



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

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**Christmas Day**

**25th December 2025**

**Unto you this day is born a Saviour**

### Mass Times

<b>Sat 20th</b>	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	
	12.00	Clive Bishop+
<b>Sun 21st</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
	9.30	Tom Cantwell+
	11.00	People of the Parish
<b>Mon 22nd</b>	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	
	10.00	Gary Proudlock Int.
<b>Tue 23rd</b>	<b>Weekday of Advent</b>	
	10.00	Olivia Wallwork+
<b>Wed 24th</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
	10.00	People of the Parish
	16.00 Children's Mass	
	21.00 Carols	
	21.30 First Mass of Christmas	
<b>Thu 25th</b>	<b>Nativity of the Lord</b>	
	10.30	People of the Parish
<b>Fri 26th</b>	<b>St Stephen</b>	
	10.00	People of the Parish
<b>Sat 27th</b>	<b>St John</b>	
	12.00	Anthony Aga-in+
<b>Sun 28th</b>	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>	
	9.30	David Marchesi+
	11.00	People of the Parish

Tea & Coffee in the Parish Hall .....after Sunday masses  
Children's Liturgy (Sign in required)..... Sunday 9.30  
Holy Hour .....after Wednesday morning mass  
Confessions.....during Holy Hour Wednesday & at call  
Choir Practice..... 18.00 Monday in Church  
Psalter .....Week 2  
Sunday Readings: ..... Year A  
Weekday Readings: ..... Year 2  
Baptisms.....Contact 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 Club ..... 14.00 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



Botticelli 1445 – 1510

Madonna and Child with Saint John the Baptist

### When the Song of the Angels is Stilled

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart.

*Howard Thurman*

### 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 to 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.

**A Child in a foul stable,  
Where the beasts feed and foam;  
Only where He was homeless  
Are you and I at home**

G.K. Chesterton

### 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 followed by burial at Boscombe East Cemetery. Refreshments in the Parish Hall at 12.30. May he rest in peace.

### Bequests

Please note that bequests to Registered Charities, including Churches, are exempt from Inheritance Tax. This means that any portion of your estate left to the Church will not be taxed. Such gifts may reduce the overall Inheritance Tax due on your estate, potentially benefiting your loved ones. Remember always to take professional advice when drawing up or revising your Will.

**Come, little children,  
O come one and all.  
The Cradle is here  
As in Bethlehem's stall;  
And see what the Father  
In high Heaven above  
Has sent us this night  
As a proof of His Love.**

### 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 will commence on Sunday 15th March after the 9.30 mass.

The other dates for classes are: 22nd March, 9th & 26th April, 10th & 17th May. The rehearsal will be on Friday 5th June with the First Communion itself on Saturday 6th June at 12.00. To register interest contact Angie on fhcteam.olqp@gmail.com.

### 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.

### 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 of this event two years ago, it's back again and it's going to be even better than before! It will be on Saturday 28th February 2026 from 19.00 -22.30. Join us for an incredible evening of musical genius with James Stead. What a treat for everyone to have James come and entertain us. Long dress for the ladies and black tie for the gents. plus a mask which is a MUST! £15 per person. More details to follow. Contact Nicola for info. 07966 222463

**The best thing  
parents can do for their children  
is to love each other.**

### What the Holy Family shows us at Christmas:

Christmas is for many of us, a time when families get together. We remember friends especially those who are no longer with us and those family and friends who live far away. Sometimes this brings great joy as we catch up on news. Sometimes it's hard going and we need patience in tolerating familiar bad habits, coping with old hurts and negotiating unrealistic expectations. Many will be glad when Christmas is over. Nevertheless, there is a deeper point to our family gathering. We instinctively recognise the importance of the bond of flesh and blood. We know that, in a family, we irrevocably belong to each other, no matter the distances that may separate us, or the rows we have lived through. We still look to our family for recognition, acceptance and love even when that hope is unfulfilled. So when you see the crib this Christmas, don't see in it an image of a vanishing world of father, mother and child. See, rather, a reminder of the truth about our human nature and a source of new encouragement and determination for us all.

*Cardinal Nichols 2007*

### Recent Collections

Standing Orders £408 with thanks.

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

**Christmas Vigil Minister:** S Smith **Readers:** L Pritchard, T McCaffrey **Christmas Day Minister:** L Hanson **Readers:** C Wright, L Goodall

**n/w Readers:** 9.30 J Carr-Jones, 11.00 T Hook, H Gardiner **n/w Ministers:** 9.30 T McCaffrey 11.00 H Gardiner

### Forthcoming Dates

Children's Christmas Disco..... 14th December  
Beetle Drive .....6th February

*The office is closed until Tuesday 6th January*