



# DECEMBER 2021 ORATORY NEWSLETTER

For the Friends & Benefactors of the Bournemouth Oratory  
Parishioners of the Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
University Catholic Chaplaincy & Academy of the Annunciation.



*Dear Friends,*

**ADVENT** is the season which prepares us for Christ's coming at Christmas, as the Babe of Bethlehem, and also for His Second Coming at the end of time. "Advent is therefore a period of devout and expectant delight." (GIRM 39)

**CATHOLICS COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.** If you, or a friend, or family member, haven't been to Mass a long time, now is the time to return. You (or they) will want to go to Confession first, to be at rights with God, and will then be able to receive Jesus in Holy Communion once again. Don't let another year slip by. Don't miss this God-given opportunity to come home. You will be warmly welcome at the Oratory - and in heaven, our true home.

**CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.** "The light is on for you!" In addition to our daily times - 20 minutes before every Mass every day, and during 11am-12noon Holy Hour on Wednesdays and Saturdays - the Oratory Fathers provide 4 hours for Confessions on **Wednesday 22nd December**. Read the article inside this Newsletter, and pick up one of the helpful purple leaflets "Confession - a Guide for Adults" from the back of our Church.

**THE CHRISTMAS CRIB**, set up in a place of honour in every Catholic home, is the focus of daily devotion. It shouldn't be erected before 17th December. On the Sunday before Christmas "Bambini Sunday" the Baby Jesus is brought from home to church to be blessed at the end of Mass, and then enshrined in the Crib after the Christmas Vigil or Midnight Mass. Catholics keep the Crib in place - in Church and at home - for the 40 days of Christmastide, until the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, on 2nd February, as in Rome.

**EPIPHANY PARTY FOR ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS.** If you do anything in, with, or for, the Oratory, you are especially invited to our Epiphany Party after the 7pm Solemn Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany, Thursday 6th January.

**THE FATHERS AND BROTHERS OF THE ORATORY  
WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS, AND VISITORS  
A BLESSED ADVENT SEASON  
AND A HOLY AND VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS.**

## CALENDAR for DECEMBER

- 3 Fri 6pm Traditional Latin Mass
- 8 Wed **Immaculate Conception**  
7.30am & 12.15pm Masses.  
7pm Solemn Mass.
- 10 Fri 6pm Brothers of the Secular  
Oratory (2nd & 4th Fridays)
- 19 Sun 4th Sunday of Advent  
Blessing of Bambini  
at the end of all Masses.
- 22 Wed **Christmas Confession Day**  
**6.30am - 7.30am**  
**11am - 12noon**  
**4pm - 5pm**  
**7.30pm - 8.30pm**
- 24 Fri **Christmas Eve**  
5pm Christmas Vigil Mass.  
6.15pm Latin Mass (1962)  
11.30pm Christmas Carols.  
Midnight Mass (at midnight)
- 25 Sat **Christmas Day**  
8am Christmas Dawn Mass  
10.30am Solemn Mass  
6pm Solemn Benediction
- 26 Sun **Feast of the Holy Family**  
*Usual Sunday Mass times:*  
8am Low Mass  
10.30am Solemn Mass  
6pm Benediction

During the Christmas Octave the 12.15pm daily Mass continues as usual, but there is no 7.30am Mass.

## JANUARY 2022

- 1 Sat 12.15pm Mass: Solemnity  
of Mary, Mother of God.
- 2 Sun 2nd Sunday of Christmas
- 6 Thur **Epiphany of the Lord**  
7.30am & 12.15pm Masses.  
**7pm Solemn Mass, and**  
**Oratory Epiphany Party**  
**for all our Volunteers.**

The Parish & University Catholic Chaplaincy are served by the Fathers & Brothers of the Oratorian Community of St Philip Neri

Fr Dominic Jacob  
Delegate & Novice Master

Fr Peter Edwards  
Moderator & Parish Priest

Fr Andrew Wagstaff  
University Catholic Chaplain

Br Francisco Hintikka  
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# MASS INTENTIONS for DECEMBER 2021 at the BOURNEMOUTH ORATORY

<b>Sunday 28th November</b> <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> <b>5pm</b> Aiden Ignatious & Ethan Savio, Apostolic FHC <b>8am</b> Pro Populo <b>10.30</b> Anna Patricia Wright, RIP	<b>Sunday 5th December</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>5pm</b> Bride O'Connor, RIP <b>8am</b> Mary Jane McCormick <b>10.30</b> Pro Populo	<b>Sunday 12th December</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>5pm</b> Sofia Bussell, Birthday <b>8am</b> Brian Richard Dennison, RIP <b>10.30</b> Pro Populo	<b>Sunday 19th December</b> <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> <b>5pm</b> Charles & Arvey Dolotino & Family <b>8am</b> Pro Populo <b>10.30</b> Josephine Elleston, RIP	<b>Sunday 26th December</b> <b>The Holy Family</b> <b>8am</b> Maureen Donaghy, RIP <b>10.30</b> Pro Populo
<b>Monday 29th</b> <b>7.30</b> All Priests <b>12.15</b> Ann Conway, RIP	<b>Monday 6th</b> <b>7.30</b> Oratory Priests & Brothers <b>12.15</b> Oratory & Academy Friends & Benefactors	<b>Monday 13th</b> <b>7.30</b> October GCSE Exam, Team August Cohort, Thanksgiving <b>12.15</b> Noreen Dorman, Wellbeing	<b>Monday 20th</b> <b>7.30</b> Oratory & Academy Friends & Benefactors <b>12.15</b> Chrissie Cullen	<b>Monday 27th</b> <b>12.15</b> Sham & Pauline Mulhern, Wellbeing
<b>Tuesday 30th</b> <b>12.15</b> Parents' Health, Sick	<b>Tuesday 7th</b> <b>12.15</b> Eva, Healing	<b>Tuesday 14th</b> <b>12.15</b> Benny & Mary Mulhern, Wellbeing	<b>Tuesday 21st</b> <b>12.15</b> Anna McCarthy, Wellbeing	<b>Tuesday 28th</b> <b>12.15</b> Teresa Clarke
<b>Wed 1st December</b> <b>7.30</b> Oratory & Academy Friends & Benefactors <b>12.15</b> Gina Fahmi, Healing	<b>Wednesday 8th</b> <b>Immaculate Conception</b> <b>12.15</b> Maureen Donaghy RIP <b>12.15</b> A Majcher-Singh & Harpreet Singh, 10th Wedding anniversary <b>7pm</b> Nikkie Cullen, Wellbeing	<b>Wednesday 15th</b> <b>7.30</b> Oratory & Academy Friends & Benefactors <b>12.15</b> Anne Clewlow, Wellbeing	<b>Wednesday 22nd</b> <b>7.30</b> Oratory Vocations <b>12.15</b> Annette O'Brien, Healing	<b>Wednesday 29th</b> <b>12.15</b> Christopher Smithies, RIP
<b>Thursday 2nd</b> <b>12.15</b> Elizabeth Knight, RIP	<b>Thursday 9th</b> <b>12.15</b> Steve Gunn, RIP	<b>Thursday 16th</b> <b>12.15</b> Oratory Vocations	<b>Thursday 23rd</b> <b>12.15</b> Greene & Schoolcraft Families, RIP	<b>Thursday 30th</b> <b>12.15</b> Departed family Ploskon/Kielt, RIP
<b>Friday 3rd</b> <b>7.30</b> Yolanda, Healing <b>12.15</b> Jean Higgins, RIP <b>*6pm</b> (TLM) Alison Davis, RIP	<b>Friday 10th</b> <b>7.30</b> Oratory Vocations <b>12.15</b> August Cohort GCSE Exam, Thanksgiving	<b>Friday 17th</b> <b>7.30</b> Holy Souls <b>12.15</b> Joseph & Ann McGrath, RIP	<b>Friday 24th</b> <b>12.15</b> Holy Souls <b>5pm</b> Madge & Dan McCarthy, RIP <b>*6.15pm</b> Mario Salvatore Zito, Wellbeing	<b>Friday 31st</b> <b>12.15</b> Louis Bussell, Birthday
<b>Saturday 4th</b> <b>12.15</b> Tadeusz Duszkiwicz, RIP	<b>Saturday 11th</b> <b>12.15</b> Fabio Menegon, RIP	<b>Saturday 18th</b> <b>12.15</b> Mary Seddon	<b>Saturday 25th</b> <b>Midnight</b> Mitchell Family, Wellbeing <b>8am</b> Lawrence Family, RIP <b>10.30</b> Pro Populo	<b>Saturday 1st January</b> <b>12.15</b> Oswald & Mary Marchesi

\* Traditional Latin Mass (1962): 6pm on the 1st Friday of each month, and on the Eve of Holy Days.

**IN THE PANDEMIC:** We pray for those suffering from the Corona Virus, those whose medical care or operations have been cancelled or postponed, for NHS Staff, paramedics, care-workers, and others who risk their health in order to serve the community.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** Francis Addington, Ruth Balaam, Algimantas Bereisa, Sylvia Burton, Brian Coburn, Fr Brian Copus, Barbel Copus, Justina Dawson, Richard Farman, Bernard Farrell, Catherine Harbour, Bronislawa Konstantin, Tony Long, Mike McCabe, Francis McCausland, Mary Moret, Patricia Murdock-Saint, Gladys Richardson, Sheila Shelley, Matthew Sims, Michael Sullivan, Hilary Timson, Derek Van Der Syde, Simon Walters, Brian Weston, Kathleen Wood, Alan Wright.

**OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:**  
 Peter Page (died 20th November) 12.15pm Funeral at the Crematorium Monday 6 December, and for our departed Friends and Benefactors.

**AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OCCURS DURING DECEMBER:** **1st** Gladys Wright, Gina Le Vaast, Janis May Neal, **5th** Fintan Noel McCann, Gerrard Machin, **6th** Margaret Ellis, **9th** Dorothy Amelia Hall, **10th** Margaret Cross, **12th** Michael Whetstone, George Arthur Hills, Maria de Lourdes Ribiero, Jack Gale, **13th** Julia Ruby Coleman, Mary Josephine Hyde, **14th** Annie Angela Hickey, William Harley Belben, **16th** Diana Stuckey, **17th** James (Jim) McBreen, **18th** Lesley Corston, Tressa Nollagh Jones, Rose Howarth, **19th** Shannon Lynn Smith, **21st** Paul Robert Oliver, **22nd** Doreen Caroline Carroll, **23rd** Josephine Organ, Regina Perlik, Josephine Tombs, Josephine Wilkinson, **25th** Constance Evelyn Smith, **26th** Joao Martins Nobrega, **27th** Pamela Mary Brigden, **29th** Patrick Vincent Kendall-Jones, **30th** Christopher Smithies

## MASS TIMES & CONTACT DETAILS in the BOURNEMOUTH PASTORAL AREA

**Annunciation**  
 Mass: 9am (Polish),  
 11am, 6.30pm  
 Fr Bernardine Nsom  
 218 Charminster Rd  
 BH8 9RW  
 Tel: 01202 513369

**St Edmund Campion & Polish Chaplain**  
 Mass: 9am, 7pm (Polish)  
 Fr Piotr Gardon  
 481 Castle Lane West  
 BH8 9TN  
 bournemouth@pcmw.org  
 Tel: 01202 619668

**Corpus Christi**  
 Mass: 10.00am\*  
 Fr Adrian Howell SJ  
 18 St James's Square  
 Boscombe BH5 2BX  
 Tel: 01202 425286  
 \* Previously 9.30am

**Our Lady Immaculate**  
 Mass: 9:30am  
 Fr Leslie Adams  
 Seamoore Road  
 Westbourne  
 BH4 9AE  
 Tel: 01202 760640

**Hospital Chaplains:**  
 Fr Darryl Jordan OLV  
 Chaplaincy: **0300 019 4221**  
 Royal Brmth & Christchurch  
 Switchboard: **01202 303626**  
 (ask for Chaplaincy).  
 Dcn McConville for Poole  
 Hospital: **0300 019 2167**

## CONFESSION AT AN ORATORY AFTER LOCK-DOWN

### *A Personal Perspective*

At first I went to the Oratory because none of the Priests there knew me, but over time, I continued to go because of the experience of the Sacrament I found there.

I had been no stranger to the Confessional, or to the relief felt after a long-delayed or dreaded Confession. And although I've experienced the odd Confessor who had clearly got out of bed on the wrong side, the majority of my Confession experiences have been positive.

But Confession at an Oratory was something different. I always received personalized counsel from the Priest - a rarity in my life to that point - and it was always gentle and uplifting. I left feeling not only relieved but consoled. And there was one Priest in particular who often made me laugh. Laughing in Confession? I never would have thought it possible.

I once told someone about this experience of Confession at the Oratory, and they responded, "Well, that makes sense. It is their charism after all." I had no idea what they meant, until years later when I learned about St Philip Neri.

I attribute to the Oratorians and their gentle, joyful way of hearing Confessions, my change in understanding and deeper appreciation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I still dread it at times, and have varied in my regularity over the years - it's human nature, I think. But now I recognize it for the great gift that it is.

I find it interesting that over the past year, with the multitude of opinion pieces addressing people's sorrow at not being able to attend Mass, I don't think I heard a single person saying how much they miss Confession. So I'll say it. I have missed Confession.

I miss those moments of preparation: at home, on the bus, in the Church, as I try to conjure up those faults and missteps that my subconscious has prompted and loyally buried. I miss that reminder that of course I'm not perfect because none of us is. I miss that moment of crossing from a busy street into the hushed solemn silence of a Church, and that moment of either joy or panic on seeing no queue and an open Confessional door (I don't miss Confession queues!)

I miss that voice on the other side of the grille saying those familiar words. And though I can't say I particularly miss the sometimes gut-wrenching effort of saying my faults aloud (pride - don't forget pride!), I do miss the half-awareness of awe at a barely-grasped reality that I am speaking to a man, but really to God, and when he says those words, it will be really God saying them: "*I absolve you from your sins...*" I have missed the joy of hearing those words again and knowing them to be true.

Confession gets a bad press these days. People focus on the guilt aspect rather than the mercy. But in my experience, that's not what comes from inside the Confessional. Sure Confession is hard. We have to struggle against human nature and the drive for social acceptance, which dictate that we should hide our faults or even rationalize them. In Confession, we have to come face to face with who we really are. It's only constant practice which makes it easier.

Regular Confession is as necessary for spiritual fitness as regular exercise is for physical fitness. St Philip Neri understood that. He understood, too, that "frequent" Confession could mean different things to different people. By his emphasis on Confession, and his gently, human approach to the Sacrament, he was able to provide himself as God's tool to convert a city.

## DECEMBER MUSIC

During Advent there are no flowers, no Gloria, and the Organ may be used only to sustain the singing, except on  
\* *Gaudete* (mid-Advent) Sunday.

### **5th Dec. - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Mass setting: Missa XVII  
Entrance Hymn: Hark! A herald voice is calling (Tune: Merton)  
Offertory hymn: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (Tune: Helmsley)  
Lambilotte: *Panis Angelicus*  
Post-Communion: *Tota Pulchra*  
Hark the glad sound (Tune: Bristol)

### **Wed 8 Dec - Immaculate Conception**

Chaminade: *La Nef Sacrée pour orgue no 3 Offertoire pour la Madone*  
Mass setting: Missa VIII (de Angelis)  
Mary immaculate star of the morning  
Offertory: Victoria: *Ave Maria*  
Communion: Chant: *Tota Pulchra*  
Post-Communion: Holy light on earth's horizon (tune: Blaenwern)  
Palestrina: Alma Redemptoris Mater Immaculate Mary (Tune: Lourdes)  
*Dallier: from Cinq Invocations pour grand orgue: no.5 Electa ut Sol.*

### **\* 12th Dec. - 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Prelude: *Saint-Saëns: from Trois Pièces pour orgue: no. 3 Prière*  
Missa Seraphica IBurgess)  
Hark, the glad sound (Tune: Bristol)  
*Gaudete*, arr. Steeleye Span: *Gaudete*  
Communion: Chant: Conditor Alme  
Post-Communion: Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side (T. Finlandia)  
Recessional: Come, Thou long-expected Jesus (tune: Cross of Jesus)  
Saint-Saëns: Marche Heroïque transcrit pour grand orgue par Guilmant

### **19th Dec. - 4th Sunday of Advent**

Mass setting: Missa XVII  
For Mary Mother of the Lord (St Botolph)  
Introit motet: Tye: *Rorate Caeli*  
Offertory: Veni, Emmanuel  
Communion: Tallis: Bone Pastor  
Like the dawning of the morning (tune: Our Lady's Expectation)  
Recessional Hymn: The Angel Gabriel (tune: Gabriel's Message)

### **Christmas Midnight Mass**

Mass of St Christopher (James Lyon)  
Once in royal David's city,  
O little town of Bethlehem,  
While shepherds watched their flocks  
O come all ye Faithful.

### **Christmas Day 10.30am**

Heritage Mass (Owen Alstott).  
Christian's, awake!  
Hark! The herald angels sing (Tune: Mendelssohn)  
Come to the manger (SP Waddington)  
Away in a manger),  
O come all ye Faithful.

With thanks to Andrew Santos (Director of Music), the Oratory Organist Peter Maxwell-Saint, and the Oratory Schola.

# THIS MONTH'S ORATORY NEWS

**REDEVELOPMENT PHASE 2:** Following last month's report that we have planning permission, our grant-funding applications are now being submitted for the 3 preliminaries: (1) External access - removal of the stone steps from Richmond Hill, and replacement with a ramp from Post Office Road, (2) Internal levelling of all floor surfaces / removal of steps, (3) Sound-proofing ceilings to enable simultaneous events in Church and Hall.

Your feed-back from the recent surveys has pointed the way forward, and our November visit to Team Domenica in Brighton has clarified our purposes both for the café / restaurant, and related uses of the large hall (which will also be used by local partner charities, and be kept available for Parish use on certain evenings and at weekends).

For insight into our concept of helping young people with learning difficulties, explore the website: [www.teamdomenica.com](http://www.teamdomenica.com)

**Bible Study** (Tuesdays 7.30 - 8.30pm) now meets exclusively on Zoom, reflecting on the Prophecies of Isaiah during Advent. For the Zoom link email Fr Andrew at: [awagstaff@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:awagstaff@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Stewardship Sunday:** Thank you to everyone who responded by starting or renewing bank standing orders and / or gift aid, and for increased giving. The suggested 20% increase is a great help to meet parish expenses.

**St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP):** Thank you to 24 parishioners who responded to the homily and appeal, by signing up to our Parish SVP. Keep the date for our next monthly Social at 2pm on Thursday 20 January.

**Oratory Christmas cards** featuring our Christmas Crib, or Our Lady's shrine, are on sale at 10 for only £18, or 5 for £9, or £2 per single card.

**Portsmouth Diocesan e-News** keeps you informed with FREE updates delivered to your device. Go to: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Saint Philip Neri's daily maxims** will inspire you in the spirit of the Founder of the Oratory - delivered FREE via: [www.sacredartseries.com](http://www.sacredartseries.com)

**EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network)** is FREE (with the appropriate satellite dish and receiver). Give yourself a gift of the best UK and worldwide Catholic TV and radio. Go to: [www.ewtn.co.uk](http://www.ewtn.co.uk)

## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

**The Oratory Church is open daily**  
from 6.30am to 6.30pm  
(weekends from 7.30am)

### Sunday Masses & Services

5pm (Sat) Vigil Mass of Sunday  
8am Quiet Mass  
10.30am Solemn Mass  
followed by Coffee etc  
6pm Benediction  
6.30pm Catholic Society  
(Cath Soc) for students  
and our young people

### Weekday Masses

7.30am Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
12.15pm Daily: Monday - Saturday

### CONFESSIONS at the Oratory

Daily, 20 minutes before each Mass,  
also Wednesdays & Saturdays  
11am - 12noon.

### The Parish Office is open

9.30am-12noon Monday-Friday  
13 Post Office Road BH1 1BB

### The Oratory Shop is open

- Sundays 11.30-12.30 (during coffee) in our Catholic Institute Hall.
- After the Sunday 8am Mass on the first Sunday of each month.
- On weekdays 9.30-12noon, via the Parish Office in Post Office Rd

### Mondays

Blessing with the Relic of S Philip  
after both Masses.  
5pm & 6.35pm Bell ringing practice  
7pm Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall  
8pm Oratory Schola music practice

### Tuesdays

7pm Narcotics Anonymous - Hall  
7.30 Bible Study - via Zoom

### Wednesdays

11am Holy Hour & Confessions  
7pm Narcotics Anonymous - Hall  
7.30pm RCIA - Conference Room

### Thursdays

2pm SVP Social (3rd Thursdays)

### Fridays

10am Oratory Sewing Circle - Sacristy  
6pm Tradition Latin Mass (1st Fridays)  
6pm Brothers of the Secular Oratory  
(2nd & 4th Fridays)

### Saturdays

9am First Holy Communion course  
9.15am Confirmation course  
10am Oratory Sewing Circle - 1st Sats  
11am Holy Hour & Confessions  
3.30pm Baptisms - 2nd & 4th Sats.  
5pm Vigil Mass of Sunday:  
1st, 4th & 5th Saturdays - English  
2nd Saturdays - Portuguese  
3rd Saturday - Filipino

## CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

20 minutes before every Mass every day

11am - 12noon every  
Wednesday & Saturday

**Wednesday 22nd December**  
special Confession day

6.30am - 7.30am

11am - 12 noon

4pm - 5pm

7.30pm - 8.30pm

*Please do NOT leave your Confession  
to Christmas Eve, which is too busy.*

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Christmas Eve - Friday 24th**

5pm Christmas Vigil Mass.

6.15pm Traditional Latin Mass.

11.30pm Carols.

Midnight Mass (at midnight)  
and Blessing of the Crib.

**Christmas Day - Saturday 25th**

8am Low Mass with Carols.

10.30am Solemn Mass & Carols.

6pm Solemn Benediction.