



Pope Francis

When Pope Francis met with Vatican employees, mostly lay people with families, he asked them to do ten things. I thought they looked a little like New Year resolutions and so offer them to us all to think about, reflect and ponder. *Vincent Harvey*

11TH JANUARY 2015

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**ST JOSEPH'S &
ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE
CATHOLIC PARISH
SOUTHAMPTON**

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ALSO INCLUDES:

- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
LORDSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING, BITTERNE
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
PORTSWOOD
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,
NETLEY ABBEY



- *“Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love.”*
- *“Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy.”*
- *“Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence.”*
- *“Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others.”*
- *“Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord.”*
- *“Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people.”*
- *“Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation.”*
- *“Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this.”*

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. When were you baptised (baby, adult)? Why? What does baptism mean to you?
2. How does your baptism affect the way you live?
3. One reason Jesus was baptised was to identify himself with our frail human nature. He became ‘like us’ so that we could become ‘like him’. How do you reflect Christ to the world? Do you enable Christ to shine through you to your colleagues, friends and family?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2015

WELCOME and thanks to Fr Des Connolly for presiding at the 9am and 11am Masses; also next Saturday's 11am Mass.

WELCOME RITES 9am, 11am & 7pm.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2pm—5pm today (Sunday) in St Boniface Church Hall.

RETIRING COLLECTION is for our parish HCPT group who take disabled children to Lourdes at Easter. Thank you for your generosity.

RECENTLY DIED:



Nancie Swainston RIP late of Ethelburt Avenue, Southampton. Requiem Mass 12 noon Thursday 15 January at St Joseph's Church followed by committal at East Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. Please remember her daughter Maggie and family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Mon: Day Off: VH.

Tues: 24 hour Hospital On Call: VH;

Medaille Trust: VH. Sick & Housebound: VH

Wed: Department for Vocations Meeting: VH

Fri: Book Week in Springhill: VH

Called & Gifted Workshop: VH

Sat: Called & Gifted Workshop: VH

MONDAY SOCIAL CLUB meet 2pm on Mondays in St Edmund's Hall for a cup of tea and a chat; bingo if you like and a raffle. All welcome!

BAPTISM PREPARATION 7pm—8:30pm Monday 12 January in St Edmund's Hall for parents who are having their children baptised in the Parish.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP recommence meeting at 7:30pm Tuesday 13 January in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome!

NEW READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ROTAS & APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS: new readers and ministers rotas are being drawn up at the end of January. Please let the Parish Office know of any changes by close of business on Wednesday 14 January. Could you volunteer to be a reader, extraordinary minister? Please contact the Parish Office, if you can help. Training will be arranged. *Also helpers needed for the Monday and Wednesday clubs* – would you like to be part of these vibrant, happy teams? Please contact the Parish Office on Tel. 023 8033 3589.

LUNCH CLUB meet at 12 noon on Wednesdays in St Edmund's Hall.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM meeting 7:45pm Wednesday 14 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

MARRIAGE CARE COUNSELLING: are you experiencing difficulties in your relationship? Call Marriage Care on 0800 389 3801 to book a local appointment at St Edmund's Lodge on Wednesdays.

FAITH ALIVE group meet 7:30pm Thursday 15 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

HANDING ON THE FAITH: 'Journey in Faith' group meet at 7:30pm on Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall. *Would you like to find out more about the Catholic faith?* All welcome.

DISCOVERING OUR IDENTITY young adult group meet Fridays at 7:45pm in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome!

NEXT WEEKEND

NEXT WEEK'S RETIRING COLLECTION is for the work of SPUC (*Society for Unborn Children*). The Society upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death and covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals.

PEACE SUNDAY 18 January. As a Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales, **PAX CHRISTI** is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is a world where people can live in peace without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share these values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. They rely on our support to continue their work of peacemaking. *Donation envelopes are in the porch if you would like to contribute.*

NEXT WEEK

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18-25 January. An 'Agape' type meal/service to celebrate the work of the 'Churches Rent Deposit Scheme' (which we as a parish support financially): Avenue St Andrews Church, Sunday 25 January at 1 pm more details to follow.

POETRY SHARE: 7pm—8:30pm Thursday 22 January in St Joseph's Church. All welcome! Each day is a beginning and an ending. The sun rises and sets, and it does so in a routine and harmonious signaling of orderly change, accompanied by a glorious light show. *Francine Plunkett will introduce our topic, and our periods of poetry-sharing and discussion will be graced and inspired by YOU.* Bring your favorite poets and poems - and bring a friend.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE takes place on Thursdays 22, 29 January and 5, 12 February 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall for couples getting married in the Parish in 2015. *Fully booked.*

EU INFORMATION EVENING 6pm—8pm Friday 23 January in St Edmund's Lodge.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP meeting 9:45am Saturday 24 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

ECHOES TRAINING DAY FOR PRIESTS & CATECHISTS led by the Dominican Sisters *Formation for Mission* Team. From 10am—3pm Saturday 24 January at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU. Cost £10, bring a packed lunch. Tel. Sister Veronica on 01590 681874 or book online www.portsmouthdioces.org.uk.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Damien Roughley and Katarzyna Wisniewska** who are getting married at 4pm on Saturday 24 January in St Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

CCPG (City Centre Pastoral Group) meet at 7:45pm Wednesday 28 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

GENERAL ITEMS

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY takes place 27 January each year. It is a time for everyone to pause to remember the millions of people who have been murdered or whose lives have been changed beyond recognition during the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. On Holocaust Memorial Day we can honour the survivors of these regimes and challenge ourselves to use the lessons of their experience to inform our lives today. **Tuesday 27 January at 6pm in Solent Lecture Theatre, Solent University Conference Centre, Above Bar.** For info email Dr Tom Plant T.M.Plant@southampton.ac.uk. Website www.hmd.org.uk.

'GO FORTH, FRIENDS OF CHRIST: THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL & THE 'MISSIONARY OPTION': The Parish and the New Evangelisation: A close look at Evangelii Gaudium, 27, talk by Bishop Philip Egan. Other talks by Fr Alexander Sherbrooke (St Patrick's, Soho) and Dr Caroline Farey (School of Annunciation). Opportunities for Confession and Adoration. **Saturday 31 January 2015; registration 10am at St Patrick's, 21a Soho Square, London, W1D 4NR.** First speaker 10:30am, Mass 12:45pm, Vespers 5pm. To register email guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com. See Notice Board.

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING: CAFOD Portsmouth will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Saturday 31 January 2015 from 10am until 1:30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX). Booking essential. Please email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or ring 012 5232 9385 by 26 January 2015.

'CHASING SNOWFLAKES' CONCERT 3:30pm—4:45pm Sunday 8 February in St Edmund's Church. Tickets £5 (£3 concessions). All proceeds are for 'Against Breast Cancer' charity. Website www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk. Contact Jenepher 07891 733 939 to book. See Notice Board.

BLESSING OF COUPLES TO BE MARRIED will take place at 7pm Mass Sunday 8 February in St Edmund's Church.

YEAR OF PRAYER: In Advent, Bishop Philip set out on a Year of Prayer. Prayer is foundational to all our efforts of new evangelisation. Many contemplative religious communities around the Diocese have committed to praying for this. In the Year of Prayer, we are seeking to take on small, simple acts of prayer, asking God to set us free, that we might embark upon a new chapter of Spirit-filled evangelisation.

AN EXTRA CLEANER NEEDED TO JOIN JOHN & MARY BERRIDGE'S 'A' TEAM: Can you offer 1 hour every five or six weeks at a time and day to suit you? John, Mary and Tim need an extra team member to join them in cleaning St Edmund's Church. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: Could you help CAFOD in 2015? They really need people to help in a wide variety of ways. Website for info cafodportsmouth.wordpress.com or tel. Lynda 012 5232 9385/portsmouth@cafod.org.uk (email).

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR HANDBAGS & VALUABLES whilst in the church or hall. Items have been stolen in the past.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED OR BEEN INVOLVED WITH AN ALPHA COURSE? Would you like others to have this life changing opportunity in their faith journey? We are proposing to run an ALPHA course in Spring 2015, please do make yourself known and contact Tina Quinn Mob. 07827 810 457/email: tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

DIOCESAN E-NEWSLETTER: If you are on the internet, do you yet subscribe to the diocesan weekly e-Newsletter? This is very easily done by going to the diocesan website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, and on the home page providing your e-mail address at the appropriate point.

EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAMS: As you know, the Church in our time is calling us to the work of new evangelisation. We are Christ's missionary disciples, and He has given us many charisms and talents for this work. Now we want to set up in every Pastoral Area an Evangelisation Strategy Team, comprised of clergy and laity, to direct the work of mission at the local, parish level. How will this happen in your Pastoral Area?

1. In the next couple of weeks leaflets will be available for parishioners to increase awareness of this project.
2. Sometime in January or February, there will be a Holy Hour to pray for this initiative.
3. If you feel God may be calling you to join your Pastoral Area's team, please approach your Parish Priest or Coordinating Pastor.
4. During Lent, the Coordinating Pastor will meet with potential team members.

THE STRATEGY TEAM is a new body to replace the Pastoral Council. It should represent all ages and types. It's all about vision! Its purpose is to sponsor mission-projects across the area. Teams will meet once a term.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SISTER BERNARD XAVIER, one time Head of St Anne's who died over the Christmas period. Her Requiem Mass was in Bath last Thursday (representatives went from St Anne's as did Father Michael Cronin, one time chaplain at the School).

FLAME 2 - SATURDAY 7 MARCH: In 2012, 8000 young Catholics gathered at Wembley Arena for Flame. In March, CYMFED is building on this success by running Flame 2. This event is for young people from Year 10 - young adult. Over 5000 tickets have been sold, and young Catholics from Portsmouth Diocese are going to be a big part of it, as they travel with Bishop Philip on our diocesan coach to Wembley for Flame 2. Places cost just £45 which will include transport, tickets and a hoody! For more info and to book a place, contact Will Hince at whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07780 221

PLEASE PRAY FOR Gail February, Sita Hearn, Nelum (Anushka's sister), Marge Whiteman, Phyllis Grattan, Maria Gibzinska, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Patricia Penny, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Peter Hunt, Edward O'Donovan, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Emma Bailey, Laura Pinson, Madeleine Clarke, Debbie Murphy, Albie Escorcio, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Carlene Metcalf, Bosco & Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Tegar Marriott, Josie Franklin, Joan Wheeler, Bertie Radcliffe, Ken Woodford, Joy Grant, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Joan Roberts, Phoebe, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, Evelyn Nolan, parishioners who are ill or having surgery and all listed in the Lady Chapel Prayer Book at St Edmund's. Thank you for keeping all these people in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2015

SAT	10 JAN		6:15PM SJ	SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	11 JAN	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9:00AM SE	JOACHIM RODRIGUES—80TH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (AR)
			10:00AM SJ	IAN MORLEY RIP (FM)
			11:00AM SE	ROBERT GREEN, REGINA BYAMUNGU, ISIDORY KAMUABWA, LAWRENCE MWIJAGE RIP (EG)
			7:00PM SE	JOHN FALLER RIP (AS)
TUES	13 JAN	ST HILARY	10:00AM SE	MARIE CULBERT RIP (JO'R)
WED	14 JAN	1ST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	ERIC MITCHELL RIP (JO'R)
THURS	15 JAN	1ST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	12:00PM SJ	REQUIEM MASS: NANCIE SWAINSTON RIP FERNANDEZ FAMILY INTENTIONS (PL)
FRI	16 JAN	1ST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	JOE CROFTON RIP (JO'R)
SAT	17 JAN	ST ANTHONY OF EGYPT	11:00AM SE	MELLIE O'HANLON & FAMILY (BM)
			6:15PM SJ	B & S MYLES (F)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	18 JAN	SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM SE	EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (JO'R)
			7:00PM SE	HERO ROY RIP (LR)

DEANERY PARISHES: MASS TIMES Holy Family, Millbrook Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00am; 1:00pm (Polish); Holy day 19:00. St. Boniface, Shirley Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun. 08:30; 10:30; Holy day 10:00; 20:00. St. Vincent de Paul, Lordswood Sun 09:15; Holy Day 10:00. Christ the King & St Coleman Sun 11:00; Holy Day 19:00. Immaculate Conception, Portswood Recon: Sat 10:30 (After Mass); Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 19:30. St Patrick, Woolston Sat Vigil 18:00; Sun 11:00; Holy Day 09:15 (term time); 10:00 (outside of term time). The Annunciation, Netley Abbey Sun 09:00, Holy Day 19:00.

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Vocations to Priesthood: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vocation/

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:
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 St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
 St George College 023 8032 2603

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2015— THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR B

Psalm Response

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

Alleluia!

READINGS SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2015 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20
 Gospel: John 1:35-42

Prayer of the Church week 3

2nd COLLECTION TODAY	2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
HCPT	SPUC (<i>Society for Unborn Children</i>)

Collections	4/1/15 1st	4/1/15 2nd Catholic Care
Total	£2,248.75	£494.62
Cash	844.53	245.24
S / O	1,139.85	199.50
Gift Aid Tax	264.37	49.88

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.

CONFESSION TIMES:

St. Edmund's: Saturdays 11:30am
St. Joseph's: Thursdays 11:45am; Saturdays 5:45pm