



28 December 2025



"If there is no priest, then there is no Holy Mass; if there is no Holy Mass, then there is no consecration of the Sacred Host. Without the consecration of the Sacred Host, there is no Holy Communion; and if there is no Holy Communion, then there is no Sacramental Presence of Jesus. That means that we become spiritual orphans."

(St. Jean Marie Vianney, Cure d'Ars; Catechism on the Priesthood)

December is the Month of the Immaculate Conception

We continue to pray for the suffering souls in Purgatory and ask Our Blessed Lady to intercede for them. We also 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 pray earnestly that the House of Lords rejects 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

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

First Reading**Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14****'He who fears the Lord honours his parents.'**

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the other over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure.

Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.

O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a**

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.

Second Reading**Colossians 3:12-21****Family life in the Lord**

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Gospel**Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23****'Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.'**

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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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).
Tickets are on sale after Mass or via the office.

Christmas Raffle

Many thanks for all donations for the Christmas raffle. Raffle tickets are now on sale .
£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 30th December. 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

27 Dec	Sat	St John (OF)	9.15 am	Christine Blishen (birthday)
	Sat	in anticipation of	6.30 pm	People of the Parish
28 Dec	Sun	Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity (EF)	9.00 am	Larry McEvoy (RIP)
		THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (OF)	10.30 am	Mo (Int)
29 Dec	Mon	No Mass today		
30 Dec	Tues	within the Octave (OF)	9.15am	Paul Jose (RIP)
31 Dec	Weds	within the Octave (OF)	7.30 pm	Shaji K Antony (RIP)
1 Jan	Thurs	Mary, The Holy Mother of God (OF)	12 noon	Shalom & Sheldon Braganza (WedAnniv)
2 Jan	Fri	St Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen (OF)	9.15 am	Sr Philomy MSJ (RIP)
3 Jan	Sat	The Most Holy Name of Jesus (OF)	9.15 am	Devasia George (RIP)
	Sat	in anticipation of	6.30pm	People of the Parish
4 Jan	Sun	The Most Holy Name of Jesus (EF)	9.00 am	Polo & Maria (conversion)
	Sun	Second Sunday of after the Nativity	10.30am	Rene Bermudez (RIP)
5 Jan	Mon	of Christmastide before Epiphany	7.30pm	Duane Wheeler (RIP)
6 Jan	Tues	EPIPHANY (OF)	9.15 am	Phero Le Van The
		EPIPHANY (EF)	7.30 pm	Robert Harry Harrold (RIP)

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)	Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite
Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm	RCIA - Mondays at 7.00pm
Monday & Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm	Parish Prayers Last Tuesdays 7.00pm
Tuesday & Friday: 8.30—9.10 am	Mother's Prayers Wednesdays at 2.00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration	Sewing Group - Fridays at 10.00am
Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm	Lunch Group Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon:
Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations	Next Lunch : TBC in the New Year
Sunday: 4.00 pm	Catholic Men's Group 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm
St Joseph Devotions—Tuesdays after Mass	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER	JANUARY
31st Te Deum, Mass 7.30pm(OF)	3rd Ceilidh New Year Dance

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

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