



23RD JANUARY 2011

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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

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ST. BONIFACE,
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
& HOLY FAMILY



'REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND'

Last week in our Gospel, we saw John the Baptist point out Jesus as the one to follow, the one who offers salvation. As we focus this week on the person of Jesus, his message is very much in keeping with John. Jesus' very first word 'repent!' echoes the message of his cousin and shows a profound link and continuity between them. The first part of the message contains the command calling for conversion. The Greek word for 'repent' literally means 'turn your minds around' or 'to see with new eyes'. Jesus is asking his disciples, that means us (!), to do an about turn so that we live our lives and our relationships in a whole new way. We are called to see the world as Jesus does, to live as he lived and to love as he loved, freely, totally, faithfully and fruitfully. 'Repent' from the lips of Jesus as we hear in today's Gospel is not a gentle invitation; it is a command, an imperative. It is as if Jesus was influenced by his cousin's uncompromising approach!



My son, your sins are forgiven

The second part of Jesus' message gives us the reason for his command: 'the kingdom of heaven is at hand'. The definitive display of God's power and judgement and the establishment of his rule over all creation are near. God's ultimate victory is now being realised in the ministry, teaching and sacrifice of His Son.

So, faith in Christ requires a personal commitment that is more than just believing the truth of what he says; what is required is a willingness to change our ways. The summons to 'repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand' is a summons that continues to challenge every one of us until our dying day. We must strive to turn away from anything that keeps us from living as faithful citizens of his kingdom.

Fr. Paul Leonard

TODAY - SUNDAY 23rd JANUARY

SECOND COLLECTION—Church Building Fund

WE WELCOME Fr. Shaun Budden who will be presiding at 9am and 11am Masses today.



BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community **Edith Lin Davis** daughter of Sarah and William and **Sebastian John Bradshaw** son of Simon and Julia who are to be baptised at 12.30pm in St. Edmund's Church.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Orthello Groshroy** and **Celia Hawson** who are getting married at 2pm today in St. Joseph's Church. *May God bless them all the days of their lives.*



GOSPEL CHOIR — 7.00pm Mass, rehearsal at 6.00pm.

THIS WEEK

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet Tuesdays at 8pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

CTS (Churches Together in Southampton) to meet at 7.30pm on Wed. 26th Jan. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

JOURNEY IN FAITH group meet on Wed. 26th Jan. at 7.45pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

THIS YEAR, HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY: (Thurs. 27th January) is an opportunity to reflect on the whole idea of **Untold Stories**. During the Holocaust and other genocides, millions of untold stories were lost and will never be told. We could reflect on other situations where stories of suffering, grief and courage have been not been recorded for posterity, including those in our own families and neighbourhood. If we recall the **Untold Stories** of individuals and their communities, if we remember the victims and honour the survivors of the genocides so recent in our history, this will help us translate the words and lessons of the past into contemporary action, so that we may create a safer, better future for everyone.

A prayer: **God, our loving Father, we honour the memory of all those whose lives were so tragically lost in the Holocaust and in more recent genocides. May their memory be for us a blessing. Amen.**

HALF PINTS TODDLERS GROUP meet every Thursday at 10am in St. Edmund's Hall.

FINANCE GROUP meeting 7.30pm Thurs. 27th Jan. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES: On **Friday 28th January** Mass will be at **6.30 pm**. On **Saturday, 5th February**, Mass will be at **10 am**. There will be no confessions. This is to enable both Frs. Vincent and Paul to attend the First Holy Communion session taking place that Saturday. **Please note change.**

FOR INFO:

Mon: Day off: PL + funeral
Wed: CTS meeting: VH
Thurs: Chaplaincy meeting St Anne's: VH/PL
Fri: Requiem for Fr Peter Sprague: VH/PL

THE MAYOR'S CHARITY BALL

Fri. 28th Jan. 2011 starting with a reception in the Southampton Art Gallery at 7pm the event will then move on to **Southampton Guildhall** where a **4-course meal will be served followed by entertainment by the 'Silver Beatles.'** **£45.00**



tickets are available on Tel. 8083 2433, Mayors.office@southampton.gov.uk or Mayor's Office, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY. This event will benefit 2 small local charities, **Southampton Sunday Lunch Club** (a project initiated by Carol Cunio in 1990, providing 120 hot lunches each Sunday to those who are sleeping rough, live in poor accommodation or are otherwise in need) & **St. Mary's Titanic Memorial Window** (St. Mary's Church are raising funds for a memorial to commemorate all of the 550 people of Southampton who died in this tragedy); whatever is raised will make a huge difference to these charities. Welcome to all!

NEXT WEEKEND

BETHANY GROUP meet at 9.45pm Sat. 29th Jan. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

SOUTHAMPTON & WINCHESTER VISITORS GROUP to meet 10.30am Sat. 29 Jan. in St. Edmund's Hall.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: **Southampton's Christian Unity Service** will take place in **St Edmund's at 3.30pm on Sun. 30th Jan.** Please come along to celebrate 'All Things in Common' with other Christians from around the City.

NEXT WEEK

CCPG to meet at 7.45pm on Wed. 2nd Feb. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP for parents and children at 10.30am—12noon on Sat. 5th February in Stella Maris Centre / St. Joseph's Hall.

HCPT to meet 12pm—6pm on Sat 5th Feb. in St. Joseph's Hall.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION to meet 2pm—6pm Sun. 6th Feb. in Holy Family Church, Millbrook.

GENERAL ITEMS

TRETHOWAN'S PARKING REMINDER: Two parking spaces on the left hand side (*tandem*) in front of St. Edmund's Hall are **allocated to and paid for by Trethowan's**. Please do not park in these 2 spaces under any circumstances. Many thanks for your co-operation.

SADLY SR. COLUMBA of the Poor Clare Sisters who was known to many of our parishioners passed away on Mon. 17th Jan. in the Convent in Dublin, Ireland at the age of 95. Our sympathy to her family and friends. *May she rest in peace.*

'MUSIC ON A SUNDAY' a CD recorded in St. Edmund's Church. If you would like a copy of this CD of Sacred and Irish music the price is £9.99. Please contact the Parish Office.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT PRAISE MASS MUSIC? If so, then come along to St. Peter's School, Winchester on Sun. 6th Feb. 2 – 5pm.

Led by the Catholic Rock Band – Crossbeam – open to musicians, singers, music technicians and enthusiasts who would like to know more about Praise and Worship Music. You don't need to be expert, but you do need to be keen! Eventually we hope to put together our own Parish Praise Band. The workshop will end with a simple shared tea – please bring a plate of food to share. Drinks provided. Visit www.hampshiredowns.org.uk. To book a place, call Paul & Clare Robinson on 0162885858, email hampshiredownspraise@ymail.com.

PRAISE MASS IN WINCHESTER: Hampshire Downs parish is delighted to welcome parishioners, friends, relatives and visitors to come and experience a lively celebration of the wonder and power of the Holy Spirit, in a **Praise and Worship Mass at 5.30 pm on Sun, 6th Feb. in St Stephen's Church.** For more details please contact Paul & Clare Robinson on 01962 885858 or visit the Parish Website www.hampshiredowns.org.uk

BAMENDA: Some members of the Portsmouth/Bamenda Committee & others are travelling to Cameroon for a sponsored trek between 6th - 21st Feb. They will be hiking between remote rural health centres in Bamenda Diocese. They hope to raise funds in support of Clinicare International (which gives much of its aid to Bamenda clinics) and our own projects aided by the Diocesan Bamenda Fund. To donate on line visit www.justgiving.com enter 'Clinicare' or 'Jo Overton' into the charity or person 'search'.



THE 11AM CHOIR at St. Edmund's will be having a well-deserved rest for the next few Sundays. During this time, there will continue to be music through our liturgy. Whilst the choir are away, the congregation are invited to assume a greater role in the musical ministry of our liturgy, considering the many benefits that a fully sung Mass can offer our spiritual & theological needs.

In order for the choir to best serve these needs, it would be preferable to include a wider variety of musical styles in our weekly worship. We are very blessed to have such a devoted & hard-working group of singers to lead our service; that they are few in number means that embracing a wider selection of music is impractical. Through this period in which the choir are away, please consider if you could help to expand the choir's numbers. We are **always looking for new members**, and would be delighted to welcome you. We will continue to have some Tuesday night rehearsals in the coming weeks, but for more information please see our Musical Director, Ian Richardson.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Fran Elsdon, Betty Ashbolt, Carlos Fernandes, Eileen & Alex Aitken, Sheila Quinn, Percy White, John Dorling, Pat Cummings, André Neves, Peter Scott, Cecelia Coutinho, George Francis Ponniah, Carolyn, Lee Henninghan, Jenson Pearce, Phyllis Richmond, Teddy Blake, Brian Cunio, Yvonne Robertson, Eileen Smedley, Margaret de Groen, Terry Clark, Kay Gills, Kathy Kelly, Ian McKenna, Myra Andrade and all parishioners who are sick or recovering. Please let the parish office know if you would like to add someone to the list.

STATEMENT FROM THE MOST REVEREND VINCENT NICHOLS PRESIDENT OF THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES ON THE APPOINTMENT OF REVEREND KEITH NEWTON AS THE FIRST ORDINARY OF THE PERSONAL ORDINARIATE IN ENGLAND AND WALES (released on the 15th January 2011): "I welcome the news of the appointment by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI of Keith Newton as the First Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate in England and Wales.

I am confident that Keith will prove to be a valued member of the Catholic Bishops' Conference and will be warmly welcomed by clergy and faithful throughout the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

I assure Keith, as well as Andrew Burnham and John Broadhurst, of the continuing prayers and support of the Bishops' Conference, as they now begin their new ministry within the Catholic Church in the Personal Ordinariate. Dedicated as it is to Our Lady of Walsingham and under the patronage of Blessed John Henry Newman, the Ordinariate and its members can be secure in the powerful intercession of the Mother of God and a great confessor of the faith."

PILGRIMAGE TO THE CHURCHES OF ASIA (as mentioned in the Book of Revelation) from 22nd – 30th October 2011 led by Monsignor Vincent Harvey. The pilgrimage will visit the Churches of Asia (see Revelation Chapter 1) which includes the great ancient City of Ephesus where St Paul spent many years and from where he wrote many of his pastoral letters. Cost from £995 (for 20 people) to £935 (for 40 people).....if you book before end of January 2011 you receive a £30 discount. All bookings must be through the Parish. **Brochures still available from Fr. Vincent.**

THE HAZARDS OF THE JOURNEY: Pilgrimage & Travel in the Middle Ages to be presented by the Winchester Catholic History Group. Imogen Corrigan, Lecturer in Anglo-Saxon and Medieval History, Kent Federation of History, 7.45pm for 8pm Mon. 7th Feb. 2011 in the Milner Chapel, St. Peter Street, Winchester. See Notice Board.

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• **CONFESSION TIMES:** Sat. 11.30am St. Edmund's
• Sat. 5.45pm St. Joseph's, Thursday 11.45am St. Joseph's
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 23rd JANUARY 2011

SAT	VIGIL MASS 22 JANUARY		6.15PM SJ FRANCES C. NELSON RIP (M&DB) SJ THOMAS JAMES CRAWLEY RIP (F)
SUN	23 JANUARY	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH 9.00AM SE P J PHELAN RIP (E&MC) 10.00AM SJ JOHN CULLEY & FAMILY 11.00AM SE EUGENE COYLE RIP (FH) 7.00PM SE FLOR CROWLEY RIP (DO'M)
TUES	25 JANUARY	THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL	10.00AM SE EILEEN AITKEN & JIM BABER WELLBEING (MD)
WED	26 JANUARY	ST. TIMOTHY	7.00PM SE PHILIP CONWAY (F)
THURS	27 JANUARY	3rd WEEK OF O.T.	12.15PM SJ DONALD DAVIDSON RIP (TG&BM)
FRI	28 JANUARY	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS	6.30PM SE CHIUWA AUGUSTINE'S INTENTIONS (EA)
SAT	29 JANUARY	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11.00AM SE EUGENE CUMMINS RIP (PC) 6.15PM SJ LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF CLARKE & CUMMINS FAMILIES (F) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	30 JANUARY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE PJ PHELAN RIP (E&AA) 10.00AM SJ NORA HUNTER RIP (MH) 11.00AM SE GEORGE & PADDY (KATHLEEN) CHANDLER (F) 7.00PM SE BRIDGET LENNON RIP (GL&TL)

PASTORAL AREA PARISHES - MASS TIMES: Holy Family, Millbrook Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00am; 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 Sun 09:15; 11:30 in Polish; Holy Day 10:00.

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3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Psalm Response

The Lord is my light and my help.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church week 3

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 30 JANUARY

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1st reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

2nd reading: Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

2ND COLLECTION TODAY
CHURCH BUILDING FUND

NO 2ND COLLECTION
NEXT WEEK

17/1/2011	1st Collection	2nd Coll. Pax Christi
Total	2256.82	419.49
Cash	1014.57	187.49
S / O	970.51	232.00
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	271.74	—

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 St Anne's 8032 8200, St George 8032 2603