



The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's  
Notices for 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
Third Sunday in Advent

**Today**  
**Monday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*Advent Week 3*  
Mary's  
**3pm Barrells' Memorial Service** at St Mary's  
**Noon Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
**6pm The Portsmouth Academy** at St Mary's

**Tuesday Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**  
*Advent Week 3*  
**9.30am Mass** at St Faith's  
followed by discussion 'O Come Emmanuel'  
**6pm Carol Singing** around area meet at St Mary's

**Wednesday Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**  
*Advent of the day*  
**10am Arundel Court Carols** at St Mary's  
**Noon Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
followed by **Fellowship Lunch** at St Mary's  
Advent discussion 'O Come Emmanuel'  
**2pm Comfort and Joy Voucher Count**  
at St Mary's

**Thursday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**  
*Advent of the day*  
**10 am Funeral Service** at St Mary's  
**12.30pm Arthur Tagg's Funeral** at St Mary's

**Friday Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**  
*Advent of the day*  
**10am Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
**10.30am** by Coffee and Chat and  
**Noon Comfort and Joy Service** at St Mary's  
**7pm Forever Together Memorial Service**  
at St Mary's

**Saturday Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**  
*Advent of the day*  
**9am Church Clean and preparation**  
at St Mary's – ending with lunch  
**10am Just Ask** at St Mary's *come and enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc or simply 'just ask' something of the clergy.*

**Sunday Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**8am BCP Eucharist** at St Mary's

**Advent 3**

**10am Mass and hymns** at St Faith's  
**10am Sung Mass** at St Mary's (live streamed)  
**6pm 9 Lessons and Carols** 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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**Arthur Tagg** was a member of St Wilfrid's for many years and heavily involved as Warden and Treasurer – as well as active in the Scouts, and a great support for Joy and her work with SWIISHERS FLC. His Funeral will be at **St Mary's on Thursday at 12.30pm**

**Can you help this week ?** Can you come and **welcome** those coming to mark Christmas this week : **Barrells Memorial Service** (Today at 3pm) **The Portsmouth Academy** (Monday at 6pm) **Comfort and Joy** (Friday at Noon)  
Also help needed to **sort the Vouchers** – can you come along on **Wednesday at 2pm?**

**Deck the Halls** Can you join us on **Saturday am at both Churches** to help to prepare and clean them for our Christmas celebrations? At St Mary's we will end with a **Soup Lunch at Noon**

**O Come Emanuel** – this is our Advent theme – there will be opportunities to meet and reflect together on the material on **Tuesday at St Faith's after 9.30am**; at **Fellowship lunch at St Mary's on Wednesday** (please let Fr Bob know if you hope to attend for catering)

**9 Lessons and Carols Next Sunday at 6pm at St Mary's** – join us for a traditional Carol Service – followed by Sherry and Mince Pies.

**Hope into Action** As in previous years we are collecting items for a Christmas Hamper for the 2 Residents in the House we support – please see list in Church if you wish to donate an item.

**Comfort and Joy** Also this year we again hosting the Churches Homeless Action Voucher scheme – please donate a Gift Voucher (£5 or £10) and a Christmas card (unsealed envelope) to support local charities working with the homeless.

**Christmas Flowers** If you would like to make a donation for Flowers to help decorate our churches at Christmas please place in a clearly marked envelope, or if using BACS mark 'Flowers'