

NEWSLETTER

SATURDAY 20th to Friday 26th December 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sun 21st **HOLY REDEEMER**
11am Mass Stephen O'Brien
RIP
Richard & Lillian Beddow RIP
Mon 22nd **10am-2pm** Adoration
No adoration Tuesday
Wed 24th **6pm** Carols
6.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass
People of the Parish
Thur 25th **11am The Nativity of our Lord**
People of the Parish

Sat 20th **St JOSEPH'S CHRISTCHURCH**
5pm Mass confession from 4pm
William Curtis RIP
Sun 21st **9am Mass** Mathew Bates RIP
Tues 23rd **6.30pm Mass**
Wed 24th **4pm** Family Vigil Mass
Angela Murphy RIP
Thur 25th **9am The Nativity of our Lord**
Fri 26th **10am Feast of St Stephen**
Mary & Peter Thomson

PSALM *Let the LORD enter; he is the king of glory.*

ANNIVERSARIES Brian Williams, Cecil Hamer, Patricia Backwith, Ellen Errington, Mary Frith, Gertrude Lawler, Walter Anderson and Maria Evans.

CHRISTMAS CARDS This year again, we encourage you to use our Christmas Card board to express your Christmas greetings to your friends and parish community here at Holy Redeemer. You may wish to donate any savings made to charity.

MISSIO A HUGE thank you to all Missio Box Holders. We deposited just over £2,000 this year with £1,100 of that being gift aided. Well done box holders and Promotors. Christmas Blessings to all and Best Wishes for a Joyous and Peaceful New Year. If other parishioners would like to become box holders or existing box holders would like to gift aid, please speak to Alice Murphy.

CHRISTMAS GIVING The Christmas Offertory Collection on 24th and 25th of December customarily goes to the priest and forms a considerable portion of his annual income. Many thanks for your kind generosity. Envelopes are available this weekend.

FEAST OF ST STEPHEN On Friday 26th December the mass will take place at St Joseph's for this feast day at 10am. Everyone is very welcome and the altar servers from both parishes will be attending.

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WATCH THE SURPRISE, a wonderful play by Catholic author GK Chesterton this Christmas. Monday 22nd December 3pm online www.ewtn.co.uk or on sky 586. For GK Chesterton Prayers see; www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE Our new Pastoral Area now has a Facebook Page, called "Coast Catholics Bournemouth-Christchurch", to share information across our area. Please visit it, like it and share with others. You can access the page via this link: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61583334070125 Or search Facebook for Coast Catholics Bournemouth-Christchurch

JUBILEE YEAR The close of The Jubilee Year of Hope will be on the 6th January at 6.30pm, feast of The Epiphany, with Holy Hour and a Benediction for World Peace.

SAVE THE DATE Saturday 17th January, Homegrown Parish Party, more details to follow.

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS - ALL HELD IN THE ANNEX

Knit and Natter. Sessions take place on Wednesday afternoons, 2-4pm. No sessions will take place on 24th December or 31st December. From 7th January onwards sessions will be held in the annex as usual.

LIVING WITH DEMENTIA St Joseph's Christchurch are hosting a talk called "Living with Dementia – a Christian Perspective" by Karen Martin, author of Memorable Loss: 'A Story of Friendship in the Face of Dementia' and an excellent and experienced speaker: Saturday 7th February, 2-3 pm, followed by refreshments.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is undertaking a consultation regarding proposed changes to the Admissions arrangements for entry from 2027-2028 onwards. Copies of the proposed arrangements can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website (Parents/Admissions). The consultation period runs from 8th December 2025 to 24th January 2026 and any comments should be sent to Clerk to the Governing Body at clerk@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk St Joseph's Catholic Primary School website: <https://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk/>

PARISH GIVING Sunday 14th Envelopes £153, loose £239.40. Thank you for your generosity. Online donations can also be made by bank transfer, Standing Order or Direct Debit to account number 00879968, sort code 30 93 04, CDP Highcliffe. **CHRISTMAS GIVING ONLINE** <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/highcliffe-holy-redeemer-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2025>

CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK+ Thank you for all those who have brought in 'Reverse Advent boxes/bags' we are truly blessed by our community. Our needs are UHT Milk cartons, fruit squash/juice, tinned carrots and sweetcorn and tinned pies.