



9 DECEMBER 2018

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



PREPARE HIS WAY ...

Leave your sorrows and tears,
put on your garments of joy:
The one who is coming
comes on the clouds!

The love of God guides us;
his glory is our light:
The one who is coming
comes victorious!

Why do you not hasten
toward the day of your God?
The one who is coming
comes for our joy!

Prepare his way,
accept his pardon;
each of us will see
the grace of our God
on the day of judgment!

Happy the one who believed
that one day would be fulfilled
the words of our God
for all men whom he loves!

Behold, the times are come
when the Lord of justice
will fulfil his promise of Peace
for all men whom he loves

Text by D. Rimaud, in Choristes, 1983

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Why does Luke name the historical references in the beginning of this Gospel reading? Does it help you to locate John the Baptist in history books?
2. God gives Jerusalem the name, 'Peace through integrity ...' (1st reading). How does the Church fit or live out this name? How does the Parish? How do you?
3. Paul is quite certain that 'the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished ...' (2nd reading). Do you 'allow' God to finish it? Do you get in the way? How? Why?

Vincent Harvey

THIS WEEKEND: 8TH & 9TH DECEMBER 2018

A WARM WELCOME TO BISHOP PHILIP FOR HIS PASTORAL VISIT TO THE PARISH THIS WEEKEND. 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.

BISHOP'S VISITATION THIS WEEKEND 8 & 9 DECEMBER

Saturday 8 December:

- 3.30pm Bishop Philip meets with Father Vincent.
5.45pm The Bishop hears 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 The Bishop meets an invited representative group from the Parish in the Stella Maris

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)

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS—St Edmund Church: today (Sunday) 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.

2019 PARISH DIARIES available in the porches for £1.

PARISH THEME for 2019 ... **Disciples** watch this space.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: EVANGELISATION: *In the Service of the Transmission of the Faith.* The people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

RECENTLY DIED:

 **John Nash RIP** late of Northlands Nursing Home. Funeral 10am Thursday 13 December at Wessex Vale Crematorium. May his soul rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Camilla Fergus RIP. Funeral details to be confirmed. May her soul rest in peace. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

'STRENGTH TO STRENGTH' a CaFE course on Prayer during Lent 2019 watch this space.

ADVENT

• **ADVENT ... HAS BEGUN** ... booklets available in the porches. 'Walk with Me' for adults: £1; 'Advent & Christmas Calendar' for children: 50p. Use these resources to 'prepare' for the celebration of the Birth of Christ.

• Pop into Adoration at St Edmund during the week for a 'time of quiet' in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord

ADVANCE WARNING—ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE 7:30pm **Tuesday 18 December at St Edmund Church. As we reflect upon 'Mary, carrier of the Word' so we consider how we nourish God's Word in our lives and, like Mary, 'carry' God's Word into the world. There will be seven priests to celebrate the 'Sacrament of Reconciliation' if you wish to avail yourself of the Sacrament in preparation for the celebration of the 'Incarnation', the 'Word made Flesh', the 'birth' of Christ into our lives and the life of the world.

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

****Tuesday 18 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 15 December to Monday 24 December.

STAPLING OF CHRISTMAS MASS LEAFLETS: Volunteers needed Monday—Friday 9am—1pm and 2pm—4pm from Wednesday 12 December. Call at the Parish Office if you can help.

STEWARDS/WELCOMERS/EUCHARASTIC MINISTERS For Reconciliation Service and Christmas Masses

All offers of help greatly appreciated.

Please add your name to the sign-up lists at the back of the Church. (Altar Servers list in the Sacristy.)

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

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| Monday | JP/VH Day off |
| Tuesday | Team Meeting: VH/JP/EF/AP
St George Governors: VH |
| Wednesday | Day of Prayer—Douai Abbey: VH |
| Thursday | Funeral: VH
Heads of Departments Meeting: VH |
| Friday | Jesu Caritas, Basingstoke: VH |

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP meet at St Michael's Church, Bugle Street, Tuesdays 6pm—6:45pm. Entry through the North door.

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.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB meet at 12noon on Wednesday 12 December in the Stella Maris Centre. Contact Anne Monaghan at the Parish Office if you would like to join.

RCIA group continue to meet at 7:30pm on Wednesdays in St Edmund Hall for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith.

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.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP meet at 8pm on Fridays in St Edmund Hall. All welcome.

EIGHT HOURS OF PRAYER AND ADORATION in front of the blessed sacrament followed by Mass is organised for your prayer intentions and the conversion of souls every second Friday of the month at **Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Lordswood**. Do join them on Friday 14 December from 9pm. For more info contact Father Tomy 07480 730 503 or 07915 869 166/ 07533 805 459.

NEXT WEEKEND

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, St Dominic's Priory, Shirley Holms Road, Lymington, SO41 8NH, Tel. 015 9068 1874 3pm Sunday 16 December followed by tea & mince pies. See noticeboards.

"JINGLING BELLS" - carols, tea, mince pies, Sunday 16 December 3pm—4:30pm. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Help with welcoming and teas. Donations of clothing for homeless (box in foyer) much appreciated. Contact Jenepher Mobile 07891 733 939. See noticeboards.

NEXT WEEK

GRANDPARENTS GROUP meet 11am—12noon in Stella Maris Centre Thursday 20 December.

EST GROUP meet 7pm Thursday 20 December in St Edmund Presbytery.

GENERAL ITEMS

TOP UK a charity offering confidential self-help groups for anxiety problems. If you are living with OCD or a phobia such as panics, anxiety, fear of lifts, flying, queues, scared of parties or eating out, frightened of spiders, birds or mice, washing hands excessively, checking too frequently, they can help. Use of Stella Maris Hall, Bugle Street has been arranged for Thursdays 6:30pm from 10 January 2019 onwards. Email info@topuk.org or call 012 2557 1740 to book.

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 RECEIVED FOR THE ELDERLY—Catholic Home Care would like to thank you for your generosity and the wonderful selection of thoughtful gifts received for their appeal.

HOMELESS WELCOME BAGS This winter, City Life would like to give everyone coming off the streets some essentials. Could you commit to sponsoring hostel beds with free 'Welcome Bags'? If so, please fill a 'unisex' drawstring bag with the following:

Toothbrush and toothpaste	Bar of chocolate
Shower gel / shampoo	Carton of orange juice
Spray deodorant	Socks
Baby wipes	Boxers (medium)
Razor	Tshirt
Towel	Tracksuit bottoms

Please don't gift wrap the items. To find out more about this or other ways we're supporting those who are homeless, please email Paul Woodman at paulw@citylife.org.uk **Message from Paul Woodman:** "I have never had so many Catholics email me keep it up. Well done"

DEMENTIA SINGING CAFÉ—"THE FORGETMENOT". We have not made plans to meet again. However, we welcome donations of knitting wool which may be placed in box in St Edmund's foyer. Any queries, please contact Tina via the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY: Monday 29 April—Saturday 4 May 2019. Father Martin Plunkett is leading a pilgrimage to the Italian Veneto region, to include the shrine of Our Lady Queen of Love, the Convent of St Josephine Bakhita in Schio and the City of Verona. Details and bookings: Pax Travel, 102 Blundell Street, London N7 9BL, or visit www.paxtravel.co.uk



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Pdraig Murphy, Margaret Hicks, Jean White, Colette Clarke, David Palmer, Brian Gardiner, Sheila Morris & family, Karen Bell, John Hennessy, Aruni Panabokke, Biddie Gooding (treatment recovery), Pat O'Neill, Judy Brown, Valerie Summerton, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Kushmi De'Saram, Eloise Chessman, Albert Tan, Christopher Browne, Bobby Murphy, Abid & Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Disshnayake, Daham Korlage, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Doris Leggett, John O'Reilly, Bill Eastman, Shane Wing, Kathryn Morley, Carol Butt, Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Joachim Rodrigues, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Noreen Kealy, Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan, Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle, Janette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, O'Hanlon family, Paul Sassu, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, Maria Annunziata, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, NW, Joe Sculley, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 9 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	8 DEC	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	TINA QUINN—BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVING (NW&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)
TUES	11 DEC	ST DAMASUS I	10:00AM SE	CASA DI MARIA (OUR LADY'S INTENTION FOR IT)(CH)
WED	12 DEC	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	7:00PM SE	THANKSGIVING FOR GRADUATION & GOD'S BLESSING (OBA)
THURS	13 DEC	ST LUCY	12:15PM SJ	MARY JOSEPHINE SHANAHAN RIP (NK)
FRI	14 DEC	ST JOHN OF THE CROSS	7:00PM SE	HENDRY AROKIASAMY RIP (MT)
SAT	15 DEC	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT	11:00AM SE	FAUSTINA (TINA) NANZIRI RIP (ROSARY GROUP)
			6:15PM SJ	SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	16 DEC	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	AMY PEARL ROBINSON RIP (JR)
			11:00AM SE	DOROTHY & BOB FLETCHER RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	PADDY, BRIDGET & TOMMY REILLY RIP (PR)

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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Vocations to Priesthood: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vocation/
OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Springhill Primary 023 8033 3954
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 2

9 DECEMBER 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Psalm Response:

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

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 16 DECEMBER 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14—18
 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4—7
 Gospel: Luke 3:10—18

2ND COLLECTION TODAY CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

COLLECTIONS 2.12.18	1st	'SCHOOL OF JOY' CONCERT FUNDRAISER
Total	£2,424,52	£1,448.42
Cash	817.02	-
S / O	1,286.00	-
Gift Aid Rebate	321.50	-

CONFESSIONS TIMES

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