



EPIPHANY



4TH JANUARY 2015 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL, WEST & EAST DEANERY

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



'A sudden and profound understanding.' 'An experience of striking realisation.' Do we need to wait for the Epiphany of The Lord to recognise and celebrate the kingship and majesty of Christ our Saviour?

We have been drawn and exposed to a variety of nativity and crib scenes during the Advent season: from one that will fit into a match box (*sold by Traidcraft this year*) to the magnificent crib built by our Polish brethren in the lady chapel of St Edmund's.

We are familiar with the Christ-child: as we gaze and focus on His innocence and humility: but do we give homage as the Wise Men did to Christ's divinity in His humanity? Mgr Canon Vincent reminded us on Christmas Eve that we are invited to bow or kneel at the point in the creed where we acknowledge the incarnation. "Bowing makes us look at our feet and reminds us of our humility", but it is also a gesture that we make to those we revere and honour.

While closing the church on Sunday night after the evening Mass, ensuring that every light was turned off and every candle extinguished: I searched for the switch which turns off the Star hanging in the doorway. It was nowhere to be found and rightly so! That was the star that was to remain burning, one that can be seen from across the Avenue inviting those outside to come in and discover and meet our King. Are we ready and willing to share our experience, our epiphany of faith with all nations? Our City of Southampton is a community of many nations. Jesus was first given to the Jews as their King and they failed to recognise Him let alone do Him homage.

But let our epiphany not just be a fleeting moment or a passing realisation. Let that star burn brightly in our churches and in our hearts that we may bring others to worship him.

Tina Quinn

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. What 'star' led you to faith, or to deeper faith (an experience, teaching, example of others, prayer, formation)?
2. How faithful are you in 'finding out all about the child'? Do you 'search' for Christ in life?
3. What are the 'treasures' you bring to God (to the practice of your faith, to the service of the Church)?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2015

WELCOME and thanks to Fr Des Connolly for presiding at the 10am and 7pm Masses.

THANK YOU ALSO TO FR DES for his invaluable support over the past 3 months and into the future. We are still awaiting news of the arrival of the new Assistant Priest here in the City Centre.

RETIRING COLLECTION: Church Maintenance Fund.

THANK YOU for the generous Christmas collection and all the gifts, notes and cards received over the Christmas period. I feel so blessed to be the recipient of so many best wishes, appreciation and prayers. May you be blessed during the Year of Our Lord 2015. *Vincent Harvey.*

RECENTLY DIED:



Grace Baxter RIP late of Cossack Gardens, Kingsland. Funeral 1:45pm Tuesday 6 January at West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. Please remember her sister Vera and family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

Nancie Swaiston 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.

Margaret Breen RIP. Funeral 11am Friday 9 January at St Edmund's Church followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. Please remember her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon: Day Off: VH.

Tues Springhill Mass: VH;

Springhill Chaplaincy meeting: VH

St George's: VH

Wed Sick & Housebound: VH

Thurs Cathedral Innovation Centre meeting: VH

Fri Mass at St George: VH

BINGO CLUB meet 2pm on Mondays in St Edmund's Hall.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP will recommence next Tuesday 13 January at 7:30pm (**not Tuesday 6 January**).

LUNCH CLUB recommence meeting 12 noon on Wednesday 7 January in St Edmund's Hall.

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.

HANDING ON THE FAITH: 'Journey in Faith' group meet at 7:30pm Thursday 8 January and then every Thursday thereafter in St Edmund's Hall. *Would you like to find out more about the Catholic faith?* All welcome.

LITURGY GROUP meet 7:45pm Friday 9 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

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

NEXT WEEKEND

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING 10am – 12:30pm Saturday 10 January 2015. (Trainer - Maureen Wiltshire). Venue St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 1EQ. Contact Tina Quinn on 023 8033 3589 or email tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book. This is for ANYONE who is working with or thinking of working with children or young people in any capacity within the parish. It is for those who have not previously attended training or who last attended training over 3 years ago.

CHAPLAINCY DAY: 10am—1pm Saturday 10 January, Discovery Centre, St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, followed by buffet lunch and networking. RSVP to cvirgo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION WORKSHOP 10:30am Saturday 10 January at Stella Maris / St Joseph Halls for parents and candidates.

WELCOME RITES 9am, 11am & 7pm. Sunday 11 January in St Edmund's Church.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2pm—5pm Sunday 11 January in St Boniface Church Hall.

NEXT WEEK

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

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

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

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

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

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) appeal will be taking place on the weekend of 17/18 January.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:

- **Amelie Browne**, daughter of Lee and Hannah-Marie
- **Conor Russell**, son of Scott & Giuseppina
- **Ava & Isla Hickey**, twin daughters of Alexa & Ben
- **Mabel McNally**, daughter of Steven and Mary

Who will be baptized at 12:30pm on Sunday 18 January in St Edmund's Church.

GENERAL ITEMS

FATHER PAUL LEONARD: Please pray for Father Paul who is suffering from depression and, with Diocesan support, is taking a 6 month break from parish work.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR VALUABLES SAFE at Mass and in the halls. Handbags have been stolen in the past.

POETRY SHARE: 7pm—8:30pm Thursday 22 January in St Joseph's Church. All welcome!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE takes place on Thursdays 22, 29 January and 5, 12 February 7:30pm in St Edmund's Church 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.portsmouthdioceses.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.



CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE 1pm Sunday 25 January at URC Church, Avenue St Andrews. All welcome!

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

'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.

CHORISTER OPPORTUNITY at *Westminster Cathedral Choir School*. Interested parents can attend the chorister open morning on Sunday 8 February from 10:30am—2:30pm. Please contact the Registrar, Miss Lucy Auger on 020 7798 9081 or email: lauger@choirschool.com. See Notice Board for all the information.

'CHASING SNOWFLAKES' CONCERT 3pm Sunday 8 February in St Edmund's Church. More details to follow. Contact Jenepher 07891 733 939 for info.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY 18 February 2015. Masses: 6:30am and 7:30pm at St Edmund's and 12:15pm at St Joseph's.

LENTEN SERVICE (Vespers) 1st Sunday of Lent will be held at 5pm on Sunday 22 February in St Edmund's Church.

UNITED PARENTS (UP) a new group for Christian single parents. Email: unitedparents@hotmail.com, Text/call 07751 950 799, Facebook: www.facebook.com/united.parents.southampton. See Notice Board.

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.

THANK YOU FROM MADDIE CLARKE for all the kindness and support she received on the recent death of her husband Terry.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Raffle winners please collect prizes from the Parish Office.

JINGLING BELLS carols / EBOLA Appeal: A total amount of £113 was raised to be sent to the Ebola Crisis Appeal via Care International. *Winning raffle ticket nos: 204, 253; 246, 218, 263, 223, 252, 261, 241, 75, 65* (see list at back of church). Please collect your prize from under/in the tree in St Edmund's Hall.

EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAMS: Every Pastoral Area are to establish an Evangelisation Strategy Team in early 2015. Clergy have been issued with Guidelines for the process of establishing such a team in their own Pastoral Area. Lent 2015 will be a period of prayer, preparation and discernment. See guidelines on the diocesan website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/> and give more details about the purpose of the teams, how they will operate and be established.

FROM FATHER DES—FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST JOSEPH'S, ASHURST:

- Celebration of Mass every Monday at 7pm in the Community Chapel
- Association of Mary Queen of All Hearts 7pm Monday 12 January
- Tercentenary Reflections 7pm Monday 19 January
- Every evening Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, praying the Rosary with the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate

Contact Father Des on 023 8029 2337 or email: frdes@montfort.org.uk.

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 WEEKS BEGINNING SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2015

SAT	3 JAN	THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	9: JONATHAN'S FAMILY & SOULS IN PURGATORY (JB) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	4 JAN	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	MICHAEL BROPHY RIP (F) TERRY CLARKE RIP (ROSARY GROUP) PEACEFUL NEW YEAR FOR THE UNIVERSE (ANUSHKA) PETER CARNEY RIP (F)
TUES	6 JAN	LITURGY OF THE DAY	10:00AM SE	JULIA BROOKING RIP (F)
WED	7 JAN	LITURGY OF THE DAY	7:00PM SE	KATHLEEN LENNON (TL)
THURS	8 JAN	LITURGY OF THE DAY	12:15PM SJ	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE EDGE & WHITE FAMILIES (F)
FRI	9 JAN	LITURGY OF THE DAY	11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	FUNERAL SERVICE: MARGARET BREEN RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	10 JAN	LITURGY OF THE DAY	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	PIERCE WALSH RIP SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	11 JAN	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	JOACHIM RODRIGUES—80TH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (AR) IAN MORLEY RIP (FM) ROBERT GREEN, REGINA BYAMUNGU, ISIDORY KAMUABWA, LAWRENCE MWIJAGE (EG) JOHN FALLER RIP (AS)

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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 St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
 St George College 023 8032 2603

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2015—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR B

Psalm Response

All nations shall fall prostrate
before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose and
have come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia!

READINGS SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2015

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR B

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
 2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38
 Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

Prayer of the Church week 2

	2nd COLLECTION TODAY		2nd COLLECTION 11 JAN		
	CATHOLIC CARE		HCPT		
Collections	21/12 1st	21/12 2nd— Catholic Care	24&25/12 Our Priests	28/12 1st	28/12 2nd— Church Maint. Fund
Total	£2,336.12	£497.35	£6,176.62	£2,114.8	£415.53
Cash	932.17	242.97	£5,206.62	710.58	250.53
S / O	1,139.85	203.50	776.00	1,139.85	132.00
Gift Aid Tax	264.37	50.88	194.00	264.37	33.00

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