



14 DECEMBER 2014

**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT  
(‘Gaudete’)**



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

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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



# Waiting for the Emmanuel

*You are the Other for whom we wait,  
Jesus, Word and response,  
you are our only song,  
Emmanuel in our silences.*

*Are you the one who is to come  
to make our deserts bloom,  
to free our hearts,  
to bring our seeds to life  
by the waters of the Jordan?*

*You are the Other for whom we wait,  
Jesus, Source of living water,  
you are the springtime for the grain,  
Emmanuel in our deserts.*

*Are you the one who is to come  
and who comes each day  
to free our lives,  
to stir up our breath  
by the movement of your own?*

*You are the Other for whom we wait,  
Jesus, the world’s strength,  
you are the Living One who returns,  
Emmanuel, God-with-us.*

*C. Bernard*

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## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. John the Baptist is sent to ‘witness the light’ and to ‘speak for the light’. In what way are you a witness in faith and of faith? How do you speak for Christ?
2. John expresses the awesomeness of the one ‘coming after’ him. When and how do you experience the awesomeness of God?
3. ‘There stands among you ..... the one who is coming after me’ says John! When have you been aware of the presence of Christ in your midst, in your life or in the life of others?
4. Isaiah reflects on the affect of his being ‘anointed’ by the Lord. You are ‘anointed’ (Life, Baptism, Confirmation). How does that affect the way you live life?

*Vincent Harvey*

## TODAY: SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2014

**WELCOME AND THANKS** to Fr Des Connolly who is celebrating 9am, 11am & 7pm Masses this weekend.

**OUR RETIRING COLLECTION** is for the Christmas Flowers.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** 2pm—5pm today (Sunday) at St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley.



**CANCELLED: PASTORAL AREA CHILDREN'S CAROL SERVICE** 3pm-4pm Sunday 14 December at Holy Family Church.



**ALTAR SERVERS** ..... please pick up a letter about Christmas and St Stephen's Day.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER**

"That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will." His intention for evangelisation is: "That parents may be true evangelisers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith".

**GOSPEL CHOIR** 7pm Mass. Rehearsal at 6pm.



**RECENTLY DIED: Terry Clarke RIP** late of Castle Way, Southampton. Funeral 12 noon Friday 19 December in St Joseph's Church followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Please keep his wife Madeleine and family in your prayers.

## THIS WEEK

**FOR INFORMATION:**

Sun: Confirmation Candidates: VH

Mon Day Off: VH. Springhill Carol Concert St Eds: VH

Tues St Boniface Penitential Service: VH

Wed St George Advent Masses: VH. Hospital on Call: VH

Thurs Housebound visits: VH

Fri Housebound visits: VH

**SPRINGHILL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT (1)** 1:30pm Monday 15 December in St Edmund's Church.

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

**YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 SPRINGHILL VISIT TO MASS:** 10am Tuesday 16 December in St Edmund's Church.

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** meet Tuesdays at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall, all welcome. The last meeting before Christmas will be on Tuesday 16 December. Meetings will resume Tuesday 13 January 2015.

**SPRINGHILL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT (2)** 9:30am Wednesday 17 December in St Edmund's Church.

**VERBUM DEI** has a retreat centre situated in peaceful surroundings on the Isle of Wight. Individuals are welcome to any of their Advent activities, including:

• *Advent Day preparing for Christmas: Wednesday 17 December 10am-4pm*

*Silent Retreat: 28 December - 1 January 2015.* To book or for more info contact [iow@verbumdei.org.uk](mailto:iow@verbumdei.org.uk) or call 01983 529554.

**ADVENT EVENING PRAYER** at 6:30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays before Mass during Advent.

**CCPG** meet 7:45pm Wednesday 17 December in St Edmund's Presbytery.

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

## PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

**ST EDMUND'S BIG CHURCH CLEAN:**

**\*\*NB: Tuesday 23 December from 2pm—4pm\*\***

**ALSO HELP REQUIRED TO** put up and decorate the Christmas tree and prepare the Church for Christmas with candles, stars, flowers:

|           |             |                |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| Friday    | 19 December | 10:30am—4:00pm |
| Saturday  | 20 December | From 11:30am   |
| Monday    | 22 December | From 10:30am   |
| Tuesday   | 23 December | From 10:30am   |
| Wednesday | 24 December | From 10:30am   |

**STAPLING OF CHRISTMAS MASS LEAFLETS:**

Volunteers needed Monday—Friday 9am—1pm and 2pm—5pm. Call at the Parish Office if you can help.

**ALTAR SERVERS / STEWARDS / WELCOMERS / For Reconciliation Service and Christmas Masses READERS / EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS For Christmas Masses**

*All offers of help greatly appreciated. Please add your name to the sign-up list at the back of the Church. (Altar Servers' list in the Sacristy.)*

## NEXT WEEK

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE: 7:30pm Monday 22 December**

... at St Edmund's Church. An opportunity to stop in the midst of the Christmas rush and ponder where we are in our relationships: *with God, each other and the Faith Community.* As part of the celebration priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come along and 'prepare for the coming of Christ!'

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

|  |                          |               |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| Christmas Eve—Wednesday 24 December 2014       |                          |               |
| 6:00 pm  | Christmas Family Mass    | St Edmund's   |
| 9:00 pm  | Christmas Mass in Polish | St Edmund's   |
| 11:30 pm                                       | Christmas Night Mass     | St Joseph's   |
| 11:30 pm                                       | Christmas Night Mass     | St Edmund's   |
| Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December 2013     |                          |               |
| 9:00 am  | Christmas Day Mass       | St Edmund's   |
| 10:00 am                                       | Christmas Day Mass       | St Joseph's   |
| 11:00 am                                       | Christmas Day Mass       | St Edmund's   |
| St Stephen's Feast Day Friday 26 December 2014 |                          |               |
| 10:00am  | Mass at St Edmund's only | (No 7pm Mass) |



**ANGELS & SHEPHERDS AT 6PM FAMILY MASS CHRISTMAS EVE:** children are invited to dress up as angels or shepherds on 24 December at the 6pm Family Mass.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Our congratulations to **Jonathan Rouse** and **Stephanie Dixon** who are getting married at St Joseph's Church 12noon Saturday 27 December 2014. May God bless them both all the days of their lives.

## GENERAL ITEMS

★ **NAME A STAR** to hang in the church at Christmas in memory of a loved one. £1.50 per star. Available at Masses from this weekend. All proceeds towards HCPT.

**NEW 11AM MASS CO-ORDINATORS ROTAS NOW AVAILABLE** in the Sacristy at St Edmund's.

### **CANDIDATES FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE:**

Please pray for the candidates who are currently training for the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese. *There are ten men in formation at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham.* On 22 November, three of them received Candidacy for Holy Orders during Mass at the College, conferred by Bishop Pargeter. This is the official recognition by the Church that God is calling these men to ministry in a special way. Friends and family were also in attendance to celebrate with them. It was a solemn and prayerful occasion. *Those called were Nicholas Le Cornu from Jersey, Larry Murawski from Fareham, and James Snyder from Fleet.* Please pray also for Gary May, from the Isle of Wight, who will be ordained Deacon by Bishop Philip on January 10 in the Cathedral in Portsmouth. May God continue to bless all these men as they strive to discern God's call in their lives.

**INSPIRATION FOR ADVENT:** Youth discipleship initiative, 'Made for Glory', issuing a daily reflection for Advent, based on the Gospel reading for each day. They will be featured on the diocesan Facebook page each morning of Advent - make sure you invite your friends to 'like' the page so that they get these videos!

### **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**

Christmas is coming! Deacon Roger, the Port Chaplain, will be taking a prayer booklet and gift to the hundreds of seafarers who will visit Southampton Port this Christmas. Roger has purchased 1,000 Christmas prayer booklets at 10p each and donations would be welcome to cover the cost! Lots and lots of chocolate selection boxes needed please or any other gift you would like to make. Leave gifts in the St Edmund's or St Joseph's porches or at Holy Family Presbytery office Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

### **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](mailto:tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

### **CHAPLAINCY DAY: 10am—1pm 10 January 2015, Discovery Centre, St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, followed by buffet lunch and networking.**

Are you a chaplain (lay or clergy) working in any capacity? Hospital, pastoral care, police, prison, ethnic chaplaincies? Are you interested in volunteering for any one of the Chaplaincy Teams? The Chaplaincy Department of the Diocese of Portsmouth invite you to a morning to: hear Bishop Philip Egan speak on his vision for chaplaincy in the context of the new evangelisation; understand how the Framework for Collaboration will promote and support chaplaincy services in the diocese; meet the chaplaincy teams and hear about their activities. Please RSVP to [cvirgo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:cvirgo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL PARISHIONERS** who have given Christmas gifts for the Homecare clients: These are being distributed and very gratefully received.

**ST ANNE'S ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION:** As required by the Admissions Code, the Governing Body of St Anne's will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admissions policy for the school year 2016/2017. The consultation period runs from 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Copies of the proposed policy can be obtained from the school office. Comments on the policy should be sent to the Clerk to the Governors at the school by 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**THE PRIMARY CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP (PCP)**, based in Southampton, offers a one year PGCE programme to those seeking to become primary school teachers. The course is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth and St Mary's University College, Twickenham. Trainees benefit from a small, friendly, supportive environment with a mix of ages and backgrounds. Lectures are delivered by outstanding practising teachers who have the credibility and respect needed to help you develop successful and relevant teaching strategies.

They offer:

- A PGCE for the full primary age range with the opportunity to gain credits towards a Masters degree in Education
- A 40 week course with over 20 weeks spent in schools.
- A supportive environment where trainees can gain modules of the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies
- Placements in high quality Catholic schools in Southampton, Bournemouth, Portsmouth, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Tuition Fees below the national average

Qualifications required: Hons degree (2.2 or above); GCSE Grade C or above in English, Maths & Science; experience in an English Primary School. For more info visit our website: <http://www.pcp-scitt.org.uk>.

**KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR HANDBAGS AND VALUABLES** at all times whilst at Mass and in the halls. Items have been stolen in the past.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Sita Hearn, Nelum (Anushka's sister), Marge Whiteman, Mary Davies (fall recovery), Phyllis Grattan, Maria Gibzinska, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Stella Grace Krumina (toddler), Marie Adams, Patricia Penny, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Peter Hunt, Edward O'Donovan, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Hélène Scrase, Emma Bailey, Laura Pinson, Madeleine Clarke, Debbie Murphy, Albie Escorcio, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, Pat Cummings, 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, Terry Clarke, Grace Baxter, 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 14 DECEMBER 2014

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| SAT   | 13 DEC | <b>VIGIL MASS</b>                         | 6:15PM SJ<br>7:00PM SE                             | SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)<br>MASS IN POLISH   |
| SUN   | 14 DEC | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ('Gaudete')</b> | 9:00AM SE<br>10:00AM SJ<br>11:00AM SE<br>7:00PM SE | AGOSTINHO GONSALVES RIP (MG)<br>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH<br>OLIVIA LEE RIP (HP&GC)<br>KINGA SYSAK—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (3rd BIRTHDAY) (JS)              |
| TUES  | 16 DEC | <b>3rd WEEK OF ADVENT</b>                 | 10:00AM SE   | MARGARET & LESLEY RIP (MB)  |
| WED   | 17 DEC | <b>LITURGY OF THE DAY</b>                 | 7:00PM SE  | DOROTHY & BOB FLETCHER RIP (F)  |
| THURS | 18 DEC | <b>LITURGY OF THE DAY</b>                 | 12:15PM SJ   | CAROL McMAHON RIP (RD)  |
| FRI   | 19 DEC | <b>LITURGY OF THE DAY</b>                 | 12 NOON SJ<br>7:00PM SE                            | FUNERAL SERVICE: TERENCE 'TERRY' CLARKE RIP<br>PADDY HANNIGAN RIP (F)   |
| SAT   | 20 DEC | <b>LITURGY OF THE DAY</b>                 | 11:00AM SE<br>6:15PM SJ<br>7:00PM SE               | HELENA MASALNKA & MARIUSZ NAZIMEK RIP (HN)<br>MARGARET SINCLAIR RIP (MY)<br>MASS IN POLISH  |
| SUN   | 21 DEC | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>            | 9:00AM SE<br>10:00AM SJ<br>11:00AM SE<br>7:00PM SE | SEAN DAVIS RIP (AO'D)<br>BRIDGET LENNON (TL&GL)<br>CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS FOR THE UNIVERSE (FRANCIS & ANUSHKA)<br>TINA QUINN—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (PO) |

**PASTORAL AREA 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.

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**OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:**

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Springhill Primary | 023 8033 3954 |
| St Anne's School   | 023 8032 8200 |
| St George College  | 023 8032 2603 |

### Prayer of the Church week 3

#### SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2014 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

##### Psalm Response

My soul rejoices in my God.

##### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

**Alleluia!**

#### READINGS SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2014

##### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16

2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

#### 2nd COLLECTION TODAY

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

#### 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

**CATHOLIC CARE**

| Collection          | 7/12/14<br>1st   |
|---------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>£2,223.48</b> |
| Cash                | 819.26           |
| S / O               | 1,139.85         |
| Gift Aid Tax Rebate | 264.37           |

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