



*The Parish of St Mary, Portsea  
With St Faith's and St Wilfrid's  
Weekly notes- Dec 19th  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent*

This morning we celebrate with Fr Giles as he marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his being ordained a priest.

We welcome those who have shared that journey with him in different ways and places and all join together in giving thanks for that faithful ministry and all he has shared with so many.

We also welcome Canon David Lindsay, as our preacher.

As we join with Fr Giles we pray for those communities of which he has been a part over those 50 years



Ordained Priest December 1971,  
**Southwark Cathedral.**

Curate **Holy Trinity, Clapham**  
1970 - 1974

Mission Priest

**St Paul's Kandy, Sri Lanka**  
1975 - 1978

Vicar **All Saints Benhilton Surrey**  
1978 - 1986

Team Rector

**Coventry East Team Ministry**  
1986 - 1993

Team Rector **St Martin's, Brighouse**  
West Yorks 1993 - 1999

Vicar **St Peter's Petersfield,**  
and Rector **St Mary's Buriton**  
1999 - 2010

And Honorary Priest St Mary's Fratton 2011 >

We will also begin our service today welcoming 4 new Choristers who have completed their probationary period with us Alex, Rajvir, Ranjini and Tisza

**Please remain at your seats for Communion etc – the priest will come to you.**

**Today**

**6pm Nine Lessons and Carols –**  
a very special service celebrating the Christmas  
Story in words and music

**Monday Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Of the Day*

**Noon Mass at St Mary's** (live streamed)  
**Monday Men –** contact Revd Marcus

**Tuesday Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Of the Day*

**9.30am Mass at St Faith's**  
**I I am Funeral at St Mary's**  
**Noon Reflection online** from Fr Bob

**4pm Portsmouth Film Society at St Mary's**  
Disney Pixar Film 'Soul'  
**6pm 'Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street'**  
**Tickets Adults £3 Children £2**

**Wednesday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Noon Blue Christmas**

*Of the Day*

**at St Mary's** (live streamed)  
*Blue Christmas offers a simple, quiet service,  
With readings and carols.  
Blue Christmas is for anyone  
who wants space to sit and be.  
And acknowledges the pain and emptiness  
that so many can feel at this time of year.*  
Followed by **Fellowship Lunch**  
**and Advent Book discussion at St Mary's**  
**7pm Zoom Book Club** contact Revd Sam

**Thursday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Of the Day*

**10.30am Mass at St Wilfrid's**  
**Noon Reflection online** from Fr Nicholas

**Friday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**

**4pm Young Families gather to prepare**  
**5pm Nativity Service at St Mary's**  
*Please note limited spaces – please book  
via Fr Bob*

**6pm Mass of the Nativity at St Wilfrid's**

**7pm Mass of the Nativity at St Faith's**

**11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Mary's**  
*Please note limited spaces – please book  
via Fr Bob*

**Christmas Day**      **9am Book of Common Prayer Eucharist**

**10am Mass and Carols at St Mary's**  
*Bring a favourite gift to 'share'*

**Next Sunday Dec 26<sup>th</sup>**

*St Stephen*

**10am Parish Mass for a Parish Patron**

**Monday Dec 27<sup>th</sup>**

*St John*

**Noon Mass at St Mary's (streamed)**

**Tuesday Dec 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Holy Innocents*

**9.30am Mass at St Faith's**

**Noon Reflection online – Revd Marcus**

**Weds Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**

*S Thomas A Beckett*

**Noon Mass at St Mary's (streamed)**

**Thursday Dec 30<sup>th</sup>**

*6<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas*

**10.30am Mass at St Wilfrid's**

**Noon Reflection online from Fr Nicholas**

**Friday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**

*7<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas*

**10.30am Funeral Service at St Mary's**

**Noon Mass at St Mary's (streamed)**

**Sunday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of*

*Christmas*

**8am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's**

**9am Mass at St Faith's**

**10am Mass at St Mary's**

**11am Mass at St Wilfrid's**

**Thurs Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**

**7pm Sung Mass for the Epiphany  
at St Mary's**

There is an arts installation at St Mary's – hanging from the screen as you pass to the Font from the Tower. This is a reflection on the experience of refugees – 'Tears of joy'. These will hang near the Crib scene to help us reflection how Jesus, Mary and Joseph were also refugees as they fled to Egypt

Finally, if you would like to make a donation to provide **flowers in our churches and help decorate them over Christmas** – either in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for something – then please place money in a clearly marked envelope before Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – or if you would like to pay by BACS contact us for details (and mark payment ‘Flowers’)

**Thank you** as always to all of you for your support, your care for one another and your prayers for us and all we do, We are all aware that for many the coming days will not be easy. If you are aware of anyone who needs a call from the Ministry Team or you would like them added to our prayer list then please let me know.

**Thank you** to all who will support our services and celebrations over the coming days – especially to our musicians and choir, all who read, led intercessions and those who care for our buildings and clean, decorate and prepare them

Over the coming weeks please be aware that members of the Ministry Team will be having some time for rest  
Main contacts will be

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> to Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Fr Bob  
Dec 28<sup>th</sup> to Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Fr Marcus

We hope that we will together discover more of what lies at the heart of Christmas and the light and peace we find in Christ’s presence with us in the reality of our lives.

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