Our Parish Liturgy

This	Week (1 Advent A)			
DIVINE OFFICE	Week 1			
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 989 09.00 989 11.00 Musicians			
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken			
FIRST READING	Isaiah 2:1-5 'The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.'			
PSALM RESPONSE	Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.			
SECOND READING	Romans 13:11-14a 'Salvation is nearer to us now.'			
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia. Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.			
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 24:37-44 'Stay awake so that you may be ready.'			
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 84 09.00 84 11.00 Musicians			
SANCTUS	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians			
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians			
GREAT AMEN	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Spoken			
OUR FATHER	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians			
AGNUS DEI	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians			
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.			
THANKSGIVING	18.00 88 09.00 88 11.00 Musicians			
RECESSION	18.00 92 09.00 92 11.00 Musicians			

Next Week (2 Advent A)

DIVINE OFFICE WFFK 2

SECOND

READING

Isaiah 11:1-10 FIRST

READING 'With righteousness he shall judge the

poor.

In his days justice shall flourish, and **PSALM RESPONSE** areat peace for ever."

> Romans 15:4-9 'Ghrist saves humanity.'

GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

READING 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at

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MARRIAGE MATTERS

In his Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis offers a profound insight into the joy of Christian marriage and reminds us of its place at the very heart of the Church's life. Christian marriage, he observes, 'is a sign of how much Christ loved his Church in the covenant sealed on the cross, yet it also makes that love present in the communion of the spouses. By becoming one flesh, they embody the espousal of our human nature by the Son of God.'

As we know, the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. It is for this reason that these scriptural reflections are offered. They should help enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed each Sunday of the Year and to experience the deep joy of God's love expressed in the great Sacrament of Marriage.

WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD



God's Word is clear – we can only be certain of each current moment in our day-to- day lives. To live as couples in the 'present moment' more often, we need to apply ourselves to today's call from Jesus to "stay awake". Also St Paul tells us, "the time has come: you must wake up now", because now is all we have.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo 1 Corinthians 5-8

Tu 1 Corinthians 9-11

We 1 Corinthians 12-14

Th 1 Corinthians 16-16

Fr 2 Corinthians 1-4

Financial News . .

Weekend of 23/11/25

£ 406:22 Plate Standing Orders £ 755:00

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1st Total £ 1,306.22

£ 145:00

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd £ 277:00 **Cathedral Maintenance Fund**

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 30/11/25 Parish Buildings Fund

Gift Aid Members are to make this collection tax efficient using our Parish Envelope or our Dona

Next Weekend 07/12/25 **Church Flower Fund**

Gift Aid Members are able to make this collection tax efficient using our Parish Envelope or our Dona terminals.

Bite Size . . .

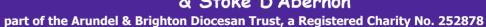
Man is a strange animal, he doesn't like to read the handwriting on the wall until his back is up against it.

Adlai Stevenson



Sacred Heart Parish Newsletter

for the Roman Catholic community of Cobham. Oxshott. & Stoke D'Abernon



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Not meant to frighten

Our Gospel reading can be unsettling. A reminder of how so many died in the catastrophe of the flood in Noah's time, the image of some people being snatched away from their work while others are "left behind," the description of a thief coming in the night - all are disturbing images. The final words of the passage "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour" can feel frightening in this regard.





"It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

Sheepish Question:

What holiday preparations are taking my attention away from the coming of the Lord?

In Jesus' time, when his Jewish people were oppressed under Roman rule, they envisioned God's arrival in terms as 'we have just heard. Rather than being frightened at the prospect, they looked forward in hope to God's arrival in the world to pronounce final iudament. When Jesus used the term "the coming" of the Son of Man, he used the Greek word "parousia." At that time, it referred to the arrival of a ruler, god, or deity who would visit a particular city or his people and bring salvation to them. Jesus was reminding them to hang onto that hope as they

waited for what must have seemed like forever.

Today our attention is more likely caught up on the daily matters at hand rather than longing for God to put an end to a miserable world. If that is the case, Jesus challenges us to stay awake, be more alert, and be present to what we are doing because we don't know when things might change in an instant. If we knew we or a loved one only had a year to live, or a month, or a day, what would we want to be doing up until the end? Posting on social media? Working overtime? Eating or drinking until we feel sick? Probably

This gospel passage is an invitation to reevaluate how we spend our time and to not take tomorrow for granted. How would Jesus want us to spend our time if we were to die tomorrow? Let's awaken to that - and start today.

Questions of the week

- Thinking about people and peoples today and throughout history who have been oppressed and mistreated, can you see how they might find hope in such a passage?
- What do you want to be more vigilant about this upcoming week? How do you think Jesus is inviting you to spend your valuable time and energy?



Before Mass - Talk to God During Mass - Listen to God After Mass - Talk to your friends

Parish Office

Normal Office Hours: Monday to Friday 09.30 - 12.30.

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Newsletter Editorial: Items for possible inclusion in the Parish Newsletter (if there is room) need to be received (in writing please) at the Parish Office by midday on Wednesday.

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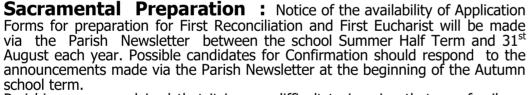
General Parish Information

Parishioner Registration: Every household within the Parish is requested to complete a 'Parishioner Registration/Census' form so that our Parish records may be kept up to date. These forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and should be completed fully before being returned to the Parish Office.

Should you move address within the Parish at any time please complete a new form and write 'AMENDMENT' across the top of the form. Thank you.

Hospital: If you are going into hospital as a 'planned admission' you are strongly encouraged to make contact with Fr Daryl well beforehand so that, if appropriate, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated beforehand.

Infant Baptism : Infant Baptisms are intended for the children of practising parishioners only and are celebrated on five occasions during the year after parents and godparents have completed a course of preparation. There can be no celebration without this important course. The dates of the courses for the current year can be found in the application form available from the Parish Office. Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.



Parishioners are advised that it is very difficult to imagine that any family or individual who is not regularly practising the Faith as members of our community could possibly be ready to celebrate a Sacrament of the Church.

Marriage Preparation: Marriages are celebrated by appointment with the Parish Priest. It should be remembered that in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton twelve months minimum notice is required before a marriage may take place; this is a requirement of the Church for all marriages that involve a Roman Catholic (even if they are not taking place in the Catholic Church). It is also necessary that one of the parties must have a meaningful connection with the Parish. Marriages do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Parish Car Park: All Parishioners attending Mass and using our Car Park need to make sure that they have fully completed our 'Parishioner Registration/ Census Form' (available from the Parish Office) before using the Car Park; this ensures that your current vehicle registration is lodged in the system. Registering only needs to be done once (unless you change your car or if you use another car in the family that is not registered on the system).

Important: if you are not registered on the system and you use the car park you will receive a parking notice.

Registered Parishioners and pre-registered visitors are able to park whilst they attend our Masses/liturgies without fear of a charge notice.

(Car Park queries - parking@shpcobham.com)

NOTE: the Car Park **does not use OR codes** any found are **scams!**













Diocesan Pastoral Plan - Epsom . . .

The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission Continuing to Develop Our Response

Background

As many of you already know, over several years, Bishop Richard has met with clergy and parishioners to reflect on the opportunities and challenges our Church is facing and how best to respond to them.

He then published The Word Who Is Life — our Diocesan Pastoral Plan — which was then presented to everyone in the Diocese (there are synopsis' still available in the church narthex).

Locally, as part of this Plan, the nine parishes that today make up the present Epsom Deanery will come together to form a New Single Parish at some point in 2026.

The central message of the Pastoral Plan is "The Call to Mission" — inviting all of us to help to shape our parishes into strong, lively, and welcoming communities.

What's happening now

So what is happening now?

Here in Epsom Deanery, a team formed from clergy and parishioners from EVERY parish has been discussing how we should respond to this The Call to Mission. One of the first things the team asked itself was how to get everyone involved.

To that end, a meeting is planned in the New Year in each of our existing parishes to share information of

what the Pastoral Plan means, how any necessary changes will be decided, and to get the participation of all communities in shaping what our response will be.

For our Sacred Heart community this meeting will take place at 19.30 on Wednesday 21st January Please put the date in your diary today!

What we are now asking of you

The Pastoral Plan is a call to all parishioners, and we know that our communities are blessed with many different gifts. That is why your participation is needed even before this meeting take place.

On your way out of church today, you are asked to take a "You're Invited!" POSTCARD and a FLYER which outline how we are shaping our response to this call and what we can expect to be different over the coming months and years. For example, one of the goals is a wider expansion of parishioner leadership, participation, and engagement. Another goal is for our parishes to work more closely with one another and with our schools.

Both postcards and flyers include QR codes or a link to a website where you can find more information to help you make your contribution: in particular, we are asking you to get involved by helping us to identify: Opportunities, Challenges, and any Questions.

There are several ways for you to share your thoughts:

- You can fill in one of the "You're invited!" postcards and return it before Sunday 14th December
- You can use the online form whose address you will find on the flyer
- Or, if you prefer, you can email directly to epsomdeanerynewsletter@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH 1ST SUNDAY ADVENT YEAR

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Lectio Divina Prayer This Week . . .

BE PREPARED

Matthew 24:37-44

³⁷The coming of the Son of Man will be like what happened in the time of Noah.

³⁸In the days before the flood people ate and drank, men and women married, up to the very day Noah went into the boat; ³⁹yet they did not realize what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. ⁴⁰At that time two men will be working in a field: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. ⁴¹Two women will be at a mill grinding meal: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind.

other will be left behind.

42"Be on your guard, then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come. 43If the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house. 44So then, you also must always be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour

when you are not expecting him.

Other Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; *Psalm 122:1-2, 4-9; Romans 13:11-14

LECTIO:

The first Sunday of Advent marks not only the preparation for Christmas and the birth of Jesus but also the beginning of the liturgical year. And the Church chooses to open the year with a big wake-up call: be ready, don't let the world distract you from your real purpose.

Matthew – our Gospel writer for the better part of the coming year – portrays end-time events using graphic

language and striking images.

Apocalyptic teaching, as this is known, is usually given in harsh times when people are suffering. The three synoptic Gospel writers Matthew, Mark and Luke each give this type of teaching. We can also read it in much greater depth in the challenging book of prophecy for the end times, the book of Revelation.

In today's reading Jesus preaches and gives a warning he has given several times as he prepares to return to Jerusalem for his Passion. He again uses powerful images to highlight the unexpected nature of the end times. He uses three different images to paint the picture of how suddenly the end will come. It will come at a time when people are not expecting it, without any warning, like a flood sweeping all but a few away. *See note at the end of the Introduction on the previous page.

But here Jesus also tells us of the gathering together of the faithful by the 'Son of Man', a title first used in the Old Testament book of Daniel and adopted by Jesus, the Messiah.



MEDITATIO:

- How do you react to Jesus' teaching that he might return at any time?
- Consider the phrase 'they didn't realise what was happening'. Why not? Does this apply to people today? How might we respond to this?
- Think about the comparison to the flood that came in Noah's day. What can we learn from this?
- God makes the final choice to take one person and not another even if outwardly they appear the same. What differences might there be?
- What can we learn from Paul's teaching in Romans 13:11-14?

ORATIO:

Prayerfully consider your relationship with the Lord. How ready are you for Jesus' return? Ask the Lord to show you any changes you might need to make. Pray for the Lord to reveal himself to those who do not know him yet.

CONTEMPLATIO:

Read the prophecy in Isaiah 2:1-5. Spend some time reflecting on these phrases:

'He will teach us what he wants us to do; we will walk in the paths he has chosen.'

"...let us walk in the light which the Lord gives us!"

Consider too these words from 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24:

'May the God who gives us peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being - spirit, soul, and body - free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you will do it, because he is faithful.'

Services For The Coming Week

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<u>Day</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Service / Intention	<u>Donor</u>
Sat. 29 th November	Ferial Weekday		
	17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	18.00	Yousif & Evelyn Farage †	N. Farage
Sun. 30 th November	FIRST SUNDAY	IN ADVENT, YEAR A	
☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	09.00	For the Parishioner	
☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	11.00	Holy Souls	
	<u>15.30</u>	Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction	
Mon. 1 st December	Advent Weekda	ау	
		No Service Today	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
Tue. 2 nd December	. 2 nd December Advent Weekday		
	09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	
☐ Live-Streamed	09.30	Tom Asbury	C.
	10.00 - 11.00	• ,	
Wed. 3 rd December	St Francis Xavie		
	09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	
□ Live-Streamed	09.30	Deceased members of the Bayley Family †	Sr Anne
Thu. 4 th December	Advent Weekda		
	09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	
□ Live-Streamed	09.30	Maeve Allen †	J. & E. Yates
Fri. 5 th December		ay (Day of Abstinence)	
	09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	
□ Live-Streamed	09.30	Marianne Holmbraker	J. & E Yates
Sat. 6 th December	St Nicholas, Bis	•	
	17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
□ Live-Stream / Recorded	18.00	Yousif & Evelyn Farage †	N. Farage
Sun. 7 th December	•	Y IN ADVENT, YEAR A	
☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	09.00	For the Parishioners	
☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	□ Live-Stream / Recorded 11.00 Toni Mascol		
	<u>15.30</u>	Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction	

St Nicholas

Nicholas was born at Patara, a seaside town in Licia, in southern Turkey, in the third century. He came from a good family that raised him as a Christian.

His life, from his earliest days, was marked by obedience.
When he was orphaned at a young age, Nicholas, remembering the rich young man in the Gospel, used his inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the poor. He was elected Bishop of Myra, and under the emperor Diocletian was exiled and imprisoned. After being freed,

he attended the Council of Nicea in 325. He died in Myra on 6 December 343. Many stories have been handed down about Nicholas, all testifying to a life spent in service to the weak, the small, and the defenceless.



DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS		
SATURDAY 2 Advent A 06/12/25 18.00	Still Required; please offer	J. Granström	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien		
SUNDAY 2 Advent A 07/12/25 09.00	Still Required; please offer	D. Westsmith	D. McEvoy G. Fisher	B. Harris M. Jethwa		
SUNDAY 2 Advent A 07/12/24 11.00	Still Required; please offer	J. McLucas	J. Vizzini J. Sztakics	I. Heims S. Williams		

PLEASE REMEMBER: If you are unable to complete your particular ministry then it is your responsibility to arrange cover with another minister. In this way our Sunday Liturgies will run in a smooth and prayerful way.

SACRED HEART COBHAM - ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SEASONS 2025

Morning Prayer (09.15), Mass (09.30), Exposition (10.00-11.00) WEEKDAYS -Tue. 2, 9, 16, 23 Dec.

> Wed. 3, 10, 17, 24 Dec. Morning Prayer (09.15), Mass (09.30) Thu. 4, 11, 18 Dec. Morning Prayer (09.15), Mass (09.30) Fri. 5, 12, 19 Dec. Morning Prayer (09.15), Mass (09.30)

WEEKENDS -Sat. 29 Nov., 6, 13, 20 Dec. Vigil Mass (18.00)

Sun. 30 Nov., 7, 14, 21 Dec. Masses (09.00 & 11.00), Evening Prayer & Benediction (15.30)

Sat. 29 Nov. Children's (11.00) **RECONCILIATION SERVICES -**

Fri. 19 Dec. Adult's (19.30) - Sacred Heart

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE -Sun. 21 Dec. 18.00 (followed by -)

ADVENT PARISH SOCIAL -Sun. 21 Dec. 19.00 Mince Pies & Mulled Wine





CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE - Wed. 24 Dec. 16.30

VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS - Wed. 24 Dec. 18.00

CAROLS BEFORE MIDNIGHT - Wed. 24 Dec. 23.30

MIDNIGHT MASS - Thu. 25 Dec. 00.00

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES - Thu, 25 Dec. 09.00 & 11.00



Prayers Please

FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:

Jay Adams, Sr Anne Bayley, Jim Begley, ■ Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, baby Naomi Hunt, Michael Nutcher, Fr Sebastian Paul, Pascal Smyth and Anne Sproul.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Ivan Cotton † Rodney Gibbons † Fr Philip de Purton † Fr Edward Dilger †

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:

. . . let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life."

For those who are unwell.....

those who have died recently....

those whose anniversaries occur.....

the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....

Parish Roundup

ELECTRONIC GIVING - As the number of parishioners using our 'Dona' electronic giving terminal at the rear of the church has been steadily growing, the Parish Finance Committee has decided that a second terminal should be available to reduce the queuing that sometimes takes place whilst waiting to access the terminal. When the second terminal arrives we will be positioning both terminals half way down the two side aisles, this will assist access and 'unblock the exit at the end of Masses. Of course, parishioners do not have to wait until the end of our Masses to use the terminals - after arrival and before taking seats?

CONFIRMATION - After much waiting Fr D has now received the date of next year's Confirmation which will take

place on Saturday 9th May and will take place at St Joseph's Church, Epsom.

Possible candidates for Confirmation need to be presently in Year 10 at Secondary School and be regularly in attendance at our weekend and Holy Day Masses. Possible Candidates fulfilling these criteria are invited to write to Fr D telling him your name, address, mobile & tel. numbers, email address, who your parents are, which school you attend, where and when you were baptised, and why you would like to consider being confirmed. These letters should arrive at the Presbytery by 18.00 on Sunday 14th December. **THE ADVENT WREATH** - Placing four candles on green fronds has become a symbol of Advent in many Christian

homes. The *Directory on Popular Piety & the Liturgy n.98* says: "The Advent wreath, with the progressive lighting of its four candles, Sunday after Sunday, until the Solemnity of Christmas, is a recollection of the various stages of salvation history prior to Christ's coming, and a symbol of the prophetic light gradually

illuminating the long night prior to the rising of the Sun of justice (cf. Malachi 3:20; Luke 1:78).

The wreath can be the focal point of the home during the journey of Advent, with the lighting of the candles incorporated into a family meal. This simple Advent tradition can create fond, long-lasting memories of family Christmases by reflecting together on the true meaning of the celebration.





Parish Christmas Bazaar 2025 **SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 10.00 - 13.00** Please be sure to get this date into your diary now!

Would parishioners now bring back (by midday on Wednesday [3] Dec.]) all monies, ticket stubbs and unsold tickets to the Parish Office or through the Presbytery letterbox so that they can be prepared for the draw on the day. It is most helpful if these are placed in an envelope so they are all kept together - thank you.



We would be pleased to have a team to both help set-up the Parish Centre on Friday 5th (13.30) before the event, and the to take-down after the event on the Saturday. If you could assist in this manner please let Sarah in the Parish Office know as soon as possible.

Now is the time to be looking around at home for items which are good enough to stock the stalls at this year's Bazaar; the following are needed:



BOTTLE TOMBOLA - [spirits, wines, cordials, squash, beer, cider, fizzy drinks - just so long they are still sealed and are within date!1

> Toys & Puzzles - [clean, complete, and in full working condition please!]

FANCY GOODS/GIFTS - [clean complete, and in a good presentable state please! Also unused toiletries, perfumes, & cosmetics.]

CRAFT GOODS - [anything handmade using a craft - knitting, sewing, crochet etc.1

JEWELLERY - [clean, and in good condition please!] CROCKERY & GLASSWARE - [no cracks or chips please] **BOOKS** - [good condition and only those suitable for a church event!1



CAKES & BISCUITS - [cup, fruit, sponge, scone, rock, lemon, carrot.] please drop them off at the Parish Centre on Friday before 16.00 or Saturday 09.00-09.301

Please bring any of these items for stocking the various Bazaar stalls to Mass with you at the weekend, dropping them off in the sacristy (DO NOT LEAVE THEM IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX!).

REMEMBER NO ELECTRICALS OR CD/DVD's.

Thank you for all of your efforts.