




ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30th November 2025 AD

Year A (Psalter Week 1)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. During Advent we look forward to the coming of the Lord Jesus—first looking forward to His second coming and then, looking back with thanksgiving at His first coming as a baby in a manger. Advent is a period of preparation; we make ourselves ready to be homes in which Jesus can come and dwell. The long hours of waiting are nearly over, scripture tells us, and the dawn of our salvation is about to break. Soon we shall walk in the light of the Lord.

First Reading:	Isaiah 2:1-5 — <i>The LORD gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD. (Psalm 122)
Second Reading:	Romans 13:11-14a — <i>Salvation is nearer to us now</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Show us, O LORD, Your mercy, and grant us Your salvation. Alleluia! (Psalm 85:8)
Gospel Reading:	Matthew 24:37-44 — <i>Stay awake so that you may be ready</i>
Communion Antiphon:	The LORD will bestow His bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. (Psalm 84:13)

Day	Time	Service	Intention
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30th November	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS & HOLY BAPTISM	Jim Clarke RIP and all the People of the Parish
Tuesday First Week of Advent	10:00am 6:00pm	Rosary Reconciliation & Station Mass	ST COLMAN'S
Wednesday St Francis Xavier, priest, memorial	9:00am	Reconciliation at St Paul's, Paulsgrove	
Thursday First Week of Advent	8:00am	Reconciliation at St Edmund's, P'mouth	
Friday First Week of Advent	10:30am 4:00am	Mass Advent Carols at Ukrainian Cath, London	
Saturday St Nicholas, bishop, memorial	5:00pm	Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth	
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7th December	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	People of the Parish

Prayers For The Sick: Wendy Field, Mary Webb, Joan Ramsbottom, Patricia Church, John Nowaczewski, Peter van der Merwe, Maureen Cronin, Gerard Cronin, Mike Peacock, Liam Brice, Mick O'Mahoney, Max Garratt, Liz Parkinson, Bill McGill, Marka Cubberley, Kevin Conroy.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed: June Brunswick, Mick Harris

And Pat Carey (Wed) Jurgen Runge, Frances Davies (Fri) Kathleen Mealing, Theresa Runge (Sat)

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS.
This is a time to gather and share fellowship with the family of God.

NOTICES:



Christmas Appeal for the seafarers. The CWL will be grateful to receive gifts for the seafarers; they can be placed in the box at the back of the Church. Woolly hats are always sought after, if somebody new to the Parish is a knitter, there are patterns available or it can be found on the Stella Maris website. Men's toiletries are also requested, thick socks, gloves (fingerless) scarves, biscuits and sweets, especially Toblerone. Your generosity is much appreciated. They will be passed to Deacon Nick O'Neill at St Michael's and All Angels, Leigh Park who is Lead Chaplain for Stella Maris. Thank you in advance. Queries on this to Pauline, on 02392468498, paulinebrice979@gmail.com or any CWL member.



The Catholic Women's League has its December meeting next **Tuesday 2nd December** at 2:00pm in the Hall. New members and visitors are always very welcome. Enquiries to Pauline, 023 9246 8498 or via email - paulinebrice979@gmail.com
Future dates: Christmas Bingo in the Hall on **Wednesday 10th December** at 2:00pm.



Tea & Coffee after Mass - We have been asking for volunteers for refreshments in the hall after Mass. There have been a few mumbblings, but only **one person** agreed to the commitment, (thank you, she knows who she is!) Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday of the month, is there anyone who could take this on when there is a 5th Sunday, it would be a real help. Tony Martin has offered to set up the hall with the tables and chairs, each week when he is here, so there is less for anybody to commit to now. Thank you.



Church cleaning. Our next clean in preparation for Christmas will be on Monday 15th December.



Our Christmas Sing-a-long will take place on **Sunday 14th December**. If you would like to participate in the singing, rehearsals are on Saturdays from 11:00am-12:00noon. All welcome to join in. Please contact Maria for further details.



Jesus, Prince of Peace—Pastoral Area Christmas Fair. We are working together to organise a social event to bring our whole Pastoral Area together in the form of a Christmas Fair to be held at **St Joseph's on Saturday 6th December**. contact: rhianonwoodsfordgallagher@gmail.com.



New Helpers for Children's Liturgy—We need more helpers for Children's Liturgy. You don't need any experience and there are always two at each session. If you could lead a session (we have resources) or be the second helper, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to any of the team after mass or email haylingisland@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please note, this is a role where you will need to complete a DBS before starting.

Church Hall Should you wish to book the Church Hall please telephone Denzil on 07791 776148