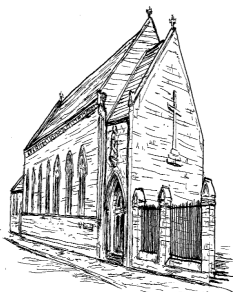


**29TH
NOVEMBER
2009**

**FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**



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



ADVENT - A SEASON OF EXPECTATION

Fr. Paul writes:

Advent The word Advent derives from a Latin word meaning 'coming'. The Lord is coming. Therefore it is important for us to prepare our hearts so that we are not robbed of a feeling of expectancy and joyful anticipation. While preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, more is involved. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life. This vision is twofold – looking back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our lives as Christians. As we prepare for not only Christmas but Christ's second coming, let us seize the moment and get more involved in the meaning and possibilities of life as a Christian community. If we do so, when the Lord comes again, we will be awake and watchful. He will not find us asleep.

ADVENT WREATH

The wreath's symbolism of the Advent (coming) of Light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, helps to symbolise not only our expectation and hope in our Saviour's First Coming into the world, but also his Second Coming at the end of time. The liturgical colours highlight this with a penitential purple candle lit on all Sundays except the third Sunday, which is known as 'Gaudete' (joyful) Sunday.



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE – YEAR C

Moving into a new liturgical year, we shift our focus from the Gospel of Mark to the Gospel of Luke. Although at first sight, the 'Synoptic' Gospels seem very similar, they are marked by significant differences. The Church encourages us to note these differences in a positive way by appointing each of these Gospels to be read on successive years on Sundays. Luke offers a particular perspective on the person and ministry of Jesus. As we listen to Luke's Gospel, especially

TODAY - SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT PASTORAL LETTER from Bishop Crispian - copies available at the back of the Church.

RITE OF ENROLMENT OF NAMES for Parents and Children for First Holy Communion, 09.00 and 10.00am Masses. (No Children's Liturgy today)

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOME for adults taking the first formal step in their faith journey towards Easter at 11.00am Mass.

APPEAL BY Anne Monaghan for Catholic Home Care at end of all Masses today.

SECOND COLLECTION: Catholic Care



ST. EDMUND'S & ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sunday 29th November

St Edmund's Hall

10.00 am - 1.00pm

**Bottles, preserves, gifts, bric-a-brac
and, of course,
homemade cakes.**

DRAW TICKETS available on the day

'BE THE CHANGE' - A Symposium

On Sun 29th Nov 2.00pm - 6.00pm

**New Extension, Holy Family Church,
Redbridge Hill, Southampton.**

To help people to come to a deeper understanding of where we are as a society, how we got here, and what we can and must do if we want to see: an ecologically sustainable, socially just, spiritually fulfilling, human presence on the Planet. Short films & video clips to be shown to highlight the message of "Be the Change". Led by a team of experts from Dublin. Fr John hopes for a representation of 10 - 20 people to join him and Fr Paul for this Symposium. Tea, coffee & light refreshments to be provided. Tel. 8077 5199 or e-mail: louis.mcdermott@btopenworld.com.

GOSPEL CHOIR - 7.00pm Mass, rehearsal at 6.00pm. Open invitation.

PARISH DIARIES FOR 2010 now on sale - £1.00 each.

RECENTLY DIED



Eileen Coles, Manor Farm Road. Funeral Mass at 1.30pm on Wed 2nd Dec in St Edmund's Church, burial to follow in South Stoneham. Reception of coffin on Tues 1st Dec at 4.00pm Eileen was much involved with our parish and always set-up for the

11.00am Mass on Saturday. Our sympathy to her mother, Margaret, and her sisters. **May she rest in peace**

THIS WEEK

SING IT! Youth Gospel Choir to rehearse in St Edmund's Church 6.00 - 9.00pm Mon 30th Nov.

WORLD AIDS DAY - Tuesday 1st December.

MASS AT SOLENT UNIVERSITY 1.00pm Wed 2nd Dec - Faith Room, HC206. Contact Sr Liliana.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME **Note:** Mass on Fri 4th Dec is at 10.00am and not at 7.00pm, as normal, due to Sing It! Carol Service in the evening.

SING IT! YOUTH GOSPEL CHOIR



invites you to a Christmas Concert on Fri 4th Dec in St Edmund's Church - 6.45pm for 7.00pm. There will be a mix of traditional carols, gospel songs, readings and, of course, mulled wine and mince pies.

Tickets £5 - contact Kate Murelli by email singitgospelchoir@hotmail.co.uk or phone Nicky Manning on 07714 255602, or Kate Murelli on 07709 343653.

NEXT WEEKEND

ADVENT MASS - ANOINTING OF THE SICK at 11.00am on Sat 5th Dec in St. Edmund's Church. An opportunity for healing for those whose health is impaired by sickness or old age and those who are in need of deep healing of the spirit and body and those who are ill or weak.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 6th December.
STUDENT CHOIR 7.00pm Sunday 6th Dec - rehearsal at 6.00pm.

NEXT WEEK

SAFEGUARDING GROUP to meet with Angela McGrory, 7.00pm Tues 8th Dec in St Edmund's Presbytery. Tel Angela or Soraya on 023 9281 6396 for fuller info.

ST EDMUND'S CHURCH CLOSED for organ tuning, Wed 9th Dec - **Adoration cancelled until 2.00pm.**

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB Christmas lunch on Wed 9th Dec at 12 noon in St Edmund's Hall.

AREA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT GROUP to meet at 2.30pm on Wed 9th Dec in St Edmund's Presbytery.

CLERGY OF SOUTHAMPTON AREA to gather for Christmas lunch on Fri 11th Dec in St Edmund's Hall.

GOSPEL CHOIR 7.00pm Mass - Sun 13th Dec.

GENERAL ITEMS

GOOD PRACTICE We ask all Ministers of Holy Communion to continue the ongoing practice of using alcohol gels to sanitise their hands before distribution of Holy Communion.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2009**

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| SAT | VIGIL MASS 28th NOVEMBER | | 6.15PM SJ SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) |
| | | | 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH |
| SUN | 29th NOVEMBER | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 9.00AM SE CAJESTAN D'COSTA RIP (AD) |
| | | | 10.00AM SJ PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| | | | 11.00AM SE MICHAEL BRENNAN RIP (EB) |
| | | | 7.00PM SE ELIZABETH DORLING RIP (JMD) |
| TUES | 1st DECEMBER | OF THE 1st WEEK OF ADVENT | 10.00AM SE EILEEN COLES RIP (MD) |
| WED | 2nd DECEMBER | OF THE 1st WEEK OF ADVENT | 1.30PM SE FUNERAL MASS - EILEEN COLES RIP |
| | | | 7.00PM SE THANKSGIVING (MD) |
| THUR | 3rd DECEMBER | ST FRANCIS XAVIER | 12.15PM SJ PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| FRI | 4th DECEMBER | ST JOHN DAMASCENE | 10.00AM SE ETHELDREDA CONWAY RIP (F) |
| SAT | 5th DECEMBER | OF THE 1st WEEK OF ADVENT | 11.00AM SE ANOINTING OF THE SICK |
| | | | 6.15PM SJ PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| | | | 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH |
| SUN | 6th DECEMBER | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 9.00AM SE FRANK HARRISON RIP (MH) |
| | | | 10.00AM SJ BOSO ANDRADE INTENTIONS (MA) |
| | | | 11.00AM SE ST FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY - (SOUTHAMPTON GOAN COMMUNITY) |
| | | | 7.00PM SE LASHAN & RUSHIKA PEIRIS THANKSGIVING (L&RP) |

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

Psalm Response

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Prayer of the Church Week 3

SECOND COLLECTION

**TODAY
CATHOLIC CARE**

SECOND COLLECTION

**NEXT WEEK
CHURCH BUILDING FUND**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

First reading: Baruch 5 : 1-9
 Second reading: Philippians 1 : 4-6; 8-11
 Gospel: Luke 3 : 1-6

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