



# Immaculate Conception & St Joseph Parish

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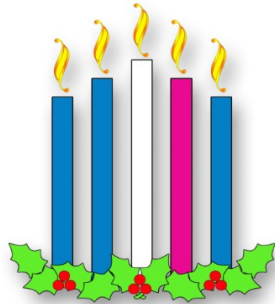
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## 7th and 8th December: Second Sunday of Advent

*This Sunday's readings: Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 Gospel: Luke 3:1-6  
Psalm from Psalm 126(125)*

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

Sat 7th **5pm Mass with confessions from 4pm to 4:45pm**  
Ann Horne and Jacqui Batey RIP  
Sun 8th **9am Mass (livestreamed link [HERE](#)).**  
St Joseph's benefactors  
Mon 9th **10am Mass The Immaculate Conception  
of The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**11am Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**  
Tues 10th **9:30am – 10:30am: Adoration and Morning Prayer**  
**6pm Rosary before Mass**  
**6:30pm Mass**  
Wed 11th **9:30am – 10am Adoration**  
**10am Mass**  
**6:30pm – 7:30pm Adoration**  
Thurs 12th **7pm Advent Reconciliation Service**  
**PRIVATE PRAYER in the chapel: Mon – Fri 9.30am – 4pm**

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

13 – 15 Kilmington Way, BH23 5BL 01425 274838  
Sun 8th **11am Mass**  
Mon 9th **10am – 2pm Adoration**  
Thurs 12th **10am Mass and confession**  
Fri 13th **10am Mass**  
**PRIVATE PRAYER: Daily 10am – 2pm**

### PARISH OFFICE - 01202 483340

The office is usually open Wednesday to Friday, between 8:30am and 4:30pm.  
If you need to speak with someone urgently,  
please leave a message as all voicemails are picked up when the office is closed.



### REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers George Twomey,  
Nicholas Edwards, June Burgess, Violet Burgess,  
Francis Jones and David Legg  
and any other anniversaries that occur at this time.  
May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.



### AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE

**Fr PAUL'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION**  
We will be celebrating this special event  
at the 5pm Mass on Saturday 14th December 2024  
and we have the joy of welcoming  
**Fr Anthony Ikenoba and Fr Antony Gatt to our Mass.**



This will be followed  
by a reception in our parish centre,  
consisting of a "bring and share" supper.  
Please bring a plate of food and a drink of your choice  
to put on the table and share together.  
**Any enquiries please contact Claire on 01202 423431.**  
See you there for this very special occasion.

### ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**This Saturday 7th December 2024 11am – 2pm.**  
**This is our main fundraising event of the Year.**



Please come along  
and make this event  
really something to remember.  
Thank to everyone who has helped  
with all that is needed to get this up and running.  
Such a lot of hard work behind the scenes.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Tues 24th Dec 4pm Family Vigil Mass.**  
**6pm We join with our brothers and sisters**  
**at Holy Redeemer for carols,**  
**followed by Mass at 6:30pm.**  
**Mon 25th Dec 9am Mass –**  
**The Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**  
**Tues 26th Dec 10am – The Feast of St Stephen.**  
**We are invited to Holy Redeemer**  
**to celebrate this very special Mass together.**



## 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, David Todd, Pauline Robins, Fr John Chadwick, 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.

### CAROLS BY THE CRIB

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 on

**Sunday 22nd Dec at 3:30pm.**

Whatever you feel about your singing voice, please do come along, you really would be most welcome.

Coffee and mince pies in the hall afterwards



### CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK+

Thank you so much for all your generous support and prayers and for continuing to help us, help those in our communities.

Christmas is wonderful time of year for many but also a very difficult time of year for some.

We have lots of extra schemes over the winter season and would be so grateful of a little extra donation if you can.

**Our needs are UHT milk cartons, tinned fruit, tinned corned beef/ham, tuna, custard and Christmas goodies,**

**OR if you can spare a £1 or 2,**

**we can buy our most needed items on your behalf.**

Thank you and blessings in advance.

Tracy, Sarah, John and the Team CFB+

### BIG CHRISTMAS CLEAN

As we approach Christmas, a huge thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who regularly ensure that our church is clean and tidy.

**On Tuesday 17th Dec at 2pm, if you can spare any time at all, please come along to help as we get ready for Christmas.**

**Definitely a case of the more the merrier!**



### A CANDLE LIT ADVENT TAIZE MEDITATION SERVICE

will take place this year at **Our Lady Queen of Peace,**

**Douglas Rd, BH6 3ER**

**on Tuesday 17th Dec at 7:30pm.**



### GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

There will **NOT** be any meeting in December. We will continue as usual in the new year as we meet every 4th Wednesday of the month. For more information contact Ann-Marie On 01202 463488.

### OFFICE AND CHAPEL HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

The office will close on

**Fri 20th Dec at 4pm and reopen on Fri 3rd Jan at 9am.**

If you need anything urgently, please leave a voicemail as messages will be picked up during this time.

If your enquiry is less urgent, please email me at [office@icsj.org.uk](mailto:office@icsj.org.uk) and I will reply on my return.



**The chapel will also be closed during this same period of time**

so we can give our hard working volunteers time with their family and friends.

Thank you for all you do throughout the year.

### BECKY'S COMMUNITY CAFE CHRISTMAS OPENING

**Becky's Cafe will be open on Thurs 19th Dec as normal but is then closed until Thurs 9th January 2025.**

This break means that the wonderful leaders and volunteers can spend time with their families.



Thank you to everyone who supports in any way, the fabulous project that is Becky's Cafe.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

*DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!*

If you would like something included in the newsletter please can you submit it to the parish newsletter email: [office@icsj.org.uk](mailto:office@icsj.org.uk) by **Wednesday afternoon** at the latest.

### JOB VACANCIES AT THE DIOCESE

For information about the latest job vacancies please **CLICK HERE.**



### VOCATIONS.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

John the Baptist's call to prepare for Christ can also be a call to prepare your heart for a vocation.

Is Christ calling you to serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister?

Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869.



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.**



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