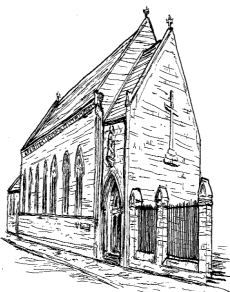


17TH JANUARY
2010

2ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY No. 246871
New web address: <http://www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk/>

A Stewardship Parish in a Stewardship Diocese

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



818 LITRES OF THE BEST CHARDONNAY WINE!!

Fr. John writes:



Today we begin to read from the cycle of "Ordinary Time of the Year". We hear of the story of the changing of water into wine at the wedding celebration at Cana. At Cana Jesus let His glory be seen albeit that He was a little reluctant to participate. He said to His mother Mary "My time has not yet come". We hear how his Mother Mary asked for the 6 stone water jars which would contain approximately 30 gallons of water each = 180 gallons. Imagine the feast of 818 litres of best quality wine. (Aren't you sorry that you weren't at that feast!!) In those days a wedding would probably last a week and it would be an enormous celebration for the community.

In these days of cold weather, I hope that we too can have the same consideration for those who need our help and support. There is an abundance of generosity around and lots of stories of individuals who have gone the extra mile to help an elderly neighbour during the cold spell. I hope that we continue in this year of 2010 to show our concern for the wellbeing of those in need in our community.

THANK YOU—Fr. John and Fr. Paul wish to offer a sincere thank you for all your Christmas gifts and for your very generous Christmas offerings—many thanks.

PEACE SUNDAY

Today is a day of prayer for world peace. The theme chosen by Pope Benedict for today is "***If you want to cultivate peace—protect creation***". This theme highlights the intimate connection between environmental damage and prompts us to ask the question—Is our search for security and prosperity costing the earth? Today as Christians we are much more aware of how essential it is that we work to safeguard the natural world and remake our own lifestyles, so that we "might tread lightly on the earth". Today's 2nd collection goes to Pax Christi.

PURCHASE OF THE LODGE / GATEHOUSE

I am delighted to tell you that at long last we have acquired The Lodge which is next to St. Edmund's Church at the entrance into the New College site. On Christmas Eve the paperwork for the sale of The Lodge was signed over from Linden Homes to the Diocesan Trustees. Our thanks to Linden Homes for undertaking the clearance of the garden and trees around the property and to the Diocese for making the loan available. Our intention is begin the renovations to The Lodge and transfer our administration, our parish staff to The Lodge. We hope that this will be the new base for our Parish Secretary, Anne Wheeler, our Catholic Care Manager, Anne Monaghan, EU Welcome, Dave Adcock, Property Administrator for the Pastoral Area, Chris Barber and the newly appointed Area Youth Co-ordinator, Peter McGeady. This should help to co-ordinate our resources and offer support to the personnel working for the church in the area.

TODAY—SUNDAY 17th JANUARY 2010

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

SECOND COLLECTION—Pax Christi

WELCOME RITE— 9am and 10am Masses

RECENTLY DIED:

Rodney Dragon of Reading Close, Shirley, cremation service was on Fri. 15th Jan. at 10.15am. Our sympathy to his wife Loretta and family.

William McBride of Lyon Street, Southampton. Funeral Mass at St. Edmund's at 10am Tues. 19th Jan. Burial to follow at South Stoneham Cemetary. Our sympathy to his family.

Eileen Mary Smedley (65) of Chatsworth Road, Bitterne. Funeral Fri. 22nd Jan. at 10am in St. Edmund's Church, followed by burial in Quob Lane Cemetery, West End. Reception of the Coffin into the church on Thursday 21st January at 4pm. Our sympathy to her family. **May they rest in peace.**



FILIPINO CHOIR - 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm.

THIS WEEK

BAPTISM PREPARATION for parents to meet 7pm—8pm on Mon. 18th Jan. in St. Edmund's Hall.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP—The prayer meeting on Tues. 19th Jan. will be held in the lounge of Ironside Court, Hamtun Street, off Castle Way & Bugle Street, at 8.00pm. The prayer meeting on Tues. 26th Jan. will be in St Edmund's Hall at 8.00pm as usual and the focus will be on healing. If you would like prayer for healing of any kind, please come. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB meet again Wed. 20th Jan. at 12noon in St. Edmund's Hall.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SOUTHAMPTON (CTS) meeting at 7.30pm Wed. 20th Jan. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

HALF PINTS meet every Thurs. at 10.00am in St. Edmund's Hall.

HUNGER LUNCH Thurs. 21st Jan. at 1pm at St. Mark's church. (After 12.15pm Mass at St. Joseph's). Will also need volunteers every Thurs. during Lent. Contact Judy Brown or the Parish Office.

"NEED HELP LOSING WEIGHT ?" - Join the 3rd Community Weight Loss Challenge at Stella Maris starting Thurs. 21st Jan. at 6:30pm. Places limited – for details and to book contact Catherine on 8033 4464.

RCIA meet Thurs. 21st Jan. at 7.30pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

FAITH ALIVE GROUP meets at 7.45pm on Fri. 22nd Jan. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

NEXT WEEKEND

THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY January 16 to 25. This year City Centre Churches are joining with Swaythling churches for a united service to be held at 6.30pm on Sunday at Swaythling Baptist Church Fleming Road.

GOSPEL CHOIR Sun. 24th Jan. 7pm Mass. Rehearsal at 6pm.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: OUR FAREWELL GIFT TO FR. JOHN

Envelopes are available this weekend attached to this Newsletter. Please return your gift and put in with the main collection next weekend 23/24th Jan. in time for presenting at Fr. John's farewell party on Fri. 29th January.

NEXT WEEK

BAPTISM PREPARATION for parents to meet 7pm—8pm on Mon. 25th Jan. in St. Edmund's Hall.

CTS / SCM meet at 12.30pm on Tues. 26th Jan. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP meet in St. Edmund's Hall, Wed. 27th Jan. 7.45pm.

MARTHA'S MANAGEMENT GROUP meeting 7.45pm Wed. 27th Jan. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

EU WELCOME to meet at 7pm Thurs. 28th Jan. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

Good Bye Father John

On Friday the 29th January we are having a farewell Mass at 7.30pm in St. Edmund's Church followed by a reception in St. Anne's School Hall.



Please can everyone bring a plate of finger food or a bottle (wine, beer or soft drink) to share. St. Anne's Hall will be open from 6pm to 7.15pm for anyone wishing to deliver items before the Mass.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE Sat. 30th Jan. 10.15am—4.15pm. St. Joseph's House of Prayer, Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst. Fully booked.

GENERAL ITEMS

SOUTHAMPTON'S HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE MEMORIAL DAY 2010: 'THE LEGACY OF HOPE' Sat. 30th Jan. at Southampton Solent University, Sir James Matthews Building, Above Bar, 6pm-7pm an event to mark Holocaust & Genocide Memorial Day. All welcome. Refreshments provided. Web address <http://www.hmd.org.uk>.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

WILL THIS BE THE RETURN OF AN ICE RINK TO SOUTHAMPTON?



Venue: St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's Street, Southampton

Date: Thurs. 21st Jan

Time: 2 sessions 4-5.30pm or 6-7.30pm.

Come and see draft plans for the new Complex at 98 Chapel Road. Give your views & ideas. For the latest information visit www.southamptonice.co.uk.

HOMELESSNESS WEEK 30th Jan. to 7 Feb. On Tues. 2 Feb. 7.30 pm in the Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Portswood the J&P Group will welcome Trevor Pickup, Chief Executive of the Society of Saint James, who will talk about homelessness in Southampton and then take questions from the audience. All welcome.

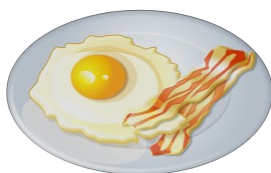
WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 INFORMATION EVENING—the next International Gathering for World Youth Day will be held in Madrid during August 2011. The Diocese is planning to take a group. If you would like to be part of this group or you want to find out more about WYD, then come along to the information evening on Wed. 3rd Feb. 2010 from 7.30pm—9.00pm in St. Edmund's Presbytery. Contact Eileen Stephenson, Tel. 013 2983 5583, e-mail: estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book a place at the information evening.

SERVICE OF INDUCTION of Mgr. Vincent Harvey VG, led by Bishop Crispian Hollis in St Edmund's Church at 7.30pm on Fri 5th Feb 2010. Reception to follow in St Anne's School Hall. The Mayor and Sheriff of Southampton and a wide range of civic and religious leaders have been invited to this very significant event. We hope as many of the parish community as possible will share in this.

PLEASE PRAY FOR—P.J. Phelan, Phyllis Richmond, Anthony Whelan, Teddy Blake, Faith, Brian Cunio, Margaret Stobbart, Sheila Morris, Yvonne Robertson, Philip Taylor, Janine Day, Eileen Smedley, Anushka Pooniah and all parishioners who are sick or recovering. Please let Parish Office know if you would like to add someone to the list.

THE BIG BREAKFAST

To welcome our new priest from 10am onwards **Sun. 14th Feb.** in **St. Edmund's Hall** after all morning Masses. Cost £5. Please come and join us and give a big welcome to Fr. Vincent. (Ash Weds. Lent - starts on 17th Feb!!)



CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC BOYS COLLEGE who were named as one of the 200 most improved schools in the country. Their pupils gained A* - C grades in at least 5 subjects, including Maths and English which was up to 63% from 34% in 2006. Well done to the boys, the Headteacher, Graham Wilson and staff.

HOPE—INSPIRATION FOR CATHOLICS WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE—a day of brilliant input to inspire and support all those looking to connect young people with the Church—especially Youth Leaders, Parish Volunteers, Chaplains, Catechists. Sat. 27th Feb. Friends Meeting House, Euston, London. Tickets £12.50 / £14.00. Web—www.cymfed.org. E-mail congress@cymfed.org.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Finding out a bit more? We would like to offer you the opportunity of joining the New Seekers group next meeting on Wed 17th Mar. in St. Edmund's Hall.

GETTING MARRIED IN 2010? If you wish to arrange a wedding this year. Please contact the parish office. Normally we required 6 months to assist with the paperwork and marriage preparation.

CONFESSION TIMES:

Sat. 11.30am St. Edmund's

Sat. 5.45pm St. Joseph's

Thurs 12.00pm St. Joseph's

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Adoration every day in
St. Edmund's Church
(Church open all day)



ARRANGING A BAPTISM? Baptisms will be celebrated up to Sunday 14th Feb. Lent is a time of preparation for baptism so no infant baptisms during the season of Lent. Easter Sunday is the 4th April.

MANY THANKS to all who help to take down the Christmas trees and decorations in our two churches and return them back to normal. Also to all the cleaning teams who continue to keep the churches clean throughout the year. Your help is very much appreciated.

PARKING IN FRONT OF ST. EDMUND'S HALL may be restricted due to Linden Homes commencing the renovation of the houses 10—12 Rockstone on Mon. 18th January.

CONGRATULATIONS to St. George, St. Anne's and St. Mary's schools who had the best exam results in the city.

CAN YOU HELP?—ACCOMMODATION NEEDED TO RENT—A family with two young children are looking to rent a house locally or in the Chandler's Ford area. Their house was damaged following a burst pipe whilst away during Christmas / New Year. Currently living in a hotel they want something to move into immediately. If you can help please contact the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 17th JANUARY 2010**

SAT	VIGIL MASS 16 JANUARY		6.15PM SJ ANDREW CUNNINGHAM RIP (CH) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	17 JANUARY	2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE AGOSTINA GONSALVES RIP (MG) 10.00AM SJ SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) 11.00AM SE EILEEN COLES RIP (MB) 7.00PM SE BARRY FAMILY RIP (F)
TUES	19 JANUARY	2nd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10.00AM SE FUNERAL MASS— WILLIAM MCBRIDE RIP
WED	20 JANUARY	2nd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7.00PM SE THOMAS JAMES CRAWLEY RIP (F)
THUR	21 JANUARY	ST. AGNES	12.15PM SJ B & S MYLES RIP (F)
FRI	22 JANUARY	2nd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7.00PM SE PHIL & ETHEL CONWAY RIP (GC)
SAT	23 JANUARY	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11.00AM SE MRS. ELIZABETH WARD RIP (M&MR) 6.15PM SJ NELLIE O'HANLON—GET WELL (BM) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	24 JANUARY	3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE JOHN & ELLEN MURPHY RIP (F) 10.00AM SJ FLOR CROWLEY RIP (DOM) 11.00AM SE BETTY & DERMOT BOYLAN RIP (60TH SE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY) (PB) 7.00PM SE EILEEN COLES RIP (PC)

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Retired Priest	Fr. Paul Spellman
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St Anne's Catholic School	023 8032 8200
St George Catholic College	023 8032 2603

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Psalm Response

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your words are Spirit, Lord, and they are life:
You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church week 2

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 24th JANUARY

3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

PAX CHRISTI

SECOND COLLECTION

**NEXT WEEK
CHURCH BUILDING FUND**

10/01/2010	1 st Collection	HCPT
Total	2639.49	1127.81
Cash	1077.79	860.31
S / O	1207.15	267.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	354.55	

Thank You For your Generous Contributions. Please note, the Gift Aid tax rebate on the second collection is retained by the Parish. Your donations make the life and work of the parish possible.