



25, 31 DECEMBER 2017

**THE NATIVITY OF
THE LORD,
THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY &
JOSEPH**



**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



TODAY ... YOU HAVE BORNE FRUIT IN OUR HEARTS

In our heart was lost
the memory of your face.
On our faces your image
burned no longer.
Lost and alone,
with no guidance to seek you,
we went astray in the night.

In your pity, you sent,
to lift our misery,
your prophets who delivered
your promise.
Their words, like a guiding light
on the road of hope,
lead us toward you.

Behold, the Virgin has conceived
and the prophecies are fulfilled.
Your love and truth
shine forth.

Under the veil of flesh,
your unapproachable light
invades our shadow of death.

Not all have seen! We believe,
illuminated by your mystery,
in your Word, we call you
our Father.

Today, end our tears!
Your incorruptible seed
has borne fruit in our hearts.

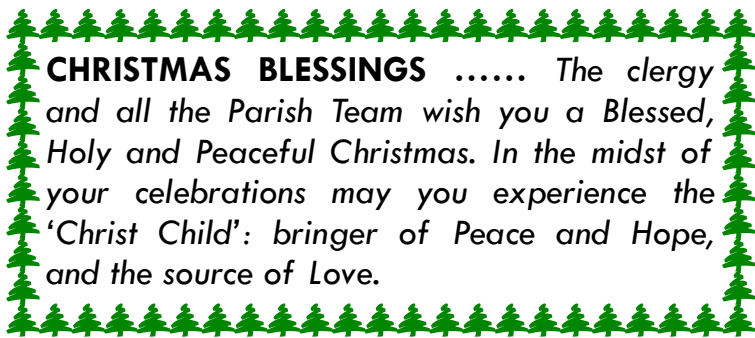
(Chant F160: Commission Francophone Cistercienne)

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. How is Christmas a feast for 'the poor'? How can we/you make the poor, the forgotten, and the rejected part of our/your Christmas celebrations?
2. What 'rituals' and 'customs' in your family best reflect the spiritual dimension of Christmas? What do you need to 'develop' in terms of 'ritual and custom' so that Christmas/Holy Family become a reality at home?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER: NEXT WEEK 1.1.18—7.1.18



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS *The clergy and all the Parish Team wish you a Blessed, Holy and Peaceful Christmas. In the midst of your celebrations may you experience the 'Christ Child': bringer of Peace and Hope, and the source of Love.*

ALL CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS are for the benefit of our priests. It is the most substantial part of their personal annual income. *Thank you for your generosity!*



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". Please take your copy from the porch.

ALTAR SERVERS MASS celebration tomorrow 11am Tuesday 26 December in St Edmund Church. St Stephen's Day.

CRIB OFFERINGS this year are for the Friends of the Holy Land who support various projects, primarily in the 'West Bank' (Bethlehem and surrounding area): day centres, orphanages etc.



RECENTLY DIED:

Christine Dolan, late of Torridge Gardens, Southampton. Funeral 11:30am Tuesday 9 January at Wessex Vale Crematorium.

Frederick Millard, late of Cadnam. Reception into St Joseph's Church 5:30pm Tuesday 9 January, funeral service 11am Wednesday 10 January followed by cremation at 12:15pm at East Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. May their souls rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Christmas!

Tues Altar Servers: VH/RB. Hospital on call: VH

Mon (1st) New Year Mass

Wed-Mon: VH away 3.1—8.1.18

PARISH OFFICE closed 27.12.17—1.1.18. Please contact our priests at The Presbytery in an emergency. Adoration recommences Tuesday 2 January 2018.



BAPTISM: We welcome into our faith community, **Mariana Abreu**, daughter of Maribel, who is being baptised at 12:30pm Sunday 31 December in St Edmund Church.

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD—MASS at 10am Monday 1 January 2018 in St Edmund's Church—Mass in English; 1pm Mass in Polish.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE 2pm Monday January 1st, 2018 at Holly Hill. Starting point Holly Hill Car Park, Warsash. Tel. 023 8044 2403. See noticeboard.

PORT DOCKLANDS SERVICE hosted by **Deacon Roger Stone of the Apostleship of the Sea** takes place at **9:30am Wednesday 3 January 2018 in St Joseph Catholic Church, Bugle Street** for everyone associated with the port of Southampton.

The service is open to everyone, not just the people who work in the port. The service is held annually and all parishioners are welcome to come along to show our wonderful hospitality.

Deacon Roger Stone has also invited our local Catholic clergy to attend to show their support. Everyone is welcome to attend the Service. Light refreshments will be served in the Stella Maris Hall afterwards. Helpers needed to serve refreshments.

POST CHRISTMAS CONCERT! You are invited to enjoy a lovely mix of classical and festive music by three University of Birmingham music graduates at 7:30pm Wednesday 3 January 2018 at St Boniface Church, Shirley. Raffle and refreshments available. Donation only, all profits to help Lizzie Wood (Angela's daughter) in her fundraising for her year working as a missionary for NET ministries Ireland. **COME ALONG!**

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

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR HCPT GROUP 170: Sunday 7 January 2018. An appeal at all Masses to support the cost of our parish HCPT group taking sick and disabled children on pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter. Please be your usual generous selves for the sake of the children and their families. *Helpers have to fund themselves (as well as take holiday or unpaid leave from work) and some helpers are struggling to gather the necessary amount.* If you wish to support a helper please give separately to one of the Group who will be available after Masses.

WELCOME TO FR DES celebrating the 9am and 11am Masses at St Edmund's Church on Sunday 7 January.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



- **Imogen Bell**, daughter of Thomas & Tara
- **Matilda Quarrie**, daughter of Robert & Sara
- **Matifadza Farakezi**, daughter of Tendayi & Juanita, all being baptised at 12:30pm Sunday 7 January in St Edmund's Church.

WEEK 8.1.18—15.1.18

EU WELCOME meeting 7pm Tuesday 9 January 2018 in St Edmund Presbytery.

RCIA continue to meet at 7:30pm on Thursday 11 January 2018 in St Edmund's Hall.

LITURGY GROUP meet 7.45pm Friday 12 January 2018 in St Edmund Presbytery.



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 12 January**, theme "Animal Care".

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION WORKSHOP for parents and children 10:30am Saturday 13 January 2018 at St Anne's School.

WELCOMING RITES: 9am, 10am and 11am Masses Sunday 14 January.

GENERAL ITEMS

POETRY SHARE, 25 January 2018, 7pm in St Joseph's Church. Theme 'War Poetry'.

In 1918 it was hoped that the World War would be an end to conflict, but 20 years later the world was at war again. Since that time men and women around the globe have faced conflicts and terror. And poetry has been a uniting factor, helping people explain what happened to them or cope with personal anguish.

Join the group in an exploration of the poetry of war. Please bring a poem you have enjoyed over the years, or one you have written yourself, or you may want to just come and listen. But do come, you will be most welcome!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: 'We are all Witnesses'. Holy Family will be hosting a five week catechists course led by the Dominican sisters during Lent 2018 on Monday evenings from 19 February to 19 March. This is an excellent introduction and essential training for all catechists. Further info available on the Diocesan Website. More details in the New Year. Watch this space ...

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.

SEMINARIAN: Kevin Conmee, a student for the Priesthood, currently studying in The Beda College, Rome, will be with us over the Christmas period (arriving on the 20 December until first week of January). The Presbytery will become his 'Diocesan base'.

SIGN UP FOR BISHOP PHILIP'S WEEKLY E-NEWS: to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to register.

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 NIGHT UPDATE: The next fund-raising Quiz Night [with Chili-con-Carne supper] is **scheduled for 7:30pm Saturday 20 January 2018 in St Joseph's Hall, 48 Bugle Street, Southampton.**

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*. Tickets available from early January at £8pp (includes the meal). Bring your own drinks [glasses provided].

****Helpers needed to give 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.****

To book or if you can help please call Ros Peters [07717 681 982] or Helmy Duyvesteijn [07831 22 7 602].

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JANUARY:

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019. Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18—30 year olds to **Panama 21—27 January 2019.** Anyone who would like to go

should express their interest by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call Tom Sellars Tel. 01329 318869 (Ext. 222) **no later than 15 January 2018.** The cost is in the region of £1,800 and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Pam Bradley (fall recovery), Padraig Murphy, Bobby Murphy, 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 Koralage, 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, Jannette 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 SUNDAYS 24 & 31 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)

SUN	24 DECEMBER	VIGIL MASS of THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	6:00PM 11:30PM 11:30PM	SE SJ SE	EVELYN NOLAN RIP (6TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY)(NLeP) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MON	25 DECEMBER	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9:00AM 10:00AM 11:00AM	SE SJ SE	JANUSZ EUGENIUSZ KOBYLINKSI (RIP) (DN) ETHELDREDA CONWAY RIP (F) CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING TO THE WHOLE UNIVERSE FOR PEACE, LOVE & HARMONY; CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO JESUS CHRIST, OUR LADY & ALL THE SAINTS; DAHAM KORALAGE 30th & MICHAEL 50th BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)
TUES	26 DECEMBER	ST STEPHEN	11:00AM	SE	ALTAR SERVERS MASS OF THANKSGIVING
WED	27 DECEMBER	ST JOHN	7:00PM	SE	LESZEK & ANCESTORS—HEALING OF FAMILY TREE (RK)
THURS	28 DECEMBER	THE HOLY INNOCENTS	12:15PM	SJ	MRS MARY FINNERTY RIP (PMcA)
FRI	29 DECEMBER	ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY	7:00PM	SE	JUDY & MERVYN BROWN—50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (JB)
SAT	30 DECEMBER	LITURGY OF THE DAY	11:00AM 6:15PM	SE SJ	PADDY, BRIDIE & TOMMY REILLY RIP (PR) JOAN HALL RIP (MY)
SUN	31 DECEMBER	THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	9:00AM 10:00AM 11:00AM 7:00PM	SE SJ SE SE	ANTHONY D'SOUZA RIP (CM) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH EUNICE ANUSIONWU—THANKSGIVING (EA) WOJTEK & ANCESTORS—HEALING OF FAMILY TREE (RK)
MON	1 JAN 2018	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	10:00AM	SE	KATIE & WILLIE COADY RIP (SC)
TUES	2 JANUARY	SS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN	10:00AM	SE	PARISH OFFICE STAFF & FAMILIES—GOD'S BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVING (RK)
WED	3 JANUARY	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS	7:00PM	SE	MICHAEL BROPHY RIP & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS (F)
THURS	4 JANUARY	LITURGY OF THE DAY	12:15PM	SJ	PETER CARNEY RIP (F)
FRI	5 JANUARY	LITURGY OF THE DAY	7:00PM	SE	ROSA CHEN RIP (RX)
SAT	6 JANUARY	LITURGY OF THE DAY	11:00AM 6:15PM 7:00PM	SE SJ SE	PHILIP CROSSAN—HEALTH (CD) SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	7 JANUARY	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9:00AM 10:00AM 11:00AM 7:00PM	SE SJ SE SE	ANN AHERN RIP (JH) IAN MORLEY RIP (FM) OUR PARISH & DIOCESAN PRIESTS—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK) THERESA CHEN RIP (RX)
TUES	9 JANUARY	1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B	10:00AM	SE	JOHN REDHEAD RIP (MR)
WED	10 JANUARY	1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B	7:00PM	SE	JOSEPH ZHANG RIP (RX)
THURS	11 JANUARY	1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B	12:15PM	SJ	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE EDGE & WHITE FAMILIES (F)
FRI	12 JANUARY	ST AELRED	7:00PM	SE	DOMINIC HAUSCHILD—BIRTHDAY GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (HH)
SAT	13 JANUARY	ST HILARY	11:00AM	SE	MR. O'REILLY SENIOR RIP (KB)

31 DECEMBER 2017—THE HOLY FAMILY: Psalm Response:

○ blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. **Alleluia!**

7 JANUARY 2018—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:

Psalm Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, ○ Lord. **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. **Alleluia!**

READINGS 14 JANUARY 2018—2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3—10.19. 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13—15. 17—20; Gospel Reading: John 1: 35—42

READINGS 7 JANUARY—THE EPIPHANY

1st reading: Isaiah 6: 1—6; 2nd reading: Ephesians 3:2—3. 5—6; Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1—12

2nd COLLECTION TODAY	31.12.2017	7.1.2018
FOR OUR TWO PRIESTS	NO 2nd COLLECTION	HCPT

COLLECTIONS 17.12.17	1st	2nd CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
Total	£2,692.74	£406.09
Cash	1,121.98	265.46
S / O	1,256.61	112.50
Gift Aid	314.15	28.13

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CONFESSION TIMES

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