



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

Weekly notes Dec 15th 2024

Gaudete - 3rd Sunday in Advent

Mon Dec 16th
Advent Week 3
Service

NO Noon Mass
7pm Forever Together Memorial

at St Mary's

Tues Dec 17th
Advent of the day

9.30am Mass at St Faith's
followed by refreshments
10.15am Melody Tots at St Mary's
2pm Ark Dickens Carols at St Mary's
6pm Carol singing around area
meet at St Mary's

Weds Dec 18th
Advent of the day

10am ACPS Carols at St Mary's
Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
followed by **Fellowship Lunch** 'Space for Calm'
4pm Vouchers sorting ... at St Mary's
6pm The Portsmouth Academy Carols
at St Mary's

Thurs Dec 19th
Advent of the day

10.30am Mass at St Faith's
followed by refreshments
7.30pm Royal Marine School of Music Concert
At St Mary's

Friday Dec 20th
Advent of the day

11am Coffee and Chat at St Mary's
Noon Comfort and Joy Voucher Service
at St Mary's
7.30pm Royal Marine School of Music Concert
At St Mary's

Sat Dec 21st
Advent of the day

9am Church Clean and Polish 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

10.30am Church Preparations at St Faith's

12.30pm Thank you lunch at St Mary's

Sunday Dec 22nd **8am BCP Eucharist** at St Mary's

4th Sunday in Advent **9.30am Mass and Hymns** at St Faith's

10am Sung Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)

2pm Baptism Service at St Mary's

6pm 9 Lessons and Carols at St Mary's

Monday Dec 23rd

Advent of the day

Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)

Tuesday Dec 24th

Christmas Eve

5pm Nativity Service at St Mary's

– led by our families and young people

7pm Mass of Christmas Night at St Faith's

11.30pm Midnight Mass

at St Mary's (live streamed)

Wednesday Dec 25th **9am BCP Eucharist** at St Mary's

Christmas Day

10am Mass and Carols at St Mary's (live streamed)

Thursday Dec 26th

S Stephen

Noon Mass at St Mary's

Friday Dec 27th

S John

Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)

Saturday Dec 28th

Holy Innocents

Sunday Dec 29th

Holy Family

No 8am

10am Parish Mass at St Mary's (live streamed) -
no service at St Faith's

Monday Dec 30th

6th Day of Christmas

Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)

Tuesday Dec 31st

7th day of Christmas

9.30am Mass at St Faith's

followed by refreshments

Wednesday Jan 1st

Naming of Jesus

Thursday Jan 2nd

Ss Basil and Gregory

10.30am Mass at St Faith's

followed by refreshments

Friday Jan 3rd I I am Coffee and Chat at St Mary's
10th Day of Christmas
Saturday Jan 4th **NO Just Ask**
11th Day of Christmas
Sunday Jan 5th **Feast of the Epiphany – normal service times**
3.30pm Panto players 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.

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 Mthr Charlotte will be exploring Taizé Spirituality and Prayer.

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** regularly

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

Monday **7pm Forever Together** – welcomers

Tuesday afternoon 2pm Ark Dickens – handing out leaflets
Wednesday morning **10am Arundel Court** – leaflets
Wednesday Evening **6pm Ports Academy** – handing out leaflets
Friday **Noon Voucher Scheme** - welcomers

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) **Can you help us do the final check and sort of cards and vouchers on Wednesday at 4pm?**

Make a joyful noise ...join us Carol Singing Tuesday 6pm from St Mary's. Come and share in some traditional carol singing around some local streets

Deck the HallsSaturday 21st come and help us prepare and clean both churches for our Christmas Celebrations. There will be a **free light lunch at St Mary's at Noon** – if you wish to join us please let Fr Bob know.

Our traditional Carol Service this will be **next Sunday (22nd) at 6pm** at St Mary's. Invite family and friends to join us for this very special service of music and readings.

Christmas Flowers – if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of our Christmas flowers in Church in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for something then please place in a clearly marked envelope.

Nativity Service This will be on **Christmas Eve at 5pm**

at St Mary's – if you know any children or young people who would like to be involved in telling the story then please put them in touch with Fr Bob.

Jean Alford 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 be at St Mary's **on Thursday Jan 9th at 11.30am**