

St Patrick's (Woolston, SO19 9BD) & Annunciation (Netley, SO31 5AF) Parishes

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The Second Sunday of ADVENT

Weekend of 5th & 6th December 2020

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please note that there are no weekday Masses this coming week. Weekend Masses will be as usual.

There will however be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday at St Patrick's Church, Woolston from 9.30am-11am.

SUNDAY MASSES

6pm Saturday Vigil Mass St Patrick's (65 persons)

9am Sunday Morning Mass Annunciation Church, Netley, with room for 30 persons with extra capacity if couples and families can sit together as a bubble.

11am Sunday Morning Mass St Patrick's (65 persons)

BOOKING a place at a weekend mass is required and can be done through the parish website.

Online Christmas Celebrations

Please note that the Netley Carol Concert will be available online for those who cannot attend and that there will also be a pre-recorded Christmas Mass available online with Fr Ross celebrating.

Netley Carol Concert 2020

Sunday 20th December 4pm Annunciation Church, Netley (30 persons with wiggle room for extras if sitting in a bubble).

BOOKING A SEAT ESSENTIAL

(Deadline Friday 11th December)

To make a booking for the Carol Concert you need to email the parish office (or telephone during office hours if no internet) with your name and telephone number and the names of those who are in your family bubble. We will then allocate seats and send you a booking confirmation if there is a place for you.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

6pm Family Mass St Patrick's Church, Woolston.

8pm Midnight Mass St Patrick's Church, Woolston.

Christmas Day

10am Mass Annunciation Church, Netley.

BOOKING A PLACE AT A CHRISTMAS MASS IS ESSENTIAL

via the Parish Website from 2nd December (or telephone the parish office during office hours if you don't have the internet).

The Christmas Collection.

(from the Diocese)

Christmas will be a little different this year, but the Clergy Christmas Collection will take place as usual this December. In addition to the usual ways of giving for this collection an online giving page has been set up for your parish to support this collection.

With fewer people attending Church this Christmas you may want to consider spreading the word a little further so that your parish community is aware of the collection and how they can support it.

Our Christmas Collection celebrates and gives thanks to our parish priests and all the dedication, guidance and care they give across our Diocese and in each parish.

The Christmas Offering forms a substantial part of the priest's personal yearly income upon which he depends.

If you would like to give a gift to support Father Ross in his vocation and mission this Christmas, please visit:

Annunciation Christmas Collection

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/netley-clergy-christmas-collection>

St Patrick's Christmas Collection

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/southampton-st-patrick-clergy-christmas-collection>

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

(Please read this carefully)

This Advent and Christmas are going to be very different because of the social distancing rules which limit the numbers we can safely fit into our two parish churches (30 at Netley and 65 in Woolston). I would have to offer fourteen or more Christmas Masses to fit in our usual Christmas congregations across both our parish churches. As a result many people will simply not be able to attend a Christmas Mass or a Carol Service this year and that is very sad for me as a priest and for you the faithful.

This of course is not a problem just for us here, but for every Catholic Church in England and Wales. Many people have been asking: will I be able to go to Mass at Christmas this year and what happens if I can't get a booking?

To help answer this question and to enable you to plan now according to your own needs the Bishops of England and Wales have come up with the following concerning the Octave of Christmas, which I hope will be of some help.

‘Like Easter, the Nativity of the Lord is one of the two solemnities in the Ordinary Form of the Church's liturgical calendar which has its own Octave. The Church regards each day in an Octave as if it were the solemnity itself. So, for example, the prayers for Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours during the Christmas Octave refer to each day as if it were still Christmas Day. Despite having days within the Octave that are feasts: St Stephen, St John the Evangelist, the Holy Innocents and the Holy Family, and the concluding Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, each of these days is as the Roman Missal states, a “*day within the*

Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.” This means that, liturgically, each of the days from 25th December to the 1st January is ‘Christmas Day’.’ (*From the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales*).

In other words, if you cannot attend Mass on Christmas Day because of work or because there were no seats left due to social distancing rules, then you can come and celebrate the mystery of Christmas at any of the Masses during the Octave days of Christmas. This will allow you to plan for a day within the octave when you would like to come to either of our parish churches to celebrate a Christmas Mass with us this year.

Please also remember that the obligation to attend Mass at this time is still suspended and we will also be offering a pre-recorded Christmas Mass with Fr Ross celebrating which will be available via the parish website and the Annunciation Facebook page.

I for one am very sad that we cannot be open for worship as usual, but we are in the situation we are in and cannot do anything about it. Pray God this time next year you will be able to turn up for Mass without booking and it will be like normal times and we can greet one another as we always did!

What I propose for the weekdays of the Octave of Christmas is to have Mass at 12 noon each day and then resume to the normal timetable thereafter. That will make the Octave weekdays slightly different.

God bless you all, Fr Ross

PROPOSED OCTAVE MASSES **DEPENDENT ON STEWARDS**

Saturday 26th December Boxing Day
6pm Mass St Patrick’s Church, Woolston
(65 persons)

Sunday 27th December
9am Mass Annunciation Church, Netley
(with room for 30 persons with extra capacity if couples and families can sit together as a bubble.

11am Mass St Patrick’s, Woolston
(65 persons)

BOOKING REQUIRED FOR **WEEKEND MASSES**

ALL WEEKDAY MASSES
DURING THE OCTAVE WILL BE
AT NOON
(with advertised seating capacities as shown above)

Monday 28th December
12 noon Mass at St Patrick’s Church,
Woolston

Tuesday 29th December
12 noon Annunciation Church, Netley

Wednesday 30th December
12 noon St Patrick’s Church, Woolston

Thursday 31st December
12 noon Annunciation Church, Netley

Friday 1st January 2021
12 noon St Patrick’s Church, Woolston
NO NEED TO BOOK come on a first come
first served basis

Parishes Fund Raising News

I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant of £6,000 from the ALLCHURCHES TRUST to help our parishes purchase electrical equipment to enable us to offer the broadcasting of pre-recorded masses and may be even live streamed masses to increase our digital presence in the world and the community.

A HUGE THANKYOU to the ALLCHURCHES TRUST for being so generous

Many thanks to Fr Ross, Chris Bick and to Sarah Wake (from the Diocese) for helping with this application.

Fr Ross is also hoping to get a grant for the repairs needed on the flat roofs at St Patrick's Church, but that is a more complicated process and will take more time to achieve.

In the mean time let us pray the temporary fix holds and keeps the rain out!

**happy
birthday**

Grace Corbin (10 Dec); Michael Lucas (12 Dec);



Mass Intentions and Anniversaries: Sean Casey RIP (Anni 3 Dec); Christopher Ivan Bick RIP; Vic Sammit RIP (Anni 5Dec); Abbie O'Rourke RIP (1st Anni 5 Dec); Venus Ward RIP; Moira and Angus McDonald RIP; Steve Budden RIP; Irene and Ted Barfoot RIP; Ann Hickland RIP; Jean Murray RIP; Mary Culnane RIP;



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Rose and Monty Dougherty; Anne Jack ; Carmel Ingram; John Dearlove; Olive Allison; Hilda White; Sean and Nancy Doyle; Cathy McCann; Mary Curley; Mary Corbett; June Paris; Margaret Dunning; Janine Murphy; Julianna Burley; Daphne Wijesinghe; Christine Bartlett; Margaret Beirne; Sylvia Terry; Terry Hutchinson; little Louis Knight;



DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

RONALD STAPLES who died on 14th November. His funeral service will take place at Wessex Vale Crematorium on Friday 11th December at 12.15 pm with invited mourners only.

New Office Hours from Monday 30th November
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday.
Office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday 9.30 am – 2.30 pm.

Due to Covid restrictions the office is closed to Visitors, anything non-urgent please post it or Email to the parish office.



If you are in need of something positive in these difficult times why not watch 'The Wild Goose'. This is an inspiring and uplifting set of films on the nature of God and the Holy Spirit. Fr Dave Pivonka, a Franciscan priest, talks in a moving and personal way about the immensely powerful and unconditional love of God. The videos are freely available on You Tube. Go to www.youtube.com and then search for 'wild goose'. There are 14 sessions, each about 30 minutes long. Take a look – this could be the most important series you watch this year.

If you would like to watch different episodes with other local Catholics and discuss afterwards there is a group meeting on a Monday evening at 7.30 pm via Zoom. Contact me for details atdavis7@gmail.com
By the way, the wild goose is the name for the Holy Spirit used by the ancient Celts. Anne Davis



First Holy Communion 2020

Fr Ross is pleased to announce that the following six children, who have been on the old two year programme, will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St Patrick's Church during the following Masses:

Piotr Brendzel on Friday 4th December
Lucy Evans and Elona Dupuy on Saturday 5th December;
Patryk Socha, Nadia Skobel and Gabriela Kedzierska on Sunday 6th December.

Samuel Baptista and Isla Douglas on Saturday 12th December;

Crist Jeremiah on Saturday 19th December;

Kai Shava on Sunday 20th December.

This has not been an easy task to organise and Fr Ross wishes to thank the entire team of Catechists for going above and beyond the call of duty during this time. A special thanks to Irene and Theresa for assisting with stewarding and the setting up of the church.

After Christmas we will re-start the current one year Programme which was suspended during the lockdown period.

Fr Ross, Angela, Emily, Lana and Kat.

SISTERS FROM BELARUS

"ONLINE" CHRISTMAS MARKET. "We are launching the very first Online Christmas Market this year, so that people from all over the world can purchase Christmas presents and souvenirs made with love and continuous prayer. Click onto our website: <https://catalog.obitel-minsk.com/christmas-market>



CAFOD World Gifts. This Christmas why not buy gifts that will change lives and bring happiness! CAFOD's World Gifts are a range of virtual gifts that transform the lives of those living in poverty overseas. New gifts this year include Keep Clean £6 (soap and washing powder for the family) and Emergency Food £50; so please look on line <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> Thank you so much, best wishes, Jo Lewry Community Participation Co-ordinator CAFOD Portsmouth 07710 094447

A THANK YOU from CAFOD

"Thank you so much for your support this year, I hope in these difficult times the resources shared below support you and the community in your preparations during the season of Advent.

Kayode Akintola who works for CAFOD in Sierra Leone, recorded [a message of thanks](#) which you might like to view.

We have a variety of Advent resources and prayer for parishioners use. These include [Advent Prayer Cards](#); [Advent reflections, online prayer events](#), an online carol service guide with a carol sheet a chance to organise a fun run and other social events and more. For more information please see cafod.org.uk/parishes

Finally I would like to wish you a holy and happy Advent and a restful and joyful Christmas."
Jo Lewry CAFOD Portsmouth



Pray for Vocations **Second Sunday of Advent – 6th December 2020.** "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path." Could God be calling you to be a herald of the Gospel like John the Baptist? Contact Fr John Cooke, vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK. Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life. **Monday 7th December 2020.** Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For more information see www.GoodCounselNetwork.com



OUR BEAUTIFUL PARISHES ADVENT WREATHS - THANK YOU

St Patricks - Thank you to Gracie, Patrick, Carmel, Laura and Bernadette for decorating this year's Advent wreath. Thank you also to Lynsey and Gillian for helping collect the greenery. It looks amazing.

Annunciation - Thank you to Di and Ann Winstanley for the beautiful Advent wreath. It looks lovely.

St Patrick's



Annunciation



Fr Ross's in St Patrick's House



LUCKY'S NEWS!! Thank you so much to Di, Brian and Linda for supplying my delicious food. I am really enjoying the snacks. I have quite a few during the day!

Well what a week. It has been very cold and now today pouring with rain. I must admit I haven't ventured out much in this weather and today I have been asleep in my armchair nearly all day. I will have to pluck up courage to go out at some point - perhaps it will have stopped raining by then. I do have my paw hut to shelter in if necessary.



More next week

Mass Intentions

Thank you to those who have popped Mass Intentions into the post box or on line recently. It means a lot to be saying Mass for the Intentions of Parishioners during this time. There is only one date (31st) left for Intentions in December, so if you wish to book a Mass Intention please do so in the usual way, shown below in red ink.

If you want a Mass offered for intentions, please contact the Parish Office by telephone, email, post or putting your intention and donation into the Presbytery post box in Woolston.

Mass donations and Second collections can now be made on line by a one-off payment via Internet banking using the details shown further on in the Newsletter.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER WITH SAINTS DAYS INCLUDED.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 5th December – St Patrick's

6.00 pm – Vic Sammit RIP (Anni)(AS)

Sunday 6th December – Annunciation

9.00 am – John Ackland RIP (CA)

Sunday 6th December – St Patrick's

11.00 am – Andy and Joyce Carroll RIP (IC)

8th-11th December NO WEEKDAY MASSES. THERE WILL BE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 9.30-11 am AT ST PATRICK'S

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 12th December – Our Lady of Guadalupe - St Patrick's

6.00 pm – Elizabeth, Herbie and Kenneth Hampton RIP(AS)

Sunday 13th December – Annunciation

9.00 am – James Hanly RIP (Anni)

Sunday 13th December – St Patrick's

11.00 am – Carlyle Miranda RIP (Anni 29/11) and Alphanso D'Souze RIP (Anni 18/12)(SD'S)

Tuesday 15th December – Annunciation

9.30 am – Dec'd relatives of Bosman and Fennelly Family (EB)

Wednesday 16th December – St Patrick's

9.30 am – Margaret Jamieson RIP (PR)

Thursday 17th December – Annunciation

9.30 am – Wellbeing of Louis Knight (HB)

Friday 18th December – St Patrick's

7.00 pm – Mary Culnane RIP (NC)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 19th December – St Patrick's

6.00 pm – McManus Family RIP (IC)

Sunday 20th December – Annunciation

9.00 am – John Ackland RIP (CA)

Sunday 20th December – St Patrick's

11.00 am – Edna Elmore RIP (TE)

Tuesday 22nd December – Annunciation

9.30 am – Mary & Geoff Axton (AS)

Wednesday 23rd December – St Patrick's

9.30 am – Reavy Family RIP (IC)



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Thursday 24th December – St Patrick's

6.00 pm – Michael Fennelly RIP (MF)

8.00 pm – Ray L'Enfant RIP (ML'E)

Friday 25th December – Annunciation

10.00 am – Geoffrey Smith RIP (VB)

Saturday 26th December – ST STEPHEN – St Patrick's

6.00 pm – Tommy and Chrissie Callaghan RIP (MC)



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sunday 27th December – Annunciation

9.00 am – Irene and Ted Barfoot RIP (MB)

Sunday 27th December – St Patrick's

11.00 am – Dennis Chinn RIP (IC)

Tuesday 29th December – ST THOMAS OF

CANTERBURY - Annunciation

12 noon – Wellbeing of Nancy & Sean Doyle (M&BL)

Wednesday 30th December – St Patrick's

12 noon – Sylvia Oliver RIP (Anni 27/12) (BO)

Thursday 31st December – Annunciation

12 noon – *Intention free*

Friday 1st January – MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF

GOD – St Patrick's

12 noon – Heather Meadmore RIP (D&DB)

Support of the Church

Our two churches like other charitable institutions are losing vital income at this time through the loss of revenue from our weekly collections, hall bookings and fundraising activities now that the churches are closed.

St Patrick's Church has been particularly hard hit by this and is currently losing around 60% of its monthly income via the plate collection, hall hire and other fund raising activities. St Patrick's outgoings are still higher than what we have coming in via Standing Orders as we still have to pay our monthly loan repayments to the diocese (one for the tower repairs and one for a historic loan taken out some years ago) and we also have to pay the dreaded Diocesan Levy, which currently is set at 25% of our yearly income based on last year's total income to the parish. So we are as a result getting ourselves more and more into debt by around £1400 per month. We are of course not the only parish church or charity to be in this situation, but I want you to be aware of this issue as we move to have the St Patrick's Parish Accounts published later in the year.

A huge thank you to those who recently signed up to give via Standing Order to our two parishes and also to those who have increased their giving via Standing Order, it really is greatly appreciated. If you currently give cash via the collection plate in church and are still in a position to do so, why not consider giving by Standing Order on a weekly or monthly basis. This is now very easy to do if you have Internet Banking or a Banking App on your smart phone.

Please do remember the Church financially during these difficult times if you are able to. Cheques to the parish office are also an option, but state clearly what they are for on the back and use the payee details below.

SETTING UP A STANDING ORDER

To set up a standing order you will need the following account details depending on which Church you wish to contribute to and also for what purpose; **so the reference is important.**

You must put your name followed by **COLLECTION** (for your usual weekly collection), **SECOND COLLECTION** for the second collection as stated in the newsletter followed by which second collection eg CAFOD, or **DONATION** (to make a one off Donation).

NETLEY – THE ANNUNCIATION

Sort Code: **30-93.04**

Account Number: **00882888**

Account Name: **PRCDTR NETLEY THE ANNUNCIATION**

As a reference put your name followed by 'MASS' or 'COLLECTION' or 'SECOND COLLECTION' or 'DONATION'

SOUTHAMPTON – ST PATRICK

Sort Code: **30-93-04**

Account number: **00888665**

Account Name: **PRCDTR SOUTHAMPTON ST PATRICK**

As a reference put your name followed by 'MASS' or 'COLLECTION' or 'SECOND COLLECTION' or 'DONATION'

Please be aware of scams and remember we would never contact you directly asking for your account details or passwords.