

JOURNEYING IN HOPE: BRINGING THE LIGHT

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany: an appearance, a manifestation. This is not a one-off or static event. It is a dynamic expression and reminder of the need for us to be constantly open and receptive to God's revelation to each one of us. The feast unites three events in the life of Christ when His divinity shines through His humanity: the Adoration of the Magi, the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan and the first Miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana—Christ made manifest to the world.

We have journeyed through Advent, a time when the world was in darkness waiting for the Coming Light. A time of preparation in which we are brought to a stark realisation of the failings of humanity as a whole and our need for redemption to bring us out of our own futility toward true happiness and life in God.

We have celebrated the Incarnation, a time when the light shone forth but only seen dimly by those around the crib—God becoming one with us in order that we can be one with Him.

And now we join with the wise men in not only seeking the Christ Child who has been promised to us, but being open to what this discovery entails. Matthew's account reminds us that King Herod and the Jewish leaders were united in their rejection of Jesus, and this is true of our world today. There are sadly many who are yearning for a star to guide them, yet their eyes are blind and they cannot see. There is an urgency to this feast, an urgency to take the gift of knowing who Jesus is to the wider world, so that others may find their heart's desire. The wise men did not stay in Judea, they did not build a monument to mark the place of discovery, they returned to their home country to share their encounter with others.

We are called to be in a relationship and this depends on a constant interaction and deepening of our understanding and love. We can only show Christ if we know Christ. As we come each week to the celebration of the Eucharist, we in turn are seeking the face of the living God. We find and experience Christ in the breaking of the bread and in the midst of community.

We are sent out to share with others what we have experienced ourselves. He will reveal himself to others through us if we allow ourselves to be the visible face of the invisible God. The light which shone dimly in the darkness needs now to burst forth to all nations and we have a responsibility to radiate that light to extend the Kingdom of Christ.

Tina Quinn

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. The 'wise men' returned to their own country by 'a different way' (Gospel). In other words, their encounter with Jesus changed them and from then on they followed 'The Way' which is Jesus! How has Christmas changed your 'way' of living? Your 'way' of thinking? Your 'way' of being? How do you follow 'Jesus the Way'?
2. 'Arise ... for your light has come' (1st reading). How is Jesus your 'light'? What difference does this 'light' make in your life?
3. St Paul writes about being given 'the knowledge of the mystery' (2nd reading). What is 'the mystery' for you? How do you explain it?

Vincent Harvey



6 JANUARY 2019

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

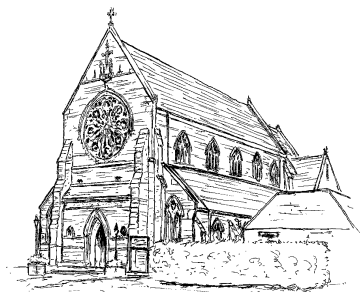


ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTHAMPTON

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



TODAY SUNDAY 6 JANUARY 2019

WELCOME AND THANK YOU to Canon Nicholas France who is presiding at the 9am & 11am Masses in the absence of Father Vincent and Father Jaya.

COMMISSIONING OF 'Welcomers' at all Masses: to pray for them in their crucial ministry as they reflect our 'welcome' to all. Commissioning of EST Group will take place on the weekend of 2/3 February and Readers and Eucharistic Ministers on the weekend of 2/3 March.

VOCATIONS: The Epiphany -- 6 January. "Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? To explore further, contact Father John Cooke by email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 013 2931 8869.



RECENTLY DIED: Camilla Agnes Fergus late of Hamwick House, Southampton. Requiem Mass 10am Thursday 10 January in St Edmund Church followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. May her soul rest in peace. Please keep her family in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

VH Break: until 9th January
JP Break: until 15th January
Thurs Funeral: VH
Hospital on call: VH
Sat Teams of Our Lady: VH

SPRINGHILL SCHOOL'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY. Did you know that on 7 January 2019 Springhill School celebrates its 90th anniversary? The school was designed by Wilfrid Mangan of Preston who also designed St Boniface Church and replaced the St Edmund School in Middle Street. It had room for 465 children aged 5-14 and in the first week nearly 300 had enrolled. The original school was the three sided building beside Hill Lane and has provided excellent education to thousands of children in its 90 year history. Were you among them? See noticeboards for the full story.

WINCHESTER CATHOLIC HISTORY GROUP next lecture 7:30pm Monday 7 January, Dr Giles Mercer 'St Alphege & the Anglo Saxon Church'. Enquiries 019 6285 2804.

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

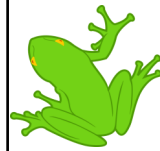
BAPTISM PREPARATION FIRST SESSION: 7pm Tuesday 8 January in St Edmund Hall for parents who have booked to have their children baptised in the parish.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB commence meeting again Wednesday 9 January at 12noon in the Stella Maris Centre.

RCIA GROUP will recommence meeting on Wednesday 9 January at 7:30pm in St Edmund Hall for those enquiring about the Catholic faith.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet at 4:30pm Thursday 10 January in St Edmund Presbytery.

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. **Venue: Stella Maris Hall, Bugle Street Thursdays 6:30pm from 10 January onwards.** Email info@topuk.org or call 012 2557 1740 to book. See noticeboards.



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 11 January**, theme "Quiz".

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.

PRAYER GROUP FOR VOCATIONS 7pm Thursday 10 January in St Edmund Hall, see elsewhere for info.

NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION parents and children **meet in St Edmund Church** at 10:30am Saturday 12 January.

11AM MASS AND CONFESSIONS CANCELLED Saturday 12 January in St Edmund Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INSCRIPTION MASSES at Masses on Sunday 13 January.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION for candidates 2pm—4:30pm Sunday 13 January in St Boniface Church Hall.

NEXT WEEK

GRANDPARENTS GROUP next meet from 11am—12noon Thursday 17 January in Stella Maris Hall.

EST GROUP meet from 7pm Thursday 17 January in St Edmund Presbytery.

TOP UK for those suffering from OCD or phobias. Thursdays from 6:30pm in Stella Maris Hall. Email info@topuk.org or call 012 2557 1740 to book.

BETHANY GROUP next meet at 9:45am on Saturday 19 January in St Edmund Presbytery.

TWELVE-STEP SPIRITUALITY 'The Wisdom of a Twelve Step Programme as a Christian Practice' 10am—4pm Saturday 19 January at Wisdom Centre, Romsey. £30pp includes lunch, refreshments, afternoon tea. The course will be run by Jude Maleski, one of our parishioners. All welcome! Tel 01794 830206, email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk or see the Website wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk and noticeboards for more information or to book.

THANKS TO THE CHILDREN WHO TOOK PART IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY, their parents and helpers Nicola, Roxy, Carla and Bryony and Father Vincent. Tony and team look forward to doing it all over again in December this year!

PEACE SUNDAY 2019: Public meeting at Immaculate Conception, Portswood Road, SO17 3SB from 3pm—4:30m Sunday 20 January. Father Gerry McFlynn, a member of Pax Christi's Non-Violence Working Group will speak and facilitate a discussion on the theme 'Blessed are the Peacemakers'. *Christian teaching about war and conflict has moved from the 'just war' theory of Augustine and Aquinas in the light of renewed commitment to the non violence of Jesus. What are the tools of non-violent conflict resolution today?* All welcome. Email frank.campbell19@outlook.com for more info.

GENERAL ITEMS

MASS AND PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE 7pm Mass Friday 25 January in St Edmund Church followed by half an hour of Adoration and praying the Rosary for this intention. All welcome to join the group to pray with them in support of our priests.

New Vianney Prayer Group praying for priests and vocations. *History has taught us the power of intercessory prayer, and nobody is in more need of our prayers than Catholic priests battling on the front lines for the salvation of souls. As attacks on the priesthood intensify, we have a vital role to play in supporting priestly renewal and vocations. The men who have answered God's calling depend upon our prayer.*

Please consider joining the prayer group under the patronage of St Jean Vianney which will meet for the first time on Thursday 10 January 2019 in St Edmund Hall from 7pm—8:30pm. They will be praying for priests and vocations to the religious life. They intend to meet once a month on the second Thursday of the month.

Please do help the group in setting up this important venture by giving of yourself for a short time each month in return for the blessings that our priests bring.

FROM THE CLERGY: Thank you ... thank you ... thank you for the Christmas cards, various gifts and best wishes to the clergy over the Christmas period and New Year. Your 'affirmation' is heart-warming and very, very much appreciated.

PARISH THEME for 2018/2019 ... Disciples ... watch this space.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JANUARY Evangelisation: that young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

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

'STRENGTH TO STRENGTH' a CaFE (*Catholic Faith Exploration*) course on Prayer during Lent 2019 ... watch this space.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA 2019: 8—15 October For information contact Godfrey Doyle by email godfreydoyle@gmail.com

ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION 2020/2021 see noticeboards for info.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER REQUIRED.

The 'Joining Hands Across The Common' project is a partnership between Avenue St Andrew's and Freemantle United Reformed Churches in Southampton, working with TWICS (Training for Work in Communities). We wish to recruit a Community Development Worker to develop a new phase of work with our two local communities either side of Southampton Common.

- Are you passionate about communities working together and supporting each other?
- Do you have the skills and ability to develop asset-based work out of building relationships with people, projects and churches?
- Do you have the knowledge and skills to support voluntary projects with grant applications and management?

Hours: 16 per week. Salary: £12 per hour. For further information and an application pack email: ichambers@twics.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday 18 January 2019. TWICS is a registered charity, number 1085977.

COMMUNICARE SOUTHAMPTON have expanded their service and have launched a new 'Hospital Homecoming' project. Communicare is a friendly, neighbourhood Charity that enriches the lives of lonely and isolated people in and around Southampton. Their new project offers people help in the first few days/weeks after being discharged from hospital. It is run and staffed by committed, kind-hearted Communiters, who act as good neighbours; providing practical and emotional support. Do you or someone you know need a Good Neighbour? Would you like to be a better Neighbour? Would you like to become a Communter? For help or to apply for any of the above call 023 8021 6022/3 or email hannah@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk

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

SIGN UP FOR BISHOP PHILIP'S WEEKLY E-NEWS: for the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese, go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to register.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Judy Brown, George Chesworth, Margaret Hicks, Jean White, Colette Clarke, David Palmer, Brian Gardiner, Sheila Morris & family, Karen Bell, John Hennessy, Aruni Panabokke, Pat O'Neill, Valerie Summerton, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Kushmi De'Saram, Eloise Chessman, 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 6 JANUARY 2019

*(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	5 JAN 2019	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	ALFRED 'ALFIE' BOWLES RIP (TG) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	6 JAN	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	PJ PHELAN RIP (GC&HP) IAN MORLEY RIP (FM) DOLLY MacKINNON RIP (MC) GILL HALLIDAY RIP (TL&GL)
TUES	8 JAN	LITURGY OF THE DAY	10:00AM SE	ALFRED 'ALFIE' BOWLES RIP (BM)
WED	9 JAN	LITURGY OF THE DAY	7:00PM SE	JOSEPH WANG & MARIA LIN RIP (RX)
THURS	10 JAN	LITURGY OF THE DAY	10:00AM SE 12:15PM SJ	REQUIEM MASS: CAMILLA AGNES FERGUS RIP DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE EDGE AND WHITE FAMILIES (F)
FRI	11 JAN	LITURGY OF THE DAY	7:00PM SE	SALIB FAMILY INTENTIONS (RS)
SAT	12 JAN	LITURGY OF THE DAY	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	**MASS & CONFESSIONS CANCELLED** ALFRED 'ALFIE' BOWLES (NC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	13 JAN	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	KAREN NUGENT RIP (1ST ANNIVERSARY) (GC&HP) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH DOLLY MacKINNON RIP (GP) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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/

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 2

6 JANUARY 2019: 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 13 JANUARY

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1—5. 9—11

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11—14; 3:4—7

Gospel: Luke 3:15—16, 21—22

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

HCPT

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

CATHOLIC HOME CARE

COLLS 23/25 & 30.12.18	1ST 23.12.18	2ND 23.12 CATH. CARE	25.12 OUR CLERGY	1ST 30.12	2ND 30.12 CH. MTC
Total	£2,345.66	£423.20	£7,124.03	£2,583.29	£313.0
Cash	738.16	263.82	6,010.90	975.79	239.30
S / O	1,286.00	127.50	890.50	1,286.00	59.00
Gift Aid	321.50	31.88	222.63	321.50	14.70

CONFESSION TIMES

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

St Edmund: Saturdays 11:30am