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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14th December 2025 AD

Year A (Psalter Week 3)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. One this Sunday we rejoice for the Lord is coming soon. God sends His own Son to save us. Joy and gladness are ours and the time for sorrow and lamenting is over. Christ is standing at the gates and we know He is the One for whom we have been waiting. Today's Bible readings tell us not to lose heart, not to give up; but to take courage for our God is coming!

First Reading:	Isaiah 35:1-6a,10 — <i>God Himself will come and save you</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	Come, LORD, and save us. (Psalm 146)
Second Reading:	James 5:7-10 — <i>Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the LORD is upon me; He has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia! (Isaiah 61:1 / cf. Luke 4:18)
Gospel Reading:	Matthew 11:2-11 — <i>Are you the One who is to come, or shall we look for another?</i>
Communion Antiphon:	Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and He will save us. (cf. Isaiah 35:4)

Day		Time	Service	Intention
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	14th December	10:30am 11:00am	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS followed by Christmas Sing-a-Long	People of the Parish
Tuesday Third Week of Advent	16th December	10:00am 6:00pm	Rosary Reconciliation & Station Mass	ST MICHAEL'S, Leigh Park
Wednesday O Wisdom	17th December	10:30am 11:15am 6:30pm	Mass Pastoral Meeting St Thos Moore Sch. Carols @ St Joseph	
Thursday O Adonai	18th December	8:00am 11:00am	Oaklands End of Term Mass Oaklands End of Term Mass	
Friday O Root of Jesse	19th December	10:30am	Requiem Mass & Funeral	Herbert Gannon RIP
Saturday O Key of David	20th December	5:00pm	Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT O Morning Star	21st December	10:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Reconciliation (Confession) SUNG MASS A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	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: Herbert Thomas Gannon

and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Agnes Davies, Maureen Walling, Elizabeth Glynn, Maurice Chapman (Sun) Esme Horton, Thomas McPake (Mon) Derek Norman (Tue) Laura Lynch (Thu) Eleanora Farley, George Brown (Fri) Donald Card (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.

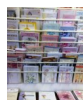
NOTICES:



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 and coffee as together we sing some of your favourite Christmas songs. Everyone is invited to join in. This has become quite a tradition now, song sheets are available and one of Santa's helpers has kindly donated some mince pies!



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. Queries to Pauline, on 02392468498, paulinebrice979@gmail.com or any CWL member. This weekend is the last for donations.



The Repository - as the Christmas cards were very popular this year and sold out very early, there has been a re-stock. Plenty available, also calendars and small gifts. Not forgetting the other cards available all the time - Mass cards, birthday cards etc.



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

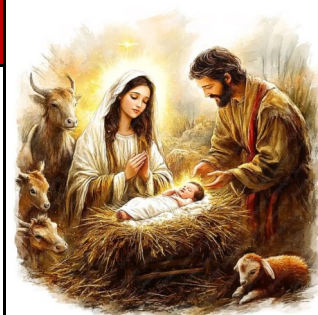


New Helpers for Children's Liturgy—We need more helpers for Children's Liturgy. You don't need any experience and there are always two at each session. If you could lead a session (we have resources) or be the second helper, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to any of the team after mass or email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

Christmas Services



Day		Time	Service
Sunday	21st December	6:00pm	A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Tuesday	24th December	6:00pm 11:30pm	First Mass of Christmas Midnight Mass
Wednesday	25th December	10:00am	Christmass



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