

The Parish Church of  
Saint Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill

*Building a Community of God's People  
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

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We are an Anglican Church that seeks to be...

- **Catholic** in the way we express our faith.
- **Charismatic** in seeking to be gifted by the Holy Spirit.
- **Contemporary** in our style of worship.
- **Committed** to exploring God's word in the Scriptures.
- **Concerned** to share the healing love of Christ with all.

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

**THE HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

6.00 p.m. (Saturday evening) Vigil Mass



**10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS**

Welcome to everyone  
joining us for worship  
this morning.

Today, on this Sunday after Christmas  
we focus on the  
Holy Family as a model of all  
family life.

May God bless you, your home and your family in the  
coming New Year



**Holy Family - Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**Coffee/tea** is served in the Church Hall after the Parish Mass. Do please stay if you can, and share in this time of fellowship together.

**THANK YOU** to **EVERYONE** who helped make our Christmas celebrations so very special this year.. Thank you to Pat Myers and her team for the lovely flower decorations and to everyone who helped clean and get the church building ready for the celebration of our Saviour's Birth.

**THANK YOU** to **EVERYONE** who came and supported the '**First Mass of Christmas**' on Christmas Eve evening. I think we could say that "it worked" and was a much better alternative to 'Midnight Mass' which enabled many more of our own people to be here. For your support with this I am truly grateful. *Fr.D*

A personal **THANK YOU** to **EVERYONE** who sent me cards, gave me gifts and assured me of their love and care at Christmas (and my Birthday). I was overwhelmed by your love and generosity to me. Please know I am so very grateful for all your kindness shown to me over the Christmas period. With my love & prayers, *Fr.D*

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY – THIS THURSDAY PARISH MASS at 12 noon.**

*Begin a New Year of Our Lord – with Our Lord – at the Lord's Table*  
We begin on Thursday a New Year – with new opportunities and a fresh start in the life of our church. Let us put the past behind us and take hold of the new future that God has planned for us. Let us see this time as a new season of grace, when we shall see God working in power among us and enabling us to be the Spirit-Filled Community which He has called us to be. This will be our prayer during Mass on New Year's Day and I ask you to join with your sisters and brothers at the altar on this very special day of new beginnings – **New Year's Day at 12 noon.** The Churchwardens join me in wishing you all a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



### **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

The Epiphany of the Lord celebrates the coming of the 'Wise Men' with their gifts to the infant Lord of Christmas. **Next Sunday – 4<sup>th</sup> January - PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.** with the blessing of the Epiphany Crib.

## **ALSO NEXT SUNDAY – EPIPHANY PRAISE at 6.00 p.m.**

An informal celebration of worship and praise for the feast of the Epiphany – with the Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness and ending with Benediction.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January** – The **Bishop of Horsham** will be with us for the Parish Mass – PLEASE make sure that YOU are here too!!! I already know of three people who will be going on holiday on that day so I am asking all the rest of us to PLEASE be here, not only to welcome the Bishop but also to show him that we are a lively, unified and caring Christian community who are putting the past behind us and taking hold of God's future for us.

**Happy Birthday to Christina Furber** (Monday) and  
**Eirlys Williams** (Thursday)

### **PRAYER & CARE**

Give thanks for the wonderful Christmas celebrations, and for the love and warmth of each other as we celebrated our Saviour's birth.

Give thanks that many more people came to celebrate Christmas at St. Edward's this year, praying that we can build upon that good-will.

Pray that many would come and begin a New Year of Our Lord – with Our Lord – at the Lord's Table this coming New Year's Day.

Please pray for the **SICK**:

**Frances Roberts**: coping with long term ill health

**Maureen Knock**: recovering from a fall and hand surgery

**Grace Atkins** (aged 8) with Leukaemia

**Chris Reeve** – undergoing treatment for Leukaemia

**Steve Brooker** – diagnosed with spinal tumours

**Terry Monk** – undergoing chemotherapy for cancer

**Fletcher Mephram** (aged 6) battling cancer. Pray too for his family

**Libby Trotter** (aged 11) – battling cancer

**Letitia Dawson** - suffering from severe migraine headaches

**Anniversary of death:**

Dick Avis, Winifred Marsh, Elizabeth Hardstock (Sunday)

Enid West, Victor Marsh, Maud Waters (Monday) Heather Trott (Tuesday)

Ernest Rhodes, Ernest Harrison (Thursday) Joan Nuttall (Friday)

Margaret Funnell, Dorothy Eaton (Saturday)

# *This week at St. Edward's*

**MONDAY:** *Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & martyr*

**TUESDAY:** **MASS at 10.30 a.m.** with the ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness.

*No Men's House Group this week*

**WEDNESDAY:** *No House Groups this week*

## **THURSDAY – NEW YEAR'S DAY**

*The Naming of Jesus*  
**SUNG MASS at 12 noon**

**FRIDAY:** *Ss Gregory the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*  
**MASS at 7.30 p.m.**

**SATURDAY:** **VIGIL MASS** (of Sunday) at **6.00 p.m.**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
First Mass of Sunday at 6.00 p.m.  
Saturday evening.

**PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.**  
*With Kidz Zone*

**EPIPHANY PRAYER & PRAISE at 6.00 p.m.**

Did you know that there is a Mass every Saturday evening at 6.00 p.m. ? This is 'The First Mass of Sunday' and is ideal for those who may not be able to get to the Parish Mass at 10.00 a.m. on any Sunday morning. Please make use of this opportunity. May each of us, this coming new year, commit ourselves to being at worship every Sunday (or Saturday evening if that is not possible) – surely that is the least we can do for Him who gave His all for us.