



PARISH NEWS FOR THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ANDOVER

St John the Baptist, Andover and St John Fisher, Whitchurch

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NB: The Office is CLOSED on Wednesdays / Canon Chris' Day off: Wednesday.

24th and 25th January 2026 - The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: *O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.*

Psalm Response:
The Lord is my light and my salvation

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the Kingdom
and healed every affliction among the people. *Alleluia*

READINGS AT MASS

For the readings each day at Mass, including Sundays, you can scan this QR code on your smartphone and it will take you to the Universalis Website for the readings for the day.

Scroll to the bottom of the page and you have the readings for the week.

You can also click on 'save QR code' on the page, and take a screenshot and save it to photos. Then you only need to press on it to open in your browser.

If you use this on your phone in Church, please remember to turn off your sounds and notifications - and it's not an excuse to read your emails.



Alternatively if you would like to download the 'Universalis' App on your smartphone, go to the App store and for £9.99 you can download the app onto your phone. It doesn't need internet to use and it has everything you could possibly need.

or

We can still order 3-Year CTS Missals in the Parish Office at £19.95 each., just email the Parish Office if you would like to order one.

If you need them, cards with the Order of Mass are now in the church porch to collect as you come in to Mass.

Sadly, I have had another justifiable complaint for a resident of Croye Close regarding parishioner parking. It is not acceptable to park across people's driveways obstruct their access and park on double yellow lines or churn up their grass verges to mud. Croye Close is an access only cul-de-sac.

Think - how would you like it if someone parked across your entrance or on your verges where you live? Please use the parking in Beechurst Car park and walk through Denning Mead to the Church if you are not in need of a parking space close to the church. Thank you, Canon Chris.

Collection for our Diocesan Cathedral

Our cathedral, the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, is situated in the most deprived part of the diocese. The parish collection covers just over half of the ordinary running costs of £5,000 per week. Please support the second collection this weekend. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the mother church of the diocese been more critical or needed.

Thank you. You can donate online by using the QR code 



LAST CALL for online marriage programme.

Does your marriage need some TLC? Need help with communication and trust? **Retrouvaille helps marriages.**

It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026.

www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus invites you to follow Him boldly. Could He be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life to help form others in His ways? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke.

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FROM 24TH JANUARY 2026 - 6TH FEBRUARY 2026
Confessions will be every Saturday after 10.00am Mass or from 5.30pm to 5.45pm on Saturday.

Sat. 24th Andover Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition and Confessions
St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial .

Sat. 24th Andover 6.00pm Mass *Peter Chen RIP - Anniversary*

Sunday 25th January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whitchurch Mass 8.30am *For the People of the Parish*

Farleigh School Mass 10.00am -

Andover Mass 10.30am *For Vocations*

Mon. 26th Andover Mass 10.00am *St Timothy, Bishop, Martyr & St Titus, Bishop, memorial*
André Mussert RIP - Anniversary

Tue. 27th Andover Mss 10.00am (*St Angela Merici, Foundress, optional memorial or: Feria*)
Thomas Eggleston RIP - Anniversary **NB: The Parish Office is CLOSED today.**

Andover - Healing Prayers from 6.30pm - 7.00pm

Wed. 28th *No Mass or Service*

Thur. 29th Whitchurch Mass 10.00am (*Feria*)

Fri. 30th Andover Mass 10.00am (*Feria*) followed by Exposition *Mabel Glenn RIP - Birthday Memoriam*

Funeral Service at 3.30pm Charlton Crematorium for Henryk Nita RIP

Sat. 31st Andover Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition and Confessions

Sat. 31st Andover 6.00pm Mass

Sunday 1st February - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whitchurch Mass 8.30am *Cluny Heyman RIP - Anniversary*

Farleigh School Mass 10.00am -

Andover Mass 10.30am *For the People of the Parish*

Monday 2nd - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mass at St John the Baptist School at 9.30am - Parishioners Welcome

Tue. 3rd Andover Mass 10.00am (*St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr or: St Ansgar, Bishop, both optional memorial*)

Mass will be followed by Tea, Coffee, Cake and Chat in the Parish Hall - All Welcome!

Andover - Healing Prayers from 6.30pm - 7.00pm

Wed. 4th *No Mass or Service*

Thur. 5th Whitchurch Mass 10.00am *St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, memorial*

Fri. 6th Andover Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition *St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, memorial*

Please pray for: Esmé Coveney, Rita Lane, Margaret Williams, Patrick Arnold, Fiona Hilleard,
Tony Fabian, Helen O'Connell, Douglas Manning, Diane Mahoney, Sile Monnelly, Rita Casey, Rose Bull, Carol Keenan,
Eileen Wharton, Oran Keenan, Margarita Hardiman, Robert Colledge, Eileen Price, Concepta Cuddihy and Frank Hinds.



Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Philip Kane RIP

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS: 25th January - 31st January

Sun: Local Covenants of Churches. **Mon:** Those who devise special liturgies for use in our churches.

Tue: Religious teaching Orders in the Church. **Wed:** Staff and students in higher education.

Thur: Parishes, Communities and Schools in the Basingstoke Pastoral Area.

Fri: Salesian Cooperators of Don Bosco. **Sat:** Salesians of Don Bosco in the Diocese.

MASS INTENTIONS. There is a tradition in our faith to have Masses celebrated on behalf of our friends and loved ones in particular circumstances. We are able to accept Mass intentions for the next 2 or 3 months; if you would like a Mass celebrated, please contact the Parish office, the usual offering is about £10 per Mass.

PARISH COLLECTIONS - 17/18TH JAN LOOSE PLATE: £725.85 GIFT AID ENVELOPES: £241.05
STANDING ORDERS: (Weekly Average) £933 DIRECT DEBITS: (Weekly Average) £315.00