

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

N.B. All Masses will be livestreamed unless otherwise stated

The church will only be opened 15 minutes before each Mass in order to conserve heat.

Saturday 1st January - Mary, The Holy Mother of God, Solemnity

10am *For a healthier and happier New Year*

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass

5.30pm *Nora Noone RIP*

Sunday 2nd January

2nd Sunday after Christmas

9am *Marshall Family Intentions*

11am *Hughes Family Intentions*

Tuesday 4th January - Liturgy of the Day

7pm *Christine McGovern and Family*

Wednesday 5th January - Liturgy of the Day

10am *Cerrig and Susan Scripture
Shardlow Wedding Anniversary - In
Thanksgiving*

Thursday 6th January - Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity

9.30am *People of the Parish*
7pm

Friday 7th January - Liturgy of the Day

10am

Saturday 8th January

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Vigil Mass

5.30pm *Rita McDonagh and Family*

Sunday 9th January

Baptism of the Lord, Solemnity

9am *Deceased Friends of the Hughes Family RIP*

11am *Renee Hall RIP*



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2nd January 2022: Second Sunday after Christmas - Year C



People often declare that their faith is a private and a very personal thing. Of course our faith is very personal, but does that mean it should be private? In keeping our faith private we are missing a very important opportunity. How often has our own faith taken a little leap forward because of something we have heard or something we have read? Similarly there may be something you have heard or learnt that would help someone else. You might not consider yourself a theologian, but there might be something seemingly small that you could contribute that would make a big difference to someone else.

Someone else's testimony is the way we learn. Without the internet, books, Catholic papers, TV documentaries, homilies and the testimonies of friends and family, how would we develop our faith? Without the work of missionaries, teachers and parents, how would our faith have been handed from generation to generation? Without the gospel writers, how would Jesus' work and God's word be remembered? Without John the Baptist and the first disciples, how else would Jesus' identity have been known? Bearing witness is essential. Without witnesses we would know nothing of Jesus. There are still those that would benefit from Christ's teaching either directly or indirectly. If Christianity is something very important to us, why be reticent about sharing it? If bearing witness to Christ can change lives, shouldn't we make our voices ever more persistently heard by friends, neighbours, family, politicians, community leaders TV producers and anyone else with the willingness and the know-how to bring about change?

Like John, we are called in our baptismal promises to be witnesses to the work of Christ. We are called to be witnesses in every circumstance of our lives.

Mass Intentions - If you would like a Mass to be offered for a particular intention then please contact the parish office.

Important Contacts

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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Hugh Dwan, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Joseph Nemeth, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Pat Hall, Joy Phillips and Sr Veronica.

IMPORTANT - Covid-19 Reminders

We ask you to remain vigilant and help prevent spreading the virus this Winter.

- ◆ Please do not enter the church if you have COVID symptoms, if you have received a positive Lateral Flow or PCR test result, or if you are waiting for a PCR test/result.
- ◆ Please sanitise your hands when entering
- ◆ Wearing a face covering, in our enclosed space is **mandatory** (unless exempt and/or children under the age of 11)
- ◆ Please be considerate of co-worshippers and respect personal space
- ◆ Maintain 1 metre distance where possible.

Thank you for your cooperation

Feast of the Epiphany - Thursday 6th January

Most of us get through life relying on the knowledge we already have. Today's challenge is to look for something new. Knowing where to look for our own guiding star is up to us, but one thing is for sure, if we are not looking for revelation, we will never find it. If we carry on doing the same things we will only get the same results.



Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for January 2022

You don't need to be much of an expert to know that a lack of inter-religious understanding leads to a lack of empathy. At worst, a lack of empathy can lead to religious discrimination, and at its very worst, discrimination can even lead to persecution. It is true that the basis of most world religions has values such as love and kindness and peace by which to live our lives. So if living by a universally agreed set of values is central to all beliefs, how do we find it so difficult to get along? How is it that our brothers and sisters across the globe are persecuted for what they believe in? How is it that we shun those of other beliefs in our own communities? This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention "**...for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.**"

Peace Actions for January 2022

- Make this year's Christian Unity Week (18th-25th January) an opportunity to start exploring initiatives on Christian websites other than our own.
- Take time to learn about someone else's religion on 'World Religion Day' (17th January)
- Mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January.



CCAF Appeal



£8,000 has been sent to Nairobi to enable food and essential supplies to be delivered on 23rd December to many of the hundreds of the displaced families of Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School.

Please head to our [Facebook](#) page or [website](#) to see the video 'thank you' from Md Eunice, Head Teacher at OLN, for this help, and also our ongoing Uji support throughout the year.

St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group: Monday 3rd to Friday 7th January at 1.30pm. 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady. Zoom ID: 728 9756 2732 Password for each day: rosary



Friends of the Holy Land - Christmas Appeal Giving Hope to Vulnerable Christians

Please support the appeal when you visit the crib. Your Christmas gifts will be used where most needed to meet urgent and ongoing medical needs including birth costs, or to help fund our work providing wider support to vulnerable Holy Land Christians. Alternatively, if you would like to help and donate, please go to <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

Job Vacancy – Deputy Director of Estates

The Diocese of Portsmouth are looking for a chartered surveyor or equivalent to support them as they go through a period of significant change. Please see the attached job advertisement and note the closing date for applications: 12 noon on Monday 17th January 2022.

Church Cleaners

We need more volunteers to help sanitise the church. If you are able to swell the number of helpers available it will be greatly appreciated. Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you can help. Thank you