

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me"*

Matthew 25:34-35

## WEEKLY INFORMATION & UPDATES

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Sort Code: 30-93-04

Account No: 00887995

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**Parish Secretary:** Rachel Brady (023 8055 5470)

**Confessions:** After 10 am Mass on Saturdays

**Hall Bookings:** contact the parish secretary

**ALL MASSES ADVERTISED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE TO JOIN LIVE, ONLINE AT**  
[www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur](http://www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur)

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Times & Liturgies		Mass Intentions
Sun 26 Nov	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Teodosio Jose Rodrigues RIP Neal Cookson
Mon 27 Nov	Feria	-	NO MASS	
Tues 28 Nov	Feria	9.00 am 10.00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Mass	Deceased family & friends of the Kelly & Watt families
Wed 29 Nov	Feria	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Mass Eucharistic Adoration	Sheila Burns RIP & Ethel Little RIP
Thurs 30 Nov	St Andrew	10.00 am	Mass	Ellen Gobbi RIP
Fri 01 Dec	Feria	10.30 am 11.00 am 11.30 am	Eucharistic Adoration Rosary Mass	Wilfred Lorange Perera RIP
Sat 02 Dec	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	Audrey Campbell RIP
Sun 03 Dec	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Ellen & Bert Hampson RIP Mavis & Bryan Rosario RIP

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

**Psalm:** 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

THIS SUNDAY -26<sup>th</sup> November – No second collection

NEXT SUNDAY – 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Flowers for Christmas

### TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASSES

Please join us in the hall for tea, coffee & biscuits:

- **Sundays after the 10.30 am Mass**
- **First Sunday of each month after the 8.30 am Mass.**
- **Tuesdays after the 10.00 am Mass**

### CULTURAL DIVERSITY MASS TODAY

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 10.30 am**

Thank you to the Filipino choir who we welcome today to celebrate with us our 10.30 am Mass. Please do come into the hall after Mass to share some Filipino food!

### PARISH OFFICE OPEN NEXT WEEK:

**Tues – Fri, 9.30 am – 2.30 pm**

### ADVENT - PREPARING SPIRITUALLY FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be praying a Novena at the beginning of Advent, leading up to our parish feast of the Immaculate Conception. Traditionally there are 9 days in a Novena during which a prayer, or set of prayers, are said each day for a specific intention or in spiritual preparation for a special feast.

**Our parish NOVENA will take place on**

**Weds 29 Nov – Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec after the 10 am Mass.**

If you are not able to be with us in person, we would love you to join us on line, or by saying the prayers at home each day at a time convenient to you. Below is a link to the prayers we will be using. This can also be found on the front page of our website and paper copies are available in the porch if needed.

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/immaculate-conception-novena-322>

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Mass at 10.00 am & 7.30 pm**

Evening Mass will be followed by some light Christmas refreshments. Please put this in your diary and join us to celebrate our parish feast day.



## THE ONE TRUE KING

Christ is the King of all things. His rule is characterized not by totalitarianism or despotism, but rather by loving kindness and sacrifice. He constantly reaches out his hands to defend the weak and sick, going to the limits of godforsakenness to bring back those who have wandered. We can cooperate with our King by being his ministers of mercy to the world.

Use the following link to listen to Bishop Robert Barron's reflection on today's readings:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/videos/sermons/classic-sunday-sermon-the-one-true-king/>



### FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH

1<sup>ST</sup> DEC, 12 NOON  
SOUP and SWEET

Do come and join us in the hall after 11.30 am Mass, for the last Soup Lunch of the year! Enjoy fresh soups and a choice of sweet. New faces welcome. If anyone would like a lift please contact Anne Dempsey.



## NIGHT OF LIGHT

Immaculate Conception Church, Southampton  
15<sup>TH</sup> December 2023  
5.00 pm – 7.30 pm

A night of invitation for any parishioners and for those passing by to come inside, light a candle and encounter the beauty of Jesus Christ in His Church, where He is placed on the altar for adoration.

To create an atmosphere of prayer, there will be reflective music playing and priests available to offer the sacrament of reconciliation or just to chat.

**ALL WELCOME**



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## CHRISTMAS GAMES NIGHT

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 5 pm**  
*(Please note correct date and time)*

- Refreshments & light snacks – you are very welcome to bring along food for your group
- Prizes for the best fancy dress – anything Christmas related
- Entry – cash on the door
- Plenty of prizes up for grabs and a mini auction
- Come and long and join us for a social evening and a bit of fun!

**ADVENT RETREAT - 1st - 3rd Dec** and a

**4 DAY CHRISTMAS RETREAT - 28th Dec. - 1st Jan.**

Organised by the Verbum Dei community. Venue: Verbum Dei Retreat Centre on the Isle of Wight. For more information and to register, contact: [verbumdei.iow@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdei.iow@gmail.com) or [www.uk.verbumdei.org](http://www.uk.verbumdei.org)



STELLA MARIS

## Stella Maris Seafarers Christmas Chocolate Appeal 2023

Whatever you get for Christmas is highly likely to have come to this country by sea. There will be about 400,000 Seafarers working over Christmas, separated from their families and friends. Theirs is a tough, relentless life, long hours, boring, noisy, temperature extremes, dangerous and exhausting. Stella Maris meets and supports seafarers around the world. We're planning to collect hundreds of chocolate Christmas presents for seafarers visiting our Southern Region ports in the days before Christmas.

**Can you help us by donating chocolate gifts?**

**All donations can be left in the labelled box in the church porch.**

*Your gift may be the only present a seafarer receives this Christmas.*

### RICH FRUIT CAKES, UNDECORATED

- Large Xmas cake (23cm) £20
- Small Xmas cake (20cm) £15

please contact/message:

Lesley Newman on: 07504455925.



## THE SOUTHAMPTON PHILHARMONIC AND SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY PHILHARMONIC CHOIRS PERFORMING:...

**Vaughan Williams' Sea Symphony**

O2 Guildhall Southampton

Saturday 9th December at 7.30pm,  
in the presence of our Lord Mayor.

The programme also includes Vaughan Williams 'Toward the Unknown Region' and Nielsen's Helios Overture. If interested, tickets available from

[boxoffice@southamptonphil.org](mailto:boxoffice@southamptonphil.org)

## SOUTHAMPTON CONCERT ORCHESTRA PERFORMING MUSIC FROM

**Bartock, Elgar and Debussy**

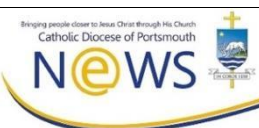
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 7.30 pm

Turner Sims, University of Southampton SO17 1BJ

Tickets £18, Concessions £10

Call Turner Sims 023 80595151

If you would like more details, please speak to David Spencer whose daughter is performing in the concert.



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### E NEWS & JOB VACANCIES

Activities, events, news and job vacancies from around the Diocese.

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue425?e=34c55ac6ce>