

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 11th December - Vigil Mass

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

5.30pm *Alfonso Sandino Olier RIP - 4th Anniversary*

Sunday 12th December

3rd Sunday of Advent

9am *Mgr. Jim Joyce's Welfare*

11am *Charles and Peggy Froud RIP*

Tuesday 14th December - St John of the Cross, Religious, Doctor of the Church, Memorial

7pm *Mr and Mrs H Khayatt RIP (F)*

Wednesday 15th December - 3rd Week of Advent

10am *People of the Parish*

Thursday 16th December - 3rd Week of Advent

10am *Ladies of The UCM*

Friday 17th December - Liturgy of the Day

10am *Mgr. Jim Joyce's Golden Jubilee*

Saturday 18th December - Vigil Mass

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

5.30pm *Freddy Gretton - For Healing*

Sunday 19th December

4th Sunday of Advent

9am *Edward Sirju RIP*

11am *Patrick Keelty RIP - 4th Anniversary*

(F) Foundation Mass

(P) Perpetual Mass

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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12th December 2021: 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year C



How many times are we shamed into saying, "I'll never grumble again!" We watch children who have life threatening illnesses finding something to smile about. We see families living in poverty, seemingly happy when they have every excuse to be deeply unhappy. We read about the men and women, who despite disability or overwhelming odds, adopt a positive attitude and achieve great things. These people are living proof that happiness doesn't come from everything being right in our lives.

The third Sunday in Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete meaning to rejoice. Rejoicing, exulting, being happy and singing for joy are the themes in today's liturgy. But how are we to feel happy in a world where there isn't much to feel happy about what must we do?

John the Baptist gives us the answer, "If anyone has two tunics," he says, he must share with the man who has none."

We have all experienced the joy of giving a gift..... the inner glow that comes with knowing we have bought someone exactly what they always wanted. We experience this same pleasure in sharing what we have with those who have nothing.

To the tax collector and the soldier John says, "Exact no more than your rate. Be content with your pay."

What joy is there in gain if it's at someone else's expense? Do we really get any satisfaction at saving a couple of pence at the supermarket knowing it is at the expense of a third world farmer working for virtually nothing at all. At this season in particular we remember not to exploit those who work hard for little profit. We remember whilst doing our Christmas shopping to look for the 'Fair Trade' labels. If we are employers we remember not to make unreasonable demands in order to line our own pockets.

Most importantly this Christmas, we remember that happiness comes from being content with what we have.



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.

Congratulations to Mgr. Jim Joyce who celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination on 18th December 2021. Ad multos annos!

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

Gaudete Sunday

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. The Latin Gaudete is translated as Rejoice, the first word of the introit. The reference to joy, hope and optimism are dominant at this point in Advent. The lesson we can take from this is that Christians ought to be the most hopeful and cheerful of people, bringing both joy and peace into their homes and families, workplaces, and social circles. If you can't feel cheerful to order, use the opportunity to work out which parts of your life fill you with the most optimism.



Africa Fund Appeal/South Berkshire Singers Concert

The Africa Fund would like to thank the South Berkshire Singers for the enjoyable virtual concert they gave on the 5th December. A total amount of **£5,368.00** before Gift Aid has been raised so far from the concert and from other donors to the appeal. You can still donate this weekend. A big thank you to everyone involved.

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by the more than 800 OLN families who will now be provided with food and other essential supplies before Christmas.

St Francis, Ascot, Fatima Devotions Knights of St Columba, Home Rosary Praying Group: Monday 13th to Friday 17th December at 1.30pm. 30 minutes of praying the rosary as requested by Our Lady. Zoom ID: 79415324378 Password for each day: rosary



Christmas Mass Times

- * Friday 24th - Christmas Eve - 4.00pm, 6.00pm and 9pm
- * Saturday 25th - Christmas Day - 10.00am
- * Sunday 26th - The Holy Family - 9.00am and 11.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation - In addition to the usual Saturday evening time Canon Simon and Fr Anthony will be available to hear confessions at Corpus Christi on Saturday 11th and Saturday 18th December from 11.00am to midday.



Bamenda

Colm Lennon, on behalf of the Bamenda Committee, would like to express thanks to you for giving so generously to the collection on Bamenda Sunday. Your contribution, along with the rest of the Diocese has enabled us to send to Bamenda this year a total of £83,500 for a wide range of projects including funding for children to attend school, new classrooms at St. Joseph's, now run by Fr. Bonaventure who used to minister at St. Dominic's Woodley, hospital equipment, facilities for disabled children, and many others. If you would like any further information visit our website bamendaandportsmouth.com

Honours for Colm Lennon

Colm Lennon was presented with a Papal Knighthood from Pope Francis in recognition of his excellent leadership of the Portsmouth Bamenda Committee and tireless devotion to the development of our link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda. Congratulations Colm!

Ladies of the UCM please join us for Mass on Thursday 16th December at 10.00am, all welcome!

200 Club

The 200 Club is a monthly draw organised by the Parish, with a monthly £50 prize to the winning number. Annual subscriptions are just £12 per number and this helps provide a very useful additional income stream to the Parish as well as giving an excellent opportunity to win £50!

There are a number of unallocated numbers for 2022 and we urge you to take up these numbers to ensure the viability of the 200 Club. Application Forms are available at the back of the Church and from the Parish Office, please return to the office when completed. ***Perhaps you might even consider giving a subscription as a Christmas present this year?***

Church Cleaners

We need more volunteers to help sanitise the church. If you are able to swell the number of helpers available please get in touch with the Parish Office. Thank you