

## PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 Mass Readings: Sunday Year A, Weekdays Year II

Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm 9.30am 11.00am	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Prue Morrison (health) Parish Family Pauline Clarke (RIP)	
Monday	10.00am	Ferial	For Poor and Needy	
Tuesday	10.00am	Ferial	Holy Souls	
Wednesday	10.00am	Ferial	For World Peace	
Thursday	10.00am	Ferial	Patrick Spencer (health)	
Friday	10.00am	Ferial	Sick and Housebound	
Saturday	6:30pm	Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday	Parish Family	
Sun 21st Dec	9.30am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Special Intention	
	11.00am	Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers	Sylvia and Kenneth Shore (RIP)	

Weekend Masses	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
Readers	Hazel Spencer	Eileen Livesey	Maria Latty

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday to Friday at 9.30am; Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am.

Rosary: Saturdays 6pm and Weekdays after 10am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 5.45pm; Sundays 8.45am and Weekdays after Mass on request

Baptism: Please contact parish priest and collect the Baptism application form after Mass.

Marriage: 6 months' notice to be given.

**Sick and housebound:** Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick including: Patricia Reynolds, Margaret Allman, Margaret Waugh, Patricia Cummins, Kay Casbolt, Patrick Spencer, Prue Morrison, Fosca Gorman. Sr Suzan Geoge SMMI. Please inform parish priest or email parish office to add or remove from this sick list for prayers.

**Christmas Mass Times:** Wednesday **24**<sup>th</sup> **December** – Children's Christmas Mass 4pm and Christmas Vigil Mass 8pm. Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dawn Mass 9.30am and Christmas Family Mass 11am. Carols from 3.45pm and 7.30pm on Christmas Eve.

**Parish Census:** A new parish census being compiled to update our records. It would be a great help if all could participate in this exercise so that we have up to date parish records. Census record form is in the porch, please fill out the form and post through the presbytery door or email parish office.

**Recently deceased:** Please pray for the response of the soul of Pauline Clarke, sister of Gordon Greaves who died on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please keep her family and dear ones in your prayers.

**Church Heating:** Due to safety reasons we had to disconnect the gas connection to the church boiler. The modern safety standards now required to install the new boiler has further delayed the work. We are waiting for further update from the Diocesan Property Director who has promised to get the work done at the earliest. Please wrap yourself as it is cold inside the church. Thank you

**Mater Populi Fidelis** ("*Mother of the Faithful People*"): To read the new "Doctrinal Note on Some Marian Titles Regarding Mary's Cooperation in the Work of Salvation" by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of faith, please, visit: <a href="https://www.vatican.va/roman\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\_ddf\_doc\_20251104\_mater-populi-fidelis\_en.html">https://www.vatican.va/roman\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\_ddf\_doc\_20251104\_mater-populi-fidelis\_en.html</a>

**Young People's Choir:** For children and young people from Key Stage 2 upwards. We will be rehearsing music for Advent and Christmas in church between the two Sunday morning Masses. As St Augustine reputedly said, "Those who sing pray twice." The Psalms also encourage us to "Sing to the Lord a new song". There is a great deal of talent in our parish and now is a good time to use it to the glory of God! (Helen Clarke)

**Welcoming Ministry:** How we welcome each other, visitors and new parishioners to our church is one of the elements of creating a vibrant, inclusive and an amazing parish community. We are looking forward to developing our welcoming ministry in our parish, especially for our celebrations on Sundays and important occasions. It is also important in view of regulatory requirement that falls on the health and safety, the risk assessment for services at our church for the safety of all. If you are interested in joining in this ministry or sharing your ideas and experiences which are key to building a vibrant and inclusive parish, **there is a sign-up sheet in the porch**. If you can just add your name to a Mass that you are coming to and will be able to welcome. Thank you.

Whitchurch Foodbank - Christmas Appeal: This Christmas the Foodbank will be supporting 75 local families with Christmas food items. Any donations of Christmas goods would be welcomed but there is also a shortage of everyday items including coffee, teabags, long life milk and fruit juice, tinned fruit and custard, jam and biscuits. Donations can be left in church or purchases made in Tesco's or Sainsbury's, at their collection points. Thank you for your support.

**Book of Remembrance:** This is a beautiful way of honouring the memory of those who have gone before us. Please write the names of your loved ones in the form available in the porch if you wish to remember any loved ones in this way to prepare the Book of Remembrance.

**Church Cleaning:** On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 11am to prepare our church for Christmastide. Even if you are only available for 30 minutes or so, please come along. Many hands make light works!

Caritas Christmas Appeal: Thank you for your kind generosity £109.60 was raised last weekend.

**Offertory Collections:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December £339.41 Weekly Standing Orders - £112.00. Thank you for your generous support.

**Newsletter:** if you have anything for inclusion in the newsletter, please email it by evening on Wednesday.

Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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