



26 NOVEMBER 2017

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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- CHRIST THE KING &  
ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION,  
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- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
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The Church year ends today on this the Solemnity of Christ the King with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes.

The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language. The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment. The King is the divine shepherd whom Ezekiel foresees in today's First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats.

Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in the Gospel today. These works, as Jesus explains today, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbour as ourselves. Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it be expressed in works of love. And we cannot say we truly love God, whom we cannot see, if we don't love our neighbour, whom we can see.

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. And we are to follow His lead, to imitate His example. He healed our sickness, freed us from the prison of sin and death, and welcomed us who were once strangers to His covenant. He clothed us in baptism and feeds us with the food and drink of His own body and blood.

At "the end," He will come again to hand over His kingdom to His Father, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

Let us strive to be following Him in right paths, that this kingdom might be our inheritance that we might enter into the eternal rest promised for the people of God.

*Scott Hahn*

*(Adapted from his weekly newsletter from the St. Paul Centre for Biblical Theology at [stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com))*

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### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Do you notice the 'needs' of those around you: in family, colleagues, parishioners, friends and people as a whole? If 'no', why not? If 'yes' how do you respond (Gospel)?
2. Where would you place yourself in today's Gospel: on the side of sheep or goats? On the side of those who respond or those who don't? Why?
3. When has someone 'reached out' to you when you were in need? How did you feel? How did it help? *Vincent Harvey*

## **TODAY SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2017**

**NO RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY** *make the most of it!!*

**PRAISE & WORSHIP CHOIR** 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm.

**'A TIME OF PRAYER'** today at 12noon in *St Edmund's Church (30 minutes)* (i.e. directly after Mass). *This period of prayer just after Mass involves Adoration, silence, prayer and singing ... do come along.*



**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our faith community **Joelle Adolf**, daughter of Egbert & Elena, who is being baptised in St Edmund's Church at 1pm today.



**TODAY—SUNDAY IS THE HCPT 170 GROUP LUXURY CREAM TEA, SANDWICHES AND CAKE**, with raffle, good company, bubbles and as much tea as you can drink! All to raise money to send our lovely children to Lourdes at Easter. Takes place from 3pm—5pm at

St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley **for all who have pre-booked and paid for their tickets.**

## **NEXT WEEKEND**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP** for parents and children 10:30am Saturday 2 December at St Anne's School.

**NEXT SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER—FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT** when we 'await the coming of God', not simply at Christmas, but in our daily lives and, in particular, the 'end of time'. ***Make the most of Advent by purchasing some of the many booklets (for adults and children) and 'Advent Calendar' for children available at the back of both churches.***

**FEAST CELEBRATION OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER**, Goa's Patron Saint. Sunday 3 December 12:30pm—5:30pm at St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley, SO15 3JD. Ticket £10pp including full Goan buffet, snacks, dessert, drinks, spot prizes, Santa's Gifts to children, live music, games and dancing. Children under 12 years FREE ENTRY. Dress: Formal. All welcome. Raffle proceeds to Goan Orphanage. Call Roque 07816 195 002 and Dina 023 8078 0774 to book.

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE** 2pm Sunday 3 December at Warsash. Starting point St Mary's Church Car Park. See noticeboards. Tel 023 8022 3389.



**JINGLING BELLS** Sunday 3 December 3pm—4:30pm. Carols in St Edmund's Church followed by tea in the hall. Contact Jenepher Mobile No. 07891 733 939 if you can help.

## **THIS WEEK**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

Mon: Day off: VH.  
Tues-Fri RB away.

Tues EU Welcome. Advice Southampton: VH  
Wed Hospital Call: VH. St Anne Mass: VH. SSSR: VH  
Fri Housebound visits: VH

**FATHER VINCENT:** Still limping ... but getting faster!!

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP** St Michael's, Bugle Street, Tuesdays 6pm—6:45pm.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION WORKSHOP** 7pm—8:30pm Tuesday 28 November in St Edmund's Hall for parents who have booked to have their children baptised in the parish. *Parents only.*

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB** meet at 12noon every Wednesday in St Edmund's Hall.

**RCIA GROUP** meet at 7:30pm on Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place for those enquiring about the Catholic Faith.

**PILATES WITH HILARY** 10am Fridays in St Edmund's Hall. Text Hilary 07786 617 302 to join.



**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our faith community **Aliana D'Costa**, daughter of Allan and Anjali, being baptised at 1pm Friday 1 December in St Edmund's Church.

**NIGHT FEVER** takes place after 7pm Mass on Friday 1 December in St Edmund's Church. Come along to pray or, better still, to be part of the team; briefing 7:45pm. Contact Adrienne: [adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk)

## **NEXT WEEK**

**SCOF** meeting 7:30pm Tuesday 5 December in St Edmund's Hall.

**SPRINGHILL CONCERT PRACTISE** 1pm—3pm Thursday 7 December in St Edmund's Church.

**BAMENDA COMMITTEE MEETING** 7pm—9:30pm Thursday 7 December in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY—SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** Friday 8 December at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Starts with Mass at 12:15pm; includes candle-light procession, candles placed at the Altar of Our Blessed Lady, hymns/prayers followed by Benediction. All welcome!



**YOUTH CLUBS: Frogz Junior Group** for ages 8-12, meet 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month during term-time from 6pm—7:15pm. Next meeting **Friday 8 December**, theme "Advent Party".

**Frassati Society Senior Group** for ages 12-18 meet **Fridays** 7:15pm-9pm. The group is led by Sister Mary Catherine OP from the Dominican convent in Sway. Both take place in St Boniface Church Hall.

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

**SOUP LUNCH** 1:05pm Thursday 14 December in Stella Maris Hall (after 12:15pm Mass). Proceeds for CAFOD.

**THANK YOU FROM HILARY PARKER** for all the lovely gifts received and celebrations held for her 70th birthday. She is overwhelmed and truly grateful!



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2017

\*(Key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

SAT	25 NOVEMBER	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	MAGDALENE—THANKSGIVING (CH)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
			9:00AM SE	STEPHANIE & ROGER HURST—THANKSGIVING (KN)
SUN	26 NOVEMBER	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b>	10:00AM SJ	NADINE WARDEN—GET WELL (IK)
			11:00AM SE	LEON, LORINA & GAVIN—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING— (LR)
			7:00PM SE	CLAIRE WALSTALL, AARON WEERASINGE, JOELLE EGBERT—GOD'S BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVING FOR THESE AND ALL NEWBORN BABIES (ANUSHKA)
TUES	28 NOVEMBER	34TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	JOLANTA S & ANCESTORS—HEALING OF FAMILY TREE (RK)
WED	29 NOVEMBER	34TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	BOGDAN K & ANCESTORS—HEALING OF FAMILY TREE (RK)
THURS	30 NOVEMBER	ST ANDREW	12:15PM SJ	LUIS CYPRIAN & ADELINA RODRIGUES RIP (SR)
FRI	1 DECEMBER	34TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	JAN A & ANCESTORS—HEALING OF FAMILY TREE (RK)
SAT	2 DECEMBER	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE	PJ PHELAN RIP (PARISH OFFICE)
			6:15PM SJ	WALTER GABRIEL SINCLAIR RIP (100TH ANNIV.) (MY)
SUN	3 DECEMBER	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	9:00AM SE	ANNIE'S HEALTH—HEALING AND WELLBEING (JB&MB)
			10:00AM SJ	MARII A & ANCESTORS—HEALING OF FAMILY TREE (RK)
			11:00AM SE	PJ PHELAN RIP (DP & GP)
			7:00PM SE	ROMEO & JEAN ZANELLOTTI RIP (F)

**PARISHES MASS TIMES:** Holy Family, Millbrook Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 10:30am; 1:00pm (Polish); 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, Lordswood Sun 09:15; Holy Day 10:00. Christ the King & St Colman Sun 11:00; Holy Day 19:00. Immaculate Conception, Portswood Recon: Sat 10:30 (After Mass); Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 19:30. Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End Sat Vigil 17:30; St Brigid, West End Sun 17:30; St Patrick, Woolston Sat Vigil 18:00; Sun 11:00; Holy Day 09:15 (term time); 10:00 (outside of term time). The Annunciation, Netley Abbey Sun 09:00, Holy Day 19:00.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 2		
<b>26 NOVEMBER 2017</b>		
<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b>		
<b>Psalm Response:</b> The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.		
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b>		
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! <b>Alleluia!</b>		
<b>READINGS 3 DECEMBER 2017</b>		
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B</b>		
1st reading: Isaiah 63:16—17; 64:1, 3—8		
2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3—9		
Gospel Reading: Mark 13: 33—37		
<b>No 2nd COLLECTION</b>		<b>2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</b>
<b>TODAY</b>		<b>CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND</b>
<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd CATHOLIC</b>
	<b>19.11.17</b>	<b>HOME CARE</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,735.54</b>	<b>£146.25</b>
Cash	1,164.78	Uncounted
S / O	1,256.61	117.00
Gift Aid	314.15	29.25
Thank you for your generous contributions and gift aiding. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.		
<b>CONFESSION TIMES</b>		
<b>St Joseph's:</b>	Thursdays	11:45am
	Saturdays	5:45pm
<b>St Edmund's:</b>	Saturdays	11:30am