



Melchior, Balthasar and Casper are on their way!

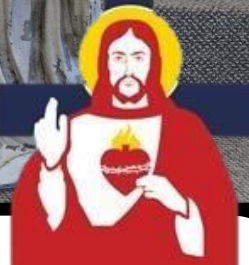
Christmastide is a beautiful season in the Church's Year which begins on Christmas Day and lasts until **2nd February** with the Celebration of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.

The Nativity Scene – a moment frozen in time – remains in the church reminding us that all of the prayers and Readings we will hear at Mass are explaining something more about who it is lying in the Manger.

Christmastide, day by day, defines a word we were invited to explore back in Advent..... the word 'Christ' (in Greek) or 'Messiah' in Hebrew.

In the week ahead we celebrate a Holy Day of Obligation with the feast of 'epiphany' another Greek word meaning 'revelation'.

The arrival of Melchior, Balthasar and Casper is an important moment in this beautiful season of Christmastide.



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

January 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 CHESS 11am
4 2 nd Sunday after Christmas	5	6 Epiphany Holy Day of Obligation	7 No Mass	8	9 Mass 10am	10
11 Baptism of the Lord	12	13	14	15	16	17
	No Masses Monday - Friday					
18 Confirmation after Mass	19 Bible Study 10.45am	20 Adult formation begins 7:45pm	21	22	23  SOUPS	24 FHC 10am Baptism Prep 11am
25	26	27	28	29	30  SOUPS	31

Dates / Events coming up:

4th January Priestly Vocations Meeting with Bishop Philip
18th January Confirmation Sessions begin again
19th January Bible Study begins again
20th January Adult Formation (RCIA) begins again
23rd January Friday soups begin again
24th January First Holy Communion sessions begin again

2nd February The end of Christmastide – The Presentation of the Lord
7th February First Quiz Night of 2026 – St Valentine theme
18th February Ash Wednesday

Supporting the Parish:

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Congratulations!

Many Congratulations to Mařka Vesekov who made solemn vows today and was consecrated to the 'Ordo Virginum'. We promise our prayerful support.

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.**

Friday Soups:

Our usual Friday soups will begin again on **Friday 23rd January.**

Chess Club:

There will be chess club this 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 3rd January

2nd Sunday after Christmas Vigil)

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mass: (Sunday Vigil)

6:00pm

People of the Parish

Sunday 4th January

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass:

10:00am

Wiktor Pawlak RIP [N]

Monday 5th January

St Twelfth Night

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Holy Mass

10:00am

Julia Baker Intentions

Tuesday 6th January

Epiphany

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Angels

Holy Mass:

7:00pm

People of the Parish

Wednesday 7th January

Christmastide

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to St Joseph

Holy Mass:

10:00am

NO MASS

Friday 9th January

Christmastide

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Cross

Holy Mass:

10:00am

Fr Cyril Murtaugh RIP [N]

Saturday 10th January

Baptism of the Lord (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

Epiphany (meaning revelation) is the day Casper, Melchior and Balthasar arrive, and their gifts reveal who the child in the manger really is.....Gold for a King, Incense for God and Myrrh for a meaningful death.

Holy Day of Obligation:

Epiphany Tues 6th Jan Mass 7pm



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