

## Sacred Heart Parish, Bordon

The First Reading and the Gospel are always connected at Mass on Sundays.

Both the First Reading and the Gospel today teach us about repentance.

For clarity this is what repentance means in our religion:

"CCC 1431: Repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a **re-turn**, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a **turning away** from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed".

Jesus says in the Gospel today: 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News' and the First Reading shows the power of repentance: God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on 14<sup>th</sup> February this year. We will begin our own 40 days of repentance as we are marked with ash, and we will hear the words '**repent** and believe the Gospel'.



### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January after the 7pm Mass or**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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!**)

### Fortnightly Bible Study

A reminder the we will meet again this Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - all welcome.

### Parish Plan 2024

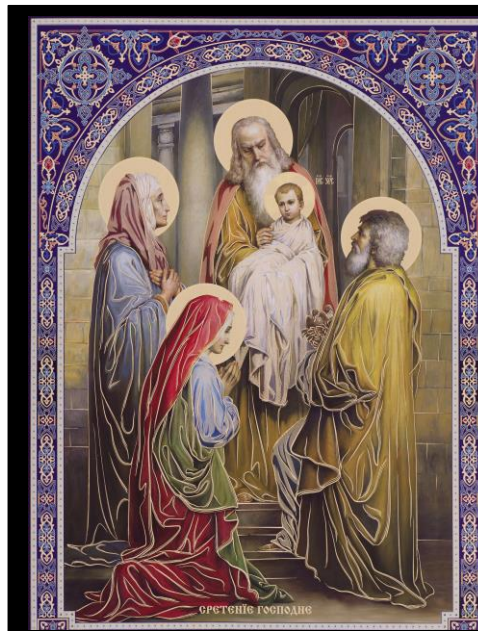
Please do take a look at our parish plan for 2024 which includes maintenance projects, evangelisation and outreach projects and also fundraising projects! Please do be involved if you have any time to spare!

### Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima

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

### Learning to play the drum!

Sacred Heart Pipe Band is progressing very well! We have now reached the point of being able to train drummers for the band. The first session for drummers will be on Thursday **1<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm**. Please do let me know if you're interested in coming along!



**Candlemass  
Friday  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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


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

[sacredheartbordon.co.uk](http://sacredheartbordon.co.uk)

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

Parish Bank Details:

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Adoration: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Confessions: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Holy Mass: 6:00pm Gabrielle Dumble RIP

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Holy Mass: 10:00am Emelinda Conception RIP [N]

## Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Souls

3rd Week in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Holy Mass: 10:00am Jacqueline Street Int.

## Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Angels

3rd Week in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Adoration: 6:00pm – 6:45pm

Confessions: 6:00pm – 6:45pm

Holy Mass: 7:00pm Christine Seke RIP [N]

Adult Formation Session 7:45-8:30pm

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to Saint Joseph

3rd Week in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Holy Mass: 07.30am Victoria Chandler Int

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Cross

3rd Week in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Adoration: 11:00am – 11:45am

Confessions: 11:00am – 11:45am

Holy Mass: 12 noon Marley Dear Int

## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time within the Season of Christmastide

Adoration: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Confessions: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Holy Mass: 6:00pm Cecilia Brennan RIP [N]

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