



# Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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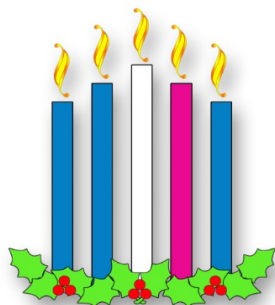
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Part of Bournemouth East Pastoral Area



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## 21st and 22nd December: Fourth Sunday of Advent

*This Sunday's readings: Micah 5:2-5a, Hebrews 10:5-10 Gospel: Luke 1:39-45  
Psalm from Psalm 80(79)*

### ST JOSEPH'S, CHRISTCHURCH (Including Mass Intentions)

Sat 21st **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**  
Daniel Burgess RIP Anniversary Mass  
Sun 22nd **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#)).**  
Margaret Mackey RIP  
Tues 24th **4pm Family Mass**  
Wed 25th **9am Mass – The Nativity of The Lord**  
People of the Parish

### HOLY REDEEMER, HIGHCLIFFE (Including Mass Intentions)

**13 – 15 Kilmington Way, BH23 5BL 01425 274838**  
Sun 22nd **11am Mass**  
Magdalena Maynard  
Mon 23rd **10am – 2pm Adoration**  
Tues 24th **6pm Carols followed at 6:30pm – Vigil Mass**  
Wed 25th **11am Mass – The Nativity of The Lord**  
Thurs 26th **10am Mass – Feast of St Stephen**  
Fri 27th **10am Mass**  
Thomas and Mary Murphy RIP  
Sadie McKeown RIP

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there will be a second collection for the flowers seen in our church throughout the year.  
Thank you for your generosity and thank you to the flower arranging team who make such wonderful displays.

## 28th and 29th December 2024: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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Sat 28th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**  
Martha Robayo Vivas RIP Anniv Mass  
Sun 29th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#)).**  
Liam and Theresa Mackey  
Mary Golding – Coney  
John Mackey  
Wed 1st **10am Mass – Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
Joanna Tajkowska

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**13 – 15 Kilmington Way, BH23 5BL 01425 274838**  
Sun 29th **11am Mass**  
John and Patricia Taggart RIP  
Isobel Eustace RIP  
Mon 30th **10am – 2pm Adoration**  
Thurs 2nd **10am Liturgy of the Word**  
Fri 3rd **10am Liturgy of the Word**

### PARISH OFFICE - 01202 483340

The office is closed from Fri 20th December at 4pm and will reopen on Fri 3rd Jan 2025.  
If you need to speak with someone urgently, please leave a message as all voicemails are picked up.  
If your enquiry can wait a little while, please leave an email and I will respond on my return.



### A BIG THANK YOU

to everyone who has helped throughout the year and with our Christmas celebrations.

There has been such a huge amount of time, effort and commitment given;  
the choirs, musicians, sacristans, cleaners, repository helpers, church grounds, the lunch group, the grandparents group,  
flower arrangers, the bric a brac teams, Becky's cafe teams, people setting up the crib, the servers,  
children's liturgy leaders and teams, lectors, the building team, the finance team, the social and fundraising team,  
Eucharistic ministers, chapel openers, the gift aid minister, the counting teams,  
the tea and coffee teams, welcomers and stewards ...  
the list goes on and indeed on.

Bless you all and if anyone is missed out, apologies but know that all the hard work is greatly appreciated.

Lastly but most definitely not leastly – a BIG THANK you from myself and Ursula  
who do our best to support Fr Paul and the parish behind the scenes.

We hope you all have the most wonderful, happy, peaceful and healthy Christmas and 2025.



## PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please pray for all our parishioners who are unwell or troubled in any way, and especially at this time for:  
**Kevin Curtis, Anne Crane, Helena Shrubbs, Anne Wood, Dave Wood, Joan Miller, Andrew Allen, Jillie Ryan, John Kennedy, Peter Mattimoe, Marie Macmillan, Baby Edward, Stan Murphy, Steven, Slawek Gawlik and family, Pat Feltham, Catherine Judge, Richard, Suzanne, John Michael Ryan, Anna and Raymondo Hubbard, Howard Wood, Carol Sneed, Maria Golding-Cooney, Roger Mallory, Annie Baldry, Helen Pollard, John Packer, Danny McQuillan, Anne-Marie Fletcher, Madeleine Rose Halston, Pauline Robins, Fr John Chadwick, Fr Antony Gatt and Pope Francis.**

If you have any personal prayer intentions that you would like included in our Bidding Prayers and/or newsletter, or if you would like a Mass said for a particular intention, please contact the Office with details.

### REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Ted Edwards, Roger Spencer, Christina Cosgrove, Daniel Burgess, Sheila Chazot, Mary Lesley, and William Henry Curtis, and any other anniversaries that occur at this time. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



### CAROLS BY THE CRIB

**This Sunday 22nd December at 3:30pm**

A little different this year but instead of 'Carols in the Car Park', we are looking to celebrate Christmas with some carol singing around the crib in church. Coffee and mince pies in the hall afterwards.



### THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR FATHER PAUL

The Christmas collection is traditionally an opportunity for parishioners to acknowledge the dedication, service and witness of our Parish Priest.



In addition to the usual ways of giving to this collection, St Joseph's has a dedicated page on the fundraising platform, Give as You Live. To donate, please **CLICK HERE**.

### A GOOD TIME TO REMIND PEOPLE.... CAR PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND BEYOND

Some of our neighbours kindly allow us to use their car parks with restrictions outlined below.

The following is the situation over Christmas.

**At Priory Vets** (next door):

we may park **at the front of the surgery**, using the 8 spaces,

but **NOT down the side or around the back on Christmas and New Years day only.**

**We have been advised that people in the past have parked at the back and down the side.**

**Please be aware that should this happen again, the facility of using their space may be withdrawn.**

**At Harbour House** (opposite the Vets):

**PLEASE NOTE THIS HAS CHANGED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.**



We can **NO LONGER** park at the front of the building.

For Masses over the weekend

we can now park in the back car park **ONLY**.

We **CANNOT** park on site at any other times.

There is a gate to get into the car park so please open and then close on leaving.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS.**

### TO THOSE WHO MAY FIND CHRISTMAS HARD

To many, Christmas may be sad, lonely or may bring memories we would prefer not to have.

If this is you, please know that you are much loved, are valued and we at St Joseph's hold you in our community and personal prayers.

May you feel God's presence in your life daily.



There will be tea & coffee after 9am Mass, in the Parish Centre to which you are all welcome.



### CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK+

**We are in need of tinned fruit, custard, pasta sauce jars, UHT milk cartons and tinned meat meals/pies.**

**We are also planning our turkey, Christmas dinner trays and goodie hamper deliveries on Monday 23rd December.**

**Please let us know if you would like to help with delivery. Call 07587371088.**

Thank you for helping us to help those in our community who are struggling, in crisis or isolated. Love, hope and blessings in advance.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE UPDATE

A big thank you to all those who contributed in anyway to the success of the recent Christmas Fayre.

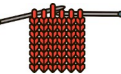
We thank those who came, those who provided goods, those who baked cakes, those who manned the stalls, those who prepared and cleared away the hall and the members of the social & fundraising committee who did so much behind the scenes.

**We raised a marvellous £1,229 for church funds.**

### CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Stella Maris the worldwide Catholic seafarers charity is asking knitters to make hats for them to distribute to the seafarers arriving in our local ports.

This simple gift not only keeps Seafarers warm but also shows them that they are remembered and cared for.



**For patterns and instructions visit**

**<https://stellamaris.org.uk/knitting/>**

**and when finished send to Stella Maris Southampton, c/o St Joseph's and St Edmund's Parish Office, St Edmund's Lodge, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ.**

### BECKY'S COMMUNITY CAFE CHRISTMAS OPENING

**Becky's Cafe is now closed but will reopen on Thurs 9th January 2025.**



Should you wish to make any donation to St Joseph's, or set up a direct debit or standing order regular payment, please use the information below.



**Account number 00876292**

**Account name**

**CDP St Joseph's Christchurch**

**Sort Code 30-93-04**

**Thank you for your continued and ongoing generosity.**