



The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's  
Weekly notes- 17<sup>th</sup> December- 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Monday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>** **No Noon Mass** at St Mary's  
*Advent of the day* **7pm Forever Together Memorial Service**  
at St Mary's  
**7.30pm Zoom Advent Group**  
contact Revd Wendy May for the link etc.

**Tues Dec 19<sup>th</sup>** **9.30am Mass** at St Faith's and coffee and chat  
*Advent of the day* **6pm Carol singing around area**  
meet at St Mary's

**Weds Dec 20<sup>th</sup>** **Noon Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
*Advent of the day* followed by **Fellowship Lunch** (bring your own food) for Advent Group

**Thurs Dec 21<sup>st</sup>** **10.30am Mass** at St Faith's  
*Advent of the day*

**Friday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>** **11am Coffee and Chat** at St Mary's  
*Advent of the day* **Noon Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
**7pm Nine Lessons and Carols** at St Mary's

**Sat Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>** **9am till lunch Church Clean up** at St Mary's  
*Advent of the day* Contact Revd Wendy May for plans for St Faith's  
**10am Just Ask** at St Mary's *come and enquire. about Christenings, Weddings etc or simply 'just ask something of the clergy.*

**Sunday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>** **NO 8am BCP Eucharist** at St Mary's  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent* **10am Mass with hymns**  
(live streamed) at St Mary's

**Christmas Eve** **4pm Gathering for those leading the Nativity**  
**5pm The Nativity Service**  
led by our young people at **St Mary's**  
**7pm Mass of the Night at St Faith's**

**11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Mary's**

**Christmas Day** **9am BCP Eucharist** at St Mary's  
**10am Parish Mass and Carols** (live streamed)  
at St Mary's

**Tues Dec 26<sup>th</sup>** **Noon Mass** (live streamed) at St Mary's  
*St Stephen*

**Weds Dec 27<sup>th</sup>** **Noon Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
*S John*

**Thurs Dec 28<sup>th</sup>** **10.30am Mass** at St Faith's  
*Holy Innocents*

**Friday Dec 29<sup>th</sup>** **Noon Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
*S Thomas a Becket*

**Sat Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>** **No Just Ask** at St Mary's  
*6<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas*

**Sunday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>** **NO 8am BCP Eucharist** at St Mary's  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas* **10am Parish Mass with Carols** (live streamed)  
at St Mary's

**Monday Jan 1<sup>st</sup>** **No Noon Mass** at St Mary's

**Tues Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>** **9.30am Mass** at St Faith's  
*Ss Basil and Gregory*

**Weds Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Noon Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
*10<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas* followed by **Fellowship Lunch** (bring your own food) and help prepare for ...  
**3pm Afternoon Tea** to raise funds for Leprosy Mission at St Mary's

**Thurs Jan 4<sup>th</sup>** **10.30am Mass** at St Faith's  
*11<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas*

**Friday Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** **11am Coffee and Chat** at St Mary's

*12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas* **Noon Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)

**Sat Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Epiphany** **10am Just Ask** at St Mary's *come and enquire. about Christenings, Weddings etc or simply 'just ask something of the clergy.*

**Noon Sung Mass** at St Mary's – followed by **Bangers and Mash Lunch ...**

**Sun Jan 7<sup>th</sup>** **8am BCP Eucharist** at St Mary's  
**9.30am Mass and hymns** at St Faith's  
**10am Sung Mass and Baptism** at St Mary's  
**3pm Panto Rehearsal** at St Mary's

*Please note we often take photographs at our services and events that may appear on social media – please let us know if this causes you any problems.*

**Flowers** If you would like to donate towards the cost of Flowers to decorate the Church at Christmas, please do so in a clearly marked envelope.

**Chalice** Please read the information in the Advent Leaflet about the re-introduction of the chalice for those who wish to use it, At St Mary's it will be administered at the Font with Intinction at the Dais.

**Memorial Stars** you are invited to place a star on the Trees in the Church as you remember those who have died whom you have loved and entrust them in to the light and peace of Christ. Donations will be used to support the Comfort and Joy campaign,

**Carol Singing – Tuesday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm** you are very welcome to join members of the Choir and others in singing carols around some local streets for about an hour. Wrap up warm!

**Traditional Carol Service Friday 7pm** – one of the highlights of the Christmas Season with music led by our Choir and the

familiar readings and carols that tell the Christmas story – please tell your family and friends ...

**Church Clean up** Could you help us prepare the Churches to celebrate Christmas on **Saturday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>** ? At St Mary's we will start around 9 and end at Noon with a light soup lunch ...please let us know if you wish to join us. For St Faith's ask Revd Wendy May for details

**Nativity Christmas Eve at 5pm** – we hope you may know some young families and young people who would be happy to help us in our telling of the Christmas Story. Please let Fr Bob know if they wish to take part – we will **meet briefly on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>** (next Sunday) to think about what we will do **at 11.30am**

**Twelve Days of Christmas** – why not join us over the twelve days of the Christmas season (up to Jan 5<sup>th</sup>) as we gather for worship most days.

**New Year's Eve** – Please note that there will **only be one Parish Service on that day at 10am at St Mary's** – as we give thanks for 2023 and pray for God's blessing on us in 2024.

**Leprosy Mission** As a Parish we have traditionally supported the Leprosy Mission, The Fellowship recently had a talk about its work and wished to raise further funds for them ... so you are invited to join us for an Afternoon Tea at 3pm on Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan at St Mary's and a chance to help support the Leprosy Mission.

**Saturday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Epiphany** when we reflect on the gifts of the Magi and the star they followed.

We will have a **Parish Mass at Noon** at St Mary's which we will follow with a **lunch of Bangers and Mash** (Veggie sausages will also be available). **Tickets cost £3** – children free – please book in advance ...

*If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see included on these notices, please let us know.*

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*Over the Christmas Season different clergy will be on call at different times – please listen carefully to messages on their phones when you contact them*

*Lastly can we thank everyone who has contributed to the life of our churches over the last year*

*- especially those who helped us welcome over 5000 people to our join us in celebrating the Christmas story over the last few weeks!*

*Thank you to all our staff who support all that we do*

*- often above and beyond what is required -*

*and to the Ministry Team for their care and leadership of the Parish*

*On behalf of all of them we wish you a Happy Christmas and a Blessed 2024!*