

## Vanity

Communion is our coming-into-union with God and His Holy People.

We are gathered into one by the Holy Spirit and only Mortal Sin separates us from that Holy Communion with God.

That oneness is impossible for us to achieve by our own effort. We are not even one in the self - we are body, soul and spirit and of course that division is seen most clearly in death in the separation of body and soul.

Our goal in this life is to find perfect union with God in Heaven and to use this life to prepare for that union.

Vanity (as our readings speak to us today) is the opposite to communion with God. Vanity seeks to attract union with the self in place of God.

Vanity is all about attracting other people to me. It's about getting noticed and admired. Vanity puts the self in place of God which is idolatry.

Our English word 'vanity' comes from the Latin word 'vanitas' meaning 'empty'.

Jesus reminds us to store up treasure in heaven so that (please God) when we arrive there we will not be empty handed!

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



# SEPTEMBER 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1		2	3 Prayers for the Holy Souls	4 Band Practice	5 SOUPS	6 Chess club 11am Quiz night 7:30pm
7 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT	8 Bible Study / Mary's Birthday	9 Adult formation 7.45pm	10	11	12 SOUPS	13
14 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	15	16 Adult formation supper	17	18	19 SOUPS	20
21 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	22 Bible Study	23 Adult formation 7.45pm	24	25	26 SOUPS	27 First Holy Communion begins
28 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	29	30 Adult formation 7.45pm				



## Dates / Events coming up:

2<sup>nd</sup> August Baptism Preparation course begins  
10<sup>th</sup> August Mayor's Charity event  
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!

## 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

[www.sacredheartbordon.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartbordon.co.uk)

## 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 'off-peak' period. So, there will be no weekday Masses, Adoration or Confessions from 1<sup>st</sup> 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



### Chess Club

Our monthly Chess Club takes place again this Saturday at 11am.... All welcome!

### First Wednesday Prayers

We gather again this Wednesday at 7pm to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

### Quiz night

Teams of no more than 6 are invited to come along to our monthly quiz night, organised by Cecilia. We begin at 7.30pm and end at 9:30pm

## Civic Event: Mayor Making Ceremony

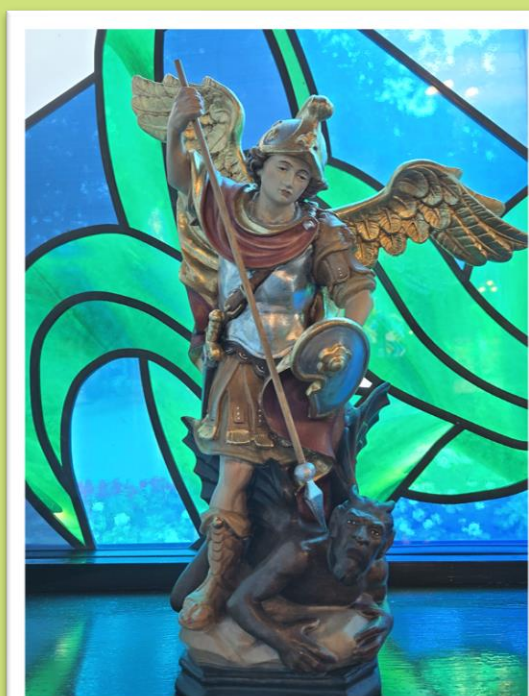


We have the huge privilege and honour of hosting the first ever 'Mayor Making Ceremony' to be held in Whitehill and Bordon.

During the 10am Mass on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October** we will ceremonially mark the appointment of Cllr Catherine Clark as Town Mayor. Cllr Clark is also the Deputy Leader of the Whitehill and Bordon Community Party. We look forward to welcoming Catherine and all her guests for Mass and a light reception afterwards.

### St Michael the Archangel

Our sincere thanks to Justin and Caroline for donating the beautiful image of St Michael the Archangel – our defence in battle!



Chess club  
First Saturday  
11am

Quiz Night  
First Saturday  
8pm  
(From July)

Parish Pipe  
Band  
Thursdays  
7pm








Community  
Pantry:  
Mon 8am –  
10am and 12-  
2pm  
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



						
<b>Holy Baptism</b> Preparation courses run throughout the year (outside of Lent)	<b>Confirmation</b> our next session will be on <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b> after Mass	<b>Holy Communion</b> our next Preparation Programme will begin in September	<b>Confession</b> <b>Tues 6pm</b> <b>Fri 11am</b> <b>Sat 5pm</b> or 30mins before any Mass	<b>Holy Matrimony</b> <u>It takes at least one year</u> to prepare for marriage	<b>Holy Orders</b> we should all consider whether God is calling us for service in His Church	<b>Last Rites</b> As soon as there is a danger to life, a priest must be called



## Being in a 'State of Grace'

Being in a 'state of grace' means being in a right relationship with the Blessed Trinity. We lose this state of grace when we deliberately chose to sin. Here is how the Catechism defines grace:

**1997 Grace** is a participation in the life of God. It introduces us into the intimacy of Trinitarian life: by Baptism the Christian participates in the grace of Christ, the Head of his Body. As an "adopted son" he can henceforth call God "Father," in union with the only Son.

**2000 Sanctifying grace** is an habitual gift, a stable and supernatural disposition that perfects the soul itself to enable it to live with God, to act by his love. Habitual grace, the permanent disposition to live and act in keeping with God's call, is distinguished from **actual graces** which refer to God's interventions, whether at the beginning of conversion or in the course of the work of sanctification.

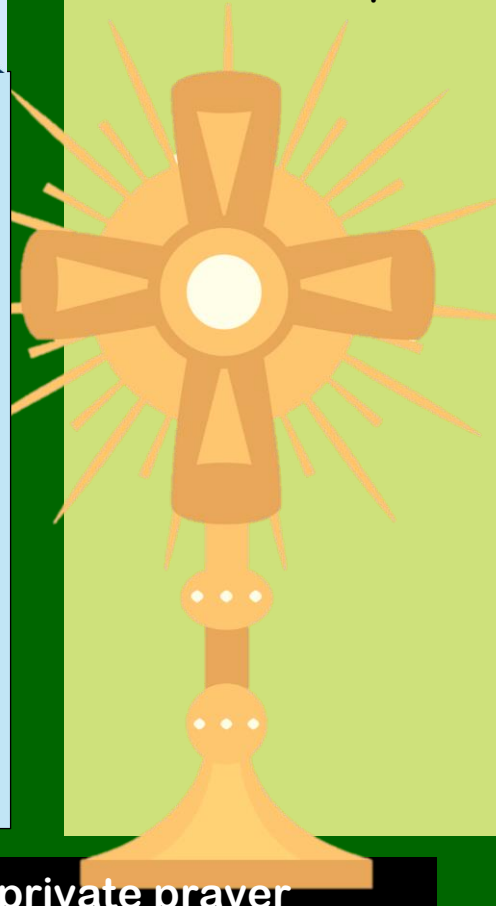
We receive sanctifying grace through the sacraments which Jesus established for us.

**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.



## Baptism Preparation

Session one (of two) takes place this weekend **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am.**



Hampshire &  
Isle of Wight  
Wildlife Trust

# 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](mailto:Linda.Delve@whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk)  
to join the walk . Everyone welcome!



CONNECTING NATURE ACROSS YOUR COMMUNITY

[www.greening-campaign.org](http://www.greening-campaign.org)

# Have you been to Confession this month?

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

18<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 3<sup>rd</sup> August

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass:

10:00am

Susan Lee Birthday Intentions

# No Weekday Masses this week.

## 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:

6:00pm

People of the Parish

**Sacred Heart Catholic church, High Street, Bordon. GU35 0AU**