

## Advent Saints

### 12 December Our Lady of Guadeloupe

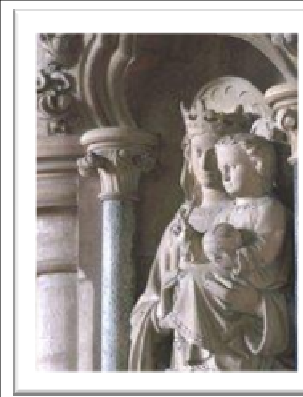
*Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe* is a title associated with a venerated image enshrined within the Minor Basilica in Mexico City. The basilica is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world, and the world's third most-visited sacred site. Pope Leo XIII granted the venerated image a canonical coronation on 12 October 1895. Official accounts state that Our Lady appeared four times before Juan Diego and once more before Juan Diego's uncle. The first apparition was on 9 December 1531, when the native Mexican peasant (Juan Diego) saw a vision. Speaking in the Aztec language Mary identified herself as the “mother of the very true deity” and asked for a church to be built at that site in her honour.

### 13 December St Lucy

**St Lucy** suffered martyrdom at Syracuse, probably during the persecution of Diocletian. (284 to 305) Devotion to her spread throughout the Church. So early was her martyrdom that she gets a mention in the Roman Canon. Not much later than ten years after her martyrdom, Christianity is declared the official religion of the Roman Empire.

### 14 December St John of the Cross

*San Juan de la Cruz*, c1542 – 1591, was a major figure of the Counter-Reformation, a Spanish mystic, a Carmelite friar and a priest, who was born at Fontiveros, Old Castile. In about 1568 he was persuaded by St Teresa of Avila to be the first to undertake the reform of his Order, which involved much hard work and many trials. He was for a time imprisoned. He was outstanding in holiness and knowledge, as is shown by his many spiritual writings.



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<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Confessions: 8.45am St Mary's <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary's, East Hendred</b> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's, East Ilsley</b>	<b>Year B: Psalter Week 2</b> [PURPLE] <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<i>Of Advent Week 2</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[purple] <i>FM Edward Woods 1937</i>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[purple] <i>FM Canon Raab 1945</i>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[red] <i>FM Fanny Gorton 1937</i>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St John of the Cross, Religious, Doctor of the Church Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white] <i>FM Charles Gorton 1937</i>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<i>Of Advent Week 2</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>	[purple] <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<i>Of Advent Week 2</i> Confessions: 8.45am St Mary's Mass: 9.30am St Mary's [Latin]	[purple] <i>FM Louisa Goddard 1967</i>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT [GAUDETE SUNDAY]</b> <b>O Sapientia</b> Confessions: 8.45am St Mary's <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary's, East Hendred</b> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's, East Ilsley</b>	<b>Year B: Psalter Week 3</b> [ROSE] <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Confessions: as advertised or by appointment</b> <a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>		

### A 2017 CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE BISHOP

This Christmas Bishop Philip wishes to give a gift to everyone who comes to Christmas Mass – not only to the regularly practising but to all the Christmas attendees. A generous donor has provided our Bishop with 40,000 copies of Matthew Kelly's best-selling book, *Rediscover Jesus*, for distribution to all the faithful of our Diocese of Portsmouth.

### HOW WILL YOU USE THIS ADVENT TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS?

Here are a few ideas to help you make the most of this Advent: Sign up for Advent reflections from Bishop Robert Barron directly to our inbox each week - go to [adventreflections.com](http://adventreflections.com); or Pray more Advent Retreat at [praymoreretreat.com](http://praymoreretreat.com); or learn about the Bible and the Virgin Mary on [stpaulcenter.com/streaming](http://stpaulcenter.com/streaming)

### CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

A fun and meaningful way to give gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world. Each gift comes with a Christmas gift card. Send a goat, build a business or help a refugee child. Order gifts online at [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts) or call 0808 1400014 or from the catalogues in church.

### YOUTH EVENT

There will be an Epiphany Mass at 5pm on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January** at St Edmund's and Our Lady in Abingdon, followed by a talk by Heather Abel about her pilgrimage along the Camino to Santiago de Compostela from 6 -7:30pm.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30s to World Youth Day, Panama in January 2019 (21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>). Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) no later than 15<sup>th</sup> January. The cost is in the region of £1800, and support will be given for those needing sponsorship and fundraising.

### MAGNIFICAT: A PRESENT FOR CHRISTMAS

"Magnificat is a pocket size worship aid. It can be used to follow the daily Mass and can also be read at home for personal or family prayer". A yearly subscription costs £42. If interested please go to [www.catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat/](http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat/)

### PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised a total of £963.40 of which 86% was Gift Aided.

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Mill Hill Appeal: 11<sup>th</sup> February; Clergy Assistance Fund: 11<sup>th</sup> March

**NEWSLETTER** | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to Maria at [hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) by **Wednesday 10 am**



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## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

### BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.



### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

*Kathleen Doyle, Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadhya Adasko, Angus Clark and Ann McCarthy.* Names remain for four weeks.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Ann Collett, Robert Driscoll, William Brown, Harry Wells, Charles Hunt, Margaret Ann Crossman, Lawrence Roberts and Patricia Mary Tonge.*

### HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER INTENTION - The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

### PENITENTIAL SERVICES

There are Penitential Services, with the opportunity for individual Reconciliation, on 14<sup>th</sup> December at Didcot, 7pm, and 21<sup>st</sup> December at Abingdon, 7pm.

### DONATIONS FOR O'HANLON HOUSE

During Christmas we think and pray for those who are in need, especially for those who have no place to call home. At the back of St Mary's church there is a box for: sweaters and sweatshirts, t-shirts, tracksuit bottoms, men's and women's underwear, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, toothpaste and toothbrushes, single fitted sheets, single duvets, towels and pillowcases. Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Don't plan your own Christmas hospitality until you have planned a gift to those less fortunate. A good local charity is Crisis at Christmas. For £22.29 you can reserve a place for a homeless person this Christmas. For online gifts go to [www.crisis.org.uk/redbauble](http://www.crisis.org.uk/redbauble).

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF FAITH

Will you make an extra especial gift of faith this Christmas in support of the suffering church? £10 will get 10 CAN child's bibles, £25 will provide Christmas parcels for displaced children, £35 will provide a hot meal at Christmas for a needy family. For more information please see the leaflet in church or go to [www.acnuk.org/giftsoffait](http://www.acnuk.org/giftsoffait).

### GIVING SUNDAY

Many thanks to those who have responded already to our 'Giving Sunday'. We are already seeing the benefit. If you missed the Presentation, and would like to modify your planned giving—how you give and what you give—please complete a Gift Aid form and put it in one of the envelopes inside the small box at the back of church.