



# ST.PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

4th January 2026 AD

Year A (Office Proper)

Welcome to St Patrick's Church. Through Jesus, God has chosen us to be His children. The Father's only Son was made flesh and lived among human beings in time and space, so that those who believe in Him may be adopted members of the family. Not like our modern adoption where people can go back but adoption that is a real change and offers a permanent future. Before even the beginning of Genesis 1, when the world was made, God chose us in Jesus. This is the great gift of the Christian faith and we give thanks always.

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| First Reading:      | Sirach 24:1-2,8-12 — <i>The wisdom of God has dwelt in His chosen people</i>  |
| Responsorial Psalm: | <b>The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.</b> (Psalm 147 / R. John 1:14)   |
| Second Reading:     | Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18 — <i>He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus</i>   |
| Gospel Acclamation: | <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b><br>Glory to You, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations.<br>Glory to You, O Christ, believed in throughout the world.<br><b>Alleluia!</b> (Colossians 3:15a,16a) |
| Gospel Reading:     | John 2:1-18 — <i>The Word became flesh and dwelt among us</i>   |
| Communion Antiphon: | <b>To all who would accept Him,</b><br><b>He gave power to become children of God.</b> (John 1:12)  |

| Day  |              | Time  | Service  | Intention   |
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| <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>                            | 4th January  | <b>10:30am</b><br><b>11:00am</b>                      | <b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b><br><b>SUNG MASS</b>   | <b>The "Prayer Warriors" and all the People of the Parish</b> |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, solemnity</b> | 6th January  | <b>10:00am</b><br>10:00am<br>12:00pm<br><b>6:00pm</b> | <b>Rosary</b><br>Epiphany Mass at St Thomas More Sch.<br>Mass at St Joseph's, Havant<br><b>Sung Mass</b> | <b>Belinda Putley</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>after Epiphany</b>                    | 7th January  | <b>10:30am</b><br>11:30am                             | <b>Mass</b><br>Pastoral Meeting  |   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>after Epiphany</b>                     | 8th January  | <b>10:00am</b><br><b>10:30am</b><br>11:15am           | <b>Adoration</b><br><b>Mass</b><br>Pastoral Meeting  |   |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>after Epiphany</b>                       | 9th January  | <b>9:30am</b><br><b>10:30am</b>                       | Mass at St Joseph's, Havant<br><b>Mass</b>   |   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>after Epiphany</b>                     | 10th January | 5:00pm  | Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas's, Emsworth  |   |
| <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>                               | 11th January | <b>10:30am</b><br><b>11:00am</b>                      | <b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b><br><b>SUNG MASS</b>   | <b>People of the Parish</b>                                   |

**Prayers For The Sick:** Wendy Field, Mary Webb, Joan Ramsbottom, Patricia Church, John Nowaczewski, Peter van der Merwe, Maureen & Gerard Cronin, Mike Peacock, Liam Brice, Mick O'Mahoney, Lizann de Souza, Liz Parkinson, Bill McGill, 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:** Michael Noel Stewart, Anne Bull (Sun) Samuel Arthur Dawe, James Glancy Driscoll (Sat)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO TEA AND COFFEE IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER MASS THIS WEEK.**

**NOTICES:**



**Church Rosary Group** - Rosary will recommence on Tuesday, **6th January**, in the Church at **10:00am**. If you have a free half an hour, please join us, there is nothing better than to spend a little while with Our Lady - it will set you up for the day!



**The Catholic Women's League** has its first meeting of 2026 on **Tuesday 6th January** in the Hall at **2:00pm**. New members and visitors are always very welcome. Any new ladies to the Parish, if you are looking for something to do, please come along and meet us, have a chat about what we do, maybe you can offer some suggestions, and there is a cuppa before you go home. It would be great to see you. Enquiries to Pauline, Tel. 023 9246 8498 or e-mail: [paulinebrice979@gmail.com](mailto:paulinebrice979@gmail.com)

**Date for your diaries** - on **Wednesday 14th January** in the Hall, at **2:00pm** there will be the first **BINGO** afternoon of the New Year. If you are not a fan of Bingo, please pass the info on to your friends and neighbours, they may love it. Home-made cake is served in the interval with a cup of tea or coffee, and there will be a raffle. Don't be shy about coming alone, everyone is very friendly, there is always somebody to have a chat to.



**Red Missio Boxes** Would those who would like their Missio Boxes emptied in time for the contents to be included in this year's donation to the Mill Hill Missionaries, please bring their boxes to one of the Sunday masses during January and give them to Angi Howell, the Missio Rep, who will be at the back of church. Thank you.



**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](mailto: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