

Our Lady Help of Christians

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT TALK – Monday Evening at 7.30

We had a most inspiring talk on the Birth Narratives in Matthew and Luke given by Fr John Dickson SDB on Monday evening. I feel a little let down, having invited him to come from Battersea, when the numbers are not a good as they could be. We hope for a better response when he comes in Lent to give a talk on John Paul II and his role in changing the history of our times.

Flowers for Christmas

We normally make an appeal for donations for flowers at Christmas, but I am afraid it slipped my memory. This is one of the consequences of getting old! Can I call on your generosity this weekend and invite you to contribute what you can towards flowers? Our wonderful team of flower arrangers will be selecting the flowers on Monday. Thank you in anticipation.

Children's Christmas Mass

Thursday 24 December at 4.00pm

This Mass is mainly for young children, their parents and grandparents and elderly parishioners who would find it difficult to attend the Midnight or Christmas morning Mass. If you don't fit into those categories can I kindly ask you to attend the Midnight Mass or the Christmas Day Mass at 9.30am.

Mass Intentions for the week beginning

Sunday 20 December 2009

Saturday	6.00pm	Frank Deffains RIP (10 yrs)
Sunday	8.30am	John and Ian Hinks RIP.
	10.30am	Special Intention (Family illness)
Monday	9.30am	Richard Mulcahy (Illness)
Tuesday	9.30am	Eileen Wade (Illness).
Wed'day	9.30am	Noreen and Matt Murphy.
Thursday - Christmas Eve. No morning Mass		
Thursday	4.00pm	Children and Parents of the Parish
	12.00 Midnight	People of the Parish
Friday - Christmas Day		
	9.30am.	Special Intention
Saturday	10.00am.	Florence Godley.
Saturday Vigil Mass		
	6.00 pm:	Sam and Pauline Hussey.
Sunday	8.30am	Parents of George & Margaret Reid RIP
	10.30am	Frank & Maureen Panther.

Mass and events beginning 21 December 2009

Prayer of the Church - Psalms Week 4.

Monday	21	Mass of the Day (21st) 'O Key of David'.
Tuesday	22	Mass of the Day (22 nd) 'O King of Nations'
Wed'day	23	Mass of the Day (23 rd) 'O Emmanuel'
Thursday	24	No morning Mass today. 9.30 – 10.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4.00pm Children's Christmas Mass. 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass.
Friday	25	9.30am Christmas Day Mass
Saturday	26	10.00 Mass of St Stephen. It would be lovely to see most of our altar servers at the Mass of their patron.
Sunday	27	Feast of the Holy Family

Mass not celebrated in the Parish Church

Alice Stanton, Steffi (Sick), Dave Pearce RIP., Fr Jude

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

24: 4.00pm. Children's Christmas Vigil Mass.
11.30pm. Carols followed by Midnight Mass
25: 9.30am Christmas Day Mass.
26: 10.00am Mass in honour of St Stephen the First Martyr.
6.00pm Vigil Mass of the Holy Family
27: Feast of the Holy Family
Mass at 8.30 and 10.30.
Weekday Mass will be at 10.00 each morning during the week from the 28 December to 2nd January 2010.

Times of Services for Christmas

Please NOTE that the Christmas Day Family Mass is at 9.30 and not at 10.00 as indicated in the schedule.

PARKING AT THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

We have very good relations with our neighbours and the last thing I want is any annoyance regarding parking at Christmas. Please do not park on white lines in front of houses or block entrances to houses. Those carrying elderly people can use the area in front of the Church and if necessary two cars could be parked at the entrance to the Parish House garage. Thank you.

THE 100 CLUB

May I thank Theresa Webberley for running the 100 Club so efficiently. As you can well imagine it involves a lot of work and she does it with a smile. As you can see from the Poster on the Notice Board the Donation to the Building Fund was £280.15.

The £280 in Prize money was won by the following people:

£100 GRACE BILYARD; £50 COLETTE ASTILL;
£50 FRANK PANTHER; £30 MARY MAY;
£25 VIOLET FAYE AND £25 ANN COOMBS.

DIocese of Portsmouth Directory 2009/10

The Diocesan Directory has been printed this year. It is very useful for gleaning information – parishes, addresses, organisations, times of Masses and names of people etc. We bought some extra copies. They are on the table in the Narthex. Please put money in little collection box nearby. Price: £3.00

CRIB COLLECTION

Our Diocese has decided that the Crib Collection this year will be to help the 41 Christian Schools in Israel, Jordan and the West Bank. They are finding the situation more and more difficult. The Salesians run two big schools in Bethlehem and Nazareth. Please read the notice 'THE SITUATION IN THE HOLY LAND THIS CHRISTMAS'. Please give generously when the Crib Appeal begins on Christmas Eve.

PYXES

Parishioners have borrowed pyxes to take Holy Communion to the sick. Unless you are taking Holy Communion to the sick on a regular basis could you please return them to me so that others can borrow them as needs require.

Let us pray for the Sick

Tony Smith (Alicia Nolan's father), Val Ryan, Dominic Clark, Elizabeth Pearce, Joan Schieder, Claire Hilder, Anthony Leakey, Julie Hall, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Nora O'Connor, Joan Schieder, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O'Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the Petition Book.

David Pearce RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dave Pearce who died on Friday. Dave, Val and Melinda have been regular Daily mass-goers at Our Lady Help of Christians. May he Rest in Peace.

We pray for our deceased parishioners

Joseph Kerrigan, John Hinks, Weymouth Pettley, Robin Goble, Vincent McDermott, Charles Creighton, Mary Olley, NOran Coogan, Patrick McMahon, Frank Deffains, Margaret Smitham, Peter Brogan, Agnes Woods, Mary Ann Daly, Agnes Kearns, Ivan Vickers, Mary Corbett, Gerald O'Brien, Arthur Lewsi.

May they Rest in Peace