

# **Purgatory: paying the price**

We've been thinking about the word 'communion' since Pentecost.

At Pentecost, God the Holy Spirit descended and 'gathered the Church into One', as He continues to do today through the Sacraments.

If we are in a 'State of Grace' we are one with God and one with His People, the Church.

If we deliberately choose to separate ourselves from God and His People by breaking any of the 10 Commandments, then we are free to do so – but we are no longer in a state of Grace. We need to be in a 'State of Grace' when we die – that assures of Heaven. If we die separated from God, then that's how we will remain for eternity.

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us about Purgatory, state of being after death where we can make up for sins we committed, and Jesus says there are different punishments according to our deeds.

The Communion of the Church isn't only for us on earth, we are in union with the church in Heaven (Triumphant) and the church in Purgatory (Suffering) and by our union with the Holy Souls in Purgatory we can help them by our prayers and doing penance for them.



### Parish Mission:

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



### **Holy Mass Times**

Mon 10:00am
Tues 7:00pm
Wed 07:30am
Fri 12 Noon
Sat 6:00pm (Vigil)
Sun 10:00am

### **Confession Times**

Tues 6:00pm

Fri 11.00am

Sat 5:00pm

Or 30mins before any Mass



### **Adoration Times:**

Tues 6.00pm

Fri 11am

Sat 5pm

	SEPTEMBER 2025						
	MONDAY 1	TUESDAY 2	WEDNESDAY  Prayers for the Holy Souls	THURSDAY  Band Practice	FRIDAY  5  SOUPS	GATURDAY  6 Chess club 11am Quiz night 7:30pm	
7 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT	8 Bible Study / Mary's Birthday	Adult formation 7.45pm	10	11	SOUPS	13	JiZ GH1
24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	15	Adult formation supper	24	25	SOUPS	-	A S
25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	Bible Study	formation 7.45pm			SOUPS	<sup>2</sup> First Holy Communion begins	
26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT		Adult formation 7.45pm					

# Dates / Events coming up:

17<sup>th</sup> August Military History day Hogmoor

8<sup>th</sup> Sept Fortnightly Bible Study Begins

16<sup>th</sup> Sept RCIA course begins

5<sup>th</sup> Oct Mayor Making Ceremony 10am Mass

11<sup>th</sup> Nov Armistice Day: The town remembers

21<sup>st</sup> Nov Christmas lights switch on!

30<sup>th</sup> Nov First Sunday of Advent (Vespers 6pm)

# Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct: Mayor Making

During Mass on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October the first ever mayor Making ceremony for Whitehill and Bordon will take place here in our parish church.

We are honoured and privileged to be involved in this historic moment.

### **Supporting the Parish:**

Account Name: CDP BORDON SACRED HEART

Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 01755138



Father John is looking to form a team to help support a new parish initiative..... We're going to introduce a Sunday Night time of 'Praise and Worship' in the Autumn.

We're looking for musicians and singers and help in spreading the news and inviting people to come along.... Can you help?

### The Month of August

Customarily, the month of August is a quiet month and the parish re-charges. People travel, sacramental programmes have ended, and families are tied up with babysitting arrangements! It makes sense then for Fr John to take time off during this 'offpeak' period. So, there will be no weekday Masses, Adoration or Confessions from 1st August.

Weekend Masses are never changed.

### Time for a coffee!

Coffee is served:

Mon: 8am – 10am and During Bible Study

12 – 2pm

**Wed:** 8am – 9:30am **Fri:** 8am – 10am &

During soups

### **Monthly Quiz night**

Thank you to Cecilia for another enjoyable evening last Saturday! Our Quiz night takes place on the first Saturday of the month, 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Why not form a team and come along? (no more than 6 people on each team).

### **Altar Serving Training**

On **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September** (at 10am) we will have an altar serving training session. We're blessed to have a great number of new altar servers, and it would be good to go through a few points as a group.

### **Becoming a Catholic**

If you know anyone interested in finding out more, please let Fr John know.

Chess club First Saturday 11am

Quiz Night First Saturday 7:30pm

> Parish Pipe Band Thursdays 7pm

Community
Pantry:
Mon 8am –
10am and 122pm
Wed 8am –
9.30am
Fri 8am –
10am &
12.45-2pm

Coffee Mon, Wed & Fri 8am -10am

Soups Every Friday 12:30pm

Gardening Team Most Saturdays





Holy Baptism Preparation courses run throughout the year (outside of Lent)

Confirmation
our next
session will
be on
Sunday 27th
July after
Mass

Holy
Communion
our next
Preparation
Programme
will begin in
September

Confession
Tues 6pm
Fri 11am
Sat 5pm
or 30mins
before any
Mass

Holy
Matrimony
It takes at
least one
year to
prepare for
marriage

Holy Orders
we should all
consider
whether God
is calling us for
service in His
Church

Last Rites
As soon as
there is a
danger to life,
a priest must
be called



From the catechism..... Purgatory

**1030** All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

**1031** The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. the tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire.

**1032** From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.

Times when we can adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament:

**TUESDAY 6pm** 

**FRIDAY 11am** 

**SATURDAY 5pm** 

The church is open every day from 9am – 7pm for private prayer How long have you spent in prayer this week?

### Holy Day of Obligation 15<sup>th</sup> Aug

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul, into heaven. Mass will be at 7pm.

### **Tuesday evening Adult Formation**

You have the opportunity to learn more about your faith every Tuesday at 7:45pm. We explore every aspect of our faith. We're going to introduce something different this year. On the third Tuesday of the month we're going to have a meal to share helping us to get to know any new members and to help them feel part of the parish. The Adult Formation Sessions will begin again in September.

### Poppies!

November will be here before we know it! Please do keep up the hard work producing poppies for the November display. We hope to extend the display we had back in May.







# **SPACE FOR NATURE**

Join us for Whitehill & Bordon community mapping walk

Wednesday 13th August 2025 - 6.00pm

The walk will be led by Katy Gary, Senior Community Development Officer from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

On the walk we will:

- · Identify existing wildlife habitats and species
- · Locate areas for improvement and habitat creation

The walk will be starting at Sacred Heart Church

Email: Linda.Delve@whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk to join the walk . Everyone welcome!



# Have you been to Confession this month?

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> August 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	Joyful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Adoration	5:00pm	
Confessions:	5:00pm - 5:40pm	
Holy Mass: (Sunday Vigil)	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> August 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Glorious Mysteries	Dedicated to the Resurrection
Holy Mass:	10:00am	People of the Parish

# No Weekday Masses this week except Friday 15<sup>th</sup> The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Body and Soul into Heaven.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August
19<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Cross

# Holy Mass 7pm

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (VIGIL)	Joyful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Adoration	5:00pm	
Confessions:	5:00pm - 5:40pm	
Holy Mass:	6:00pm	Aidan Woods RIP