Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bordon

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Time is running out……

All our Readings at Mass recently have been focused on the end of time – the Second Coming of Jesus, His arrival or from the Latin: His Advent.

As we have less of 2026 in front of us than we have already had, as the year comes to an end, there is an urgent call from the Scriptures to be ready.

Last weekend we were given the 10 Virgins as an example, five wise and five foolish. This weekend we have the parable of the talents and what the servants do with what their master entrusted them with….

The year comes to an end early in the Church's calendar as the First Sunday of Advent is the First Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church.

This weekend is the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, next week we celebrate Christ the King and then the following week Advent begins.

Advent (known as 'little Lent') is a time of spiritual preparation. It's a time of fasting and self-denial. It's a time of Prayer and discipline and we deliberately make room for the Lord.

Now is the time to begin to give some serious thought to how you will live differently in Advent. Now is the time to decided what habits to develop, what to give up and how to put God first.

God has given each one of us our own 'talents' and He is going to ask us how we used what we received from Him too. **How will you spend Advent?**



FROM Community TO Communion

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.



40 years since the blessing of our foundation stone 1988 - 2028

This is Leonard Cheshire who was once a Parishioner here, who helped to raise funds to build our church. The cause for his Beatification has been opened, & we seek his help and ask for his prayers as we prepare for another 40 years!

Usual 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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Sunday Formation/ Confirmation	2 Blessing of the Graves	3 RCIA / Adult Formation 7:45pm	4 First Wednesday prayers	5	6 SOUPS	7 Chess 11am FHC 10am
8 Remembrance Sunday	9 Bible Study	10 RCIA / Adult Formation 7:45pm	11 Armistice Day 11/11/11	12	13 SOUPS	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Christmas Lights Switch on	21 Chess 11am FHC 10am Baptism Prep
22 Sunday Formation/ Confirmation	23 Bible Study	24 RCIA / Adult Formation 7:45pm	25	26	27 SOUPS	28
29 Civic Mass Advent Begins	30	RCIA / Adult Formation 7:45pm				



Dates / Events coming up:

November

15th – 18th November	Parish Pilgrimage
20th November	Christmas Lights
29th November	First Sunday of Advent / Civic Mass 10am
	Vespers 6pm

December

6th December	Christmas Carols at the Shed 3pm
19th December	FAMILY CHRISTMAS QUIZ
20th December	Parish Nativity 2pm
24th December	Family Mass 5:30pm
	Midnight Mass (carols from 11:30pm)
25th December	Mass 10am

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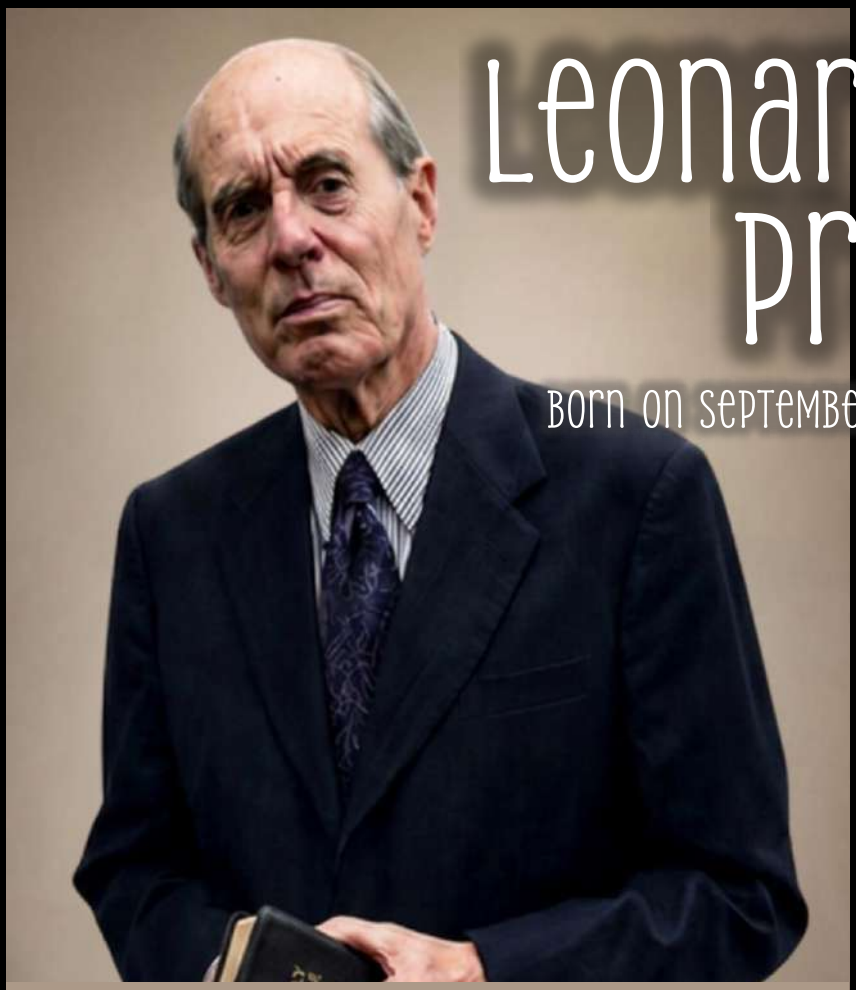


Leonard Cheshire pray for us!

Born on September 7th 1917 and died on July 31st 1992

Seeking the Intercession of Leonard Cheshire

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness. You manifest Your divine grace through the lives of Your faithful servants on earth.
You filled Leonard Cheshire, with a spirit of profound concern for the dignity of all human life and moved him to provide for those who were suffering.
Lord, if it be Your will, that Your servant Leonard be raised to the altars of Your Church, I ask that You glorify him here on earth by granting the miraculous favour I now earnestly seek:

(State your specific miracle or intention here, such as healing from an illness or strength in a severe trial)

Leonard, gentle caretaker of the sick, you spent decades sitting by the bedsides of those carrying the heaviest of crosses. You understood their pain, protected their dignity, and comforted them in spirit. Take this request to the throne of God. Ask the Lord to pour out His restorative power, to ease this suffering, and to grant a miracle of health and strength.
Teach us also, Good Lord, to see value in our weakness, and grant us the fortitude to unite all bodily illness to Your Saving Cross for the redemption of the world.
AMEN
Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

Monday 7th September, was Leonard Cheshire's birthday. He would have been 109 years old.

We have begun to increase our efforts of promoting his cause for Sainthood aiming for a full 12 month promotion by his **110th birthday** in 2027.

In the next 12 months we hope to:

- Familiarise ourselves (as a parish) with Leonard's life and work
- Produce materials encouraging prayer and devotion
- Form a prayer group to support our work
- Promote Leonard's cause across the Diocese (and beyond!)

It would be good if we could form a small team to dedicate themselves to this project.

If you would like to be part of this team, please do speak to Father. We hope to include people from within and outside of the parish to help, so if you know of anyone who may be interested, please also direct them to Father.

The prayer opposite will be the official prayer we will ask people to use to seek Leonard's intercession for them or for an intention dear to them.





Advent preparations

Advent is fast approaching and so now is the time for us to think about how we will live differently during those penitential weeks of preparation.

The Jesse Tree Reading references will be published here in the newsletter each week. It's a food way to prepare as a family as everyone can get involved.

During Advent (known as 'little Lent') we work focus on prayer, fasting and good works. Mass (like Lent) will be different too: the penitential violet vestments will be warn, there will be no flowers in the church and no 'Gloria in excelsis Deo').

The Advent wreath reminds us of time and eternity meeting in Jesus, God made Man.

The first kind of 'Advent Calendar' and Christmas Tree was the Jesse Tree.

The tradition is based on the prophetic verse: "*A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.*" *(Isaiah 11:1)*

Jesse was the father of King David the David we honour in many Christmas Carols such as 'Once in Royal David's City'.

At the beginning of Advent, we begin with a bear tree. Each day we add a symbol to the tree representing the Scripture reading for that day. By the end of Advent, we will have read all the relevant passages of God's Word so as to be ready for Christmastide. Not only that we will have a beautifully adorned tree!

Parish support during Advent:

Monday: Bible Study 10.45am

Tuesday: Faith formation 7:45pm

Wednesday: Early Mass 0730am

Friday: Adoration / Confessions 11am

Vespers: First Sunday at 6pm

Weekday Schedule

Please note: there will be no weekday Masses this week due to the Parish Pilgrimage. All back to normal from Saturday 21st November.

Civic Mass Sunday 29th Nov

We look forward to welcoming Civic guests invited to join us for Mass on the First Sunday of Advent at 10am.

RCIA / Tues Adult Formation Plan:

All are welcome to join the Tuesday faith formation sessions. If there is a particular topic or area of our faith you'd like to find out more about, here is our plan up until Christmas….. do come along!

24th Nov: Holy Communion

1st Dec: Advent (1)

8th Dec: Mary's I.C.

15th Dec: Advent (2)





Christmas Carols at the Shed

Sun 6th Dec 3pm

We've been asked to supply a group of carol singers on Sunday 6th December to sing for 40mins or so.

Rehearsals are taking place fortnightly after the 10am Mass.

Baptism Preparation

The next opportunity to prepare for your child's Baptism will be on Saturday 21st November at 11am

Parish Nativity

Our annual Parish Nativity will be on Sunday 20th December at 2pm. All children in the parish are invited to be involved. Our First Rehearsal will be on Saturday **21st November at 10am.**

Christmas Lights

The town will gather here on Friday 20th November for the annual Christmas Lights Extravaganza at 5pm.

Confirmation Sessions

After Mass this Sunday.

Chess club
First and Third Saturday 11am

Quiz Night
First Saturday 7:30pm (except in Advent and Lent)

Parish Pipe Band
Thursdays 7pm

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

Soups
Every Friday 12:45pm

Gardening Team
Saturdays 10am

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



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

Confirmation our next session will be on **Sunday 15th Nov** after Mass

Holy Communion our First Holy Communion Programme will begin again on **Saturday 21st November**

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:

In this month of November we may obtain indulgences for deceased loved ones, but what is an indulgence?

1471 "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." "An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead.

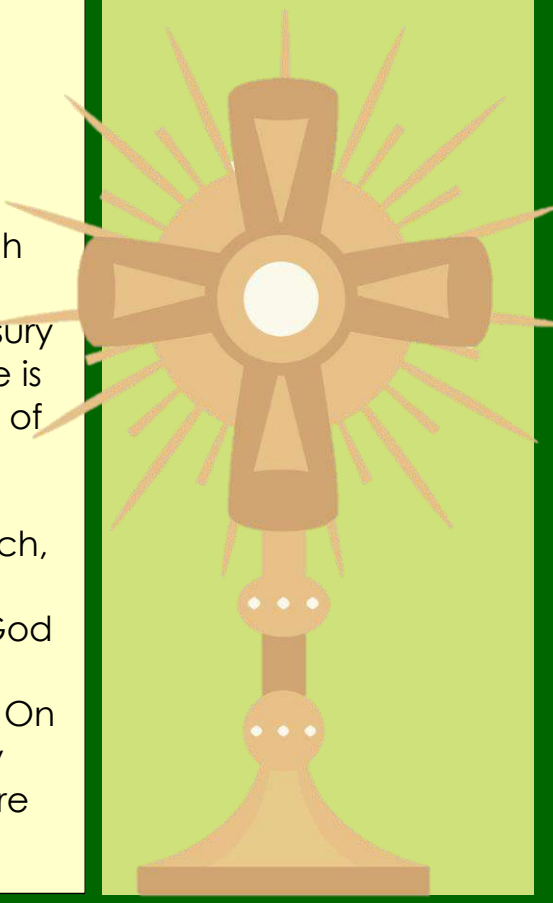
1472 To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory.

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 14th November
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (VIGIL)

Joyful Mysteries — Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration	5:00pm	
Confessions	5:00pm – 5:40pm	
Sunday Vigil Mass:	6:00pm	June Warren Brooker RIP

Sunday 15th November
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Glorious Mysteries — Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass:	10:00am	People of the Parish

Friday 20th November
33rd Week in Ordinary Time

Sorrowful Mysteries — Dedicated to the Cross

Adoration	11:00am	**NO ADORATION**
Confessions	11:00am – 11:45am	**NO CONFESSIONS**
Holy Mass:	**10:00am**	Dec'd members of the Waller / Neumann Families RIP

Saturday 21st November
Christ the King (VIGIL)

Joyful Mysteries — Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration	5:00pm	
Confessions	5:00pm – 5:40pm	
Sunday Vigil Mass:	6:00pm	Stephanie Dobrowolski RIP