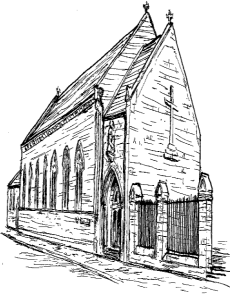


25TH DEC
CHRISTMAS
DAY,
27TH DEC 2009
HOLY FAMILY
& 3RD JAN
2010
THE EPIPHANY



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

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



WISH YOU EVERY BLESSING AND HAPPINESS THIS CHRISTMAS!

Fr. John writes:

We have been waiting, expecting, praying during the weeks of advent. Today we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, God's great act of becoming one of us, the great moment when Jesus Christ was born, when our world was changed forever. Christmas is a season of 12 days, we continue to celebrate and rejoice in the birth of our Saviour "during the 12 days of Christmas". Everything has been changed. God has entered our world and made us special. He continues to take flesh in our midst in the men, women and children who form "The Body of Christ" today.



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY—SUNDAY 27TH DEC.



On this first Sunday after Christmas we honour the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. For many of us the image of the Holy Family is a trouble free one where nothing ever went wrong. The truth is they had their own share of problems and difficulties. They knew the stress and strain of family life. They knew what it was like to be refugees without money in a strange land. Today we hear the story of losing their child Jesus in a crowded market place. The family is the "domestic church", the real dramas of life are the ones resolved in the home between parents and children and husbands and wives trying to do their best in an ever challenging world.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Next Friday we enter into the year of 2010, (twenty ten). Most of us start the New Year with enthusiasm, in a sense it's leaving the old and worn roads behind us making positive changes in our lives and looking forward in hope to the new year. None of us will be able to change the world, but we can make small positive changes in our lives. Every day presents new opportunities as we begin 2010 let us welcome the God given opportunities and know that God is gently journeying with us in all our hopes, dreams and plans for this new year 2010.

TODAY—CHRISTMAS DAY

WELCOME HOME AT CHRISTMAS to all who have come to celebrate the glorious feast at Christmas, students join their families, those who work away, and all who are spending Christmas here in the Southampton area. May our Christmas Masses gladden your hearts and deepen your faith.



CRIB COLLECTION for the Christian Schools in the Holy Land. The Archbishop in Jerusalem, maintains 41 schools in the Holy Land, 5 in Israel, 14 in Palestine and 22 in Jordan. 65% of the 18,600 pupils are Christian, the remainder Muslim.

The Archbishop firmly believes that in a country with a Christian minority – 2% of the total – it is important that children mix with Muslims at an early age in order for them to co-exist easily in the future. This would be another factor in helping these children, when they grow up, to stay in their own land, and so stop emigration which has escalated in recent years and eroded the Christian population. The biggest obstacles are the lack of peace and stability with the absence of justice, which causes so many difficulties in their lives.

The policy of building Jewish settlements in the occupied territories has led to discrimination, land confiscation, house demolition and many other infringements of human rights. The construction of a separation wall in recent years has added to these injustices. Despite the international community's attempts to negotiate between Israelis and Palestinians, the situation seems to be worsening.

They need our prayers and our financial support. This year the crib collection will go towards educating Christians in the Holy Land. Over the last 4 years 70—80 people from our parish have visited the Holy Land and experienced first hand this difficult situation. See Notice Board.

STUDENT CHOIR - Sun. 3rd Jan. 7.00pm Mass.
SECOND COLLECTION 3.1.10 Catholic Care.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING



The collections on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are for the benefit of our 2 priests and are the most substantial part of their personal annual income. Thank you for your generosity!

RECENTLY DIED: Geoffrey Brooke of MacNaghten Road, Bitterne Park. Funeral Mass at 1.00pm on Tues. 5th Jan. 2010 in St. Edmund's Church. Burial to follow at South Stoneham Cemetery. Reception of the coffin on Mon. 4th Jan. at 4.00pm Our sympathy to his family. **May he rest in peace.**



ALTERNATIVE NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION!

Why not celebrate the New Year in an atmosphere of faith & prayer. Thurs. 31st Dec. in St. Edmund's Church:

- 11.00pm prayers of Praise & Thanksgiving,
 - 12.00am Midnight Mass Presider Fr. Paul Leonard.
- All are welcome to join in this time of prayer for the past year and to welcome in the New Year.



THIS WEEK

CHURCH CLOSED—ADORATION CANCELLED Christmas Day, Boxing Day Mon. 28th Dec. and New Year's Day Fri. 1st Jan. 2010. Church opened for Mass times only.

NEW YEAR'S DAY 1st Jan. 2010— Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Mass in St. Edmund's at 7pm.

NEXT WEEKEND

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Sun. 3rd Jan. **WELCOME** to Fr. Paul Spellman who is to preside at the 10am Mass Sun. 3rd Jan. in St. Joseph's.

WELCOME RITE 9am Mass

BAPTISM—We welcome into our faith community Charlie Wrenn, son of Pasqual and Aine of Salthill, Galway who is to be baptized at 12.30pm on Sun. 3rd Jan. in St. Edmund's Church.

BETHANY GROUP / BEREAVEMENT GROUP to meet at 9.45am on Sat. 16th Jan. in St. Edmund's Hall.

NEXT TWO WEEKS

WELCOME to Peter McGeady, new Catholic Youth Development leader who begins his work on Mon. 4th Jan. He will be based at the old AOS office at St. Joseph's in Bugle Street.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet every Tuesday at 8pm in St. Edmund's Hall. All welcome.

RCIA meet again at 7.30pm Thurs. 7th Jan. in St. Edmund's Hall.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION for St Mary's College 9.00am-12.15pm Sat 9th Jan. 2010. See Notice Board.

CAFOD SUPPORTERS DAY - Sat. 9th Jan. St Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX 10.30am - 3.30pm. Bring packed lunch. E-mail portsmouth@cafod.org.uk, Tel. No. 01252 329385.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR CANDIDATES 1pm—6pm Sun. 10th Jan. in the Stella Maris Centre.

PLANNING FOR THE INDUCTION SERVICE for Mgr. Vincent Harvey to meet at 7.45pm on Wed. 13th Jan. We welcome members from the Liturgy, CCPG and Fun & Fundraising Groups.

LITTLE WAY HEALING MINISTRIES Fr Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs Pauline Edwards and team offer a day to experience the healing power of Jesus at the Highfield House Hotel, 119 Highfield Lane - Saturday 9th Jan 2010, 10.00am - 4.30pm. Come and go as you wish. All welcome - tea and coffee at 10.00am, lunch break. Jesus promised "*Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed*". Come and experience.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION workshop for parents and children at 10.30am on Sat. 16th Jan. in Stella Maris Centre / St. Joseph's Church.

GENERAL ITEMS

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

NEW CO-ORDINATING PASTOR—Bishop Crispian has appointed Mgr. V. Harvey to replace Fr. John as the new Co-ordinating Pastor.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY—you are invited to attend United Service at Swaythling Baptist Church, Flemming Road, Swaythling on Sun. 24th Jan. 6.30pm.

THE CHRIST WE ARE, THE CHRIST WE SHARE a weekend to reflect & share, to explore and learn to proclaim and celebrate. 22nd—24th January at Hallmark Hotel, Durley Chine Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5JS. Single £195, Shared Accommodation £170, Day delegates £70 Sat. and £30 Fri. or Sun. Parish will pay half the fee. See Anne at the Parish Office.

CAR PARKING please note that **only those** with disabled badges are allowed to park on the double yellow lines in the parking bay in front of St. Edmund's Church. Parking attendants are active in the area. Please use the parking area behind the church.

CLEAR are looking for an exp. Sessional ESOL Tutor for asylum seekers & refugees. E-mail: maryam@clearproject.org.uk. See Notice Board.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND A CD of photographs now available from the Parish Office.

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.

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY? HAVE YOU GOT A NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS? Please update our parish records with your new contact details.

KEY HOLDERS—we are currently trying to update our records of those who have keys to any of the church properties. Please contact the Parish Office.

MANY THANKS to all the volunteers who helped out to prepare the two churches for the celebration of Christmas, cleaners, readers, ministers of Holy

Communion, singers, musicians, stewards, welcomers, counters, altar services, the office staff, those who put the Christmas Mass leaflets together, those who decorated our two churches and gave gifts for the elderly people.

CALLING ALL ST. ANNE'S PUPILS YEAR 5 OF 1985—If you left in 1985 (or went onto the 6th form) please join the reunion planned for 1st May 2010. If you would like to be kept informed of the details, please contact Kate Miell (nee Dunkley) on Tel. 023 8039 8181 or e-mail familymiell@ntlworld.com or join the Facebook group St Annes Year 5 of 1985.



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

CONFESSION TIMES:

Sat. 11.30am St. Edmund's

Sat. 5.45pm St. Joseph's

Thurs 12.00pm St. Joseph's

ADVANCE NOTICE

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.

FAREWELL MASS OF THANKSGIVING for Fr John in St Edmund's at 7.30pm on Fri 29th Jan. Reception to follow in St Anne's School Hall.

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.

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.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER 2009**

THUR	24th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS EVE	6.00PM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 9.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH 11.30PM SJ PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 11.30PM SE WILLIAM & KATIE COADY RIP (DC)
FRI	25th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DAY	9.00AM SE ANNIE CONNOR RIP (JO'S) 10.00AM SJ JUDE NORONHA RIP (MA) 11.00AM SE JOSEPH CROFTON RIP (MH)
SAT	VIGIL MASS 26th DECEMBER		6.15PM SJ SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	27th DECEMBER	THE HOLY FAMILY	9.00AM SE LAURENCE & MARIE CRAWLEY RIP (MC) 10.00AM SJ SHEILA TAYLOR RIP (AG) 11.00AM SE MARIA MASGERANHAS RIP (MA) 7.00PM SE MICHAEL & NORA HASTINGS & NORA DURKAN (PH)
TUES	29th DECEMBER	ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY	10.00AM SE THANKSGIVING (PR)
WED	30th DECEMBER	LITURGY OF THE DAY	7.00PM SE SHEILA TAYLOR (PJP & GP)
THUR	31st DECEMBER	LITURGY OF THE DAY	12.15PM SJ CHARLES KUITENBROUWER RIP (EG) 12.00AM SE (MIDNIGHT) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	1st JANUARY	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	7.00PM SE GRIS DE FREITAS RIP (PJP & GP)
SAT	2nd JANUARY	SS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN	11.00AM SE EILEEN COLES RIP (JB) 6.15PM SJ MON, DAD, TOM, JOHN, BILL, GEORGE, PETER LEIGH RIP (JAL) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	3rd JANUARY	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.00AM SE KATHLEEN BRENNAN RIP (EB) 10.00AM SJ EUNICE ANUSIONWU INTENTIONS (EA) 11.00AM SE DANIEL & EDITH O'BRIEN RIP (EB) 7.00PM SE MICHAEL BROPHY RIP & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS (F)
TUES	5th JANUARY	LITURGY OF THE DAY	10.00AM SE CORNELIUS & NORAH HEHIR—MAY GOD GRANT THEM REST IN PEACE (PH)
WED	6th JANUARY	LITURGY OF THE DAY	7.00PM SE THE WELD FAMILY RIP (F)
THUR	7th JANUARY	LITURGY OF THE DAY	12.15PM SJ PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	8th JANUARY	LITURGY OF THE DAY	7.00PM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	9th JANUARY	LITURGY OF THE DAY	11.00AM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 6.15PM SJ DANNY & MAVIS POWELL (PL) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	10th JANUARY	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.00AM SE JOACHIM RODRIGUES 75TH BIRTHDAY (AR) 10.00AM SJ DECEASED MEMBERS OF EDGE & WHITE FAMILIES RIP (F) 11.00AM SE EILEEN COLES RIP (MB) 7.00PM SE SPECIAL INTS. ANEELA HERMAN (AH)

**THE HOLY FAMILY (YEAR C)
27TH DECEMBER 2009**

Psalm Response

They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of
your Son, **Alleluia!**

20/12/09	1 st Collection	Catholic Care
Total	2700.89	407.05
Cash	1127.07	154.55
S / O	1207.15	252.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	372.04	