



7 JANUARY 2018

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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



'WE SAW HIS STAR AS IT ROSE AND WE HAVE COME TO PAY HIM HOMAGE'

The feast of the Epiphany reminds us of the part played by human reason and the heart (also known as our spiritual side or our soul) in the search for God and the Truth. Many a person of Christian faith will tell you that they discovered Christ and formed a relationship with Him through the prompting of their reason and through the searching of their heart/soul for God. Faith in Christ comes through many years of searching often led by a star or many stars to the light of Christ. This star will come in the form of an inspiring witness to the Christian faith known personally to them who leads them to Christ. We might remember to pray for those currently on our RCIA and First Holy Communion programs and our dedicated teams of Catechists who act as gentle witnesses leading others to find and know Christ more deeply.

The Epiphany celebrates the story of the wise men who are led by a star from the East to discover Christ and worship Him as God. These wise men are not of Jewish origin and are probably unfamiliar with Jewish Scripture and tradition. Yet they discover Christ following their reason and their heart/soul led by the Star! The wise men wanted to find God, they left their comfort, their established routines and they followed the light of the Star and it led them to the Light of the World the infant king Jesus. We call this an Epiphany moment when the penny finally drops and faith comes to life. Each of us will have had an Epiphany moment when our faith suddenly becomes alive and real!

As believers in Jesus Christ we are called to imitate the service of that Star above Bethlehem. The star by its brightness led the wise men to Christ, we too can be stars of light leading others who are searching for God and the Truth towards Christ who is God and Truth.

Father Ross

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. What 'light' do you follow to enable you to live life fully? In what way is Christ a 'light' for you?
2. How does your faith enable you to grow in knowledge and love of God?
3. What do you need to develop in terms of spirituality and religion in 2018?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: 7 JANUARY 2018:

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR HCPT GROUP 170 today.

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 FATHER DES CONNOLLY celebrating the 9am and 11am Masses at St Edmund's Church today, in Father Vincent's absence.

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.

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 today (Sunday) in St Edmund's Church.



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 Day off: VH/RB

Tues Funeral: VH. Holy Land Team meeting: VH
EU Welcome meeting: VH.
Hospital Call 24hrs: RB

Wed Hospital on call: VH.
Funeral: VH
Springhill Yr6: RB

Thurs Heads of Diocese Dept: VH. Various meetings: RB

Fri Jesu Caritas: VH. St George College—am: RB

Sat Various meetings: RB

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

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB is now being held in the Stella Maris Hall, 48 Bugle Street, SO14 2AH instead of St Edmund's Hall. Contact Anne Monaghan on 023 8017 0498 if you would like to join.

RCIA GROUP continue to meet at 7:30pm on Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall for those interested in finding out about the Catholic faith.



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.

LITURGY GROUP meet 7:45pm Friday 12 January 2018 in St Edmund Presbytery.

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

NEXT WEEKEND

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.

NEXT WEEK

2018 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE MEETING takes place at 7:45pm Wednesday 17 January in St Edmund's Hall.

SOUP LUNCH 1pm Thursday 18 January in Stella Maris Hall after Mass. All proceeds in aid of CAFOD.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP continue to meet at 8pm on Fridays in St Edmund's Hall.

BETHANY GROUP next meeting being held at 9:45am on Saturday 20 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.



DON'T FORGET 7:30PM SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY IS OUR NEXT QUIZ EVENING this time in aid of Catholic Home Care.

Do consider forming your own team [6—8 people]. Please buy your tickets after Mass this weekend or next so that we can plan the food [Chili Con Carne - both meat and veggie]. Bring your own refreshments/drinks.

Alternatively, tickets available from Anne Monaghan 023 8026 8756, Ros Peters 077 1768 1982, Helmy Duyvesteijn 023 8077 2110 or email southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk / call 023 8033 3589 (Parish Office). **Sadly, no tickets will be available at the door, either for sale or collection.**

WELCOME TO FATHER MICHAEL CRONIN celebrating 10am Mass and **FATHER DES CONNOLLY** celebrating 7pm Mass Sunday 21 January whilst Father Ross is on leave.

GENERAL ITEMS

BISHOP FRANCIS WALMSLEY CBE: Please pray for Bishop Walmsley who died on the 26 December. May he rest in peace. *Bishop Frank was well known around the Diocese, and decided on retirement to live in Kiln Green.* He often supplied around the parishes to give priests a little break. His Requiem Mass will probably be at the 'Forces Cathedral' in Aldershot. Funeral details tbc.

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!

HEALING DAY WITH LITTLE WAY HEALING MINISTRIES

on Saturday 3 February 2018, 10am – 4.30pm, at the Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching and healing. Please invite relatives, friends and neighbours, no need to be a churchgoer or even a believer. Come all day or just pop in. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'... Come and see. Tea and coffee will be provided. Booking not required!

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.

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.

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.

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.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES 2018:

7 nights B&B and airport shuttle service from 279 euros per person. Airport shuttle service. Tel Jackie 0203 239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

DEACON ROGER STONE BEM: Congratulations to Deacon Roger who has been awarded the '**British Empire Medal**' for his work with seafarers and their dependants. As you know Deacon Roger was appointed 'Apostleship of the Sea' Chaplain for the South of England, based here in Southampton, in 2010. Since then he has worked tirelessly for seafarers, enabling them to feel 'at home' and welcome, when thousands of miles away from their loved ones for months on end. The work environment for most of them is testing, demanding, and in some cases, de-humanising. Deacon Roger relies on volunteers from all walks of life, especially from within the Church (not only volunteers but the gifts that are collected for them from parishes and schools). Our 'congratulations' for Deacon Roger would be to continue the support as best as we can and to continue to develop the links.

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, which began in December/Advent with 'personal peace', 'at one with oneself', with others and God.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION IDEA FROM CAFOD: Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)? They are currently looking for volunteers to help them in their work. There are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, in your Parish, or raising issues with your MP. For more info do attend one of the Lent Fast Day briefings being held:

- 10am—12noon, 27.1.18 Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge
- 7:15pm—9:15pm, 30.1.18 Sacred Heart Church, Fareham
- 10:30am—1pm, 3.2.18 St Bede's Church Basingstoke
- 7:15pm—9pm, 8.2.18 English Martyrs, Reading

For more info and to book please call Jo Lewry on 01252 329 385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

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 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 COMMENCING SUNDAY 7 JANUARY 2018

*(Church 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	6 JANUARY 2018	VIGIL MASSES	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	7 JANUARY	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE	ANN AHERN RIP (JH) IAN MORLEY RIP (FM) OUR PARISH PRIESTS & DIOCESAN PRIESTS— THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)
TUES	9 JANUARY	1 ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	JOHN REDHEAD RIP (MR)
WED	10 JANUARY	1 ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	JOSEPH ZHANG RIP (RX)
THURS	11 JANUARY	1 ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE EDGE & WHITE FAMILIES (F) DOMINIC HAUSCHILD—BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING (HH)
FRI	12 JANUARY	ST AELRED	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ	MR O'REILLY SENIOR RIP (KB) MRS MARY FINNERTY RIP (PMcA)
SAT	13 JANUARY	ST HILARY	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	LUIS MENDONCA & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS RIP (CM) DUGGAN AND PIERCE FAMILIES INTENTIONS (MGD) GRETTA WARD RIP (MG) VINCENT ZHANG RIP (RX)
SUN	14 JANUARY	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		

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
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

7 JANUARY 2018 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:

Psalm Response:

All nations shall fall prostrate
before you, O 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

2ND COLLECTION TODAY	2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK		
HCPT GROUP 170	CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND		
COLLECTIONS	1st 23/24 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS FOR OUR TWO PRIESTS	1st 31.12.17
Total	£2,347.00	£6,867.17	£2,370.98
Cash	776.24	5,957.17	800.22
S / O	1,256.61	728.00	1,256.61
Gift Aid	314.15	182.00	314.15

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

CONFESSION TIMES

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