



4 January 2026

PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK



THE GOLDEN ARROW PRAYER

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible, and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored, and glorified in Heaven, on Earth, and under the Earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

January is the Month of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

We pray for the salvation of souls; for those who are sick and those who care for them; for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood; and for the Holy Catholic Church. Please implore Our Blessed Lord to guide the House of Lords to reject the anti-life legislation before them.

Adoration (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);

Rosary, Vespers and Benediction (Sunday 4pm)

St Joseph Devotions Tuesday after 9.15am Mass

Rosary for Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood Wednesday after 9.15am Mass

The Church is open for private prayer from 9am-6pm each day

The wisdom of God has dwelt in the chosen people.

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R12a****The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.****Second Reading****Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18****'He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus.'**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

Gospel**John 1:1-18****'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.'**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me."'

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

REMINDER

**TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY—THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**



HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

Parish Notices

Thank you

A big and heartfelt thanks to you all for your wonderful presence as parishioners and fellow disciples of the Lord this year. Also, grateful thanks for all your generosity in the cards, good wishes and gifts we have received. Most of all, thank you for all your love and prayers. A big thank you to everyone who helped with our Advent and Christmas liturgies, music, serving, decorations, hospitality and all the things that have made this a blessed Christmas. A happy Christmas to you all.

First Confession and First Holy Communion 2027

If you have a child who is currently in **Year 3** who would be looking to prepare to receive the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion in 2027 we invite you to come along to some early preparation sessions on:

10th January , 14th February , 14th March, 18th April , 9th May
From 12 noon until 1pm—In the Louis Suite

NEW YEAR Ceilidh Saturday 3rd January 2026

All food for the finger buffet can be brought to the Louis Suite on Saturday 3rd January. Ticket price £10 each to raise funds for the Church roof. TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. The ticket does not include alcohol—please BYO (bring your own).

Christmas Raffle—LAST CHANCE

Many thanks for all donations for the Christmas raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale until the draw on Saturday evening 3rd January— £1 per strip or 6 for £5. The draw will take place at the Ceilidh on 3 January. Thank you, as ever, for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

All donations, including gift aid where applicable, given at Masses on Christmas Day and including the Christmas Vigil Mass, other than those by regular standing order, will be used exclusively to support the priest appointed to the Parish.

TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP—7.00-8.00pm (LAST TUESDAY of each month)

On the last Tuesdays of each month a group of faithful parishioners has been meeting to pray for the various needs of the Parish. The group next meets on Tuesday 27th January. Everyone is welcome.

Job vacancies in the Diocese [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

3 Jan	Sat	The Most Holy Name of Jesus (OF)	9.15 am	Devasia George (RIP)
	Sat	in anticipation of	6.30 pm	People of the Parish
4 Jan	Sun	The Most Holy Name of Jesus (EF)	9.00 am	Polo & Maria (conversion)
	Sun	Second Sunday after the Nativity	10.30 am	Rene Bermudez (RIP)
5 Jan	Mon	of Christmastide before Epiphany	7.30 pm	Duane Wheeler (RIP)
6 Jan	Tues	EPIPHANY (OF)*	9..15am	Phero Le Van The
		HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION		
	Tues	EPIPHANY (EF)*	7.30 pm	Robert Harry Harrold (RIP)
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7 Jan	Weds	after the Epiphany (OF)	9.15 am	Nina Reczko (RIP)
8 Jan	Thurs	feria (EF)	7.30 pm	George Czaykowski (Int)
9 Jan	Fri	after the Epiphany (OF)	9.15 am	Michael Cronin (RIP)
10 Jan	Sat	after the Epiphany (OF)	9.15 am	Canon McDermott (RIP)
	Sat	in anticipation of	6.30pm	People of the Parish
11 Jan	Sun	The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph	9.00 am	Stanistan Strachowski (int)
	Sun	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	10.30am	Phero Le Van Dung & Maria Le Thi Duc

WE ARE TRULY BLESSED THAT FROM 7 JANUARY HOLY MASS WILL BE OFFERED ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 9.15AM FOLLOWED BY THE HOLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD

Confessions (when there is Mass)

Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm
 Monday & Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm
 Tuesday & Friday: 8.30—9.10 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm
Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations
 Sunday: 4.00 pm

St Joseph Devotions—Tuesdays after Mass
Rosary for Vocations—Weds after Mass

Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite

RCIA - Mondays at 7.00pm
Parish Prayers **Last Tuesdays 7.00pm**
Mother's Prayers Wednesdays at 2.00 pm
Sewing Group - Fridays at 10.00am
Lunch Group Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon:
Next Lunch : **TBC in the New Year**
Catholic Men's Group 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

3rd Ceilidh New Year Dance

6th Epiphany* HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

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