



**3rd Sunday of Advent  
Year B  
17 December 2017**



## North West Hampshire Catholic Weekly Newsletter

Serving the parishes of Andover, Basingstoke, Hook & Tadley

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## Thought for the Week

Today, the Third Sunday in Advent, is also called Gaudete Sunday. That name is taken from the Latin word *Gaudete* which is the first word of the introit of today's Mass. *Gaudete* means "Rejoice." The first line of the introit in its entirety is *Gaudete in Domino semper*, meaning "Rejoice in the Lord always."

Joy and rejoicing are part of all of our readings on this day. As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of Jesus Christ means for us. Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season for us as Catholics. However, having passed the midpoint of Advent, we see some changes to encourage us in our spiritual preparation.

Yes, this should have been a time when we have been spiritually preparing for the coming of Christ. It is not too late; it is never too late in the eyes of the Lord for us to make a determined effort to change, to repent, and to find ways to properly serve the Lord as disciples. On this day of Joy let us renew our efforts to be good stewards of all of our gifts. Stewardship, of course, is founded in trust. On Gaudete Sunday in 2013 Pope Francis said, "Those who trust in God experience the peacefulness in their hearts and nothing and no one can take that away. Our joy is Christ."

*Taken from 'The Catholic Steward.com'*

### Song to Light the Candle on our Advent Wreath



*Christ be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine in the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church  
Gathered today.*

### Rest In Peace

Please pray for the soul of Pat Roche RIP (Paul's wife) who died last week.

We will let you know details of her funeral when known. Please keep Paul, their children and family & friends in your prayers. May she rest in peace



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Take a look at the St Joseph's Website - <http://www.stjosephsbasingstoke.org.uk/>

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'LOVING AS CHRIST LOVES,  
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### **Parish Diary w/commencing 18 Dec. 2017**

**Sun:** 3rd Sunday of Advent - 9am Mass/11am Mass

**Blessing of Baby Jesus for your cribs at Masses**

1.00pm Church in use/private function

2.00pm Music Rehearsals for Christmas in Church

**Mon:** No Mass at St Joseph's/Mass at Holy Ghost 12 noon

9am to 7pm Church in use all day/Bp Challoner Sch.

6.00pm Bp Challoner Carol Service - Church & Foyer

**No RCIA Group this week**

**Tue:** 8.00am Adoration/Morning Prayer & Mass - 9.15am

**Wed:** 9.15am Mass in Church

**Thu:** 9.15am Mass in Church

2pm Schools break for Christmas Holidays

**Fri:** 8.00am Adoration/Morning Prayer/9.15am Mass

7.30pm RUAH/Yr 1 Confirmation Sess & Social

**Sat:** 10am Flower Arrangers in Church

10am Christmas Tree being put up in Church

5pm Confessions / 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Church

**Sun:** 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

**One Mass in the morning at 10am (not 9am/11am)**

3pm Toddler's Liturgy & Holy Communion/Church

5pm Children's Nativity Mass in Church

9.00pm Night Mass in Church

**Mon:** Christmas Day - 10am Mass in Church

**Tue:** St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day) 10am Mass in Church

Please note all Altar Services are invited to attend

this Mass today to swear in and/or renew

Please note there are no weekday Masses on Wed/Thu or Friday this week. Apologies for any inconvenience.



### **Liturgy of the Word**

*Psalm* Luke 1 46-50, 53-54

**My Soul rejoices in God**

### **St Michael's Hospice - Used Stamps**

Please remember to **save your used U.K. and foreign postage stamps** (leaving a 1/2" envelope border around). Please put in box provided in the foyer or give to Eileen or Alfredo Lavorgna, alternatively, send into Parish Office. Thank you.

### **Apologies!**

We have had enormous problems in the parish office with technology this week and not able to open our pc or use printers etc. This has meant starting a newsletter from scratch and my notes with items to be included are not accessible. If I have missed something off, please do accept my apologies - very testing at this time of year!!

### **This Christmas, 'Rediscover Jesus'**

This Christmas, as a help to the work of evangelisation across the Diocese, Bp Philip wishes to give a gift to everyone who comes to Christmas Mass - not only to the regularly practising but to all the Christmas attendees. A generous donor has provided him with 40,000 copies of Matthew Kelly's best-selling book, **Rediscover Jesus**, for distribution to all the faithful of our Diocese of Portsmouth.

Every parish will be receiving their allotment of books, enough for the usual numbers of practising Catholics, plus many more for the Christmas attendance. The books are to be handed out to each person at the end of the Christmas Masses as people leave church. Bishop Philip hopes you enjoy it, adding: May it help all of us in our efforts at "Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church."

Make sure you get your copy.

No Christmas 'Holy Joe's this year due to the lateness of schools closing for the holiday.

### **Parish Office**

Nikki Pink is working part-time whilst she recovers from her recent stroke so the office will only be open between 9am & 11am on Tuesdays & Thursdays for a while. **The Office will be closed 25-29th December inc.**

### **St Joseph's Parish Welcomes...**

Fr Jerry who will be celebrating our 9am Mass this Sunday 17 December - thank you Fr Jerry.

### **Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service**

At St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke

This Sun 17 December at 2.30pm -Please do try to fulfil your obligation by having Confession for Christmas.

## Parish Mass Timetable

### Third Sunday of Advent - Year C (17 December 2017)

Sat:	6.00pm	Advent 3	For the People of the Parish
Sun:	9.00 am	Advent 3	Intentions of Pickett & DeSousa Family (Diane Pickett)
	11.00am	Advent 3	Aaron, Claire & Tom McKenna RIP (Dave & Rose McKenna)
Mon	9.15am	<i>Advent Week 3</i>	No Mass at St Joseph's (Mass at Holy Ghost at 12 noon)
Tue:	9.15am	<i>Advent Week 3</i>	Alan May RIP /Birthday (Julie May)
Wed:	9.15am	<i>Advent Week 3</i>	Intentions of Catherine (Tom & Ann Mullally & Family)
Thu:	9.15am	<i>Advent Week 3</i>	Intentions of Gerald Mulhern (Tom & Ann Mullally & Fam.)
Fri:	9.15am	<i>Advent Week 3</i>	Harry, Alice & Kenney Neve RIP (Joan Neve)

### Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C (24 December 2017)

Sat:	6.00pm	Advent 4	Suzanne Hayes RIP (Irene Paddon)
Sun:	<b>10.00am</b>	Advent 4	Joanita Gomez RIP (Oscar Gomez & Family)

Please note there will only be one Mass on Sunday morning (Christmas Eve) and note time change!

**3.00pm Christmas Eve Toddler Nativity with Holy in Church**—children are invited to dress up as Angels. Shepherds or animals if they so wish.

**5.00pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass in Church** - We welcome our Pastoral Area Youth Band, Cecilia Sound, playing at this Mass. Again, children are welcome to dress up with a Nativity-themed outfit.

**9.00pm Christmas Eve Night Mass in Church**

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**- It is the custom that the collections taken at the Christmas Masses are our personal gifts to our Parish Priest. Please don't forget we have a Deacon too. Thank you.



<b>Sun:</b>	<b>3pm Christmas Eve Liturgy</b> (no Intention)	
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>5pm Christmas Eve</b> <i>Jim &amp; Maria Stowell RIP (Paul Stowell)</i>	
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>9pm Christmas Eve</b> <i>Ted &amp; Kit Evans RIP (Pat Hooper)</i>	
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>10am Christmas Day</b> Harry/Agnes Parkinson RIP (Margaret Kessell)	
<b>Tue:</b>	<b>10am St Stephen's Day</b> D'cd Mems of Byrne/Daley Family (Daley)	
<b>Wed:</b>	St John	No Service at St Joseph's
<b>Thu:</b>	The Holy Innocents	No Service at St Joseph's
<b>Fri:</b>	St Thomas of Canterbury	No Service at St Joseph's
<b>Sat:</b>	6pm Holy Family	Margaretta McGratten RIP (Donnelly)
<b>Sun:</b>	9am Holy Family	McDermott Family/Foundation Mass
	11am Holy Family	Rita Nurse & Thanksgiving (Nurse)

*We welcome Fr Bill Wilson who is celebrating all our Masses on the weekend of Sat/Sun 30th & 31st December. Thank you Fr Bill.*

### Oakley Village Community

**Next Service- Fri 26 Jan 8pm**  
East Oakley Village Hall, Hill Rd.

All Very welcome.



### South Ham Churches Elderly Lunch Club

Contact: St Joe's 323595

**NEXT: At St Joseph's Church**  
**Fri 12 Jan 2018 - 12 noon**  
**Tickets £4 - need to pre-book**

*Thank you to the **Knights of St Columba** who very kindly provided our door posters 'Peace & Joy at Christmas' - please do take one from the Foyer.*

### All Parishioners Cleaning for Christmas 20 December at 10am

Everyone is invited to help clean the Church and rooms for Christmas. We shall all start at 10am. after mass and a quick cup of tea and a mince pie. If we have enough volunteers we shall not take more than an hour. Please help clean our beautiful church. All help gratefully accepted from men and women. There is enough to keep many hands busy. Please do come if you can and share the work. Thank you.

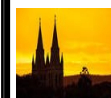
### Please pray for the sick & housebound in our Parish

*If you or your sick relative could benefit from a visit from the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), please contact the Parish Office or our Clergy on 323595. Please let us know if you would like us to pray for anyone... From January we are hoping to leave a book in the church for you to write your intentions in, rather than publish names in the newsletter.*



### Confessions:

Every Saturday at St. Joseph's 5pm or by prior appointment with Fr Chris.



### Other local church Sunday Mass times

#### Sacred Heart, Hook

Sat 6pm,  
Sun 10am.

#### St Bede's, Basingstoke

Sun 9am, 11am, 6.30pm

#### St Michael's, Tadley

Sat 6pm,  
Sun: 9.15am

#### St Oswald's Burghf. Sun 11.15am

## Bishop Challoner School Carol Service

Being held here at St Joseph's Church on Monday 18 December at 6pm

Do come along if you can—all parishioners welcome. We have some very talented musicians who play beautifully and excellent choir, helping us all to feel really festive. There are refreshments available in the Foyer afterwards too.

## A prayer for peace by Pope St John Paul II that can be used to pray for an end to the war in Syria and for peace for the Syrian refugees fleeing violence.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer  
when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice when I beg You to install into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace,  
the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship.

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history  
who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace.

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love,  
to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world Your everlasting peace.

**Amen.**



## Sacrament of Baptism

**Next Course** : Tues 14 March 2018 at 7.30pm

(Blue Registration Forms available in Foyer)

Please note there are no Baptisms during Advent.

## St Joseph's Repository - open before & after Mass

Contacts: Lorna on 781739 or Rhoda c/o 323595



Advent reflections, Christmas cards and cribs, calendars, diaries, children's books and much more... please do come and have a look at our shop (off the corridor) this weekend!

**Next Mass in Polish** will take place on Saturday, 19/12/2017 at 18:00hrs in Holy Ghost Nastejna Msza po polsku odbędzie się w sobotę, dnia 23.12.2017 o godzinie 18:00 w kościele Holy Ghost

**Midnight Mass in Polish** will take place on Christmas Eve, 23/12/2017 at 21:00hrs in Holy Ghost Pasterka po polsku odbędzie się w Wigilie, dnia 23.12.2017 o godzinie 21:00 w kościele Holy Ghost.

## Have you signed the petition yet?

Next October in 2018, the Holy Father has convened a Synod of Bishops in Rome on the topic of *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. The Vatican has sent out a Preparatory Document for discussion: you can read it [here](#). Meanwhile, as mentioned in an earlier e-News, a petition is being put together to be sent to the Holy Father asking him to canonise the Patron of our Youth, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati either at the Synod itself or at the World Youth Day in Panama in March 2019. The petition is gaining numbers – you can read an article about it on the Diocesan website:

[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## Coats 4 Calais

Over 3,000 refugees are currently sleeping rough in Northern France, and temperatures are rapidly dropping. There are minors as young as 13, and they have no access to clean clothes, water or shelter. So this holiday season our goal is to provide each and every one of these refugees with a warm winter coat. To do this we URGENTLY need your help. You can donate at: [147 Greenhill Road, Winchester SO22 5DU](#) or, if you can't give a coat, simply visit [here](#) and buy a coat for a refugee for just £25.