



12TH DECEMBER 2010

**THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
'GAUDETE'**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

**A Stewardship Parish in
a Stewardship Diocese**

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



ADVENT PRAYER

O Sapientia, Sophia, accompany me on my path of life.
O holy knowing, let your voice be the one I hear most
clearly today.
Dare me to see all of life as holy.
Come!

O Adonai, Sacred One, empower me to discover my place
in the universe.
Let your brilliance enlighten my darkness.
Dare me to choose redemption daily.
Come!

O Radix Jesse, Root of Jesse, root me in you, the source of
life.
Enlighten my darkness.
Dare me to be rooted in all that is holy.
Come!

O Key of David, unlock the gates of my fear that find
resistance and closed places.
Let your openness touch me in new ways.
Dare me to open my heart.
Come!

O Oriens, Radiant Dawn, awaken me to the promise of a
new day.
Let your brightness permeate me with love and justice.
Dare me to speak from your flint.
Come!

O Rex Gentium, God of all the earth, bind all creation
together in peace
Let your wholeness help me to recognise your saving power.
Dare me to be at peace.
Come!

O Emmanuel, God-with-Us, incarnate in me the fullness of
your being.
Let your presence redeem me.
Dare me to live as one who knows Emmanuel.
Come!

From a Religious Sister in Holland

TODAY - SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER

SECOND COLLECTION - Christmas Flowers

GOSPEL CHOIR 7.00pm Mass, rehearsal at 6.00pm.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:



The Requiem Mass for the late **PJ Phelan** of Wilton Road, Southampton will take place at 12.45pm on Monday 13th December in St. Edmund's Church followed by the burial in Hollybrook Cemetery. Reception of the coffin at 5.00pm today (Sunday). PJ has been a parishioner of St. Edmund's for over 50 years and will be sadly missed. Our sympathy to Gretta and all the family.

Elizabeth Mayhew of Sarisbury Green, Hampshire. Funeral 2.00pm on Friday 17th December in St. Edmund's Church, followed by cremation at Southampton Crematorium. Our sympathy to her family. *May they rest in peace.*

JEWISH STUDIES CULTURAL EVENT from 10am - 6pm focussing on '**Antisemitism**'. Venue: University of Southampton, School of Humanities, The Avenue Campus, Lecture Theatre C. For booking: Tel. 023 8059 7261 or e-mail: humanitieslearn@soton.ac.uk.

THIS WEEK

SOUTHAMPTON CITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN AID OF AOS: 7.00pm Mon. 13th Dec. at the Ocean Terminal (access via Dock Gate 4) Eastern Docks, free parking. Mayor of Southampton & Southampton Youth Brass Band & local choirs; hosted by Nick Girdler of BBC Radio Solent. Refreshments afterwards. A family event, all welcome. Contact - Rev Roger Stone, Tel: 07963 345618.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE at 7pm on Mon. 13th Dec. in St. Edmund's Church

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP will **not** be meeting in St. Edmund's Hall on Tues. 14th Dec. The group will resume their meetings on Tues. 4th Jan. 2011.

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE at 7.30pm on Tues. 14th Dec. in St. Edmund's Church.

NOW CANCELLED: SOUTHAMPTON SINGS CAROL SERVICE

- Sadly, owing to a lack of take-up around the City, this event scheduled for Friday 17th December has now been **cancelled**. A big thank you to Patricia Livett and Anne Wheeler for all they did to promote this event within the Parish and also to those who responded and booked places. If you paid in advance for your tickets, please contact Anne Wheeler at the Parish Office to arrange reimbursement.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed between 12 noon and 3.00pm on Weds. 15th Dec.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Or knowing more about our faith? If so, please come

and join our **Journey in Faith** group on Wed. 15th Dec. at 7.45pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD Fri. 17th Dec.—Sun. 19th Dec. An opportunity to take a weekend out before the festivities begin, to concentrate on what is really important about the coming feast of the birth of Christ, and to discern how we can celebrate it to our best spiritual advantage. Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, RG7 5TQ. Cost £110 (£90 for shared room). Tel. 011 8971 5333.

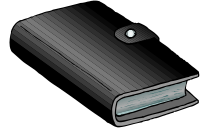
FOR INFO: Mon: Day off: VH/PL. (Funeral Mass 12.45pm - VH/PL).

Tues: St George Carol Service: PL
St Boniface Penitential Service: VH

Thurs: Radio Solent: VH

Fri: Bishop's Council: VH

Curia Christmas lunch: VH



NEXT WEEKEND

POLISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE 5.00pm on Sat. 18th Dec. in St. Edmund's Church.

FILIPINO CHOIR 7pm Sun. 19th Dec, rehearsal at 6pm.

NEXT WEEK

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE at 7.30pm on Mon. 20th Dec. in St. Edmund's Church. Over the years a tradition has grown for a large number of people to gather as a community and celebrate the sacrament of Penance at this time. Please note the date and join us as various priests will be available to us to '*unbind us and let us go free.*'

BAPTISM: We welcome into our faith community **Olivia Mollon** daughter of Christopher & Katarzyna who is to be baptised in St. Edmund's Church at 12 noon on Tues. 21st Dec.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: A simple service for those who will find Christmas difficult this year... followed by mulled wine / punch & mince pies, 6.30pm Wed. 22nd Dec. Wisdom House, Romsey. Tel. 017 9483 0206.

GENERAL ITEMS



GIFTS FOR CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC CARE: Gifts for the elderly, wrapped or unwrapped, may be left in the baskets in the back of the church for all our elderly people visited during the Christmas

Season. Please mark whether they are gender specific.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Betty Ashbolt, Carlos Fernandes, Eileen & Alex Aitken, Sheila Quinn, Percy White, John Dorling, Pat Cummings, André Neves, Stephen Brooks, Peter Scott, Sheelah Munford, Cecelia Coutinho, Eileen O'Toole, 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.

PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

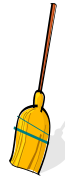
STRONG PEOPLE NEEDED TO HELP PUT THE CHRISTMAS TREES UP ON SAT. 18 DEC. AT 1.00PM AT ST. EDMUND'S.

Please give your name to Fr. Vincent, Fr. Paul, Judy Brown or the parish if you can help with this fun activity. Also **Volunteers required to help** to put up the Christmas crib, to decorate the Christmas trees, to prepare the Church for Christmas with candles, stars, flowers etc.



Wed 22nd Dec. 10.30am - 4.00pm
Thurs 23rd Dec. 10.30am - 4.00pm
Fri 24th Dec. 10.00am - 12.00pm

BIG CHURCH CLEAN Wed. 22nd Dec. from 2.00pm. All offers of help greatly appreciated. *If you can assist in co-ordinating or give an hour of your time - please add your name to the sign-up list at the back of the Church.*



STAPLING OF CHRISTMAS MASS LEAFLETS:

Volunteers needed on Mon. 13th Dec, Tues 14th Dec and Thurs. 16 Dec from 2.00pm in the new Parish Office at St. Edmund's Lodge on The Avenue. An hour of your time would be greatly appreciated - offers to Parish Office on Tel: 023 8033 3589.

READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, STEWARDS & WELCOMERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:

please put your name on the lists in the porches if you can help.

CHRISTMAS 2010 IN THE PARISH: *Please see times of Masses on separate leaflet.* As Boxing Day falls on a Sunday it has been decided that there will **only be two Sunday Masses for the Parish, both at St Edmund's: 10.30am and 7.00pm.** Thank you: *Vincent Harvey.*

VIGIL & MASS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE: 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.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL CATHOLIC MALE parishioner looking for reasonable accommodation from January 2011. Please contact Luke on 077 0611 3731.

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.

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 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 (25 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'.

SINGLE OR DOUBLE ROOM FOR RENT in lovely, clean furnished flat in Lordswood, close to Southampton General Hospital. Rent: £325 - £350 per month excluding bills. If interested, contact Lucy on 07550 010263.

NAME A STAR TO HANG IN THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS IN AID OF HCPT: 50p for the small stars or £1 for the large stars.



PASTORAL AREA MAGAZINE: To improve communication around the Pastoral Area and to help inform parishioners of activities, interests and articles, we would like to pull together an editorial team from around the area. If you are interested in this or have the skills that could be useful and wish to know more do please contact Father Vincent (or any of the Area priests).

LOVELY CHRISTMAS CARDS & ITEMS—new stock for sale in the Repository, please do pop in and have a look!



CONFESSON TIMES:

Sat. 11.30am St. Edmund's

Sat. 5.45pm St. Joseph's

Thursday 11.45am St. Joseph's

WELCOME If you are a visitor to the Parish, we want you to know how welcome you are - whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world or simply down the road.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND If you or a member of your family are unable to get to Mass on a regular basis, we would be pleased to arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to you at home. Please telephone the Parish Office.



Martha's Parish Gift Shop in Bedford Place for all those special gifts, religious cards and nativity cribs. Lovely new gifting lines now available. Also unwanted gifts & clothing welcome!!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER 2010

SAT	VIGIL MASS 11 DECEMBER		6.15PM	SJ	SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
SUN	12 DECEMBER	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ('GAUDETE')	7.00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
MON	13 DECEMBER	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT	9.00AM	SE	AGOSTINHO GONSALVES RIP (MG)
TUES	14 DECEMBER	ST JOHN OF THE CROSS	10.00AM	SJ	FRAN & IAN MORLEY— 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS (F&IM)
WED	15 DECEMBER	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT	11.00AM	SE	CAROL WEBER RIP (1ST ANNIV.) (NF)
THURS	16 DECEMBER	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT	7.00PM	SE	PATRICK & MARY HANRAHAN RIP (S&MH)
FRI	17 DECEMBER	LITURGY OF THE DAY	12.45PM	SE	REQUIEM MASS - 'PJ' PHELAN RIP
SAT	18 DECEMBER	LITURGY OF THE DAY	10.00AM	SE	LUCY ELLEN KINGMAN RIP (F)
SUN	19 DECEMBER	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	7.00PM	SE	MARY FRISBY RIP (BM)
			12.15PM	SJ	DOROTHY & BOB FLETCHER RIP (F)
			2.00PM	SE	FUNERAL—ELIZABETH MAYHEW (RIP)
			7.00PM	SE	PETER TURNER RIP (M&SH)
			11.00AM	SE	GERRY MCDONAGH RIP (PFT)
			6.15PM	SJ	NORA HUNTER RIP (MH)
			7.00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
			9.00AM	SE	MARGARET SINCLAIR RIP (MY)
			10.00AM	SJ	SINEAD MACALASTER RIP (CM)
			11.00AM	SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE RICHARDSON FAMILY (RC)
			7.00PM	SE	PJ PHELAN RIP (PARISH OFFICE)

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3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR A

Psalm Response

Come, Lord and save us.

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!

Prayer of the Church week 3

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR A

1st reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

2nd reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-24

2ND COLLECTION

TODAY

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

2ND COLLECTION

NEXT WEEK

CATHOLIC CARE

5/12/2010

1st Coll.

Total

£2097.96

Cash

805.01

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Gift Aid Tax Rebate

282.83

Thank you for your generous contributions. Please note, the Gift Aid tax rebate on the 2nd collection is retained by the Parish. Your donations make the life & work of the Parish possible.

Our Catholic Schools: Springhill Catholic Primary 8033 3954

St Anne's 8032 8200, St George 8032 2603