

# Sacred Heart Parish, Bordon

Melchior, Casper and
Balthazar have arrived! They
come bearing gifts of Gold,
Frankincense and Myrrh. Gifts
that <u>reveal</u> to us the divine
identity of this Newborn Baby.

The Greek word for 'revelation' is 'Epiphany' which is why today's Solemnity is called the Feast of Epiphany.

Gold is for a King and Jesus is the King of Kings, King of Heaven and of Earth!

Frankincense is only used for God, a fragrant sacrifice of prayer and worship and Jesus is God made man and myrrh

Is used in death, alluding to a significant death. Three revealing gifts brought to the Lord this day.

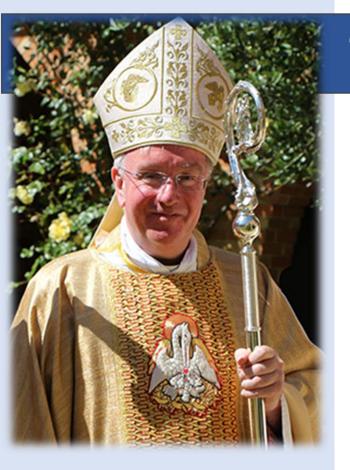
And today, Bishop Philip asks us about the gifts we bring to the Lord at the start of this New Year as he launches the 'Closer to Christ Campaign'.

At the end of Mass I will bless chalk and we use the chalk to 'mark' our home, 20C+M+B24 asking for these three visitors to the Lord to bless our home so that we may receive form the Lord and in thanksgiving give back to Him.



### **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".



At the beginning of the New Year, on the Feast of the Epiphany, Bishop Philip asks us to reflect on what we are offering the Lord.

# Closer to Christ Campaign 'A call to action'

I am sure you will agree when I say this last year has continued to be challenging. Yet although many aspects of our lives have been impacted, our Catholic faith has remained the one constant. I also wish to thank wholeheartedly those clergy who continue to work so tirelessly to sustain and support the communities under their care. It is this steadfast commitment that has progressed the Church across the Diocese of Portsmouth since the late 19th century. The Closer to Christ Campaign is a 'call to action' which invites all parishioners to become more fully and sacrificially involved in the life of the Church - to collectively build God's Kingdom and live the Gospel, especially in providing for others. Since the Campaign started, over 60 parishes have taken part, and I am delighted that Sacred Heart will be part of the next group of parishes leading the way.

**Bishop Philip** 

As Bishop Philip says above, over 60 parishes have already participated in the 'Closer to Christ Campaign' and our turn has now arrived.

Bishop Philip asks us to do two things:

- (1) To think about how we contribute to the life of the Diocese
- (2) To think about how we contribute to the life of the parish.

The campaign looks (from a diocesan point of view) specifically at the clergy, from seminary to retirement and the costs involved: £30,000 per seminarian annually – and we have 10 seminarians, £100,000 per year for each retired priest – and we have 40 retired priests with 30 more priests retiring in the next 10 years.

Since the COVID19 lockdowns the diocese is £1Milliondown per year compared to before COVID. So, the bishop asks us to reflect seriously on how we support and contribute to the life of the diocese.



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 initiates get off the ground and work? Maybe you have a skill or ability you could offer, saving us form another bill? You might 'Gif Aid' or use the fundraising app which will increase your giving at no further cost to **AOO**S

### **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

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>
January at
10am

Communion:



# 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



### Family Catechesis:

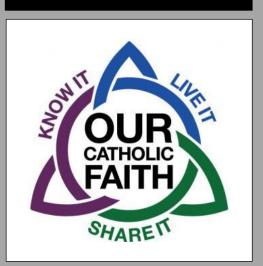
Learn about our faith as a family.... Every two weeks at 10am on Saturday mornings



### **Devotions:**

Holy Rosary: Wed after Mass

Fri 11:30am
First Friday: Every first
Friday



# Adult Formation

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

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- 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

Parish Bank Details:

Account Name: Sort Code: Account Number: PRCDTR BORDON SACRED HEART 30-93-04 01755138

### Month dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

#### **JANUARY 2024** Thu Fri Sat Mon Tue Wed New Year's 1 2 3 5 6 First Friday Day: Mary Mass at Mass at Feast of the Sacred Heart Mother of 10am 10am **Epiphany Devotion** God 10am First Holy 13 10 Fortnightly 8 12 First Adult Feast of the **Bible Study** Santo Niño de **Formation** Communion **Epiphany** begins 🔐 Cebú Novena of 2024 session 18 19 16 New baptism Adult **Formation** preparation sessions First Holy 27 25 23 26 22 Communion Adult Confirmation **Fortnightly** session **Formation Bible Study** Session 31 28 29 30 Candlemas / Adult **Formation 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 Jospeh 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 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan Feast of Epiphany	Joyful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Adoration:	5:00pm – 5:45pm	
Confessions:	5:00pm – 5:45pm	
Holy Mass:	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan Feast of Epiphany	Glorious Mysteries	Dedicated to the Resurrection
Holy Mass:	10:00am	Child-Thomas & Stanislawski Families RIP [N]
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan The Baptism of the Lord	Joyful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Holy Souls
Holy Mass:	10:00am	Roskilly Family Members RIP [N]
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sorrowful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Holy Angels
Adoration:	6:00pm – 6:45pm	
Confessions:	6:00pm – 6:45pm	
Holy Mass:	7:00pm	Christopher Nyirenda RIP [N]
Adult Formation Session	7:45-8:30pm	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Glorious Mysteries	Dedicated to Saint Joseph
Holy Mass:	07.30am	Marta Cemova RIP [N]
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sorrowful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Holy Cross
Adoration:	11:00am – 11:45a	m
Confessions:	11:00am – 11:45a	m
Holy Mass:	12 noon	Jim Brennan RIP [N]
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan Second Sunday in Ordinary Time within the Sec	Joyful Mysteries ason of Christmastide	Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Adoration:	5:00pm – 5:45pm	
Confessions:	5:00pm – 5:45pm	
Holy Mass:	6:00pm	Bernadette Haydn RIP [N]
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