THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of St. John the Baptist, Andover and St. John Fisher, Whitchurch

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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15th NOVEMBER 2026

Diocese of Portsmouth
Bishop Philip Egan
Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

Deanery: Blessed John Body

Parish Priest:
Reverend Canon Christopher Rutledge KHS
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After 10:00am Mass;
5:15pm-5:40pm
Or by appointment

Parish Bank Details:
Name: CDP Andover St John the Baptist
Sort Code: 30-93-04
Account Number: 00873633

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Parish Collections

Loose Plate: £501.85
Gift Aid: £263.00
Standing Orders: £933 (average)
Direct Debits: £315
Thank you for your donations!

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.
Psalm Response: Blessed are all who fear the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit. Alleluia.
Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Upcoming Masses in **Andover (A), Whitchurch (W)** and **Farleigh (F)**

Sat 14th	**A**	10:00am- *Lareto Ryan-Health & Strength* Exposition and Confession after Mass

Sunday 15th NOVEMBER- THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 14th	**A**	6:00pm- *Deceased Bishops & Canons of Portsmouth Diocese* Confession before Mass
Sun 15th	**W**	8:30am- *People of the Parish*
	F	10:00am- *Intentions of the Priest*
	A	10:30am- *Holy Souls in Reparation and Thanks*
Mon 16th	**A**	10:00am-**St Edmund of Abingdon** *Ivor Ratnayaka-RIP Birthday Memorium* Rosary after Mass
Tue. 17th	**A**	10:00am- *Mary Workman-RIP* Andover-Healing Prayers from 6:30pm-7:00pm
Wed 18th	No Mass or Service	
Thurs 19th	**W**	10:00am- *Joanne Donocan-Health and Strength*
Fri 20th	**A**	10:00am- *Nora Bulner-RIP Anniversary* 9:40am-Devine Mercy Chaplet
Sat 21st	**A**	10:00am-**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** *Richard Donovan-Blessings and Strength*

Blessing of Graves.
At **2.30pm on SUNDAY November 15th at St Mary's Cemetery,** Please come along if you would like the graves of your loved ones to be blessed.
The graves in the **Memorial Plot** at St John the Baptist will be blessed after Mass on **SUNDAY 22nd November**.

The Month of November
During the month of November, a Holy Souls Memento Box will be placed on the table near the Baptismal font in Andover. If you so wish, please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the slips of paper and put them into the box. There will be Masses offered for those names on the following days: **Sun 8th Nov (8:30am Whitchurch); Tues 10th Nov (10.00am Andover); Thursday 12th Nov (10:00am Whitchurch); Sunday 15th Nov (10:30am Andover); Sun 22nd Nov (8:30am Whitchurch); Thurs 26th Nov (10:00 Whitchurch); Fri 27th (10:00am Andover)** . An offering can be placed in an envelope for CAFOD, marked **'CAFOD'** and placed in any Sunday collection in November-*Please do not leave any money in the box*

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Talents. Three servants are entrusted with gifts by their master. Two use their gifts well; one allows fear to hold him back and hides his gift away.

This message speaks powerfully to our world today. Faced with loneliness, division, and uncertainty, it is easy to think that our efforts are too small to matter. Yet Jesus reminds us that God asks only that we use the gifts we have been given.

A kind word, a helping hand, a visit to someone who is alone, or a simple act of generosity can make a real difference. The servants who were praised were not those with the greatest gifts, but those who used them faithfully.

As we approach the end of the Church's year, let us ask ourselves: *What gifts has God given me, and how am I using them?* May we have the courage to use them in service of others, trusting that God can do great things through even our smallest acts of love.

ANDOVER CHAMBER CHOIR



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ROSARY

Please join us for the Rosary, we meet every Monday at 10:30am in the church hall.

SECOND COLLECTION-THIS SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Priests' Retirement Fund

The Priests' Retirement Fund in the UK is crucial for supporting retired priests who have dedicated their lives to serving the Church. These funds provide essential support for housing, healthcare, and day-to-day living expenses. Donations to these funds can make a significant difference to the lives of retired priests, ensuring they receive the care and support they deserve in their later years.

ORGAN APPEAL

The organ is the principal instrument of our liturgy, and we are very blessed at St John the Baptist to have both a beautiful instrument and talented organists who enrich our worship week by week. Unfortunately, the organ's amplification system has failed, and we now need to replace the speakers and amplifier. This essential work will also improve the overall sound quality and reliability of the instrument for the future. The total cost, including VAT, is £6,000. Canon Chris would be very grateful for any donations towards this project. Any contribution, however small, will help ensure that the organ continues to support the worship and musical life of our parish for many years to come. Thank you for your support and generosity

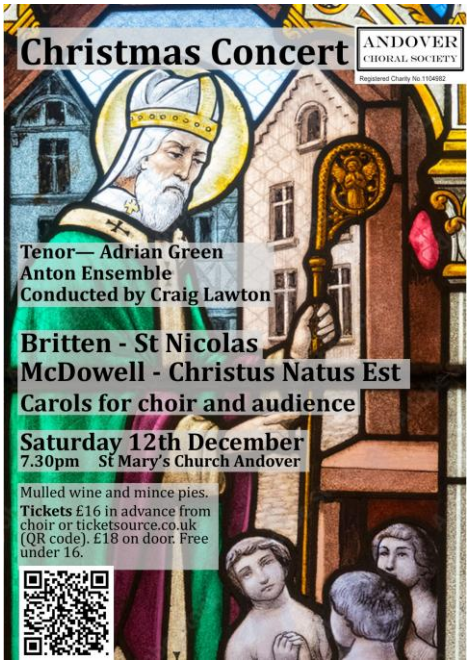
CAR PARKING

When parking in Andover for Mass, please remember that you **MUST NOT PARK** down the centre of either car park or on the double yellow lines. By doing this you are compromising everyone's safety.

Please **do not park beyond the Church site, in Croye Close or on the double yellow lines outside the car park.**

There is ample parking in Beech Hurst at the Council Offices, and it is an easy walk through Denning Mead. **Illegal parking could result in parking fines.**

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

All those who are sick and housebound in the Parish and also, pray for the repose of the soul of

Frank Saunders who passed on 05 November.

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