

Our Lady Help of Christians



Christmas 2025

The Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust
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The Nativity of The Lord

Christmas Vigil Masses

Wednesday 24th December

5pm Mass Melissa Ebert RIP

8pm Mass Patrick, Agnes & John Ward RIP

11pm Mass Private Intention

Christmas Day Masses

Thursday 25th December

9.15am Mass Peter & Lena Keane RIP

11.15am Mass Alan Gulliver RIP

GRATEFUL THANKS to all who volunteered and helped prepare the church for Christmas and also to all who volunteered for the Christmas Masses. The effort involved is much appreciated. Many thanks to Lodge Bros for donating the Christmas trees for the church.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY MASS FOR ALL SERVERS. During the 12 noon Mass on Friday 26th December, we will give thanks for our altar servers.

PLEASE NOTE Friday 26th December is not a day of abstinence. You may eat leftover turkey.

*A Blessed Christmas and
Peaceful New Year to all
Parishioners and Visitors
from Fr Aaron*

Mass Times and Intentions

Friday 26th December – St Stephen

N.B. 12 noon Mass Beryl MacConnol RIP

Saturday 27th December – St John

N.B. 11am Mass Ann Felton RIP

12 noon Baptisms

N.B. no Adoration / Rosary this morning

Confession: at 5.30pm or by
appointment

Sunday 28th Dec – The Holy Family

Sat. 6pm – Parishioners

9.15am Mass – Peter Jempson RIP

11am Mass – John Hubbard RIP

Week 29th Dec 2025 – 3rd Jan 2026

Monday – St Thomas Becket

The church is open for private prayer

Tuesday – 6th Day in Christmas Octave

10am Mass Fr John Garry RIP

Wed – 7th Day in Christmas Octave

10am Mass Rosemary Payne RIP

Thursday – Mary the Mother of God

N.B. 12 noon Corinne Payne RIP

Friday – Ss. Basil and Gregory

11.30am Requiem Mass for

Ruby Fernandes R.I.P.

Sat – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

10am Mass Pinto & Carvalho family RIP

followed by Adoration & the Rosary

with Immaculate Heart of Mary

Devotions

Confession: Saturday after morning

Mass or at 5.30pm or by appointment

PARISH WALK on Monday 29th December meet outside the church at 10am. Any queries please call Gill, 01932343684.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL: Gloria Bray, Mary Joyce, Rob Vallance, Alan O'Brien, Judy Phillips, Gabriel Mariano, Ashley Wolsey, Tina Elliot, Angela Widdup, Kristina Gonzalez, Lucy Orchard, Sophie Milton, Wilfrido Zabarte, Mike Povey, Pat Lynch, Alban Pentony, Jenny Emrys-Roberts, Barney Barker, Lorraine Elworthy, Maria Messina, Howard Hopper, Gwen Bruno, Clive Stanbrook, Hugh McManus, Bridie McManus, Carmela Tomkins, Kerrie Mitchell, Suzanne Kassir, Tim Buckell, Valli Alimon, Christopher Brown, Kevin Luddington, Victor McGrath, William Simmons, Marie McMahan, Patricia Bygrave, Amy Macanlalay, Thomas Hazell, Margie Oliver, Mark Fitzpatric and Cathy Fahy.

Please let the Parish Office know if anyone would like to be added to / taken off the list.

RUBY FERNANDES R.I.P. Please pray for Ruby and her family and friends. The funeral will be at Our Lady's on Friday 2nd January at 11.30am.

WE WELCOME Poppy Morgan Middlemiss who was Baptised and Emma Morgan who was received into full communion with the church. May God bless them and their family.

NEW YEAR'S DAY is the feast day of Mary, Mother of God. Mass is at 12 noon followed by refreshments in the hall. If you can, please bring a plate of finger food/nibbles. Many thanks.

THE PARISH OFFICE is closed until Tuesday 6th January.

CRIB OFFERINGS will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund providing emergency grants to support children and their families in our diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Funds can be donated either via the wall box by the crib or [online](#) or via the gift aid envelopes in the porch. Every single penny donated will be given out via these grants.

THE CRAFT CLUB is meeting on Wed 7th Jan in the STM Room from 10.30am. Newcomers welcome and drinks available. For queries, please contact Janet on 07917346287.

CONFIRMATION MEETING 10th January for parents and Confirmation candidates at 4pm in the church hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29 th Dec	Parish Walk, meet outside the Church, 10am
3 rd Jan	Epiphany Dinner, Hall, 7pm
7 th Jan	Craft Club, St Thomas More room, 10.30am
10 th Jan	Readers Meeting, 12 noon, Church
10 th Jan	Confirmation Meeting for Parents & Candidates, Hall, 4pm
10-11 Jan	Woking Foodbank Collection
12 th Jan	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's Church, 9.30am
12 th Jan	SVP meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
14 th Jan	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
19 th Jan	Reconciliation & FHC Meeting for parents, Hall, 7.30pm
21 st Jan	Hope Café, St Thomas More room, 10.45am
27 th Jan	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
1 st Feb	New Parishioners Lunch, Hall, 12 noon
2 nd Feb	Mass for the inauguration of the new parish, St Dunstan's, 7.30pm - TBC
3 rd Feb	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
9 th Feb	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Church, 9.30am

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Christmas Collection is your gift to Fr Aaron who does not receive a salary from the diocese but relies on your offerings for Mass Intentions and Sacramental celebrations, plus the two collections at Christmas and Easter. If giving on the day at your Christmas Mass, please use the Christmas offering envelopes which are in the church porch. Alternatively, please make a BACs transfer using the reference "Christmas". Please note your regular standing order is for the Parish only.

For payments by bank transfer:

Name: Our Lady Help of Christians Acct No. 31077392, S/C 40-05-20. (Please add a reference). Payments can also be made and gift aided using this QR code:



WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION is not taking place on 24th or 31st Dec. Thank you to all who have regularly attended Adoration over the past year. It will start again on Wed 7th Jan. Everyone is welcome.

ROSARY DEVOTIONS for the first Saturday at 10.30am on 3rd January.

For Parish Centre Enquiries or Hall

Bookings - contact Chris Geary

ourladyshallbookings@outlook.com

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:

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Wednesday Adoration

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For St Thomas More Preschool Enquiries

email Rhoda

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EPIPHANY DINNER SAT. 3rd JAN. Many thanks to all who have bought or reserved tickets, we are almost sold out. Please pay for reserved tickets (£25pp). Payment can be made by either cash or cheque after Mass 27-28 Dec or please put a named envelope through the parish office letterbox. Cheques payable to Our Lady Help of Christians. Please pay for tickets in advance and not on the night. Many thanks. For any queries, please email v.deacruz@btinternet.com.

CAFOD. Thank you to all who supported the CAFOD coffee morning after both masses on 14th December. The Fairtrade stall was run by our A & B representative Moyna Bridge who had a large variety of items made by small businesses in Peru, Nepal, Kenya and, supported by Fairtrade Foundation. Moyna sold £333.34, many thanks and the cash donations raised £53.25 for CAFOD. Much appreciated.

RETRouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th Feb. Tel: 07887296983 www.retrouvaille.org.uk

SIGNING OF PRIMARY SCHOOL FORMS:

Fr Aaron will be available to sign your form at 6-6.30pm on Mon 5th January. Please bring your child's Baptism certificate with your completed form.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION: Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan, and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

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4th January 2026

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Parish Priest: Fr Aaron Spinelli

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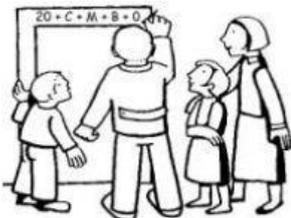
Website: www.ourladyswb.org

Baptism minimum 2 months notice required;

Marriage minimum 12 months notice required

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD is on Tuesday 6th January and is a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass is at 10am. There is a vigil Mass on Monday. At Epiphany we bless our homes above the front door with the traditional chalk blessing, remembering the Magi: **20+C+M+B+26** whilst saying the following prayer:

C Caspar
M Melchior
B and Balthasar followed the star of God's son who became a man
20 two thousand
26 and twenty-six years ago.
++ May Christ bless our home
++ and remain with us through the new year.



Almighty God, incline your ear. Bless us and all who are gathered here. Send your holy

angel who will defend us and fill with grace all who live here. Amen.

WOKING FOODBANK COLLECTION 10-11th January. NO perishable foods please!
<https://woking.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 4th January 2026

Second Sunday of Christmas

Sat. 6pm Mass – Parishioners

9.15am Mass – Brian Bantin RIP

11am Mass – Maureen McCarthy RIP
and Trevor Clancy RIP

Week 5th – 10th January 2026

Monday – Vigil Mass for The Epiphany

7pm Mass Marie Whatley RIP

Tuesday – The Epiphany of the Lord

10am Mass Edith Cahill RIP

Wednesday – St Raymond of Peñafort

N.B. 10am to 10pm Exposition

Thursday – Feria after the Epiphany

10am Mass Sue Hodnett RIP

Friday – Feria after the Epiphany

N.B. 9am Mass at The Marist School

Saturday – Feria after the Epiphany

10am Mass Alice Thompson RIP

followed by Adoration & the Rosary

Confession: Saturday after morning Mass or
at 5.30pm or by appointment

Sunday 11th January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Sat. 6pm Mass – Eileen Pearson RIP and
Caroline Pearson-Smith RIP

9.15am Mass – Marie Hogan RIP

11am Mass – Parishioners

12.30pm Baptisms

3.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

READERS MEETING with Fr Aaron for all new and existing Mass readers at 12 noon on Saturday 10th January.

THE ST THOMAS MORE PRESCHOOL will be hosting refreshments following the 9.15 Mass on Sunday 11th January.