



**28TH NOVEMBER 2010**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**



**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**

## **Bishop Crispian's Pastoral Letter (extracts):**

In his letter this weekend the Bishop thanks everyone who responded to 'Living our Faith' and the implications of the funds raised.

*In the last two years ..... the campaign has gone from strength to strength. We now have £13.5 million raised or pledged for the future work of the diocese.*

*The objectives of the campaign have always been clear, both for the diocese and for the local communities, which were given the opportunity to address some of their own needs.*

*As a diocese, we must be much more active in the promotion and encouragement of vocations to the priesthood and the diaconate. Thanks to the campaign, we have been able to make a start by appointing and resourcing a Vocations Promoter with a team to work with him.*

*The implementation of the Pastoral Plan - Go Out and Bear Fruit - demands a far greater involvement of lay people, equipped and trained to take their rightful place in the pastoral and missionary life of the diocese. Thanks to the campaign, resources are becoming available to resource this.*

*There are diocesan needs to maintain existing buildings and plant and ..... assist in the building of new churches. The proceeds flowing from the campaign are enabling these things to happen.*

*Then ..... there are the needs of your local communities to develop your strengths and facilities for the flourishing of your apostolic and pastoral life. Funds are now becoming available to make this possible.*

*In the end, the Campaign has enabled us as the community of Christ's disciples in this diocese to strengthen our sense of Communion through the sharing of gifts and, thereby, enhance our response to Mission to which the Lord calls us.*

*Thank you so much and may the Lord bless you all during this Advent Season.*

(Edited: Vincent Harvey)

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### **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

- 1 How do you feel about the 'Second Coming of Christ'? Fearful? Hopeful? Indifferent?
- 2 What do you need to do to prepare for the coming of the Son of Man?
- 3 Identify one thing you could do to make the most of Advent 2010?



## TODAY - SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER

**SECOND COLLECTION** - Church Building Fund

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Mass of Inscription of candidates into the First Holy Communion Programme at 9.00am and 10.00am Masses.

**ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. EDMUND'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE** St Edmund's Hall, 10.00 am - 1.00pm



**RECENTLY DIED:** *Maria Andrade* of Wilton Manor Nursing Home, Southampton. Funeral 10.30am on Fri 3rd Dec. in St. Edmund's Church, followed by the burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. Reception of the coffin 4.00pm Thurs. 2nd Dec. Our sympathy to her family.

*Malcolm Ward* of Claudeen Close, Swaythling. Prayers in St. Joseph's Church at 12.30pm on 3rd Dec. followed by the funeral at 1.15pm at the East Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. Reception of the coffin 4.30pm Thurs. 2nd Dec. Our sympathy to his family.

*Suzanna 'Ching' Baylis* of Castle Way. Funeral 9am Thurs. 2nd Dec. at St. Joseph's Church, followed by the burial in Ealing. Our sympathy to her husband, David, and family.

*Margaret Archer* a parishioner from Farnborough, who organised the 'Easter Walking Pilgrimages'. Her brother, Paul Archer, was a parishioner here and died

## THIS WEEK

**SING IT!** 6.30pm-9.00pm on Mon. 29th Nov. at Springhill School. Open to all who would like to come and give Gospel singing a go with a view to perhaps joining the choir in the New Year. Anyone between the ages of 13 and 25 would be very welcome. Contact Kate on 07709 343653 if you need more info.

**YOUTH PROJECT** meeting 7.30pm Tues. 30th Nov. in St. Edmund's Presbytery

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** meet on Tuesday evenings in St. Edmund's Hall at 8.00pm.

**WORLD AIDS DAY** - Wednesday 1st December.

**MASS AT SOLENT UNIVERSITY** - 1.00pm on Weds. 1st Dec in the Faith Room (HC 206).

**ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION:** *Stewards of the Story: Isaiah and John the Baptist.* 7.30pm - 9.00pm Wed. 1st Dec. Wisdom Centre, Romsey, SO51 8EL.

**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. 1st Dec. at 7.45pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

**FOR INFO:**

Mon: Day off: VH/PL

Tues: PA clergy meeting: VH/PL

St George's Curriculum meeting: VH

Wed: PA meeting: VH/PL

Thurs: Diocesan Trustees: VH

Fri: Presentation Evening Bishop Challoner School: VH

Sat: Mass of Anointing: VH/PL



## NEXT WEEKEND

**MASS OF HEALING (with anointing)** at 11.00am on Sat. 4th Dec. in St. Edmund's Church.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION** for Ministers of Communion, Readers, Musicians 9.45am - 4.00pm Sat. 4th Dec at Douai Abbey, Reading, RG7 5TQ. Tel. 011 8971 5333. Share lunch, beverages & soup will be provided.

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE** 2pm on Sun. 5th Dec. 2010 Swanwick Lakes. Meet at the Copal Park Lane care park. Tel. 023 8022 3389 for info or 077 5153 1984 on the day.

[gfhandel.org](http://gfhandel.org)



**G.F. HANDEL MESSIAH: PART ONE**  
*Hallelujah • Amen. Cantores Michaelis. The Musicians of St. Michael's Caroline Balding and Keith Davis directors.*

**6.30pm Sun. 5 Dec. 2010**

*St. Michael's Church, Bugle Street, Southampton, SO14 2AG.*

Concert presented by the Music Dept. of the University of Southampton, and the City Centre church communities of St. Michael's, St. Joseph's and St. Edmund's. All proceeds to Christian Aid and CAFOD. **Homemade mince pies, sausage rolls, brie & tomato tartlets, chips & dips & wine & refreshments in St. Joseph's Church Hall, Bugle Street after the performance. Tickets £10 incl. eats/refreshments for sale after all Masses or from the Parish Office.**

## NEXT WEEK

**SILENT RETREAT** Mon. 6th - Fri. 10th Dec. A chance to have time to rest, pray, meditate, enjoy the countryside and simply to be, with the opportunity of participating in the monastic prayer. Cost £130. Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Reading RG7 5TQ. E-mail: douaiabbey@aol.com. Tel. 011 8971 5333.

**SUNG MASS FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** 7.30pm Tues. 7th Dec. in St. Boniface Church, 413 Shirley Road, Southampton with "Cantores Michaelis" [So'ton University Music Dept.], director: Keith Davis, organ: Alban Rees-Jones.

- MOZART: *Missa Brevis* in D [K.194]
- LASSUS: *Tota pulchra es*
- VICTORIA: *Ave Maria*
- PALESTRINA: *Alma Redemptoris Mater*
- Gregorian Chant for the Day



**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.

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

**JEWISH STUDIES CULTURAL EVENT** from 10am—6pm on Sun. 12th Dec. 2010 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.

**SOUTHAMPTON CITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN AID OF AOS:** 7pm 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 07963 345618.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Betty Ashbolt, Carlos Fernandes, PJ Phelan, 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, Bosco 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.

**SOUTHAMPTON SINGS:** Carol Service at St. Mary's Stadium 17th Dec. 7.15 - 8.30pm. **We are doing a block booking for the parish. Please leave your names on the sheet in the porch if you wish to attend and the money for your tickets to Fr. Vincent, Fr. Paul or the Parish office.** Tickets are £4 or £12 for a family of 4. The money will go towards the **Southampton Passion** which will take place in the Guildhall Square Friday 22nd April 2011. Website address: [www.southamptonpassion.org.uk](http://www.southamptonpassion.org.uk).

**ALONE THIS CHRISTMAS?** Come and join our Franciscan Community of Friars & Sisters at Cold Ash Centre and celebrate the real meaning of Christmas. 24th - 27th Dec. Cold Ash Centre, Thatcham, RG18 9HU. Tel. 016 3586 5353. See Notice Board.

**CHRISTMAS 2010 IN THE PARISH:** Please see *times of Masses on separate leaflet in the porch*. 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: 10.30 am and 7.00pm**. The last time (2004) that Boxing Day fell on the Sunday we did the same. This only happens about every 6 years. **So please note: Sunday 26th December: 10.30 and 7.00 pm at St Edmund's**. Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: please ignore the current rota for the 26th December; we will require readers so please let us know which Mass you will be at so that we can allocate readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you *Vincent Harvey*.

**TALL SHIPS ADVENTURES:** Calling all young people between the ages of 12-25! Would you like to join a group of young people from different faiths for an adventure of a lifetime! From 27th Dec. 2010 - 2 Jan. 2011, the Southampton Council of Faiths, in partnership with Tall Ships Adventures are offering 18 young people the opportunity to join this exciting trip. Go to [www.southampton-faiths.org/tallships](http://www.southampton-faiths.org/tallships) and fill in the enquiry form. See Notice Board.

**NOBLE ADVENTURE:** Message from Peter McGeady: "The Youth event on Sunday was a great success thanks to everyone who took part. We had almost 250 people at the final Mass and the feedback has been very positive. Watch this space for the next event. Thank you everyone for your contributions. Peter". PS. YC South newsletter is out please take a copy.

**YOUTH WEEKEND TRIP:** for those aged 14-18yrs. The event will be held at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. This will be an amazing event, not to be missed! From 6-8 May 2011. Please find a gray postcard for more information. Contact Peter McGeady as soon as possible to book a place.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE CHURCHES OF ASIA:** (as mentioned in the Book of Revelation) from **22<sup>nd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 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 out soon (25 people have already expressed an interest and have their names down). Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join us, as it will be a 'first come first served basis'.

**Martha's Parish Gift Shop in Bedford Place** for all those special gifts, religious cards and nativity cribs, lovely new gifting lines now available.

**LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES—CENSUS 2011:** A range of temporary part time and full time jobs are available from supervisory roles to general collectors across England and Wales. The roles are ideal for anyone looking to earn extra money, community focused individuals, parents returning to work, students and graduates, semi-retired, retired and pensioners. Contract periods range from 4 weeks to 10 months. Apply through this link and to find out more about the jobs [https://ig11.i-grasp.com/fe/tpl\\_census01.asp?newms=info1](https://ig11.i-grasp.com/fe/tpl_census01.asp?newms=info1).

**DO YOU HAVE AN OLD SINGER SEWING MACHINE WITH BROWN DOMED LID?** A parishioner has lost the key to open her machine. She needs the use of it to open her sewing machine and then she will return it. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2010

SAT	VIGIL MASS 27 NOVEMBER		6.15PM SJ	EDDIE WELCH RIP (DN)
SUN	28 NOVEMBER	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	7.00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
TUES	30 NOVEMBER	<b>ST. ANDREW</b>	9.00AM SE	HILARY PARKER'S INTENTIONS
WED	1 DECEMBER	<b>OF THE 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT</b>	10.00AM SJ	ELLEN LIVETT RIP (PL)
THURS	2 DECEMBER	<b>OF THE 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT</b>	11.00AM SE	MICHAEL BRENNAN RIP (EB)
FRI	3 DECEMBER	<b>ST. FRANCIS XAVIER</b>	7.00PM SE	ELIZABETH DORLING RIP (JMD)
SAT	4 DECEMBER	<b>OF THE 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT</b>	10.00AM SE	DOREEN McCONNALL WELLBEING (JPMcC)
SUN	5 DECEMBER	<b>SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT</b>	7.00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			12.15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10.30AM SE	FUNERAL MASS—MARIA ANDRADE RIP
			7.00PM SE	ETHELDREDA CONWAY RIP (F)
			11.00AM SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE COYLE FAMILY (RC)
			6.15PM SJ	MARIE ADAMS 85TH BIRTHDAY INTS. (AR)
			7.00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
			9.00AM SE	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FROM SOUTHAMPTON GOANS (AR)
			10.00AM SJ	JACK CRAIG & JIM HAWKES RIP (CH)
			11.00AM SE	NEVILLE ANGLISS RIP (MB)
			7.00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**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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### 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR A

#### Psalm Response

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
 "Let us go to God's house."

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
 and give us your saving help.

**Alleluia!**

### Prayer of the Church week 1

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER

#### 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR A

1st reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

2nd reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

#### 2nd COLLECTION

#### NO 2nd COLLECTION

#### TODAY

#### NEXT WEEK

### CHURCH BUILDING FUND

	1st Coll.	2nd Coll. Catholic Care
<b>21/11/2010</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2425.48</b>	<b>£665.87</b>
Cash	868.50	431.37
S / O	1216.39	234.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	340.59	-

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