

# THE ORATORY

Sunday 8th December 2019  
Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)



# SACRED HEART

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## SUNDAY MASSES *and* SERVICES

5pm Sat. International Vigil Mass \*  
8am Quiet Mass  
**10.30am Solemn Mass**  
12.30pm Mass in Polish  
4pm Evening Mass  
**6pm Benediction**

\* 1st, 4th and 5th Saturdays of the month in English,  
2nd Saturday in Portuguese, 3rd Filipino/English.

## CONFESSIONS at the ORATORY

Daily, 20 minutes before each Mass  
Saturdays 11am - 12 noon & 4pm - 5pm  
Wednesdays 11am - 12 noon  
1st Wednesday of the month 7.30 - 8.30pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES & Devotions

**Mon. 9th:** Masses 7.30am & 12.15pm  
**7pm Solemn Mass: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Blessing with St Philip's Relic after both Masses*

**Tuesday 10th:** Mass at 12.15pm (only)  
Funeral Mass: Tony McCarthy RIP

**Wed. 11th:** Masses 7.30am & 12.15pm  
Advent Feria / S Damasus I, Pope  
8am - 12 noon Eucharistic Adoration  
11am - 12 noon Confessions

**Thursday 12th:** Mass at 12.15pm (only)  
Advent Feria / Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Friday 13th:** Masses 7.30am & 12.15pm  
S Lucy, Virgin & Martyr  
*Sacred Heart devotions after 12.15pm Mass*

**Saturday 14th:** Mass at 12.15pm  
S John of the Cross, Priest  
11am-12 Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions  
*Devotions to Our Lady after Saturday Mass*

*Rosary: Daily, after the 12.15pm Mass*

*1st Saturdays Pro-Life Rosary for Unborn Babies  
and their Mothers, and an end to abortion.*

## The God Who Speaks - Year of the Word

**THE ACADEMY OF THE ANNUNCIATION** opened this month with study days on The Blessed Virgin Mary in Sacred Scripture from 10am to 5pm this Wednesday 11th and (repeated) on Saturday 14th. See the posters. Visit the Academy website to find out more.

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**OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** See details on page 3 of this Bulletin.

**'LOVE & MERCY: FAUSTINA':** This film is being screened again in 100 local cinemas, of which Bournemouth is one - this Tuesday (10th Dec) at 20.20 hours. If you missed last month's first national screening make sure that you go this Tuesday evening.

**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER** is available with information, news, and details of the Oratory Christmas services.

**BAMBINI SUNDAY:** Bring the Baby Jesus from your Christmas Crib on 4th Sunday of Advent (Sunday before Christmas, 21st / 22nd Dec.) for the Blessing of Bambini at the end of all Masses that weekend.

**CATHOLICS COME HOME - for Christmas.** Invite your lapsed family, friends, work colleagues to come Home to the Catholic Church. We can all learn something from: [www.catholicscomehome.org](http://www.catholicscomehome.org)

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** for those in School Year 9 or above is delayed to January 2020. If you've already completed a form, do nothing. If you missed completing one a few months ago, you now have another chance. Ask one of the Fathers for a form today and get it back by next Sunday. The programme has been delayed because there was nowhere to meet. Saturday morning sessions start in January. TBA.

**ST PHILIP NERI'S MAXIMS:** *When we have to buy anything, we ought not to do so because we are moved by an attachment to the thing, but from want and necessity; for it will never do to buy attachments.* (14 Dec)

Advertising events elsewhere, outside the Oratory Parish

**Festal Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas (Misa en Español).** 6.30pm Thursday 12th December at Iford Parish of St Thomas More, 42 Exton Road BH6 5QG. [stmiford@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stmiford@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Rite: *Misal Romano tercera edición.*

The Parish & University Catholic Chaplaincy are served by the Fathers & Brothers of the Oratorian Community of St Philip Neri  
Fr Dominic Jacob      Fr Peter Edwards      Fr Andrew Wagstaff      Br Francisco Hintikka  
The Oratory House, 1 Albert Road, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH1 1BZ

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# The General Election

*The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has issued the following statement to guide Catholic voters as they prepare for the General Election*

This General Election is profoundly important to the United Kingdom. Catholics cannot simply “watch from the balcony.”<sup>[1]</sup> Conscious of the common good of every person and our society as a whole, we ask everyone to engage with the election and vote. Honest political activity depends upon integrity. We urge all in public life to recognise that telling the truth, not making vindictive and abusive comments or unattainable promises, are essential.<sup>[2]</sup>

The question of the United Kingdom's place in Europe continues to dominate political discourse. In whatever way our future relationship with our closest neighbours develops, Britain must be committed to a positive engagement as a key international partner in promoting peace, security and responsible stewardship of the planet. As Pope Francis reminds us, “good politics is at the service of peace.”<sup>[3]</sup>

Citizens have a duty to emphasise and help shape a politics rooted in the service of human rights and peace. The test of any policy should be its impact upon human dignity, particularly for the most disadvantaged in our society. In making judgements about how to vote, please consider carefully the following and ask your candidates how they would uphold:

- The innate dignity of every human being; defending both the child in the womb, the good of the mother and an understanding of the immeasurable good of a child not yet born?
- The dignified care for those who are terminally ill and dying while resisting the false compassion of assisted suicide or euthanasia?
- The needs of those who are frequently neglected or discarded by society such as people with disabilities, Travellers, older people, those who are homeless, those in prison and those trapped in modern slavery?
- The process of integration of migrants and refugees who have made their homes here<sup>[4]</sup>, challenging the global rise of xenophobia and racism that is so radically incompatible with our faith<sup>[5]</sup>?
- The rights of those in our own communities and overseas who “can see no end to the tunnel of extreme poverty,”<sup>[6]</sup> providing them with assistance and confronting the structural injustices that compound their suffering?
- Care for our common home and tackle the climate emergency which threatens the future of our entire human family and is already having a profound impact upon the world's poorest people<sup>[7]</sup>?
- Freedom of religion and belief, ensuring that everyone has the right to exercise their conscience and practise their creed freely without fear?
- The cherishing of marriage, recognising the essential place of the family in the service of life and of society?
- The right of parents to educate their children in accordance with their faith and support the work of Catholic schools in their contribution to society and their promotion of the common good?

Jesus tells us “I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.” Informed by the work of our parishes, schools and charities, we should all approach this election as an opportunity to promote life, dignity and human flourishing for all.

We call on all Catholics to pray for the well-being of our society. May the Holy Spirit guide our choice as we seek together, and for all, “life to the full.”

[1] Pope Francis: Address to the Community of Christian Life – Missionary Students' League of Italy (30/4/15)

[2] Cf: “loving the truth means not only affirming it, but rather living it, bearing witness to it in your work.” Pope Francis: Audience with National Council Order of Journalists (22/9/16)

[3] Pope Francis: Message for the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Day of Peace (1/1/19)

[4] Pope Francis: Message for the 104<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees (14/1/18)

[5] World Council of Churches and Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development: Message from the conference on Xenophobia, Racism and Populist Nationalism in the Context of Global Migration (20/9/18)

[6] Pope Francis: Message for the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Day of the Poor (17/11/19)

[7] Pope Francis: Address to meeting on the energy transition and care of our common home (14/6/19)

# *The God Who Speaks ~ Year of the Word*

Last Sunday's homily made three practical prayerful suggestions for this Year of the Word:

- 1 **The Academy of the Annunciation** invites you to our Bible-based Study Days. See the flier on the back of the December Newsletter, or visit the Academy's website at **W. [www.aoa-edu.com](http://www.aoa-edu.com)**      **E. [enquiries@aoa-edu.com](mailto:enquiries@aoa-edu.com)**      **T. 07742 150006**
- 2 **Our Parish Bible Study Group** meets every Tuesday in the Newman Library, access (promptly at 7.30pm) via the Albert Road door of the Church, using video resources from Ascension Press. This Advent / Christmas includes 'Mary, a Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother': Visitation (10 Dec), Nativity (17 Dec), Presentation & Finding (7 Jan), Wedding at Cana (14 Jan), Mary at the Cross (21 Jan), Mary Crowned with Glory (28 Jan), and then continues through Lent to Easter.
- 3 **In this Year of the Word** our Sunday Bulletin always lists the Scripture Readings for the next Sunday (usually on the back page, near the foot of the side bar). Each Monday read through the next Sunday's Gospel, and then take a few verses each day to reflect and pray.

This week read the Gospel for the coming **Third Sunday of Advent - Matthew 11: 2-11.**

To help with this you can sign up FREE to our Portsmouth Catholic Diocese E-News at **[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews)** where you'll find reflections on the coming Sunday's Gospel, including from renown Scripture Scholar Scott Hahn and his audio file, and also participate in the 7-8pm Wednesday webinar (or access the recordings).

The Diocesan E-News often has other engaging reflections on the Sunday Gospel from Deacon Martin McElroy and / or from Jennifer Geach.

## **Bishop Philip writes:    Some Free Gifts coming your way . . .**

The Year of God's Word has begun. Over the next twelve months, I'd like to encourage everyone in our Diocese to deepen their understanding, knowledge and love of the Bible, especially of the Gospels. St Jerome, the great biblical scholar, once said that every line of the Scriptures points ultimately to Jesus Christ, such that *ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ*. So over the next couple of weeks before Christmas, I am going to send out to all Mass-going parishioners in every parish of our Diocese some free gifts! One is a pocket-sized copy of the Gospel of St Luke (or of St. Matthew) for you to carry with you. This will be ideal for when you have a quiet moment during the day and an encouragement to do a bit of *lectio divina*. (My introduction at the front of the Gospel explains how to go about *lectio*, if you are unfamiliar). I am also sending out a prayer-card with a *Prayer for the Renewal of the Diocese*. I have asked our priests to insert the recitation of this prayer into all Masses over the coming months, either during the Bidding Prayers or before the Final Blessing. Finally, I am sending out some copies of a free magazine produced by the national committee of the 'Year of the God Who Speaks' that contains many informative articles and ideas to help keep this coming year special.

*"I encourage the Church's pastors and all engaged in pastoral work to see that all the faithful learn to savour the deep meaning of the Word of God which unfolds each year in the Liturgy, revealing the fundamental mysteries of our Faith"* (Pope Benedict XVI *Verbum Domini* 52).

**The Oratory Church is open daily:** Weekdays 6.30am to 6.30pm.  
Weekends from 7.30am. 1st Wednesdays until 9pm.

**Mass Intentions:** See page 2 of the Monthly Newsletter, displayed on the noticeboard.

Help yourself to a copy of the Newsletter, which is also available on our website.

Mass Intention envelopes are available at the back of the Church, and can be returned via the collection, or Parish Office letterbox. Help yourself to an explanatory grey leaflet.

For a **Shrine Lamp** to burn for your intention (£10 for 7 days) contact the Parish Office.

This week: Academy of the Annunciation (Our Lady), Pat Wright RIP (St Joseph).

**BISHOP PHILIP ASKS:** Please say this Prayer - as we prepare for the Year of God's Word beginning this Advent, which is to be followed in 2021 by a Diocesan Year of the Eucharist. I ask you to pray earnestly for the renewal of our Diocese of Portsmouth.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we beg You to change us, to convert us, and to make us holy. Fill us with a deeper faith, hope and love for You. Send into our hearts the cleansing fire of the Holy Spirit, and powerfully renew all the clergy, religious, and laity of our Diocese. Unite us in love and respect for one another, and unify us as Your one, holy people. Grant us a new passion and zeal for the Catholic Faith, for mission, outreach and service. Help us to proclaim Your Gospel generously to the poor and needy, that many more souls may be saved by finding their way to You in Your Church. May Mary Immaculate help us. May St Edmund of Abingdon and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati pray for us. Amen

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

**THE CHRISTMAS MINI BAZAAR**, last Sunday, was a great success! Thank you to all involved - Organisers, Stall-Holders, all who assisted in various ways, and our customers and visitors. It was a festive and most enjoyable occasion which drew together the Catholic community and others who came and helped raise the excellent £1,362.74 to add to the ORATE Fund for our Redevelopment.

**Raffle Prize Winners** included: Dan Lill (£100 1st prize, who he generously donated to the Orate Fund. Thank you!); Tony Burnham (2nd Prize Hamper); Simone (3rd Prize homemade cake, which she kindly donated to Hope for Food) Ian Caldwell (4th Prize Poole Pottery); Aida (5th Prize £10 voucher); Chris Marsh, M Jermay, and others won the remaining smaller prizes.

**COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Everyone likes to be associated with our Flower Arrangers' lovely displays of flowers to enhance the Christmas Masses, in celebration of the Birth of our Saviour. Next Sunday's annual retiring collection helps towards the cost of flowers.

**OUR CATHOLIC CHURCH SHOP:** Every Catholic home needs a Christmas Crib. **This Sunday only (8th)**, we have a very special offer of **10% off nativity crib figures and stables** displayed in the cabinet. You will need to order, place a deposit, and collect the packed item within 7 days. Oratory Christmas cards (but no more diaries) are still one sale in aid of our Redevelopment Fund. See the side bar for daily opening times.

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Oratory** Weekdays 7am & 6pm (5.25pm Mon)  
Half-an-hour silent prayer with the Fathers and Brothers (evening ends with the Oratory Exercises in Latin or English).

**Sundays** 6pm Cath. Soc. Fellowship Group for all Students and young people (18-35yrs) begins with 6pm Benediction and then in the Newman Library for formation & cookies.

**Mondays** 6pm Bell-ringing practice  
7.30pm Choir practice

**Tuesdays** 7.30pm Bible Study - Library

**Wednesdays** 7.30pm RCIA - Library

**Thursdays** 8-11am Church Cleaning  
2pm SVP Tea Party, 3rd Thursdays

### Fridays

6pm Extraordinary Form Mass, 1st Fridays

6pm Brothers of the Secular Oratory  
2nd & 4th Fridays

**Saturdays** 9am First Communion Class  
6.30pm Monthly Movie Night, 1st Sat.

### WORKING with CHARITIES in our HALL

Hope for Food: 6.30pm

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday  
(feeding 80+ homeless rough-sleepers daily)

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7.45pm Monday

Narcotics Anonymous: Tue 7.45 / Wed 7pm

### OUR CATHOLIC SHOP IS OPEN:

Sundays after the 10.30am Solemn Mass, after the 8am on 1st Sunday of the month, weekdays 9am - 12noon via the Parish Office 13 Post Office Rd (opposite M-plot at 24).

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

'The God Who Speaks' Year of the Word

3rd Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Isaiah 35: 1-6 & 10; James 5: 7-10;

Matthew 11: 2-11.

### Thank you for last week's Collections:

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| Gift Aid Standing Orders     | 841.97          |
| Gift Aid Weekly Envelopes    | 755.00          |
| Non Gift Aid Standing Orders | 86.29           |
| Visitor yellow envelopes     | 65.00           |
| Loose Cash                   | 957.02          |
| Weekday Mass Collections     | 299.76          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>3,005.04</b> |

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| Monthly Concert              | 240      |
| Christmas Bazaar             | 1,362.74 |
| Orate Fund donations         | 530      |
| Orate new standing orders    | 2,572    |
| Orate new 'Give as you live' | 1,589.60 |
| November Coffee & Cake       | 232.05   |

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