



## Salt and Light for the world

Christmastide came to an end for another year this past week with the Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas.

You will notice in the Roman Missal that Mass always begins on 2<sup>nd</sup> February with the blessing of all the candles to be used in the Parish church in the year ahead.

Votive candles, Altar Candles, Baptismal Candles and even the Advent Candles for the wreath – already blessed and prepared.

We processed into the church carrying candles, (just like the Easter Vigil) being reminded of the Lumen Christi – the Light of Christ, conquering and dispelling darkness.

The Lord tells us in today's Gospel that you and I are called to be light in a dark world by the life we live.

The light we bear shines through our thoughts, words and actions. Let's ask the Lord to truly enlighten us.



### Parish Mission:

We are here to make Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament better known, loved honoured, worshiped & adored. All of our efforts in this parish will be geared towards helping every individual discover the Lord who is waiting for them to approach Him in the tabernacle.



## 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

# February 2026

| SUN  | MON   | TUE  | WED                                | THU | FRI  | SAT   |
|--|---|--|------------------------------------|-----|--|---|
| 1<br> | 2<br>Candlemas<br>The end of<br>Christmastide   | 3<br> | 4<br>First<br>Wednesday<br>Prayers | 5   | 6<br><br>SOUPS    | 7<br>CHESS<br>11am<br><br>Quiz<br>7:30pm  |
| 8<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>Ordinary<br>Time  | 9<br><br>Bible Study   |       | 11                                 | 12  | 13<br><br>SOUPS   | 14<br> |
| 15<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>Ordinary<br>Time                                       | 16<br><br>Bible Study | 17   | 18<br>ASH<br>WEDNESDAY             | 19  | 20<br><br>SOUPS | 21  |
| 22<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday<br>of Lent  | 23  | 24   | 25                                 | 26  | 27<br><br>SOUPS | 28  |

Lent Programme Begins

## Dates / Events coming up:

7<sup>th</sup> February First Quiz Night of 2026 – St Valentine theme  
 18<sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday  
 22<sup>nd</sup> February Lent  
  
 7<sup>th</sup> March St Patricks Quiz Night  
 29<sup>th</sup> March PASSION SUNDAY – the Beginning of Holy Week  
 31<sup>st</sup> March Chrism Mass 10am St John’s Cathedral Portsmouth  
  
 2<sup>nd</sup> April Maundy Thursday  
 3<sup>rd</sup> April Good Friday  
 4<sup>th</sup> April Święconka: Blessing of the food baskets 10am  
 Easter Vigil Mass 8pm  
 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday  
 6<sup>th</sup> April Easter Monday family fun day

## Supporting the Parish:

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### Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

We are in the process of organising this year's Pilgrimage to Knock. (Please see the Itinerary opposite). The Pilgrimage is open to all so do invite family or friends to come along if they wish.

### First of the Month Quiz

Our usual Quiz night will take place this Saturday – the first of the month with a theme!

### Chess Club this weekend

Deacon Kim organises the Chess Club for us and it will take place, as usual, at 11am this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February. The session is open to all, parishioner or not & all abilities!

### Baptism Preparation Session 2

We meet for Part Two of our Baptism Preparation Course this Saturday morning at 10:30am.

### First Holy Communion Course

We meet again this Sat at 10am.

### Pre-Lent Retreat

There will be no Masses or other activities this Tuesday or Wednesday as Fr John will be taking a canonical pre-Lent retreat.

### Sundays in Lent

A time for healing. At 5pm on Sundays during Lent a time of prayer for healing. Open to all. Everyone is welcome.

Chess club  
First Saturday  
11am

Quiz Night  
First Saturday  
7:30pm

Parish Pipe  
Band  
Thursdays  
7pm

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

## Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb

We focus on our Prayer, Fasting and Charitable Activity for 40 days and nights.

## What are you going to do this Lent?

### Things to do this Lent in the Parish:

Monday: Bible Study 10:45am

Tuesday: Adult Formation 7:45pm

Wednesday: Early Mass 0730am

Friday: Soup Fast Day 12:45pm

Saturday: Outdoor Stations 10:15am

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





## Town in Bloom Project 2026

As you know, we have had great success these past few years with our 'Town in Bloom' entries. We have a fantastic, dedicated, hardworking Gardening Team who work hard all year round, making sure the church grounds are as beautiful and welcoming as possible. (They are also always looking out for new members!) This year, the area adjacent to the porch will be our focus for the competition. (Above) Susan is now gathering ideas for the new display. If you have any ideas or if you would like to be involved, please speak to her!



## TIME TO RETURN PALM BRANCHES

The Ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday are made from burning the Palms blessed last year on Palm Sunday. Please return your palms this weekend or next weekend.

# Parish Pilgrimage

## Our Lady of Knock

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May  
for three  
nights.  
£565 sharing  
£695 single

Following our successful pilgrimages to Fatima (2024) and Krakow (2025) Our Parish Pilgrimage for 2026 is to Knock, Ireland. Although this is a 'Parish Pilgrimage' everyone is willing to come along, so if you know anyone who would like to join us, please do invite them!

The programme will be: **\*\*UPDATED\*\***

**11th May 26:** Depart from Heathrow airport at 11.05am for the flight to Knock on arrival transfer to the Knock House hotel for dinner and 3 nights' stay, Mass will be celebrated before dinner.

**12th May 26:** After breakfast Mass will be celebrated at 10.15am in the Apparition Chapel, after Mass there will be a tour of the grounds and then the opportunity of visiting the Museum. In the afternoon there will be Stations of the Cross, and you will have time to light candles and private prayers. After dinner the Rosary is said at 7.00pm.

**13th May 26:** We depart the hotel after breakfast and travel to Lough Derg, on arrival there will be a boat tour of the Lake and a DVD will be shown. Mass will be celebrated in St Brigid's Chapel on the Lake shore.

**14th May 26:** After breakfast Mass will be celebrated before departing for the Peyton Centre to watch a DVD on the life of Fr Peyton who devoted his life praying the Rosary, from here we transfer to the airport to join the flight to Heathrow which departs at 1.05pm.



**Holy Baptism**  
Preparation courses run throughout the year (outside of Lent)

**Confirmation**  
our next session will be on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February** after Mass

**Holy Communion**  
our next Preparation Programme will begin on Saturday **7<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**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:**

**Christmastide has ended but we have one last reminder of why the Lord entered into time and became man – He is the Light of the World:**

**529** *The presentation of Jesus in the temple* shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior-the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the "light to the nations" and the "glory of Israel", but also "a sign that is spoken against". The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ's perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God had "prepared in the presence of all peoples".

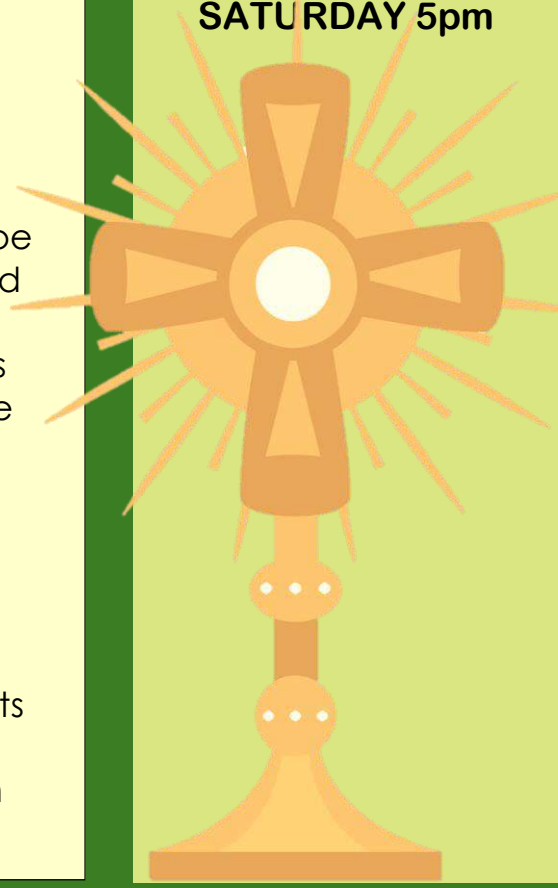
**530** *The flight into Egypt* and the massacre of the innocents make manifest the opposition of darkness to the light: "He came to his own home, and his own people received him not."

**Times when we can adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament:**

**TUESDAY 6pm**

**FRIDAY 11am**

**SATURDAY 5pm**



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

**How long have you spent in prayer this week?**

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Vigil)

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Confessions: 5:00pm - 5:40pm

Adoration: 5:00pm

Holy Mass: (Sunday Vigil) 6:00pm Ingeborg & Rudolf Mansel RIP [N]

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass: 10:00am Zilvinas, Povilas, Eric & Evelyn RIP [N]

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Holy Mass 10:00am Nena Magnus RIP [N]

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Angels

Confessions: 6:00pm - 6:40pm No Confessions

Adoration: 6:00pm No Adoration

Holy Mass: 7:00pm No Mass

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to St Joseph

Holy Mass: 07.30am No Mass

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Cross

Confessions: 11:00am - 11:40am

Adoration: 11:00am

Holy Mass: 12 noon Members of the Grigg Family RIP [N]

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (VIGIL MASS)

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Confessions: 5:00pm - 5:40pm

Adoration: 5:00pm

Holy Mass: 6:00pm Alice Rose Foster RIP [N]

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