



Sacred Heart Parish, Bordon

Melchior, Casper and Balthazar have arrived! They come bearing gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Gifts that reveal 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 from 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".

Closer to Christ Campaign

‘A call to action’



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.

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 initiatives get off the ground and work? Maybe you have a skill or ability 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 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



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH
 KNOW IT
 LIVE IT
 SHARE IT

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

Parish Bank Details:

Account Name:

PRCDTR BORDON SACRED HEART

Sort Code:







30-93-04

Account Number:

01755138

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 6th 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 7th Jan

Feast of Epiphany

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass: 10:00am Child-Thomas & Stanislawski Families RIP [N]

Monday 8th Jan

The Baptism of the Lord

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Holy Mass: 10:00am Roskilly Family Members RIP [N]

Tuesday 9th 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 10th Jan

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to Saint Joseph

Holy Mass: 07.30am Marta Cemova RIP [N]

Friday 12th Jan

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Cross

Adoration: 11:00am – 11:45am

Confessions: 11:00am – 11:45am

Holy Mass: 12 noon Jim Brennan RIP [N]

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]

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