

# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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## The Feast of the Holy Family 26 December 2010

### Christmas

First of all may I wish everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas Season. May I thank you for all the Prayers, Cards and gifts you gave me at Christmas. Forgive me for not sending you cards. I am eternally grateful for all your kindness. On Friday we celebrated a very lively and enthusiastic Christmas vigil with the Children of the Parish and their parents. As always the Christmas Story was lived out in all its splendour and the children entered fully into the spirit of the momentous event. I wish to thank them and the Little Church Catechists who worked so energetically to make it a memorable liturgical celebration.

At this time we remember in a very special all the sick, those in hospital and housebound. Please do not forget them and if possible pay them a visit.

Christmas is a time when we should frequently use the expression “Thank you” and in this parish there are so many people and groups who deserve our gratitude. No matter how many people I mention there will always be someone unintentionally left out.

Thanks to Maureen and the choir who spent many hours preparing for this occasion. In advance I wish to express our common gratitude to our flower arrangers – they do a wonderful service. (More next week). Thanks too to Kate Licence, Chris and Fran Butterworth who are always ready to lead the music. The Little Church catechists do so much for the children and deserve our gratitude. Equally the Youth Club Leaders do a wonderful job on Friday evenings. I am very thankful to all those who help in running it. The gratitude of all should be heard. I wish to thank our altar servers and hope that they will increase in numbers. Very many thanks to all who proclaim the Word of God and those who distribute the Body and Blood of Christ and take Him to the sick.

We have many groups and individuals who have a special mission to the sick. Our thanks to the members of the Bereavement group, the Members of St Vincent de Paul, the Catholic Women’s League, and individuals who visit the sick. Thanks too, to the apostolic prayer groups and the Stewardship team.

There are a number of individuals without whose help I would find life very difficult. They have skills that I don’t possess and I wish to thank them for being ‘on call’! They do not seek notoriety but they contribute so much to the parish. I am thinking especially of Jim Manderson, John Power, Noreen Murphy, John Loader and Maureen Panther. I know there are many other parishioners who willingly come forward and I am grateful to them. Thanks to Sharon Gallagher for constructing the Crib in the Narthex.

We must not forget those who religiously clean our church, Narthex and Hall and those who look after the grounds. They perform an unseen labour of love. Thank you very much. I must not forget Aileen Joyce who is so reliable in serving tea and coffee on Sundays.

On behalf of Deacon Paul and the our Pastoral Team may I thank you all and wish you a Happy Christmas and many Blessings in the New Year.

*May the Father of Life pour out His grace on you;  
may you feel His hand in everything you do  
and be strengthened by the things He brings you through:  
this is my prayer for you. (Celtic Daily Prayer).*

### CRIB COLLECTION

The Crib Collection this year, a last year, will be given to Christian Schools in the Holy Land. Last year the Diocese of Portsmouth raised more than £11,000. The Holy Land is a very distressful area of the Middle East and the Christians are very appreciative of or support and Prayer.

**Please read the information on the Notice board.**

### Mass intentions for the Week Beginning 26 December 2010

Sunday	8.30	Jean and Don Middleton
	10.30	David Hawley RIP
Monday	10.00	Mary Hinks (Intention)
Tuesday	10.00	Sally Hall (Intention)
Wed’day	10.00	Angelo and Vianna Peroclis
Thursday	10.00	Peg Kennedy.
Friday	10.00	John Patrick Levanzin RIP
Saturday	10.00	Frank Keown RIP.

6.00	Vigil Mass	Joan Trevef RIP.
Sunday	8.30	Maureen and George Reid (RIP)
	10.30	Jim and Teresa Thompson (Intention)

We have been given a child’s trampoline. It is in the Hall.  
First come, first served!

### Services in Church on Saturday Mornings

9.15	Morning Prayer of the Church
9.30	Holy Mass
10.00 – 11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
10.00 – 10.40	Reconciliation/Confessions.

### The Octave of Christmas

Prayer of the Church – Psalms Week 1

Monday	Feast of St John Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday	Feast of the Holy Innocents.
Wednesday	Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury.
Thursday	Mass of the Sixth Day of Christmas Octave.
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Saturday	Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. <b>Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord.</b>
Sunday	Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

### 100 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS - END OF YEAR DRAW

£100	Mr G Cato
£50	Miss D Carver
£50	Mr M Murphy
£30	Miss May
£27.85	Mrs E Loader

A donation of **£257.85** was made to the Parish Funds. A special word of thanks to Thesa Webberly for organizing the 100 Club.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

9	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
17	7.30 – 8.30 Meeting of Parents of Confirmation candidates.
19	8.00 – 9.00 Meeting of Parents of First Communion children.
23	Annual General Meeting of the Parish after the 10.30 Mass.
30	Education Sunday.
31	Feast of Saint John Bosco.

### Let us pray for the Sick

Fr Laurence Martin, Margaret Molloy, Hilda Deffains, Nick Mills, Catherine McGrath, Mary Mulligan, Maria Fraser, Muriel Carver, Debbie de Bono, Elizabeth Pearce, Joan Schieder, Claire Hilder, Audrey Phoenix, Anthony Leakey, Julie Hall, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O’Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the **Petition Book.**

### We pray for our deceased parishioners

Arthur Lewis, Josephine Newman, Tomie Morley, Charles Geraghty, Rosanna Bunker, Cecilia Pearce, Hanna Chapple, Kathleen Hartnett, Charles Harding, Mrs Devaney, Alice Barnard, Edmund Agar, Jane Fearnley, William Lannon.

*May they Rest in Peace.*