

26TH DECEMBER 2010
THE HOLY FAMILY &
2ND JANUARY 2011
THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD



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

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CENTRAL AND WEST
PASTORAL AREA
 ALSO INCLUDES
ST. BONIFACE,
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
& HOLY FAMILY



THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS, REVISITED

'And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us' (John 1: 14). The birth of Jesus two thousand years ago was a unique event which has changed the course of human events - the Word of God became man. God took on a human face. He became man, to raise men and women – us - to Himself! This mystery of birth, of incarnation, which is beyond our understanding, is the heart of our Christian faith. It is part of the divine plan for salvation and redemption of mankind. God had intended from the dawn of history that the birth of His Son would bring healing and eternal life to the fallen and wounded human race.

And today once again Our Lord and Saviour is born among us, not as a mighty king demanding slavish obedience, but as a poor, vulnerable, defenceless child, needing our love and attention. If he had appeared in the glory of his divinity, he would have blinded us, and we would not have considered him one of us, a member of our human family. His humble birth is an example for us. Just as the infant Jesus shared our world, so we too are called to live a life of sharing and solidarity, of simplicity and humility.



Christmas is not a remote and distant event. The coming of Christ among us is the centre of history and a whole new dimension – a whole new way of living – is opened up for us. By His birth, heaven comes to earth, and we receive the possibility to share in God's own divine life. The gift becomes a responsibility as the preparations made through Advent remind us that Christ's birth identified God's glory with those who have nothing: whether in material or spiritual terms. For those of us who have much, Christmas is a time to ensure that no-one we know feels isolated from the love of Christ.

Paul Leonard

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR BLESSINGS: Wishing you a holy and blessed Christmas and New Year. Thank you from the priests and all in the Office for the messages of goodwill together with prayers. Thank you to everyone whose presence and work enable the Parish to respond to the needs of parishioners and beyond. We are blessed with a great team who plan our liturgies, play our music, sing, serve, read, clean, decorate, welcome, visit the sick or minister in whatever way. Much of this goes on day in and day out without fuss. Yet without this dedication the Parish, and all of us, would be poorer. **To you all: thank you** and may God bless you all the days of your life. *From Mgr. Vincent & Fr. Paul.*

SUNDAYS 26 DEC. 2010 & 2 JAN. 2011

SECOND COLLECTION - Church Building Fund 26th Dec. 2010 and Catholic Care 2nd Jan. 2011

STUDENT CHOIR 7pm Sun. 2nd Jan. 2011, rehearsal 6pm.

RECENTLY DIED: *Margaret Grover* of Allington Lane, West End. Funeral Mass St. Edmund's 1.00pm Friday 31st December 2010. Margaret was a parishioner in our community for 80 years & got married in St. Edmund's in 1940 as the bombs were falling all around. She will be sadly missed. Our sympathy to her family and friends. *May she rest in peace.*



THIS WEEK

CHURCH CLOSED—ADORATION CANCELLED Mon. 27th & Tues. 28th Dec. and Mon. 3rd Jan. 2011.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Wed. 29th, Thurs. 30th. & Fri. 31st December. Please contact the Presbytery if your call is urgent.

NO 7PM MASS AT ST. EDMUND'S ON FRI. 31ST DEC.

VIGIL & MASS NEW YEAR'S EVE 11.00PM 31ST DEC:

Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Paul at Midnight on New Year's Eve on Fri 31st Dec. in St Edmund's Church and there will be a vigil of prayer, with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beforehand from 11.00pm. We hope to have a good congregation to welcome the New Year.



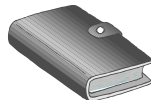
FOR INFO: 27—31 Dec:

Mon & Tues: Bank Holidays: Day off: VH/PL.

3—7 Jan. 2011:

Mon: Bank Holiday: Day off: VH/PL

PL away 4-13 Jan.



NEXT WEEKEND

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 1st Jan. 2011.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE Sat. 1st Jan. 2011 2pm in New Forest. Meet in the Deerleap car park grid ref. 253095. Tel. 07751531984.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 2 Jan. 2011.

NEXT WEEK

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP recommence meeting on Tues. 4th Jan. 2011. The group meet every Tuesday from 8pm. All welcome!

RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP: meet next on Wed. 5th Jan. 2011 and every Wed. at 7.45pm in St. Edmund's Hall. Please join them if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or would like to find out more about the Catholic faith. A warm welcome is assured!

HALF PINTS TODDLERS GROUP recommence on Thurs. 6th Jan. 2011. This group of mums and toddlers meet every Thursday from 10am—11.30am. All welcome!

WE WELCOME Fr. Michael Peters who will be presiding at the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses at St. Edmund's on Sun. 9th January 2011.

HCPT to meet 2pm—6pm on Sat. 8th Jan. 2011. Contact Roxy Ashworth on email: roxy.ashworth@live.co.uk.

GOSPEL CHOIR 7pm on Sun. 9th January 2011, rehearsal at 6pm. All welcome!

GENERAL ITEMS

ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY to meet 7pm—9pm in St. Joseph's Hall on Tues. 11th January 2011.

YOUTH PROJECT meeting at 7.30pm on Tues. 11th Jan. 2011 in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB recommences Wed. 12th Jan. 2011 at 12 noon in St. Edmund's Hall.

EU WELCOME meeting at 7pm on Thurs. 13th Jan. 2011 in St. Edmund's Presbytery dining room.

STEWARDSHIP GROUP to meet at 7.30pm on Thurs. 13th Jan. 2011 in St. Edmund's Presbytery lounge.

THE CRIB COLLECTION this year will be for **Christian Schools in the Holy Land**, administered by the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. More information about this can be found by the Crib.



ST. GEORGE'S COLLEGE: GCSE exam results were once again a record: 78% of pupils gaining 5 higher grades or more and 58% including Maths and English. This places St. George in the top 4% of schools in the country in context and is further boosted when you look at the progress in Maths and English, which once again makes it one of the top schools in Hampshire. *Well done St George's!*

FOLLOWING THE MASSACRE IN IRAQ IN OCTOBER, at the Cathedral of Our Lady Of Deliverance (Syriac Catholic Church, Baghdad) during Sunday mass, where 58 people were killed, more than 70 others were injured, and hundreds of dependants are now helpless; our Catholic charity ICIN (Iraqi Christians In Need) decided to donate US\$ 20,000 as follows: US\$ 5,000 to the victim families in Baghdad, US\$ 15,000 to the refugees that fled to the north of Iraq.

ICIN also donated an additional € 5,000 to the victims who are being treated in France. ICIN is a relatively small UK registered charity and it needs all the help it can get from the public, other bigger charities, institutions and churches. The needs of the displaced, as a consequence of this and previous tragedy, has become immense. Donations can be made on line: www.icin.org.uk/Donate311010. email contact: donate@icin.org.uk.

YOUNG CATHOLIC LADY looking for a room to rent, able to pay modest rent. Please contact Aneela on Mob. No. 075 9038 5475.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION workshop for parents and children 10.30am—12 noon Sat. 15th January 2011 in the Stella Maris Centre / St. Joseph's Hall.

GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP 15th January 2011 in St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Tel. 0223 9286 2384 or email chantnetwork@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2011 commences 2pm—6pm on Sun. 16th January 2011. All parents and candidates to meet at Holy Family Catholic Church in Millbrook for this first meeting. Confirmation Mass & Reception will be celebrated on Sun. 3rd July 2011 at 3pm in the Holy Family Church, Millbrook. Contact Charlie on 077 4030 1390 or e-mail: confirmation@pughonline.co.uk for further information.



PAX CHRISTI—PEACE SUNDAY Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Sunday 16th January 2011. The theme chosen by Pope Benedict is 'Religious freedom—the path to peace'.

BAPTISED PEOPLE 'Light in Darkness' 21st—23rd January 2011, Hallmark Hotel, Durley Chine Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH2 5JS. Booking soonest online at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The weekend starts with supper on Fri. 21st Jan. and finishes after lunch on Sun. 23rd Jan. A limited number of non-residential places are available.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Tess Hogan (fall recovery), Joe Lee (op. recovery), Iris Kuitenbrouwer (fall & op. recovery), Betty Ashbolt, Carlos Fernandes, Eileen & Alex Aitken, Sheila Quinn, Percy White, John Dorling, Pat Cummings, André Neves, Peter Scott, Sheelah Munford, Cecelia Coutinho, George Francis Ponniah, Carolyn, Lee Henninghan, Jenson Pearce, Phyllis Richmond, Teddy Blake, Brian Cunio, Sheila Morris, 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.

WORTH ABBEY – THE OPEN CLOISTER 2011 CALENDAR OF RETREATS to find out what Worth Abbey has to offer in the area of retreats please access: www.worthabbey.net or phone: 01342 710318; Email: Toc@worthabbey.net

PILGRIMAGE TO THE CHURCHES OF ASIA OCT 2011: (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 we book before end of January 2011 we receive a £30 discount each. All bookings must be

through the Parish. Brochures out soon but if you are interested and would like to join us (27 people have already expressed an interest and have their names down) do contact the Parish Office, as it will be a 'first come first served basis'.

THE 4C's SOCIAL GROUP for visually impaired elders need 2 volunteers to replace 2 people who have retired. The 4C's (*care, company, communication and contact*) has recently been awarded a SCC Community Chest grant to subsidise members' transport to their fortnightly meetings. Contact joanharris@googlemail.com for info.

CENSUS 2011 NEED CO-ORDINATORS / COLLECTORS. A range of temporary part time and full time jobs are available from supervisory roles to general collectors across England and Wales. Contract periods from four weeks to ten months. Recruitment will continue during 2010 into early 2011. Apply through this link and to find out more about the jobs https://iq11.i-grasp.com/fe/tpl_census01.asp?newms=info1

A BIG THANK YOU to all parishioners who have given gifts most generously for the elderly Catholic Care users in the community. Your kindness has been appreciated. Anne Monaghan.

PARISH DIARIES have now arrived! Available in the porches, they are £1.00 each. 2011 Catholic Diaries (£1.35 & £1.95) & Calendars (£4) are also available for sale in the Repository.

CAFOD PRAYER: Walk Lightly.

Each leaf, each petal, each grain, each person, sings your praises, Creator God.

Each creature on the earth, all the mountains and great seas, show your glory, Spirit of love.

And yet the hand of greed has patented and plundered your splendour, has taken and not shared your gift, has lived as owner of the earth, not guest.

And so the ice is cracked, the rivers dry, the valleys flooded and the snowcaps melt.

God our Father, show us how to step gently, how to live simply, how to walk lightly with respect and love for all that you made. Amen.

PASTORAL AREA PARISHES - MASS TIMES:

St. Boniface, Shirley: Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun. 08:30; 10:30. Holy day 10:00; 20:00.

Holy Family, Millbrook: Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00am; Holy day 19:00.

St. Vincent de Paul, Redbridge Hill: Sun 09:15; 11:30 in Polish; Holy Day 10:00.

CONFESSION TIMES:

Sat. 11.30am St. Edmund's

Sat. 5.45pm St. Joseph's

Thursday 11.45am St. Joseph's

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAYS 26 DECEMBER 2010 & 2 JANUARY 2011

SUN	26 DECEMBER	THE HOLY FAMILY	10.30AM SE P.J. PHELAN RIP (F&KMCE) 7.00PM SE IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. JUDE (HP)
TUES	28 DECEMBER	THE HOLY INNOCENTS	10.00AM SE P.J. PHELAN RIP (MICHELE, MAEPHIE & IMOGEN)
WED	29 DECEMBER	ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY	7.00PM SE ELIZABETH WHALE RIP & DAUGHTERS (F)
THURS	30 DECEMBER	LITURGY OF THE DAY	12.15PM SJ P.J. PHELAN RIP (PC)
FRI	31 DECEMBER	NEW YEAR'S EVE	1.00PM SE REQUIEM MASS—MARGARET GROVER RIP 11.30PM SE P.J. PHELAN RIP (PG)
SAT	1 JANUARY	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	11.00AM SE P.J. PHELAN RIP (LOUISE) 6.15PM SJ RITA & JIMMY CHRISTIE INTENTIONS 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	2 JANUARY	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.00AM SE P.J. PHELAN RIP (RJ) 10.00AM SJ MAUREEN WADE RIP (TW) 11.00AM SE PEACE & UNITY FOR THE UNIVERSE THIS NEW YEAR (ANUSHKA) 7.00PM SE DEC. FAMILY MEMBERS & MICHAEL BROPHY RIP (F)
TUES	4 JANUARY	LITURGY OF THE DAY	10.00AM SE EILEEN SMEDLEY RIP (AT)
WED	5 JANUARY	LITURGY OF THE DAY	7.00PM SE THE WELD FAMILY RIP (F)
THURS	6 JANUARY	LITURGY OF THE DAY	12.15PM SJ MARIA'S ANNIVERSARY OF HER VOCATION (MK&TJK)
FRI	7 JANUARY	LITURGY OF THE DAY	7.00PM SE SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR MARIA'S NOVITIAE (MK&TJK)
SAT	8 JANUARY	LITURGY OF THE DAY	11.00AM SE P.J. PHELAN RIP (TG) 6.15PM SJ DEC. MEMBERS OF THE WALSH FAMILY (KW) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	9 JANUARY	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.00AM SE MRS. P. PERRY RIP (GC&HP) 10.00AM SJ DEC. MEMBERS EDGE & WHITE FAMILIES (F) 11.00AM SE KATHLEEN BRENNAN RIP (EB) 7.00PM SE BETTY & HILARY CORRIGAN INTENTIONS

THE HOLY FAMILY 26 DECEMBER 2010

Psalm Response

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you.

Alleluia!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 2 JANUARY 2011

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 FOR NEXT SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 2011

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

1st reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
2nd reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 9TH JANUARY 2011

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

1st reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
2nd reading: Acts 10:34-38
Gospel reading: Matthew 3:13-17

19/12/2010	1st Coll.	2nd Coll. Catholic Care
Total	£1954.17	£486.65
Cash	661.22	216.65
S / O	1010.12	270.00
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	282.83	-

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

CHURCH BUILDING FUND

2ND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEK

CATHOLIC CARE

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