



The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's

Weekly notes Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Advent Sunday (year C)

**Today** **6pm Music and Readings for Advent**  
at St Mary's (live streamed)

**Mon Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Noon Mass** (live streamed) at St Mary's  
*Advent Week 1* **7pm District Scout Christingle** at St  
Mary's

**Tues Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** **9.30am Mass** at St Faith's  
*S Francis Xavier* followed by refreshments  
**10.15am Melody Tots** at St Mary's  
**7pm PCC meets** at St Mary's

**Weds Dec 4<sup>th</sup>** **Noon Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
*S John Damascene* followed by **Fellowship Lunch** 'Space for Calm'

**Thurs Dec 5<sup>th</sup>** **10.30am Mass** at St Faith's  
*Advent Week 1* followed by refreshments

**Friday Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** **10am Christingle Making** at St Mary's  
*S Nicholas* **11am Coffee and Chat** at St Mary's  
**Noon Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
**5.30pm News Christingle** at St Mary's  
**7pm Fratton Together Awards**  
with Stephen Morgan MP – at St Mary's

**Sat Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** **9am Space for Calm Breakfast** at St Mary's  
*S Ambrose* **10am Just Ask** at St Mary's  
*or* *come and enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc*  
*simply 'just ask' something of the clergy.* at St Mary's  
**11am – 4pm Vintage Fair** at St Mary's

**Sunday Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** **8am BCP Eucharist** at St Mary's  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent* **9.30am Mass and Hymns** at St Faith's  
**10am Sung Mass** at St Mary's  
**4pm Barrells Memorial Service** 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.*

*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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## Advent – Space for Calm

This year the Advent & Christmas theme is '**Calm and Bright**'. In Advent we are inviting you to take opportunities to create a space for calm. In the midst of all the rush and fuss in preparing for Christmas we hope you will find time to join us for some calm and prayer and reflection.

Each **Wednesday after the Noon Mass** at St Mary's you are invited to bring a lunch and explore with us different ways of creating spaces for calm. This week Revd Sarah will be exploring Ignatian Spirituality and Prayer.

On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>** you are invited to join us for a **light breakfast at 9am at St Mary's** to think about how we find our own spaces of calm. Join us each day in creating some time and space to **#pauseandpray** and be aware of God with you, and you praying with others.

Or **commit to coming to a service** each week.

**Helpers Please** ... each week we will need welcomers and helpers – can you lend a hand through a busy December? **This week**

**Sunday evening** **6 pm Advent Carol Service (arrive 5.30pm)**

**Monday evening** **7pm Scouts Christingle** – to give out leaflets

**Friday morning** **10am** join a team to **help make Christingles** ...

**Friday evening** **5.30pm News Christingle** (to welcome etc please arrive at 4.30pm)

**Next Sunday 4pm Barrells memorial** – welcomers from 3pm

**Please let Fr Bob know – or sign list in Church**

**Comfort and Joy** We are hosting the Comfort and Joy campaign seeking to support those on the margins. **Please donate a £5 or £10 gift voucher and a Christmas Card** (unsealed envelope)

**Once a Sea** Thank you to all who helped and supported – we welcomed 8000 people to an amazing installation.

**Beryl Bates** her **Funeral will be at St Mary's on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 11.30am**  
**Cleaner for St Faith's** If you know anyone who would be interested in working for 2 hours a week (paid) as a Cleaner please contact Revd Wendy May for details.