



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

Weekly notes Dec 8th 2024

2nd Sunday in Advent

Today
Mon Dec 9th
Conception of BVM
4pm Barrells Memorial Service at St Mary's
Noon Mass (live streamed) at St Mary's
7pm Julian Prayer Group at St Faith's

Tues Dec 10th
Advent Week 2
9.30am Mass at St Faith's
followed by refreshments
10.15am Melody Tots at St Mary's
11am Funeral for Beryl Bates at St Faith's
1pm Little Leavers Carols at St Mary's
6.45pm PCU rehearsal at St Mary's
Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
followed by **Fellowship Lunch** 'Space for Calm'

Weds Dec 11th
Advent Week 2
10am Ark Dickens Rehearsal at St Mary's
10.30am Mass at St Faith's
followed by refreshments
11am Coffee and Chat at St Mary's
Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
6.30pm Choir singing Carols at Tesco Fratton
7pm Milton Cross Concert at St Mary's

Thurs Dec 12th
Advent Week 2
9am Space for Calm Breakfast at St Mary's
10am Just Ask at St Mary's
come and enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc
or
simply 'just ask' something of the clergy. at St Mary's
10am Reindeer Drive Coffee Morning
for Hope into Action at St Faith's
7.30pm PCU Concert at St Mary's

Friday Dec 13th
S Lucy

Sat Dec 14th
S John of the Cross

Sunday Dec 15th
3rd Sunday in Advent
8am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's
9.30am Mass and Hymns at St Faith's

10am Sung Mass 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.

Monday at 7pm at St Faith's a time of quiet prayer and reflection at St Faith's with the **Julian Prayer Group**

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 Fr Bob will be exploring Benedictine Spirituality and Prayer.

On **Saturday** 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

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

Tuesday afternoon 1- 3pm Little Learners – handing out leaflets

Next Monday 16th 6.30pm Forever Together – handing out leaflets

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)

Beryl Bates her **Funeral will be at St Mary's on Dec 10th 11.30am**

Jean Alford died last week – Jean was a lifelong member of St Mary's and her faith was central to her life as was Pompey Football Club! Her Funeral will probably be in the New Year.

Reindeer Drive - Saturday 10am St Faith's Join us for a Coffee Morning and a chance to be part of a Reindeer Drive (will be revealed) to raise funds for our Hope Into Action home – for more details talk to Mandy – all you need is to bring some antlers Or a red nose!