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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7th December 2025 AD

Year A (Psalter Week 2)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. In the first part of Advent, our focus is very much on preparing for the coming of Christ. This is done, in the main, by repentance—making our confession and reconciling ourselves to the Father. We are called to change the pattern of our lives in order to be ready when Jesus comes again in glory. John the Baptist calls us to look again at our hearts and make sure that there is no obstacle in Jesus' path. Each of us must "Prepare a way for the Lord!"

First Reading:	Isaiah 11:1-10 — <i>With righteousness He shall judge the poor</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	In His days, shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever. (Psalm 72)
Second Reading:	Romans 15:4-9 — <i>Christ saves humanity</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia! (Luke 3:4,6)
Gospel Reading:	Matthew 3:1-12 — <i>Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand</i>
Communion Antiphon:	Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. (Baruch 5:5. 4:36)

Day	Time	Service	Intention
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7th December	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS	Patricia Carey RIP and all the People of the Parish
Tuesday Second Week of Advent 9th December	9:00am 10:00am 6:00pm	Reconciliation at Oakland's School Rosary Reconciliation & Station Mass	SACRED HEART, Waterlooville
Wednesday Second Week of Advent 10th December	9:00am	Reconciliation at St Thomas Moore Sch.	
Thursday Second Week of Advent 11th December	10:30am 11:30am 7:00pm	Mass Pastoral Meeting Advent Carols at Ukrainian Cath, London	Maria Gaye
Friday Second Week of Advent 12th December	10:30am 11:30am	Mass Burial of Ashes	Margaret Price RIP
Saturday St Lucy, virgin martyr, memorial 13th December	5:00pm	Christmas Fair at St Joseph's, Havant Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth	
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 14th December	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS followed by Christmas Sing-a-Long	all the People of the Parish

Prayers For The Sick: Wendy Field, Mary Webb, Joan Ramsbottom, Patricia Church, John Nowaczewski, Peter van der Merwe, Maureen Cronin, Gerard Cronin, Mike Peacock, Liam Brice, Mick O'Mahoney, Max Garratt, Liz Parkinson, Bill McGill, Marka Cubberley, Kevin Conroy, Maria Gaye.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed:

and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Sheila Butler (Tue) Audrey Douglas, Ellen Gibson (Wed) James Caine, Angela Winn (Fri) Andrew Behan (Sat)

Queen Alexandra Hospital Chaplaincy Number : 023 9228 6000

Parish 24 Hour Emergency Number : 07584 661318 (Fr Mark)

Parishioners/Relatives may request Parish Visitors to call by sending an email to: visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS.
This is a time to gather and share fellowship with the family of God.

NOTICES:



During our time of fellowship after mass this week, we will be having our **Christmas Sing-a-long!** Please join us in the Hall for some tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies as together we sing some of your favourite Christmas songs.



Christmas Appeal for the seafarers. The CWL will be grateful to receive gifts for the seafarers; they can be placed in the box at the back of the Church. Woolly hats are always sought after, if somebody new to the Parish is a knitter, there are patterns available or it can be found on the Stella Maris website. Men's toiletries are also requested, thick socks, gloves (fingerless) scarves, biscuits and sweets, especially Toblerone. Also if you have any Rosary beads that you would like to find a home for, the seafarers love them. Your generosity is much appreciated. All donations will be passed to Deacon Nick O'Neill at St Michael's and All Angels, Leigh Park who is Lead Chaplain for Stella Maris. Thank you in advance. Queries to Pauline, on 02392468498, paulinebrice979@gmail.com or any CWL member.



The Catholic Women's League thank those parishioners and friends who supported the Advent Fair they held in the Hall last weekend. After paying for the defibrillator the bank balance is building up again in order for us to give our usual Christmas donations to CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need, Reaching the Unreached, and a few others including Hayling Donkey Sanctuary, as we always say, where would Jesus have been without a donkey!! You are asked to buy a numbered square - or more - for £1, the board of numbers is in the Hall, even if you do not usually go into the Hall after Mass, please do so for a couple of minutes, to choose a number, pay your pound and write your contact details in the square. There are lots of festive prizes, some of which are a beautiful home-made Christmas cake, a festive hamper, bottles of all varieties, alcoholic and non as well as the traditional cuddly toy. Winning numbers will be drawn in the Hall after Mass on Sunday 21st December.



The next **Bingo** afternoon is on **Wednesday 10th December** in the **Hall** at **2:00pm**. It's been said before, if Bingo isn't for you, please tell your friends and neighbours. It is always very friendly, home-made cake with tea/coffee in the interval and a Raffle, with festive prizes.



The **Repository** has been re-stocked, there are a variety of Christmas cards, candles, calendars and small gifts. Come and have a browse.



Church cleaning. Our next clean in preparation for Christmas will be on **Monday 15th December**.



Jesus, Prince of Peace—Pastoral Area Christmas Fair at St Joseph's on Saturday 6th December.
contact: rhianonwoodsfordgallagher@gmail.com.



Hayling Holiday Lunches. The next collection of tins of beans, spaghetti hoops, meat, vegetables and fruit, together with packets of rice and Pasta, will be on next Sunday. Please check all food items are within best before date.



New Helpers for Children's Liturgy—We need more helpers for Children's Liturgy. You don't need any experience and there are always two at each session. If you could lead a session (we have resources) or be the second helper, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to any of the team after mass or email haylingisland@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please note, this is a role where you will need to complete a DBS before starting.



Church Hall Should you wish to book the Church Hall please telephone Denzil on 07791 776148

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