



Sacred Heart Parish, Bordon

Today, on this First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new 'Liturgical year'.

If you follow Mass in a Missal, today we turn to the front pages of the book and start again..... a new beginning.

For the past twelve months we have been hearing from Saint Matthews Gospel at Mass on Sundays, today we begin the year of Saint Mark.

We have been preparing for this weekend for many weeks now. We have made our action plans, we've decided what we're going to give up for Advent, what extra things we're going to take on; we've thought about the areas of our own spiritual life that need attention and some extra effort. Now is the time to put all of that into action.








Today we ask God's blessing upon us and all our endeavours to be ready for the Lord's Return, His Second Coming, listening to what He says in the Gospel today: **'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come'**.



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".

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 13th 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
- The Sacraments

January

- 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



Christmas Mass times:

Christmas Eve:

5:30pm Family Mass

11:30pm Carols by candlelight
followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day:

10am

Christmas Octave:

10am (weekdays 26th Dec – 1st Jan)

Nativity Rehearsals

From this Sunday a practice will take place after the 10am Mass EVERY SUNDAY lasting 30mins.

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 3rd December: It's important that we begin this time together, as a parish, in prayer. So, we will celebrate the official Evening Prayer of the Church (called Vespers) on Sunday 3rd December at 5pm, followed by (non-alcoholic!) mulled wine and mince pies. Please do come along!

Red Missio Boxes

If you have a Red Missio box, please return it for counting this weekend

Congratulations Sean!

Sean was baptised here last weekend. Please keep him in your prayers and his parents and Godparents too, that they may be the best examples to him in practicing our faith.

Christmas Mass times

Unusually, this year the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. This means we have the usual Sunday Masses plus the Christmas Masses. The times are at the top of this page.




Failing to prepare is preparing to fail!

Advent is a sacred season in the church's year. A time, like Lent, when we live differently.

Now is the time to begin to think about what you will do this Advent to keep the season solemn and holy.

What will you do? There will be the usual parish activities taking place to help you decide!

Advent Bible Studies:
Every Monday after 10am Mass

Advent Faith Formation:
Every Tuesday after 7:00pm Mass

Adore the Lord in Adoration:
Every Sat 5pm Tues 6pm Fri 11am

Go to Confession:
Every Sat 5pm Tues 6pm Fri 11am

Attend the early morning Mass:
0730am every Wednesday

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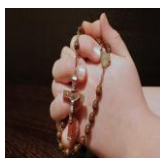
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Holy Mass during Advent

Advent, like Lent is a penitential time in the Church's year.

Advent is a time of denying the self so that we can make room for the Lord.

In these weeks of Advent we are all the more determined to put God first, to focus on Him and to free ourselves from the usual distractions of our busy lives.

The Liturgy has some differences too:

No Flowers in Church:

We fast from flowers and decorations, having only the Advent wreath.

No Gloria:

During penitential times in the Church, we do not pray the Gloria.

Violet:

The Liturgical colour is violet.

Rose vestments:

Just like in Lent, we use the Rose-coloured Vestments on the Third Sunday of Advent.

Month dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					FIRST FRIDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
VEPSERS AT 5:00PM	Advent Bible study	Advent formation 7:45pm	0730am Mass		Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	Confessions from 5pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
PARISH NATIVITY 3PM	Advent Bible study	Advent formation 7:45pm	0730am Mass			Confessions from 5pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christmas Octave Holy mass at 10am every day						

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Faith Formation opportunities:

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Go to Confession:

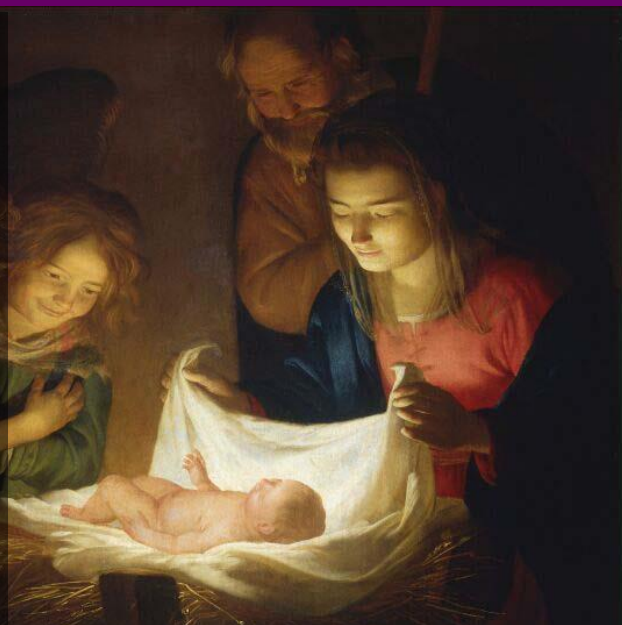
Every Sat 5pm Tues 6pm Fri 11am

Attend the early morning Mass:

Every Wednesday at 0730am

The Christmas

Octave refers to the days that follow Christmas Day. On each of the days of the Octave a different aspect of the Mystery of God becoming Man is unpacked for us.



JESSE TREE SCRIPTURES (The symbols are only suggestions)

December 1 *Creation*: Gen. 1:1-31; 2:1-4 Symbols: sun, moon, stars, earth

December 2 *Adam and Eve*: Gen. 2:7-9, 18-24 Symbols: tree, man, woman

December 3 *Fall of Man*: Gen. 3:1-7 and 23-24 Symbols: tree, serpent, apple with bite

December 4 *Noah*: Gen. 6:5-8, 13-22; 7:17, 23, 24; 8:1, 6:22 Symbols: ark, animals, dove, rainbow

December 5 *Abraham*: Gen. 12:1-3 Symbols: torch, sword, mountain

December 6 *Isaac*: Gen. 22:1-14 Symbols: bundle of wood, altar, ram in bush

December 7 *Jacob*: Gen. 25:1-34; 28:10-15 Symbols: kettle, ladder

December 8 *Joseph*: Gen. 37:23-28; 45:3-15 Symbols: bucket, well, silver coins, tunic

December 9 *Moses*: Ex. 2:1-10 Symbols: baby in basket, river and rushes

December 10 *Samuel*: 1 Sam. 3:1-18 Symbols: lamp, temple

December 11 *Jesse*: 1 Sam. 16:1-13 Symbols: crimson robe, shepherd's staff

December 12 *David*: 1 Sam. 17:12-51 Symbols: slingshot, 6-pointed star

December 13 *Solomon*: 1 Kings 3:5-14, 16-28 Symbols: scales of justice, temple, two babies and sword

December 14 *Joseph*: Matt. 1:18-25 Symbols: hammer, saw, chisel, angle

December 15 *Mary*: Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38 Symbols: lily, crown of stars, pierced heart

December 16 *John the Baptist*: Mark 1:1-8 Symbols: shell with water, river

On December 17, the Church begins to intensify the preparation for Christmas with the use of the "O" Antiphons during the Liturgy of the Hours. The symbols for the Jesse Tree from December 17 to 23 are based on the "O" Antiphons.

December 17 *Jesus is Wisdom*: Sirach (or Ecclesiasticus in old Bibles) 24:2; Wisdom 8:1 Symbols: oil lamp, open book

December 18 *Jesus is Lord*: Ex. 3:2; 20:1 Symbols: burning bush, stone tablets

December 19 *Jesus is Flower of Jesse*: Isaiah 11:1-3 Symbols: flower, plant with flower

December 20 *Jesus is Key of David*: Isaiah 22:22 Symbols: key, broken chains

December 21 *Jesus is the Radiant Dawn*: Psalm 19:6-7 (in older Bibles this will be Psalm 18) Symbols: sun rising or high in sky

December 22 *Jesus is King of the Gentiles*: Psalm 2:7-8; Ephesians 2:14-20 Symbols: crown, sceptre

December 23 *Jesus is Emmanuel*: Isaiah 7:14; 33:22 Symbols: tablets of stone, chalice and host

December 24 *Jesus is Light of the World*: John 1:1-14 Symbols: candle, flame, sun



Jesse Tree Daily Scripture Readings for Advent

These Scripture Readings have been specifically selected to lead and guide us through the days of Advent, helping us to deepen our understanding of the Season and to spot the mistakes made at the First Coming of Christ so that we may be better prepared for His Parousia – His Second Coming.

Saturday 2nd Dec

First Week of Advent

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Confessions: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Holy Mass: 6:00pm Terence Michael Daines RIP [N]

Sunday 3rd Dec

First Week of Advent

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass: 10:00am Dec'd McEaney, Kennedy and Murgatroyd Families RIP [N]

Vespers (Evening Prayer) 5:00pm

Monday 4th Dec

First Week of Advent

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Holy Mass: 10:00am Tawonga Makunje RIP [N]

Tuesday 5th Dec

First Week of Advent

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Angels

Adoration: 6:00pm – 6:45pm

Confessions: 6:00pm – 6:45pm

Holy Mass: 7:00pm Jeffery Jude Lee Beng Chen RIP [N]

Adult Formation Session 7:45-8:30pm

Wednesday 6th Dec

First Week of Advent

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to Saint Joseph

Holy Mass: 07.30am Gillian Chandler Int

Friday 8th Dec

Immaculate Conception Solemnity

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Cross

Adoration: 11:00am – 11:45am

Confessions: 11:00am – 11:45am

Holy Mass: 12 noon Deceased members of the Parmenter Family [N]

Saturday 9th Dec

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Confessions: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Holy Mass: 6:00pm Richard Kosinski RIP [N]

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