YELDALL MANOR CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Please consider donating some goods for the annual Christmas appeal. Items required are stationary, books, games, Toiletries, confectionary (no liquor chocolates) scarves, gloves, underwear, socks. Many thanks if you can help. Gifts will be taken to Yeldall by the 16th December.

JAC'S NATIVITY JOURNEY: Wear your wellies as you embark on a Christmas journey with the smells of the season's festivities. 'The Fragrance of Christmas', Sunday 8th December 3.30pm-5.30pm. For more information & to book your free ticket visit www.jacoutreach.org/Event/nativity

LINK VISITING SCHEME: Christmas can be a lonely time of year for lots of people. Have you ever thought about becoming a friendship volunteer? The Link Visiting scheme is on a mission to reduce loneliness in Wokingham. Through regular visits, volunteers build up a friendship with older people struggling with the serious impact of social isolation. Please visit www.linkvisiting.org and see if you can help.

VOCATIONS MATTERS: "I myself shall give you wisdom in speaking". Are you considering a call to proclaim the gospel as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? May the Lord direct your hearts to the Love of God". To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318869.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: £410 plus £525 in Standing Orders. A huge thank you for your generosity.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL

On admission, all Catholics must inform staff if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest.

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Saturday 5.45pm - 6.10pm

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Priest's Mass Intentions
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Sunday 17th November 2019 — 33rd Sunday of Year C

THE POSADA NATIVITY: Based upon a Mexican tradition, parishioners will have the chance to play host to our travelling Posada. The nativity figures (excluding the unborn baby Jesus) will be blessed at 10.00am Mass Sunday 1st December - First Sunday of Advent. The Posada will then begin its journey around the parish symbolising Mary and Joseph's journeying towards Bethlehem. On 24th December, at the 5.00pm Children's Mass, the figures will be brought back to church where they will be joined by baby Jesus. ***There are more details and sign up sheets in the church foyer.*** Please participate if you can.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Today at 10.00am Mass in the Lady Chapel. ***Please note:*** We have introduced a new system for registering the children who attend Children's Liturgy. They each have a card with their name on which can be collected from the church porch prior to Mass and brought with them when they come into the Lady Chapel. These cards will then be placed in a basket. Please see the catechist taking the session if your child hasn't been registered. They will then give you a card which your child can decorate.

MASS CHANGES: No Mass or Adoration this Tuesday.

ALTAR SERVERS - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. On the First Sunday of Advent, December 1st, there will be a special ceremony at the end of both weekend Masses for the Altar Servers at SJB. This will involve renewal of their Altar Server promise and medal presentations where appropriate. Please can Altar Servers make every effort to attend. Many thanks.

LADY CHAPEL CANDLESTANDS: Our present wooden candlestands have been judged a fire hazard by our Diocesan Fire Officer. Due to some very generous, anonymous donors, have now been able to replace them with two new metal ones. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to these parishioners. One of the stands will be dedicated to all our deceased parishioners. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS CRIBS: One of our cribs is borrowed; the other has been repaired far beyond its time. Courtesy of a kind (again anonymous) donor, we have been able to replace both nativity sets at no cost to the parish. We greatly appreciate this gesture and look forward to seeing our new cribs

Today's Psalm Response: **The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.**

LITURGICAL CALENDAR
MASS/SERVICE TIMES AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

TODAY	**ORDINARY TIME (Week 33)**	**6.30pm (Sat)** **10.00am**	Alan Knox + Angela Pani +,Joseph Pani +
Mon 18	Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul	No Mass	
Tues 19	Feria (Week 33)	No Mass No Adoration	Kathleen Pearl + (intention at Cathedral)
Wed 20	Feria (Week 33)	9.30am	Elizabeth Sim +
Thurs 21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	Angela Pani +
Fri 22	St. Cecilia	9.00am 9.30pm	Adoration Alan Knox +
Sat 23	St. Clement I (Pope)	No am Mass	
NOV 24	**ORDINARY TIME Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**	**6.30pm (Sat)** **10.00am**	Giovannina Albanese + Sean Mallion - get Well and Josie Mannion +

and figures in our church during Advent. We hope you will all enjoy them too. Many thanks.

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Please pray for the staff and governors of the school this week as they undergo a s48 RE Validation Inspection by the Catholic Education Service. The monitoring visit, in accordance with Canon Law, takes place on behalf of the Trustees of the Diocese, looking at the Catholic life of the school and it's Catholic teachings, for the moral and spiritual development of the children. Good luck!

FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION: Beginning this Saturday at Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Domininc Barberi. Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation then Mass at midday Everyone is welcome.

WORLD DAY FOR THE POOR: Caritas Event ***Today*** – 1pm-5.30pm Sunday 17th November 2019. "The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever" (Psalm 9:18). Caritas Portsmouth are holding an afternoon in St. Peters, Winchester where we can all come together to share experiences and encourage new ideas around the issue of poverty. For further information contact Kevin Gallagher from Caritas at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 07388994057

REPOSITORY: Church Art Calendars, Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards, Candles and other gifts are available now in our Church repository. Please pop in and have a look. Thank you for your support - all profits go directly to the Church.

TRAIDCRAFT: Today at both Masses visit the Traidcraft stall in the church foyer. Many thanks.

DIARY DATES

THIS WEEK:				
TODAY:		10.00am	Children's Liturgy	Lady Chapel
			Traidcraft at both Masses	SJB
Tues	19	12.15pm	Mass for Deceased Clergy	Cathedral
		6.00pm	Parish Finance Meeting	NC
Sat	23	4.30pm	Christmas Lights Switch On	Woodley Precinct
FURTHER AHEAD				
Tues	26	10-2.30pm	Called & Gifted Stage 2	SJB
Wed	27	10-12.45pm	Called & Gifted Stage 2	SJB
Sat	30	6.30pm	Both Masses - Altar Server Renewal Promise/Medal Presentation	SJB
Sun	1	10.00am 11.00am	Children's Liturgy Celebration of Life Elizabeth Sim - reception in Newman Centre	NC
Thurs	5	9.30am	Whole School Mass - Advent	SJB
Sat	7	10.00am	Baptism Preparation Course	NC
Sun	8	10.00am	Children's Liturgy	NC

HOST UK: Can you make room for an international student to experience true British Festive hospitality? Hosting an international student will bring a whole new dimension to your Christmas. HOST UK arranges for international students to enjoy brief visits - one day, a weekend or, over the festive period, a three-day visit, with UK hosts. We warmly welcome new volunteer hosts to join us. To learn more, go to our website www.hostuk.org

CATHOLIC LEGACY: Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the need of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your will. Leaflets are in the foyer. Ring 02070955370 or visit www.yourcatholiclegacy. org.uk

QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT: On Friday, 22nd November at 8 pm at the Reading Irish Centre - in support of the Reading Irish Centre - £7 per head. For further details, please contact Ann Morris on 0788 899 7293.

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for members of the parish who are sick or housebound, especially: Ellen Morganti, June Bremner-Tse and for all who receive Holy Communion at home, in nursing homes or in hospital.

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our *Book of Remembrance* for this month: Doreen Treacy, Angiolina Gualtieri, Isabel Thompson, Ernest Irving, June Wapshott, Georgina Irving, Renee West, Kathleen Kingston, Kathleen Pearl, Franciszek Niedzwiedzki, Millicent (Nipper) Nice, Charles Wise, Marciano Devera and Susan Pritchard. May they rest in peace.