



Emmanuel – God with us

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

As 2026 fast approaches I would like to thank you all very much for the part you play in the parish. We have a wonderful parish full of people working together and wanting the parish to succeed. We are all pulling in the same direction which really is a blessing!

We have achieved a great deal together and the New Year promises even more exciting projects and opportunities for us to celebrate our faith and welcome-in those who want to join us and support our efforts.

It is always so encouraging to look out at a packed Church (and hall!!!) which was the case at all the Christmas Masses this year.

In a particular way, I'd like to take this opportunity thank those who Read and Serve at Mass, those who work behind the projector, the amazing team of flower arrangers, gardeners, church cleaners and those who have helped with maintenance tasks. Thanks also to those who make the tea and cakes, those who provide delicious soups and all those who run and support social events and important outreach initiatives. Finally, to Deacon Kim, Jeanneth and all the family for their continued support.

May God bless you all in the New Year, Fr John

FROM
Community
TO
Communion

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

DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1ST IN SUNDAY ADVENT	1 Bible Study	2 Adult Formation	3	4	5 SOUPS	6 CHESS 11AM QUIZ 7:30PM
7 2ND IN SUNDAY ADVENT	8 Bible Study	9 Adult Formation	10		12 SOUPS	13 Nativity Rehearsal 10am
14 3RD IN SUNDAY ADVENT	15 Bible Study	16 Adult Formation	17		19 SOUPS	20 Nativity Rehearsal 10am
21 Parish Nativity 2pm	22 Bible Study	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:30PM 11:30pm	25 Christmas Day Mass: 10am	26 Mass: 10am	27
28 Holy Family	29 Mass: 10am	30 Mass: 10am	31 New Year's Eve Mass: 10am			

Dates / Events coming up:

1 st January	New Year's Day Mass 10am
4 th January	Priestly Vocations Meeting with Bishop Philip
18 th January	Confirmation Sessions begin again
19 th January	Bible Study begins again
20 th January	Adult Formation (RCIA) begins again
23 rd January	Friday soups begin again
24 th January	First Holy Communion sessions begin again
2 nd February	The end of Christmastide – The Presentation of the Lord
7 th February	First Quiz Night of 2026 – St Valentine theme
18 th February	Ash Wednesday



Supporting the Parish:

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Thank you!

Thank you so much for your cards, gifts and good wishes this Christmas. I was greatly touched by your generosity with the Christmas collection. THANK YOU! Fr John

Mass Schedule:

Please keep a close eye on the Weekday Mass times as there will be some changes over the Christmas octave. (Weekend Masses won't change)

First Sessions in 2026:

First Holy Communion:

Saturday 24th January at 10am

Confirmation:

Sunday 18th January after Mass

Adult formation:

Tuesday 20th January at 7:45pm

Bible Study:

Monday 19th January 10:45am

Friday Soups:

Friday 23rd January 12:45pm

Holy Day of obligation:

6th January is always a Holy Day of obligation as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. **Mass will be at 7pm.**

New Year's Day Mass:

Begin 2026 with the Lord. Mass on New Year's Day will be at 10am.

Chess Club:

There will be chess club next Saturday at 11am – all welcome!



Holy Baptism

The next Baptism Preparation sessions will begin in January.....

Sat 24th Jan 11am & Sat 7th Feb.

Parents (and if possible Godparents) are expected to attend both sessions.



Holy Matrimony

If you have been married 'outside of the church' and would like to sacramentalise your union, please speak to Father John. It is an easy and straightforward process!



Holy Orders

Bishop Philip invites all men considering a Priestly Vocation to join him on **Sunday 4th**

January at 3pm at St John's Cathedral Portsmouth

bishop@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Chess club
First Saturday
11am

Quiz Night
First Saturday
7:30pm
(Beginning in February)

Parish Pipe
Band
Thursdays
7pm

Coffee: Mon,
Wed & Fri 8am
-10am

Soups
Every Friday
12:30pm

Gardening
Team
Saturdays

Community
Pantry
Mon: 8am-
10am and
12noon -2pm,
Wed: 8am –
9:30am
Fri: 8am –
10am and
12:45pm – 2pm



Many congratulations to all those involved in this Year's Parish Nativity!

The children were amazing! Thank you to them for all their hard work, to their parents for helping them and making sure they were at rehearsals and to all those who worked behind the scenes adjusting costumes. With the sound, and providing mulled wine and mice pies!

It was a quick turnaround to prepare the church for Christmas Eve, but the mission was complete and the church looked better than ever!!!

Thank you to all the cleaners, flower arrangers and those who donated poinsettias and other flowers to decorate the church this Christmastide.





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

Confirmation
our next session will be on **Sunday 18th January** after Mass

Holy Communion
our next Preparation Programme will begin on Saturday **24th January 2026**

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



Family learning from the Catechism:

We are preparing for the arrival of the Magi, the Three Kings, the 3 Wise Men from afar.....

528 The *Epiphany* is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.²¹² In the *magi*, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The *magi*'s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.²¹³ Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.²¹⁴ The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires *Israelitica dignitas*²¹⁵ (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

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?

Saturday 27th December

Holy Family (Vigil)

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mass: (Sunday Vigil)

6:00pm

Matthew Michael Parle RIP [N]

Sunday 28th December

Holy Family

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass:

10:00am

People of the Parish

Monday 29th December

St Thomas Becket

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Holy Mass

10:00am

Edgardo Mayluya RIP [N]

Tuesday 30th December

6th day in the Christmas Octave

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Angels

Holy Mass:

10:00am

Sucepatro Manugas RIP [N]

Wednesday 31st December

7th Day in the Christmas Octave

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to St Joseph

Holy Mass:

10:00am

Lolita Samatra RIP [N]

Thursday 1st January 2026

New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Luminous Mysteries

Dedicated to the Cross

Holy Mass:

10:00am

People of the Parish

Friday 2nd January

Sts Basil and Gregory

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Cross

Holy Mass:

10:00am

Richard Kosinski & Alex and Mary Feolyuo RIP [N]

Saturday 3rd January

Second Sunday of Christmastide (VIGIL)

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Confessions:

5:00pm - 5:40pm

Adoration:

5:00pm

Holy Mass:

6:00pm

People of the Parish

Holy Day of Obligation:
Epiphany Tues 6th Jan Mass 7pm



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