

## Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace and Blessed Margaret Pole

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#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

#### 14th December 2025

### l am going to send my messenger before you

Mass Times				
Sat	13th	Feria		
		12.00		
Sun	14th	Third Sunday of Advent		
		9.30 Deceased Family of	of Les & Monica Clark	
		11.00	People of the Parish	
Mon	15th	Weekday of Advent		
		10.00	Theresa Pride+	
Tue	16th	Weekday of Advent		
		10.00	Anthony Aga-in+	
Wed	17th	Weekday of Advent		
		10.00		
		19.00 Penitential Service	at Corpus Christi	
Thu	18th	Weekday of Advent No Mass		
		19.00 Taizé Evening		
Fri	19th	Weekday of Advent		
		10.00	Lee Lewis+	
Sat	<b>20</b> th	Weekday of Advent		
		12.00	Clive Bishop+	
Sun	21st	Fourth Sunday of Adven	t	
		9.30	Tom Cantwell+	
		11.00	People of the Parish	

Tea & Coffee in the Parish Hallafter Sunday masses				
Children's Liturgy (Sign in required) Sunday 9.30				
Holy Hourafter Wednesday morning mass				
Confessionsduring Holy Hour Wednesday & at call				
Choir Practice				
PsalterWeek 2				
Sunday Readings: Year A				
Weekday Readings: Year 2				
BaptismsContact the Deacon				
Marriages:Contact the Parish Priest				
Rosary Group Fridays 10.30 when no Mother's Prayers				
Mother's Prayer Group 2nd & 4th Fridays 10.30				
Friendship Club14.00 Fridays				
Safeguarding & Data Protection Officer				
Mary Basing 07969 120264				

#### Cycle of Prayer: Advent & Christmas

Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers



Guido Reni – Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness (c. 1636–1637)

#### John the Baptist

From his birth St John the Baptist was singled out to be the forerunner of Jesus, to be the one who would prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah. He did this by inviting them to repent of their sins and baptising them in the River Jordan as a sign of sorrow for their transgressions. He lived a life of austerity and proclaimed to the people a Baptism of Repentance. He drew large crowds and helped them to understand that the coming of the Christ was imminent.

During the Season of Advent, the Church, taking its lead from John the Baptist, invites us to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Seeking sacramental absolution for our sins is surely the best way to prepare for Christmas, please don't forget this important aspect of the Season of Advent.

Father Alex

#### **Christmas Services 2025**

Sunday 21st December Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mass 9.30 & 11.00

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve

Mass 10.00

Children's Mass 16.00

Carols 21.00

Midnight Mass 21.30

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

Mass 10.30

Friday 26th December St Stephen
Mass 10.00

Saturday 27th December St John

Mass 12.00

Sunday 28th December The Holy Family
Mass 9.30 & 11.00

# A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory

#### **Support Your Parish**

Contactless payments can be made by the machine in the Church. Cheques should be payable to 'CDP Bournemouth Our Lady of Peace'. For Standing Orders go the parish website for the form or inform your bank of our details: 30-93-04 00875180. Donations can be made online or through the parish website.

#### Children's Disco TODAY! 16.30-18.00

Calling all children of the parish... Ashley the DJ is back and looking forward to entertaining you with lots of fun and party games and great music! Snacks and refreshments provided, plus a goody bag too! This is a free event funded by the Church for the children. Nicola 0796 222463.

#### **Funeral**

Funeral arrangements for Edward John Vigar: Reception of the Body 16.00 on Monday 29th December, Requiem Mass at 10.00 on Tuesday 30th December. Burial at Boscombe East Cemetery. Refreshments in the Parish Hall at 12.30. May he rest in peace.

#### **Christmas Offerings**

The Christmas Offertory Collection customarily goes to the priest and forms a considerable portion of his annual income. Many thanks for your kind generosity.

#### **A Touch of Christmas**

Many thanks to all who supported the Touch of Christmas Event and to those who organised it and helped to make it a very enjoyable occasion. Altogether the event made a total of £382 for parish funds. Many thanks to all.



#### **Advent Penitential Service**

There will be a Penitential Service at Corpus Christi Church on Wednesday 17th December at 19.00. All welcome.



There will be a Taizé Service of prayer, praise and contemplation in the Church at 19.30 on Thursday 18th December. All Welcome

#### **First Communion**

There will be a meeting for parents and children who wish to make their First Communion in 2026 after the 9.30 mass on Sunday 1st February. Classes begin on Sunday 15th March after 9.30 mass. Other dates are: 22nd March, 9th & 26th April, 10th & 17th May. The rehearsal is on Friday 5th June with the First Communion itself on Saturday 6th June at 12.00. To register contact Angie on fhcteam.olqp@gmail.com.

#### Wonder is the beginning of wisdom

Socrates



#### **Beetle Drive**

We will be holding a Beetle Drive in the Parish Hall on Friday 6th February (Note Date Change) at 18.00. It will be a lively and fun evening for all the family. £5 per head, £3 children.

#### Mardi Gras Masked Ball Dinner Dance

After the huge success two years ago, it's back again and it's going to be even better than before! Join us for an incredible evening of musical genius with James Stead. Long dress for the ladies and black tie for the gents... plus a mask which is a MUST! Saturday 28th February 19.00-22.30, £15 per person. Contact Nicola 07966 222463

#### 200 Club Winner

November Winner Mrs Coelho £25 Congratulations.

#### **Recent Collections**

Standing Orders £408, Sunday £361 with thanks.

## An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest

Spanish Proverb

#### **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**

Readers: 9.30 S Smith, B Nanovo 11.00 A Alagbaoso, M Jean-Francoise Ministers: 9.30 S McCaffrey 11.00 N Jean-Francoise n/w Readers: 9.30 J Carr-Jones, R. Hernandez 11.00 B Nanovo n/w Ministers: 9.30 M Smith 11.00 V Rochford

#### **Forthcoming Dates**

Children's Christmas Disco	14th December
Taizé Service	18th December
Beetle Drive	6th February