



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21st December 2025 AD

Year A (Psalter Week 4)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. It's nearly time! Very soon the one called Emmanuel (meaning God with us) is due to be born any day soon. God our Father sent His only Son to be born on earth of a human being. He is the Saviour of the whole world and His Holy Name is Jesus. It is through Him that we are saved and called to holiness. This is the greatest event in the history of creation. God is with us—He came and He has never left our side.

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 — *Behold, the virgin shall conceive*  
 Responsorial Psalm: **Let the LORD enter; He is the king of glory.** (Psalm 24)  
 Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7 — *Jesus Christ, descended from David, Son of God*  
 Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
 Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
 and they shall call His name Emmanuel—which means, God with us.  
**Alleluia!** (Matthew 1:23)  
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-24 — *Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David*  
 Communion Antiphon: **Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
 and His name will be called Emmanuel.** (Isaiah 7:14)

Day	Time	Service	Intention
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>O Morning Star</b>	21st December 10:30am 11:00am 7:00pm	<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> <b>SUNG MASS</b> <b>A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols</b>	<b>Jimmy Owens RIP and all the People of the Parish</b>
Tuesday <b>O Emmanuel</b>	23rd December		
 Wednesday <b>Christmas Eve</b>	24th December 6:00pm 11:30pm	<b>First Mass of Christmas</b> <b>Midnight Mass</b>	<b>Hanneke's intention for Families and Friends</b>
Thursday <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	25th December 10:00am	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Friday <b>ST STEPHEN, the first martyr</b>	26th December 12:00pm	Mass at St Joseph's, Havant	
Saturday <b>ST JOHN, apostle, evangelist</b>	27th December 5:00pm	Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth	
<b>HOLY FAMILY</b>	28th December 10:30am 11:00am	<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> <b>SUNG MASS</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>

**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, Kevin Conroy, Maria Gaye.

**Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed:** Herbert Thomas Gannon

**and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Agnes Davies, Maureen Walling, Elizabeth Glynn, Maurice Chapman (Sun) Esme Horton, Thomas McPake (Mon) Derek Norman (Tue) Laura Lynch (Thu) Eleanora Farley, George Brown (Fri) Donald Card (Sat)

Queen Alexandra Hospital Chaplaincy Number : 023 9228 6000

Parish 24 Hour Emergency Number : 07584 661318 (Fr Mark)

Parishioners/Relatives may request Parish Visitors to call by sending an email to: [visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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:**



The Catholic Women's League will be drawing the lucky numbers for the **Grand Christmas Raffle** today in the hall after Mass. A few squares remain, if you haven't got your's yet, please get one today, as the draw won't take place until the board is full! We will be serving Christmassy fruit cake and mince pies with the tea and coffee and you can partake in a Christmas Quiz. Question sheets are on the tables.

We thank you for your support during the past year, we do not have so many active members now, so we could do with a few more ladies to join us; and even if you are not active please do consider joining us, our meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month and our motto of *Charity, Work, Loyalty and Caring With Love* we try to do for everyone. We look forward to seeing you. Contact Pauline, tel: 023 9246 8498, e-mail: [paulinebrice979@gmail.com](mailto:paulinebrice979@gmail.com) for more information.



**Church Rosary Group** - are taking a couple of week's off for the Christmas holidays although, of course, continuing to pray at home. The next gathering will be on Tuesday 6th January at 10:00am in the Church.



A message from **Hayling Holiday Lunches**—*Thank you so much for all the food that St. Patrick's parishioners donated during Advent. The chocolate, too, was most welcome as we try to give every child something and I was a bit short...but with what you gave I was able to complete all the bags. We are delivering on Saturday so it was well timed. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks for all the donations, both food and financial, which we receive from St. Patrick's each month. They truly make a difference over the months to our being able to bless these families in the holidays.*

*We wish you a happy Christmas and many blessings in 2026.  
Sarah & David Smith*



**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](mailto:haylingisland@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Please note, this is a role where you will need to complete a DBS before starting.

# Christmas Services



Day	Time	Service
Sunday	21st December 7:00pm	A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Wednesday	24th December 6:00pm 11:30pm	First Mass of Christmas Midnight Mass
Thursday	25th December 10:00am	Christmass



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