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January 2026

Saturday 3rd of the Christmas Season

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Second Sunday of Christmas

6.00 Clare Ingelbrecht R.I.P

12/0012

Sunday 4th SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Consiglia Johnson R.I.P

11/0012

Monday 5th Weekday of Christmastide

9.30 Gillian van der Lande's Int

Tuesday 6th SOLEMNITY:- The Epiphany of the Lord

9.30 People of the Parish

7.30 Holy Souls

Wednesday 7th Feria after the Epiphany

No liturgy today

Thursday 8th Feria after the Epiphany

9.30 Lucy Wicken's well-being

15/0012

Friday 9th Feria after the Epiphany

9.30 Christian Hacking's Int

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Saturday 10th Feria after the Epiphany

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Baptism of the Lord

6.00 Tom Mulhern R.I.P

17/0012

Sunday 11th FEAST:- The Baptism of the Lord

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Kathleen Kerr R.I.P

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

is available after the Saturday morning Mass and from 5.15 to 5.45 Saturday afternoon.

Each Saturday **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & the Rosary** follow on from Mass until 11.00 am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Tuesday is the Twelfth Day of Christmas and the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be offered at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm

ROSARY CIRCLE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:- As we approach the New Year and the month of January, there is a new 'Rosary Circle Chart' on the noticeboard, to encourage us all to pray a decade of the Rosary each day for vocations to the Priesthood.

The 'Chart' lists the 20 decades of the Rosary and a number of columns for people to put their initial or a tick in a box to indicate they will commit to praying the particular decade each day for the month of January, and hopefully, this will create a number of 'circles' praying for this intention. This is a very simple spiritual exercise many of us could join in with; at least 20 people praying one decade of the Rosary each day, so the whole of the Rosary is prayed for this particular intention, thus creating a 'Rosary Circle'. Let it be said, however, that anyone can join the Rosary Circles at any time.

Eucharistic Adoration There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Thursday 8th January from 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Please note the earlier start time. Everyone is welcome to come along to spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord, even if we 'just sit' it is the best way to get to know our Lord and a good practice preparing for eternity!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 10.00 am Sunday Mass:- The children's liturgy will continue at the 10 am Mass next Sunday, 11th January and then every two weeks until half term. Our thanks to all have supported and helped with this initiative over the last number of months. We look forward to growing this ministry this year!

ADULT FORMATION:- The programme is open to everyone, but especially those who wish to know more about the Catholic faith with a view to becoming a Catholic.

Having looked at the evidence for God, who we are as human beings, made to the image and likeness of God, the impact of 'Original Sin' or 'the Fall' an overview of where the Bible comes from, we continue on January 19th by looking at the Ten Commandments. We meet at 7.30 in the small hall.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025 /2026:- Just to keep this in our minds, the programme will begin this Thursday, January 8th meeting at 7 pm in the small hall. Many thanks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:- The programme will continue on Thursday 22nd January at 5 pm. The children should have looked Chapter 4 of their books, entitled 'Being Baptised' and worked their way through it for revision that day.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan:- Having heard on Friday, 19th December, that Bishop Richard Moth has been appointed as the Archbishop of Westminster, the Episcopal seat of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton has become vacant and therefore, until a new bishop is appointed, the pastoral plan, as with many other elements of diocesan life, has to be 'put on hold.'

At the present time, those who have been involved on behalf of the existing parishes in the structuring of the new Epsom deanery wide parish, will meet on Monday 5th January for a time of prayer and reflection as we await developments.

Your understanding in these matters is much appreciated. For the present, to pray for Archbishop-elect Richard Moth and for his successor in our own diocese.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING:- My sincere thanks to you for your generous Christmas offering which realised £4,046.11. Many of you sent very beautiful and thoughtfully chosen Christmas cards, and gave gifts of wine, biscuits, chocolates and cakes, such tokens of your kindness are very much appreciated.

On behalf of the parish, may I also take this opportunity to thank all those who help in the running of different areas of parish life, the sacristans, bookkeeper, altar servers, the church cleaners, the flower arrangers, special ministers of Holy Communion, readers, money counters, the gift aid organiser, those who attend to the church and hall grounds and those who have taken care of odd jobs here and there. Thanks also to rota organisers, choir and musicians, hymn choosers and catechist. Our particular thanks to those who have looked after the parish repository (books, religious artefacts etc. soled in the church porch) for so long. Thanks also to Mel, who for so many years has kept the hall clean and tidy and to Maria, who has taken so readily to the role of parish secretary. Lastly, apologies to anyone I have overlooked or missed out, as doubtless I will have, and so, a special thanks to you! Once again, my thanks to all of you, for your kindness and generosity with the Christmas offering. (Fr. Ian)

Oil and Swarfega:- An informal opportunity for those interested in cars and transport to meet, share experiences and perhaps teach and learn something in the university of life. An inaugural meeting for anyone interested will take place on Friday 6th February at 7 pm in the small hall. Francis, a seasoned rallying mechanic will give an audio-visual presentation on rallying across central Europe and North Africa. Light beverages will be available.

DAILY PRAYERS

Morning Offering

O Jesus,
through the most pure Heart of Mary,
I offer Thee all my prayers, works,
suffering and joys of this day for all the intentions
of thy Divine Heart in the Holy Mass. Amen.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb thee
Let nothing affright thee,
All things are passing;
Patience gains all,
Whoever serves God wants for nothing, for God alone is
sufficient.

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on
me a sinner.

Act of Faith

My God, I believe in you and all your Church teaches,
because you have said it, and your word is true.

Act of Hope

My God, I hope in you, for grace and for glory, because
of your promises, your mercy and your power.

Act of Contrition

Oh! My God, because you are so good, I am very sorry
that I have sinned against you; and by the help of your
grace, I will not sin again. Amen.

Act of Charity

My God, because you are so good, I love you with all
my heart, and for your sake, I love my neighbour as
myself.