Newborn King, lying in the manger, continues to be our focus now until 2nd February and all of the Readings we shall hear at Mass until then will explain and remind us of who He is.

St John the Baptist identifies Jesus in the Gospel today as the '**Lamb of God**'.

We hear St Andrew in the Gospel say: 'We have found the **Messiah**' – which means the '**Christ**'.

The Child in the Manger is the Lamb of God, He is the Messiah, He is the Christ.

Last weekend we were given the example of Casper, Melchior and Balthazar of how to **approach** the Lord, today we are given the example of Samuel (a lesson in how to **approach** the Lord in prayer and how to pray properly:) 'speak Lord you servant is listening' – not 'listen Lord your servant is speaking'!

So as we continue to look through the lens of the Nativity Scene, as we continue to look much deeper into the Identity of the Christ Child, let's **approach** the Lord appropriately, listening to Him and His Word instead of telling Him what to do!



Parish Mission Statement:

"We are here to make Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament better known, loved, honoured, worshiped and adored. All of our efforts in this parish will be geared towards helping every individual to discover the Lord waiting for them to approach Him in the tabernacle".



Closer to Christ Campaign
Diocese of Portsmouth

Information sharing

If you would like to find out more about the 'Closer to Christ Campaign' there will be the opportunity to do so on:

Tuesday 23rd January after the 7pm Mass or

Friday 26th January after the 12 noon Mass.

Ciaran Wadd (the campaign director) will be present and the meeting will last no longer than 30mins.

PARISH GIVING



Making your weekly offering via Direct Debit is the best way, if possible. It means we know how much will come into the parish each week / month and it also means that if you happen to be away, the parish still received your support. The Bank details you need to set up a direct debit are:

Account Name:

CDP BORDON AND GRAYSHOTT

Sort Code: 30-93-04

Account Number: 01755138

GIFT AID

Anyone who pays income tax on pensions, wages etc can complete a **gift aid form** and increase whatever they offer to the parish by 25% at no extra cost (**the taxman donates it to the parish from what you have paid him!**)

Baptism Preparation course

If you have a child you would like to enrol for Baptism, please do come along on Saturday **20th January at 11am.**

Requiescat in pace

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Gabrielle Dumble RIP and Wanda Prain RIP who have both died recently. May the Lord have mercy on them.

Confirmation course 2024

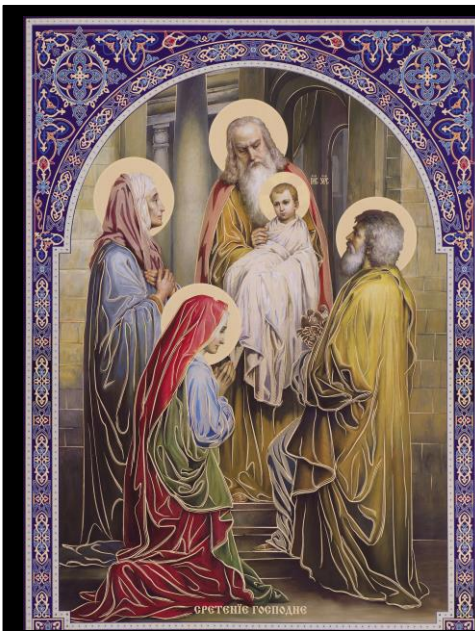
Our first session of 2024 will take place after Mass on Sunday 21st January.

Parish Plan 2024

Please do take a look at our parish plan for 2024 which includes maintenance projects, evangelisation and outreach projects and also fundraising projects! Please do be involved if you have any time to spare!

Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima

There will be a meeting after Mass on Sunday 28th Jan to talk through some of the finer details.



Candlemass
Friday
2nd February
12 Noon

Let's close the season of Christmastide together as the Child Jesus is presented to the Father in His Temple.



When it comes to the parish, I know many of you are doing your best to meet our targets and you have all been so supportive with past projects, such as the church heating, the Czestochowa Crucifix, the Grotto, the Sound System and **I really cannot thank you enough for this.** So instead of asking for further financial assistance, can I ask you to think of ways you might volunteer your time, to make some of our fundraising initiatives get off the ground and work? Maybe you have a trade or a skill you could offer, saving us from another bill? You might 'Gif Aid' or use the fundraising app which will increase your giving at no further cost to you?

PARISH PLANS FOR 2024

Car Park:

we must improve lighting and floor markings. We need to improve signage and security. We need to make the carpark 'work' for us by renting out spaces.






Church improvements:

- (1) The baptistry needs improving so that it looks like a sacred space of welcome into the Sacramental life of the Church.
- (2) The lights above the altar are in need improvement and re positioning

Hall:

We need to increase the hiring of the hall and establish a Coffee shop Mon, Wed, Fri 9am – 2pm offering outreach and community services.

Sacramental Preparation in the Parish


						
Baptism preparation: The next Preparation course begins in the New Year.	Confession: Available 30mins before every Mass and: 5pm Sat 6pm Tues 11am Fri	First Confession and Holy Communion: Saturday 27th January at 10am	Confirmation class: Sunday 21st January 11:15am	Marriage Preparation: It takes approx. 1 year to prepare for Marriage. Catholics must be Confirmed before Marriage.	Holy Orders: If you have ever considered a Vocation to the Priesthood / Deaconate, please speak to Fr John.	Last Rites: If there is ever the danger of death, please contact Fr John immediately.



Confession Times:
30mins before every Mass &
 5pm on Saturdays
 6pm on Tuesday
 11.00am on Fridays
 Or by appointment



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:
 Tuesday 6pm
 Friday 11.00am
 Saturday 5pm
 Benediction: 5:45pm on Saturdays



Devotions:
 Holy Rosary: Wed after Mass
 Fri 11:30am
 First Friday: Every first Friday



Family Catechesis:
 Learn about our faith as a family.... Every two weeks at 10am on Saturday mornings



EVERY TUESDAY

Adult Formation

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Tuesday evenings are given over to Adult formation.

The homily during Mass is in an extended form (looking more closely at the previous Sunday's Gospel) and then after Mass there is a formation session aimed at exploring the fundamental elements of our Catholic faith.

Opposite is an overview of the topics that we will be covering.

EVERYONE is welcome to attend as much or as little as they like.

The session after Mass begins at 7:45pm and ends at 8:30pm.

Even if you cannot make a weekly commitment, come along when you can!

October

- ~~What is God?~~
- ~~What is Man?~~
- ~~Original Sin: The separation between God and Man~~
- ~~Covenants between God and Man~~
- ~~Jesus Christ – True God and True Man~~

November

- ~~The Immaculate Conception~~
- ~~Two types of Grace~~
- ~~The Saints~~
- ~~Purgatory~~

December

- ~~Advent: What is it?~~
- ~~The Eucharistic Prayer~~
- ~~Transubstantiation~~

January

- The Sacraments
- The Epiphany and Christmastide
- The presentation of the Lord
- Jesus' Public Ministry

February

- The Church
- Membership and Precepts
- Lent: what is it?
- Repentance and Penance

March

- The Sacrament of Confession
- Virtues and Vices
- The 10 Commandments and an examination of conscience
- The Sacred Triduum – Easter and Eastertide

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Month dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

JANUARY 2024

S	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	New Year's Day: Mary Mother of God 10am	Mass at 10am	Mass at 10am		First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion	Feast of the Epiphany
Feast of the Epiphany	Fortnightly Bible Study begins	First Adult Formation of 2024				First Holy Communion session
		Adult Formation				New baptism preparation sessions
Confirmation Session	Fortnightly Bible Study	Adult Formation				First Holy Communion session
		Adult Formation			Candlemas / Presentation of the Lord	



The Season of Christmastide

'Times' and 'Seasons'

Although in the Liturgy we begin 'Ordinary Time' on the Sunday after the feast of Epiphany we actually remain in the Season of 'Christmastide' until Candlemas (Or the Presentation of the Lord) which is celebrated on 2nd February. During this Mass all the candles used in the church throughout the year will be blessed and made holy. We process into the church carrying the Light of Christ into His temple, just as He was carried in and presented by St Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary to God the Father. The Nativity Scene / Crib and decorations will remain in the church until the end of Christmastide, 2nd February.

Saturday 13th Jan

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Confessions: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Holy Mass: 6:00pm Bernadette Haydn RIP [N]

Sunday 14th Jan

Resurrection

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the

Holy Mass: 10:00am Private Intention

Monday 15th Jan

Second Week in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Holy Mass: 10:00am Chipo Chirairo RIP [N]

Tuesday 16th Jan

Second Week in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Angels

Adoration: 6:00pm – 6:45pm

Confessions: 6:00pm – 6:45pm

Holy Mass: 7:00pm Private Intention (GB)

Adult Formation Session 7:45-8:30pm

Wednesday 17th Jan

Second Week in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to Saint Joseph

Holy Mass: 07.30am Helena Krocze RIP [N]

Friday 19th Jan

Second Week in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Cross

Adoration: 11:00am – 11:45am

Confessions: 11:00am – 11:45am

Holy Mass: 12 noon Felix Gomez & Gabriel Mendy RIP [N]

Saturday 20th Jan

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Confessions: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Holy Mass: 6:00pm Gabrielle Dumble RIP

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