



Gaudete (Rejoice!) Sunday

To be a messenger of God's Word is a privilege, and one we must never take for granted.

Like the Prophets, we are called to **listen** attentively to what God has said and then **pass that message on**.

We have been hearing recently of St John the Baptist, the best example of being God's messenger, calling God's People back to Himself.

Being God's messenger doesn't give us the authority to change the message. We cannot update it or reinterpret it or change it.

We are called to be a servant, to serve the message, to pass on what we have received.

The priest, in a unique way, carries this responsibility and today, Bishop Philip, in his Pastoral Letter, invites all men to ask themselves a question 'am I being called by God to be His Messenger, His Priest'?

Let us pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood this weekend.



Holy Mass Times

Mon	10:00am
Tues	7:00pm
Wed	07:30am
Fri	12 Noon
Sat	6:00pm (Vigil)
Sun	10:00am

Confession Times

Tues	6:00pm
Fri	11.00am
Sat	5:00pm
Or 30mins before any Mass	



Adoration Times:

Tues 6.00pm

Fri 11am

Sat 5pm

DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1ST IN SUNDAY ADVENT	1 Bible Study	2 Adult Formation	3	4	5 SOUPS	6 CHESS 11AM QUIZ 7:30PM
7 2ND IN SUNDAY ADVENT	8 Bible Study	9 Adult Formation	10		12 SOUPS	13 Nativity Rehearsal 10am
14 3RD IN SUNDAY ADVENT	15 Bible Study	16 Adult Formation	17		19 SOUPS	20 Nativity Rehearsal 10am
21 Parish Nativity 2pm	22 Bible Study	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:30PM 11:30pm	25 Christmas Day Mass: 10am	26 Mass: 10am	27
28 Holy Family	29 Mass: 10am	30 Mass: 10am	31 New Year's Eve Mass: 10am			

Dates / Events coming up:

6th Dec Big Christmas Quiz of the Year!

21st Dec Parish Nativity: 2pm please come along and support the youth of our parish



Christmas Mass times:

24th Dec Family Mass 5:30pm and 11:30 Carols followed by Midnight Mass

25th Dec Christmas Morning: 10am

26th Dec Christmas Octave Weekday Masses: 10am Weekend Mass as usual.

1st Jan New Year's Day Mass 10am

Supporting the Parish:

Account Name: CDP BORDON SACRED HEART

Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 01755138

Parish Nativity

The Nativity will take place on **Sun 21st Dec at 2pm**. Rehearsals take place every Saturday at 10am. All young people are encouraged to be involved. If your child would like to take part, please add their name to the list in the porch this weekend.

Advent Confessions

The usual Confession times will remain, but an extended period will be added on **Monday 22nd December from 7pm**. (last chance to Confess before Christmas)

Parish Programme for Advent

In addition to the usual times for Holy Mass, Adoration and Confessions we offer the following sessions to help you grow in your faith this Advent:

Mondays: Bible Study 10:45am

Tuesdays: Formation 7:45pm

Wednesday: Early Mass 0730am

Fridays: Soup Fast 12:45pm

Online Christmas Shopping

If you have Christmas Shopping to do, please use the easy fundraising website which will mean that every shop you buy from will donate (at no extra cost to you) to the parish.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to donate a poinsettia, please bring it next weekend.



Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve:

5:30pm

Midnight

10:00am

10:00am

6:00pm

10:00am

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Christmas Day:

26th Dec:

27th Dec:

28th Dec:

29th Dec:

30th Dec:

31st Dec:

1st Jan:

2nd Jan:

3rd Jan:

4th Jan:

5th Jan:

6th Jan:



Parish Nativity
Sunday 21st December
2:00pm

Come and support the youth of the parish as they perform the Nativity of the Lord for us.

ALL WELCOME

Chess club
First Saturday
11am

Quiz Night
First Saturday
7:30pm

Parish Pipe Band
Thursdays
7pm

Coffee: Mon, Wed & Fri 8am -10am

Soups
Every Friday
12:30pm

Gardening Team
Saturdays

Community Pantry
Mon: 8am-10am and 12noon -2pm,
Wed: 8am – 9:30am
Fri: 8am – 10am and 12:45pm – 2pm

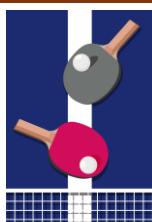


Something for everyone!

Last weekend 60 people gathered for our Big Christmas Quiz of the year (above) – including our Deputy Mayor, Linda Delve. Our thanks to Cecilia (the Quiz Mistress), Susan who co-ordinated the raffle and to all those who provided the delicious food. The quiz brings together many different parish groups, made up of all ages and abilities. It's great fun and the atmosphere is always amazing. The Quiz takes place on the First Saturday of the month with 'themed quizzes' in March (St Patrick), April (St George), November (St Andrew) and December (Christmas). If you haven't been yet, come along in the New Year!



Members of the Pipe band performed at Lindford WMC last Friday. If you would like to learn to play the Bagpipes or drums, come along to a band practice!



New in 2026:

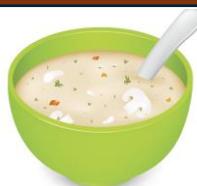
Men's walking group (4th Sundays)
Table tennis club (Saturday afternoons)
Uno Tournament (Saturday mornings)



Gardening Club:
A group of hardworking parishioners meet on Saturdays

Chess Club:

We meet at 11am on the first Saturday of the month



Friday soups: We have an amazing team producing delicious soups each Friday after the 12 noon Mass. Come along! The soups are lovely and it's a good opportunity to meet other parishioners.



The November Mass List

The following names have been enrolled on the 2026 November Mass List and will be prayed for collectively every weekend and Holy Day of Obligation.

Alex and Mary Feolyuor
Anna and Paul Pisarek
Anne Canale
Anthony Joseph Reed
Apolinario Cabatana
Edgardo Maluya
Bernadette Haydn
Catherine & Francis Goh
Cecil Pisani
Cecilia and Jim Brennan
Child-Thomas Family
Derek Reed
DJ, MV and JH Murphy
Édouard Trebucq
Edward Alexander Mitchell
Elsie and Ray Warren
Ernesto Quilingan
Esang Dolor
Estnella Haboc
Ethel Kasier
Family and Fiends of Lees
and Rogerson Families
Federico Haboc
Felix Gomez
Fr Cyril Murtagh
Fr Eddie Richer
Fr Nicholas France
Fr Richard Hind
Francis Samatra
Frank De Silva
Gabriel Mendi
Helen, Thomas, Billy and
Thomas Deman

Helena Galvin
Ingeborg & Rudolf Mansel
Irena Pechevz
James Woods
Jim Ralston
Joevey DeLena
Joyce Edith Collins
Judith & Brian Tiddeman
June Warren Brooker
Katherine Y.F. Ng
Lolita Samatra
Margaret Costello
Maria & Masoy Alibuga
Marie Bryson
Martin Galvin
Mary and Derek White
Matthew Michael Parle
May Hagarty
Members of the Donnelly
and Ede Family
Members of the Galvin and
Delany Families
Grigg Family members
Members of the Parmenter
Family
Mike Hays Rosalinda Lazaro
Paul
Miriam Pisani
Moira and Harry Pearson
Needs Family Members
Neil and Denise Watson
Nena Manugas
Patricia Pethybridge

Patrick Joseph Collins
Pazuk, Tae, Wright and Bryan Families
Peter Ede
Philomena and Gordon Swatton
Raymond Burke
Reginal Needs
Richard Kosiniski
Robert Pietka
Ron and Nora Collier
Ruth Pisani-Levisen
Ryszard & Regina Bagienko
Santiago Quilingan
Sharon Galvin
Sonia Russel
Stanislowski Family members
Stefania and Zygmunt
DobrowolscyAidan Woods
Stuart Mitchell
Subagini De Silva
Sucepatro Manugas
Suzie Heath
Tadeusz & Stefania Gorka
Tom and Peggy Sheraton
Tsitsi Chiario Mathbu
Wiktor Pawlak
Zilvinas, Povilas, Eric and Evelyn

**Eternal Rest grant unto them
O Lord and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May
they rest in Peace, AMEN.**



Holy Baptism

Preparation courses run throughout the year (outside of Lent)



Confirmation

our next session will be on **Sunday 18th January** after Mass



Holy Communion

our next Preparation Programme will begin on **13th Dec 10am**



Confession

Tues 6pm
Fri 11am
Sat 5pm or 30mins before any Mass



Holy Matrimony

It takes at least one year to prepare for marriage



Holy Orders

we should all consider whether God is calling us for service in His Church



Last Rites

As soon as there is a danger to life, a priest must be called

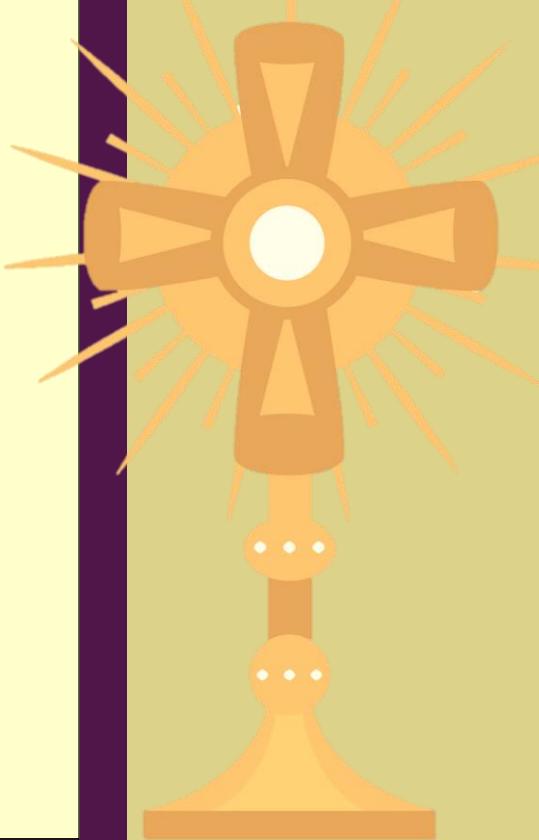


Family learning from the Catechism:

Advent is a penitential time, time of denying the self, overcoming entitlement and putting God first. Here is what the Catechism has to say about penance:

1434 The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others.

1435 Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defence of justice and right, by the admission of faults to one's brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance.



The church is open every day from 9am – 7pm for private prayer

How long have you spent in prayer this week?

Have you been to Confession this month?

Saturday 13th December

Third Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration

5:00pm

Confessions:

5:00pm - 5:40pm

Holy Mass: (Sunday Vigil)

6:00pm

Needs Family RIP [N]

Sunday 14th December

Third Sunday of Advent

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass:

10:00am

Child-Thomas Family RIP [N]

Monday 15th December

Third week of Advent

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Holy Mass

10:00am

Subagini De Silva RIP [N]

Tuesday 16th December

Third Week of Advent

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Angels

Adoration

6:00pm

Confessions:

6pm-6.45am

Holy Mass:

7:00pm

Gabriel MENDY RIP [N]

Wednesday 17th December

Third Week of Advent

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to St Joseph

Holy Mass:

07.30am

Estrella Haboc RIP [N]

Friday 19th December

Third Week of Advent

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Cross

Adoration

11am

Confessions:

11am-11.45am

Holy Mass:

12 noon

June Warren Brooker RIP [N]

Saturday 20th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent (VIGIL)

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration

5:00pm

Confessions:

5:00pm - 5:40pm

Holy Mass:

6:00pm

James Woods RIP [N]

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