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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10/11 January 2026

Fr. Tom writes… God's idea of Success

During Christmas, enjoying one of the whiskies you gave us, Fr James and I sat up one evening talking about what we thought God wanted His Church to look like in this part of the world. It's a useful conversation to have once in a while, since keeping the lights on, and bringing new people to faith, can preoccupy diocesan clergy the year round. Both of these are vital, but sometimes we have to ask ourselves: what is this Church we are maintaining and inviting people into? The numbers by which financial viability and pew-filling can be calibrated are not in themselves the answer. The Church has been given to us by God, first and foremost, to make us holy, to "partake in the Divine nature", as the apostle St Peter put it; to prepare us for heaven. That is God's plan, to be united with us forever, and, in His Church, He has given us the means to cooperate with this extraordinary (and frankly quite bewildering) project. This is why, in Jesus, He came "to exist in time", as one of the Christmas prefaces puts it. May our hearts shine ever brighter with gratitude for what He is doing since, whatever the challenges of our lives, gratitude is the rock on which all holiness and true worship is built. And because God knows our weakness, He offers us heavenly gratitude, when our own human gratitude is failing. The Church is where God changes us if we let Him. Come, Infant Saviour, and continue to fill our hearts with Your transforming grace!

Admittance to Hospital?

When a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family should ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. It is suggested that the patient have a note to give to hospital staff on admission, notifying staff that they are Catholic and would appreciate the Catholic Chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward to ensure the request is actioned. When a person is due to go into hospital, please also let your parish priest know so that he can administer the Sacrament of the Sick where appropriate.

Amare Memoriae

We pray for the rest and peace of the souls of Peter Molyneux, Lionel Doyle and Ann Daley who have died recently. Please remember their families and friends at this difficult time. Peter's Funeral will be on Wednesday 21 January @ 12noon. Lionel's Funeral Mass will on Thursday 22 January @ 10am (please be advised new date). Ann's Funeral will be on Friday 23 January @ 11.30am. All Funerals to take place at Sacred Heart.

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 10 January Liturgy of the Day [Saturday of Christmastide after Epiphany] **Vigil THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration & Confession Mass Holy Hour & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	 Patrick Ross, Intention
Sunday 11 January **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**	9am 9.30am 11am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Persecuted Christians Paul Cunningham, RIP People of the Parish
BEGINNING OF ORDINARY TIME				
Monday 12 January Feria [1st Week in OT]	7am 7.30am 12.30pm	Mass Holy Hour Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Private Intention
Tuesday 13 January Feria [1st Week in OT]	7.30am 7pm	Holy Hour Mass	Sacred Heart All Saints' Denmead	 Holy Souls
Wednesday 14 January Feria [1st Week in OT]	7.30am 10.15am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Mass followed by Adoration Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	 Rellis, Nere, Baldwin & Buckle families
Thursday 15 January Feria [1st Week in OT]	7.30am 9.30am 10am	Holy Hour Adoration & Confession Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	 Kathy Nichols, RIP
Friday 16 January Feria [1st Week in OT]	7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	 Sheelagh & Nick Byrne, Intention
Saturday 17 January St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot, *memorial* **Vigil SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration & Confession Mass Holy Hour & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	 Gladys, RIP
Sunday 18 January **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	9am 9.30am 11am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Michael James Coyle, RIP People of the Parish Lena Meagher, RIP

What's going on this week...

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Monday	**Team Clean:** Remember that Cleanliness is next to Godliness. Why not join the 'Team Clean' to ensure His house is always clean and tidy. Give it a try - the Team are very friendly bunch.	9-10am	Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday	**Rosary Group:** All welcome to join our weekly Rosary Group, just pop along!	6.45pm	Sacred Heart Church

Notices & Forthcoming Events

Second Collection next weekend (17/18 January)

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)
White Flower Appeal.
SPUC is the world's first and UK's largest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation
At SPUC, we value every human life, from conception to natural death. Since 1967, we've united communities across the UK to protect and stand with the most vulnerable among us.

- Campaign for the Right to Life
- Support and Advocate for Women and Families
- Educate and Inspire the Next Generation

Your support means everything in our mission to defend and protect life. If you would like to donate online, please goto:
www.spuc.org.uk/donate/

Hymns at Sacred Heart:

For those attending the 11am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart, if you would like to familiarise yourself with the hymns in advance of the service please follow the links below:

- Processional – Light of the world www.youtube.com/watch?v=03G52K9X2hQ
- Offertory – Jesus is Lord www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Hs5NBMrkVs
- Communion – With all I am www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbaWskmP9rQ
- Communion – Be still for the presence of the Lord www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vep_Ty4Zx1o
- Recessional – Praise www.youtube.com/watch?v=raFnjGVkHe8

Peace Sunday – 18 January

Peace Sunday will be held on Sunday 18th January. The Bishops' Conference encourage us all the use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January.

Pope Leo has said that the theme for his message which will be 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'. Pax Christi promote Peace Sunday with the support of the Bishop's Conference, please see their website www.paxchristi.org.uk for full details.

Any donations raised on Peace Sunday, go to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools. If you are able to give you can donate via their website:

www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/ or scan this code:

News from St. Peter's School

Richard Cunningham, Headteacher, writes...

As we returned to school on Monday 5 January 2026, the pupils at St Peter's gathered for a whole school Celebration of the Word. The focal point of our worship was this nativity scene pictured below. I explained to the children that this porcelain crib, which I inherited from my grandmother when she died in 2006, is always the last item of Christmas decoration to be packed away in our house, staying on show right up to the Feast of the Epiphany. I drew the school's attention to the fact that in all the noise, colour and activity of Christmas, and indeed even compared to some of the intricate and decorative traditional Nativity scenes and paintings, the simplicity of this crib speaks volumes to remind us of what truly lies at the heart of the celebration. The power of the birth of Christ, and the message of love that it brings, lasts well after all the other trappings of the season have gone.

Wishing you all a peaceful and prosperous 2026.

Afternoon Tea in aid of the Rowans Hospice

You are invited for a Cream Tea to brighten up January (with music) on Thursday 22 January @ 2pm at Sacred Heart Parish Centre. Tickets £15 per person. For information and tickets please contact read.janet.h@gmail.com

Dominican Prior Joins Expert Team for Portsmouth Gregorian Chant Course 2026

Portsmouth, UK – The Portsmouth Gregorian Chant Course 2026 is proud to announce the addition of Father Matthew Jarvis OP, Prior of St Dominic's Priory (the Rosary Shrine), London, to its distinguished teaching team. As a preacher and author, Father Matthew brings exceptional expertise in both Gregorian and Dominican Chant, enriching the course's unique blend of musical mastery and spiritual depth.

Joining forces with Benedictine liturgist Abbot Xavier Perrin OSB and Course Director Dominic Bevin, Father Matthew will participate in the third workshop of the 3-part course to guide participants through the theory, history, and expressive practice of Chant. The course, held at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, features three one-day workshops on the second Saturdays of January (10th), February (14th), and March (14th) 2026. Open to all— beginners and experienced singers alike—this is a rare opportunity to learn from leading experts in the field.

In his response to the news, Father Matthew said, "I am delighted and honoured to join the teaching team for the Portsmouth Gregorian Chant Course 2026. This initiative, held at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, brings together a distinguished group of experts and passionate learners, united by a love for the timeless art of Gregorian Chant. Alongside Abbot Xavier Perrin OSB and Course Director Dominic Bevan, I look forward to guiding participants through the rich history, theory, and expressive practice of Chant from my own Dominican tradition within the wider family of Gregorian Chant. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced singer, this course offers a unique opportunity to deepen your understanding and appreciation of sacred music. I am grateful to Neville McNally and the organising team for their warm welcome, and I eagerly anticipate sharing this journey with all who attend."

Course organiser Neville McNally expresses deep gratitude to Father Matthew for his commitment and looks forward to welcoming him in March 2026.

Registration is now open! Secure your place and experience the timeless art of Gregorian Chant.

For details and registration visit: https://PortsmouthGregorianChant.blogspot.com

Jesus Prince of Peace Feast Day

Our new Feast Day will be on Sunday 18 January. As a pastoral area we will all be celebrating in our respective parishes and we would like to mark the occasion at Sacred Heart with a Bake Sale. It would be lovely if you could bake something yummy and bring it in on the day for refreshments after the 11am Mass. We will be charging for a slab of cake and all proceeds will go to church funds.

Baptism into the life of Jesus and the Church

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, Evie Jane Wadsworth, who will be baptised at Sacred Heart this weekend. Please pray for Evie, her parents, Godparents and families, that God will bless and guide her through the journey of life.

Think & Drink

Faith, fellowship and fun for young adults (18+). Gathering in the Narthex at Sacred Heart Church after the 5.30pm Mass on the first Sunday of every month and walking across to the Woodpecker Pub on London Road. Next meeting on Sunday 1 February. Around 7pm start for those going straight there.

Protecting our parish communities

Gift card fraud is an increasingly common way of tricking victims into purchasing gift cards and sharing their details, leading to financial loss. Please be aware that there have been scam messages circulating which appear to come from priests or diocesan staff, asking people to buy gift cards or provide financial help urgently.

The Diocese and its clergy will never ask for money, gift cards, vouchers, or personal details by email, text message, or social media.

If you receive a message of this kind, do not respond and do not send any money. Please report it to your parish office or to the Diocese communications team so that we can alert others.

Stella Maris – Christmas Chocolate Appeal Thank you!

Good morning, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to all those who advertised, promoted, and collected donated chocolate items for seafarers at Christmas. We received an amazing quantity and were able to deliver bags of chocolate tubs and other gifts to about 100 ships in Southampton and Fawley Refiner. As you can see from the attached photo, the crew were extremely touched by your thoughtfulness and many expressed how it brought their ship the spirit and warmth of Christmas. Praised be the Baby Jesus!

Remembering seafarers at Christmas and Easter is a wonderful work of mercy and charity. Many seafarers tell us how lonely and isolated they can feel at times, especially away so far from their families. Visiting the crews with simple gifts of chocolates makes them feel appreciated and loved. As a charity, Stella Maris will continue to offer our hand of friendship and pastoral support throughout the year.

We will be launching our Easter chocolate Easter egg appeal during the beginning of Lent.

Kind regards, Gregory Hogan, Southampton Regional Port Chaplain.

Quiz Nite in aid of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance

On 29 November, the above event took place at Sacred Heart. Organiser Trevor, from St. Edmund Church, would like to thank all who supported the evening and is pleased to announce that £600 was raised.

Sacred Heart Candlelit Concert

Another successful Candlelit Concert was held on Monday 15 December and £449.25 was generously donated on the night.

Sacred Heart Christmas Fair

On 7 December the parish held their annual Christmas Fair. Thanks to everyone who supported this annual event, £2,969.83 was raised for parish funds.

The 'washing of altar' Linen Ritual

We have a team of lovely volunteers who regularly keep our altar linens clean and crisp. In the winter months, what can be better on a lovely sunny day than seeing a line-full of white washing – as you can see here with St. Edmund's linen, drying nicely on a very pleasant winter's day! Thank you to those who carry out this very important ministry from both Sacred Heart and St. Edmund.

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