

HOLD YOUR HEADS HIGH

As a parish over the last few months we have been focussing on welcoming; welcoming as a community, welcoming as individuals and welcoming all to our liturgical celebrations. Our first responsibility as a Catholic community is to share the good news, and mindful of this as an EST (Evangelisation Strategy Team) we have worked on a Parish Mission statement:

'We the people of St Joseph's and St Edmund's City Centre Catholic Parish, Southampton, sisters and brothers in Christ accept as our mission:

- *In the service of God and as a community of disciples to share God's love with all those we meet*
- *To welcome all, so as to help others find and recognise Christ in their lives*
- *To exercise mercy and understanding with ourselves and others.'*

These themes are reinforced in our liturgy of the word this weekend. The opening collect urges us to be resolved not only to be ready to meet Christ when He comes but to be carriers of righteous deeds (namely seeing the face of Christ in all those we meet) and thus being worthy to be part of God's Kingdom.

St Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians encourages the followers of Jesus to grow in love not only for each other, but for the whole human race; for all those who enter our doors. This is not a ministry that is static and part of our furniture, it is a ministry that should grow and develop and one that comes from the authority of the One whom we follow: Jesus Christ.

Last week we were warned, as subjects of the divine kingship, that we would be questioned on our behaviour and attitudes and on how we have witnessed to His truth, His way, His love. In the gospel today Jesus reminds us again of the signs of the end of time. Others may be fearful and bewildered by the prospect of the cosmic end of the world, but we should be able to hold our heads high confident in the knowledge that we have not only recognised and acknowledged Jesus as our Saviour and Master but that we desire that everyone shares in this message of redemption.

As the people of this parish, let us be vigilant in our prayer, our lives and our witness. To be people of honesty and integrity, to be realistic about how the world is going but not to lose hope in the future. This is the message that others need to hear and that is why we tell the story again and again, and invite others to hear that story because Jesus is the ground of our hope.

Tina Quinn

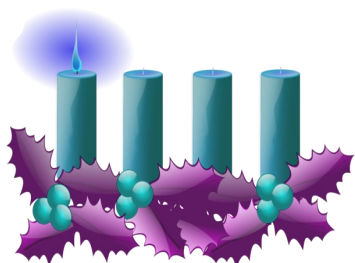
THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Today's Gospel can be disturbing (image of the end of the world: fear death ...). We are called to be a people of hope and joy (Pope Francis: Gaudete et Exsultate). How do you 'preach' safety, peace and hope when you encounter panic, chaos, and despair?
2. As 21st Century Christians, we know that our own personal end will likely come before the 'second coming' of Christ! Thinking about your own mortality, how would you live this coming year if you knew it was your last?

Vincent Harvey

2 DECEMBER 2018

FIRST 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



NEXT WEEKEND

BISHOP'S VISITATION 8TH & 9TH DECEMBER

Bishop Philip's Pastoral Visit. The Bishop's aim is to see what the Parish is doing; its aims and objectives; its response to the needs in the City; its 'outreach' and how it 'feeds' us week in and week out. It is also an opportunity for him to talk about his 'vision' for the Church of Portsmouth.

Saturday 8 December:

- 3.30pm Bishop Philip meets with Father Vincent.
5.45pm The Bishop will hear Confessions at St Joseph
6.15pm A 'formal welcome' of Bishop Philip to the Parish and then the celebration of Mass (Fr Vincent + Deacon Andy)
7.15pm (approx.) The Bishop meets an invited representative group from the Parish in the Stella Maris Hall

Sunday 9 December:

- 9am The Bishop preaches at Mass (Father Jaya + Deacon Andy)
11am Bishop Philip Presides & Preaches at Mass (Father Vincent + Deacon Andy)
3pm The Bishop meets the Parish Confirmation Candidates in St Edmund Hall.
4pm Holy Hour for Vocations in St Edmund's church
7pm Bishop Philip preaches at Mass (Fr Vincent)

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 12:15pm Mass Saturday 8 December at St John's Cathedral.

PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES TO THE PARISH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION as they celebrate their Patronal Feast on Saturday 8 December. At their celebration of Mass on Saturday, they will be dedicating a new art work of the Immaculate Conception and blessing a restored 17th Century Crucifix.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS St Edmund Church: Sunday, 9 December at 4pm. Come along to pray for vocations in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament: song, prayer, silence and Benediction.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsals at 6pm.

NEXT WEEK

SPRINGHILL CONCERT PRACTISE 1pm—2:30pm Monday 10 December in St Edmund Church.

SPRINGHILL CAROL CONCERT 6pm—8pm Tuesday 11 December in St Edmund Church.

SPRINGHILL SCHOOL VISIT 9:30am—11am Wednesday 12 December in St Edmund Church.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE CAROL PRACTISE 10am—12 noon on Thursday 13 December in St Edmund Church.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP 4:30pm Thursday 13 December in St Edmund Presbytery.

ST MARY'S CAROL CONCERT 7pm Thursday 13 December in St Edmund Church.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA 2019: After a wonderful pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in June another one is planned for 8—15 October 2019 to Malta. For information please contact Godfrey Doyle by email godfreydoyle@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE ELDERLY: As we approach Advent, once again we'd like to invite you to treat our elderly folk to a gift at Christmas. Previous years have been so successful with unwrapped gifts to suit an elderly person. The carers choose a gift to suit the individual; for some it's an extra treat, however we have some who have very little in their lives, for whom the gift needs to be practical – so no gift is too small.

Baskets will be at the back of both churches after all Masses on 24/25 November, 1/2 & 8/9 December. Thanking you in advance for your support.

EU WELCOME 6pm—8pm Friday 14 December in St Edmund Lodge.

FROGZ Junior Youth Group (years 3—8) meet from 6pm—7:15pm on Friday 14 December in St Boniface Church Hall for their Advent party.

"JINGLING BELLS" Carols, tea and mince pies, Sunday 16 December 3pm—4:30pm in St Edmund Church, The Avenue, Southampton. All welcome. Please bring plate to share. Donations of clothing for homeless much appreciated (box in foyer). Enquiries: 07891 733 939.

GENERAL ITEMS

CONCERT AND CAKES 25 NOVEMBER FOR SCHOOL OF JOY: "I would like to thank all those who supported this concert to make it the incredible success. I was overwhelmed with the support; 85 people attended helping to raise £1,253.42 (current total) to support the children and teachers at the School of Joy in Beit Sahour.

Thank you to all the talented performers, the cake bakers, the audience, St Joseph & St Edmund Parish, Southampton and especially Father Vincent and Deacon Andy who gave up their time to support me. Donations are still being accepted either through the Parish Office or please see me. Janek Codlin." Cheques can be made out to PRCDTR SOUJE.

ROTARY SHOE BOX COLLECTION 2018 ... a letter. "With your help our club has managed to collect an amazing 1,500 shoe boxes which is more than last year. In our Rotary District we have collected 26,491 boxes this year which are being sent to Albania, Montenegro, Moldova, Romania and the Philippines. The distribution is undertaken by the local Rotary Clubs and contacts in those areas and sent to schools and other organisations such as orphanages, etc. In this way, we can be assured that the boxes get to the right children.

Thank you once again for your support of this very worthy cause and I hope that you will continue to support us next year".

HOMELESS WELCOME BAGS APPEAL: Message from Paul Woodman: "I have never had so many Catholics email me keep it up. Well done!" email paulw@citylife.org.uk see noticeboard.

THE PARISH MISSION IN 2019 Parish Groups and Adorers are saying the 'Mission Prayer' when they meet.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: The ships of the world bring us the many goods we use each day and do not stop operating over the Christmas Season. Donations of woolly hats, chocolates, rosaries, bibles or small crucifixes, personal items are very much appreciated. Financial donations are most welcomed too. Contact Fr John Lavers on email john.lavers@stellamarismail.org if you need any further



PLEASE PRAY FOR healing of all those on our prayer list who are ill, undergoing treatment or recovering from operations.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER 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	1 DEC	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	ETHELDREDA CONWAY RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
			9:00AM SE	PJ PHELAN RIP (GP&DP)
SUN	2 DEC	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:00AM SJ	MARGUERITE DUGGAN RIP (PD&AG)
			11:00AM SE	THANKSGIVING (IN GRATITUDE) & GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED (FRANCIS PONNIAH)
			7:00PM SE	GERRY HULME—BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVING (CH)
TUES	4 DEC	ST JOHN DAMASCENE	10:00AM SE	ROMEO & JEAN ZANELLOTTI RIP (F)
WED	5 DEC	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT	7:00PM SE	FOSS (HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY) (CH)
THURS	6 DEC	ST NICHOLAS	12:15PM SJ	DOLINA MACKINNON RIP (COLLEGE FRIENDS)
FRI	7 DEC	ST AMBROSE	7:00PM SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
SAT	8 DEC	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	11:00AM SE	SHEILA QUINN RIP (AO'D)
			6:15PM SJ	TINA QUINN—BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVING (AW)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	9 DEC	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9:00AM SE	JESSY STOY—BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVING (TS)
			10:00AM SJ	MARGARET & LESLEY GROVER RIP (MB)
			11:00AM SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CURTIS HAYWARD FAMILY (F)
			7:00PM SE	ANA & JOAQUIM RODRIGUES—50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (AR)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

2 DECEMBER 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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!

READINGS 9 DECEMBER 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1—9
 2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4—6; 8—11
 Gospel: Luke 3: 1—6

NO 2ND COLLECTION TODAY

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

COLLECTIONS	1st	2nd
25.11.18		
Total	£2,544.47	£471.49
Cash	936.97	322.74
S / O	1,286.00	119.00
Gift Aid Rebate	321.50	29.75

CONFESSIONS TIMES

St Joseph: Thurs 11:45am • Sat 5:45pm
St Edmund: Saturdays 11:30am