



10 DECEMBER 2017

**SECOND
SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

STELLA MARIS DEANERY

INCLUDES:

- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, LORDSWOOD
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PORTSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING & ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION, HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION, NETLEY ABBEY



**STAND UP ... LET US PREPARE ...
AWAKE ... BE PURIFIED ... ASSEMBLE!**

Stand up! The Lord comes!
A prophet's voice
has risen from the desert ...
Desire and waiting
have ripened our hearts
Let us prepare!

Stand up! The Lord comes!
The word creeps in
and shakes our hearts
And behold the Kingdom,
it draws near, it is here.....
Let us awake!

Stand up! The Lord comes!
Our new hope
between the currents of our lives
Its fertile mystery,
a silent faith
Let us be purified!

Stand up! The Lord comes!
Happy those called
to his table of love
God himself invites us
and we shout for joy!
Let us assemble!

The Lord comes!

*Commission Francophone Cistercienne
(Chant E LH 118)*

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Isaiah and John the Baptist were prophets who 'revealed' God to people, who announced God's presence. Who are the 'prophets' in your life? Are you a 'prophet' for others?
2. John the Baptist lived and preached in the desert. Where/ what is the 'desert' (wastelands) in your life? How can you let God 'speak' into your desert/wasteland?
3. Advent is a time of grace. How can you make the traditional and practical preparations for the coming of Christmas an experience of grace?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2017

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY: Catholic Home Care.

TODAY.....Advent (see elsewhere) when as 'Church' we await the coming of Christ at the 'end of time' and at 'Christmas. At all Masses we light 2 Advent candles as reminder that our journey continues. *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.*

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE BISHOP! *"This Christmas, as a help to the work of evangelisation across the Diocese, I wish to give a gift to everyone who comes to Christmas Mass – not only to the regularly practising but to all the Christmas attendees. A generous donor has provided me with 40,000 copies of Matthew Kelly's best-selling book, Rediscover Jesus, for distribution to all the faithful of our Diocese of Portsmouth".*

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Mon: Day off: VH/RB

Tues 'Love Southampton': VH. St George Governors: VH
Hospital On-Call 24hr: RB

Wed Team meeting: VH/RB. Springhill Advent Cele: VH
St Anne's Mass; Springhill with Year 6: RB

Thurs Poitier celebration: VH. St George Concert: VH
Various meetings: RB

Fri St George End of Term Mass: VH
Meeting Basingstoke: RB

Sat Baptism appointments

SPRINGHILL CONCERT PRACTISE 1pm—3pm Monday
11 December in St Edmund's Church.

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

SPRINGHILL YEAR 6 CAROL CONCERT 7pm Tuesday
12 December in St Edmund's Church.

SPRINGHILL VISIT 9am—11am Wednesday 13
December in St Edmund's Church.

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

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Come and join us to sing carols for
the Midnight Mass at St Edmund's on Christmas Eve.
Rehearsals 7:30pm on Wednesdays 13 and 20
December. For more information email Carla at
carla.philips75@gmail.com

EST MEETING 7:45pm Wednesday 13 December in
St Edmund's Presbytery.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE PRACTISE & CAROL SERVICE
Practise 10am—12 noon, *Carol Service* 7pm Thursday
14 December in St Edmund's Church.

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

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Thursday
14 December at 7pm. If you feel you would benefit from
this simple but profound encounter with the Christ then
you are welcome to Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road,
Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU.

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

NEXT WEEK

CONFESSIONS IN POLISH 6pm Monday 18 December
in St Edmund's Church.

**ADVANCE WARNING—ADVENT PENITENTIAL
SERVICE 7:30pm **Tuesday 19 December at St Edmund
Church.** An opportunity to stop in the midst of the
Christmas rush and ponder where we are in our
relationships: *with God, each other and the Faith
Community.* As part of the celebration priests will be
available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come
along and 'prepare for the coming of Christ!'

11AM MASS & CONFESSIONS CANCELLED Saturday
23 December in St Edmund's Church.

GENERAL ITEMS

TWO HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS DECEMBER 2017

Maria Swann	1st prize	£20.00
Celia Axton	2nd prize	£10.00

PARISH THEME: as we begin the 'New Liturgical
Year' (with the Gospel of Mark) we pick up the theme of
'Peace'. November 2018 will see the 100th anniversary
of the end of World War One. *As the year progresses,
without doubt society, civic and religious, will be focusing
on world peace, maybe more needed now than ever in our
world history!* We in the Parish will pick up a different
aspect/facet of peace each month, beginning in
December/Advent with 'personal peace', 'at one with
oneself, with others and God'.

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: The
Elderly:** That the elderly, sustained by families and
Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and
experience to spreading the faith and forming the new
generations.

ADVENT: *"For the great human family it is necessary to
renew always the common horizon toward which we are
journeying. The horizon of hope! This is the horizon that
makes a good journey the time of Advent that we
begin again today returns us to the horizon of hope, a
hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the
Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint, simply
because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!.....
[Advent is] a new journey of the People of God with Jesus
Christ, our Shepherd, who guides us in history towards the
completion of the Kingdom of God!(Pope Francis, Sunday
Angelus, 1st Sunday of Advent, 2013).*

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS takes place in Liverpool on
the 7, 8 & 9 September 2018 (Friday-Sunday). Friday
will be a 'Theological Symposium'; Saturday the
Congress itself (Keynote Speakers: Cardinal Vincent
Nichols and Bishop Robert Barron); Sunday Mass and
Eucharistic Procession. If you are interested in attending
let one of the Clergy know, or contact the Parish Office.

JINGLING BELLS thank you to all who supported this
event last Sunday. Over £113 was raised for Father
Des' work with the needy (and bags, and bags full of
good clothes). Thanks especially to Jenepher Parry for
suggesting and planning it.

ALTAR SERVERS ... please sign up for Christmas
Masses, and return the letter from Father Vincent and
Father Ross for the celebration on St Stephen's Day (26
December).

ADVENT: IDEAS

- Pop into Adoration at St Edmund during the week for a 'time of quiet' in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord
- Buy an 'Advent Booklet' to guide you through this period of 'expectant waiting'

PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS ST EDMUND'S BIG CHURCH CLEAN:

****Tuesday 19 December from 2pm—4pm****

ALSO HELP REQUIRED TO PUT UP AND DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS TREE and prepare the Church for Christmas with candles, stars, flowers 11:30am from Saturday 16 December to Saturday 23 December.

STAPLING OF CHRISTMAS MASS LEAFLETS: Volunteers needed Monday—Friday 9am—1pm and 2pm—4pm from Wednesday 13 December. Call at the Parish Office if you can help.

STEWARDS / WELCOMERS / READERS / E. MINISTERS For Reconciliation Service and Christmas Masses

All offers of help greatly appreciated. Please add your name to the sign-up list at the back of the Church. (Altar Servers list in the Sacristy.)

'A TIME OF PRAYER' after or before Sunday Mass once a month. Watch this space.

CHURCH REPAIRS UPDATE: St Joseph: pointing on the south wall continues. St Edmund: the loose corbel in the north aisle has been fixed (fortunately it was not a structural issue and was removed, then re-fixed on Tuesday).

SHOEBOX APPEAL—THEY HAVE ARRIVED! Along with hundreds of others, the 163 boxes of treasures contributed by the parish have been delivered to Roma children in central Europe. The children live in absolute poverty in shacks with no running water or electricity and at this time of year temperatures average around -10 and with snow. Until two weeks ago most of them had no proper shoes. Their excitement and delight shown when receiving the shoeboxes literally brought tears to the eyes. Well done it is indeed Advent. **See photos on the noticeboard.**

WHEN BUYING CHRISTMAS GIFTS there are lots of opportunities to make ethical choices. If you feel you have enough already you can have fun with charity "World Gifts" from CAFOD for example where you give a card and someone in need receives the gift – a goat – chicken or even a toilet! <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> This year **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** also have produced "Christmas Gifts of Faith" to support persecuted Christians <https://acnuk.org/get-involved/gifts-of-faith/>

INTERFAITH: 'THE SILK ROUTE CLUB' fundraising for 'Save the Children' on Saturday, 16th December from 10am-4pm: Authentic Syrian Cuisine: Crossfield Hall, Broadwater Road, Romsey, SO51 8GL. Tickets: Please register interest at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/syrian-cuisine-authentic-food-on-sale-tickets-39815747974 For more info contact us on: silkrouteclub@gmail.com



NAME A STAR to hang in the church at Christmas in memory of a loved one. £1.50 per star. Available at Masses from next weekend. All proceeds towards HCPT.

CATHOLIC HOME CARE: *thank you for your generosity and the wonderful selection of thoughtful gifts received.*

CARERS NEEDED—CATHOLIC HOME CARE are looking to recruit new carers to join a friendly and supportive team. If you like elderly people and have a few hours spare during the week this is the job for you. Car driver is an advantage (but not essential) and full training will be given. Success at the interview will lead to an enhanced DBS check before being appointed. Permanent and holiday cover carers are required. Full details and application form available from Anne Monaghan Tel 023 8017 0498. Closing date 5.1.2018.

QUIZ UPDATE: The next fund-raising Quiz Night [with Chili-con-Carne supper] is scheduled for 7:30pm Saturday **20 January 2018**. Because of particular need, this time the evening's proceeds will go to Catholic Home Care. *More news about Asin'get School on the night.* Because of the current health of intended organisers, to make this Quiz actually happen, we need your help! We'll need a hand with the food [*helping Roz with the preparation beforehand and serving on the night*] and also with setting out the furniture in St Joseph's Hall on the day, as well as tidying up afterwards. If you feel you can spare an hour [or two] please call Ros Peters [07717 681 982] or Helmy Duyvestein [07831 22 7 602].

POITIERS CARE is a Catholic charity that delivers food to people who would otherwise go hungry. Since March this year, Poitiers has fed over 5,000 people in the Southampton area. This means each week 90 adults and 60 children have received food. Thank you to everyone who has donated food and money to Poitiers. They really value our help and hope we will continue to donate in the future. *They need people who would be willing to give 2 to 3 hours of their time to help them continue this important work. Some volunteers work weekly, others work monthly. Volunteers are needed to:*

- receive and stack the supplies (Monday morning)
- pack the bags for delivery (Thursday morning)
- deliver the bags (Friday morning)
- help with administration (Wednesday or Friday)

If you are interested in helping with this lovely charity, please call Kate Greaves 07894 441 775.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Father Vincent (full recovery), Kay Walshe (op. recovery), Dolina MacKinnon, Judy Brown, Karen Nugent, Andrea Reiter, Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Disshnayake, Himat Amlani, Francis Ponniah, Daham Korlage, Kushmi, CA, Alan West, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Keiran Walstall, Doris Leggett, Marisa Tellegen (op. recovery), John O'Reilly, Albie Escorcio, Carmen Escorcio, Linda Seikus, Bill Eastman, Shane Wing, Janice Cummings, Kathryn Morley, Carol Butt, Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Joachim Rodrigues, Marie Adams, Ken Rouse, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Jackie Duggan, Esther Pananwela, Noreen Kealy, Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan, Valerie Summerton, Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle, Janette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, Maria Annunziata, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, NW, Joe Sculley, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners on the prayer list who are ill, having surgery or treatment at this time.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 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	9 DECEMBER	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ JACK SINCLAIR RIP (MY) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	10 DECEMBER	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9:00AM SE STOY & JESSY—THANKSGIVING (JS) 10:00AM SJ SLAWEK & ANCESTORS—HEALING OF FAMILY TREE (RK) 11:00AM SE DECEASED MEMBERS OF CURTIS HAYWARD FAMILY (F) 7:00PM SE ROBERT & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)
TUES	12 DECEMBER	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	10:00AM SE FOSS HOLY SOULS (HH)
WED	13 DECEMBER	ST LUCY	7:00PM SE MALGORZATA & HER ANCESTORS—HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE (RK)
THURS	14 DECEMBER	ST JOHN OF THE CROSS	12:15PM SJ MARGARET & LESLIE GROVER RIP (MB)
FRI	15 DECEMBER	OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT	7:00PM SE MARY JOSEPHINE SHANAHAN RIP (NK)
SAT	16 DECEMBER	OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT	11:00AM SE DOROTHY & BOB FLETCHER RIP (F) 6:15PM SJ MICHAEL HOGAN RIP (MY)
SUN	17 DECEMBER	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9:00AM SE AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) 10:00AM SJ AMY PEARL ROBINSON RIP (JJR) 11:00AM SE CHEVALIER M.B. DISSANAYAKE RIP (DAD)— THANKSGIVING AND GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA) 7:00PM SE PATRYK K, MONICA S & ANCESTORS—HEALING OF FAMILY TRAA (RK)

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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St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
St George College 023 8032 2603

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 2

10 DECEMBER 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

Psalm Response:

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight. And all mankind shall
see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

READINGS 17 DECEMBER 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

1st reading: Isaiah 61:1—2, 10—11
2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16—24
Gospel Reading: John 1:6—8, 19—28

2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC HOME CARE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

COLLECTIONS	1st 3.12.17	2nd 3.12.17 CHURCH MAINTENANCE
Total	£2,770.82	£386.95
Cash	1,200.06	301.32
S / O	1,256.61	68.50
Gift Aid	314.15	17.13

Thank you for your generous contributions and gift aiding. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.

CONFESSION TIMES

St Joseph's: Thursdays 11:45am
Saturdays 5:45pm
St Edmund's: Saturdays 11:30am