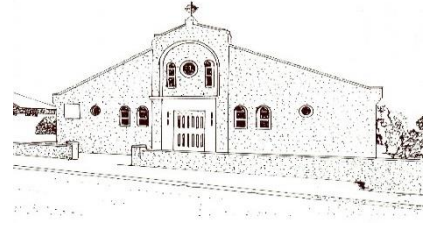


**Catholic parishes of
St Joseph & St Walburga
and Our Lady of Fatima,
Poole**

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SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER 2021

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Saturday 18th	5:30pm	Holy Mass (SJ)	<i>Rob Biddle RIP</i>
Sunday 19th	8:30am	Holy Mass (OLF)	<i>For our two parishes</i>
	10:30am	Holy Mass (SJ)	<i>Anthony Daly RIP</i>
Monday 20th		- No Mass today -	
Tuesday 21st	10:00am	Holy Mass (OLF)	<i>Special Intentions for Teresa Das</i>
Wednesday 22nd	10:00am	Holy Mass (OLF)	<i>Jill Rooney RIP</i>
Thursday 23rd	10:00am	Holy Mass (SJ)	<i>Win Kerrigan RIP</i>

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMASTIDE

Friday 24th	5:30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass <i>(preceded by Carols at 5:00pm)</i>	
	Midnight	Christmas Mass <i>(preceded by Carols at 11:30pm)</i>	
Saturday 25th	8:30am	Christmas Mass (OLF)	
	10:30am	Christmas Mass (SJ)	<i>For our two parishes</i>

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

No 5.30pm Saturday vigil mass for Sunday this year!

Sunday 26th	8:30am	Holy Mass (OLF)	<i>John & Paul Carpenter RIP</i>
	10:30am	Holy Mass (SJ)	<i>For our two parishes</i>

Confessions: Saturday: 10.30am (OLF) & 4.30pm (SJ) and after any mass on request

Parish information & contact details

Parish Priest: Fr Christopher Findlay-Wilson

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Parish Sisters: Sr Juliana UMI and Sr Vincy UMI

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Office Hours: Monday 8:30am - 11:30am; Tuesday – Friday 9am – 12 noon

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School: Sancreed Rd

(01202) 741932 www.sjcpschool.co.uk

Parish safeguarding: Dr Zelda Cheng. Please contact by phoning or emailing the parish office.

Please Pray for the sick: David Bolt, Kathleen Brown, José Canelas, Pat Cassidy, Ruth Colbert, John Connelly, Bill Davey, Allan David, Anne Degnan, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Chantal Doherty, Josephine Evans, Kelly Ford, Alec Fry, Dot & Alan Gulliver, Fr Ron Hishon, Anne Kane, Elizabeth Labrow, Mary McMahan, Eric McWilliams, Alec Pittam, Edna Price, Mary Sebastian, Nigel Shaw, Abigail Smith, Sean Smith, Charles South, Joseph Sweet, Ian Tobin, Anna & Linda Witczak and for parishioners with the virus.

Local Hospitals

Please ring these numbers if going into hospital:

Poole General Hospital: Rev Declan McConville

(01202) 665511 – Bleep No. 0612; St Ann's Hospital:

(01202) 746539; Alderney Hospital: (01202) 746539;

Bournemouth Hospital: (01202) 303626 Ext 4221

St. Joseph's team D

Supporting your parish by standing order

This is the simplest way to make your offering. Please contact the office for more details. You can also make your weekly offerings via www.catholicparkstone.org or by using the **contactless payment system**, in church. If you can Gift Aid, we can give you a form. Please contact the office. Thank you for your generosity.

Sudan Babies: Advent and Christmas Appeal

The parishes' SVP will be collecting each week during the Christmas Season. A baby can be fed in Sudan for just £1 per week. Please put your donation in the white bucket: cheques to SVP Twinnage.

Parish Office

The office will close at 12 noon on Friday 24th December and re-open on Tuesday 4th January. Jane wishes all parishioners a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

In the Bleak Midwinter...

What's your favourite Christmas carol? There are plenty of polls each year now, but so many beautiful carols that it's impossible to choose just one. Christina Rossetti's famous poem, set to music both by Gustav Holst and Harold Darke, often comes out top and speaks especially to us here in England. We feel the bleakness of midwinter; Spring is a long way off and cold, dark, wet days mirror what we feel about the world. Heaven knows the media are feasting gleefully on our present darkness.

Yet this week brings Midwinter Day (21st Dec) when the days start getting longer once again. Hurrah!

In fact it's no coincidence that Christians decided to celebrate the birth of the Light of the World in midwinter. There was even a belief that God chose this very moment: in the fourth century, St Augustine wrote: "He who bent low and lifted us up chose the shortest day, the one from which light begins to increase."

Christina Rossetti understood this well and wanted to show us in her poem how the God-Man shines most in our darkest time.

The good news is that Jesus does that *with fresh power* every year. Nothing: no religion, no philosophy no other world view has such a brightness and life. No wonder the atheists have been totally unable over the past centuries to banish the joy that we all get from our Christmas carols, especially here in England. So which are your favourites?

Magazines needed for St. Ann's Hospital

Please hand to David Little or Jane after Mass or bring them to the office.

Big Church Clean: 9am St. Joseph's on Weds 22nd Dec

Please meet in the church at 9am. We hope to finish before 11am. Materials provided. Volunteers most welcome.

Attending Mass: it's safe; we're following guidelines

Once again, we ask you to sanitise your hands on arrival in church and wear a face covering unless you have a medical exemption. Please wrap up warm, as the windows will be open for ventilation. Thank you.

Hall cleaner/caretaker post

Hall cleaner/caretaker required at St. Joseph's church; will also be needed to clean an area of the church. 5 hours per week: Monday 8:30am-10am, Wednesday 8am-9:30am, Friday 11am – 1pm. Please contact the office for more details.