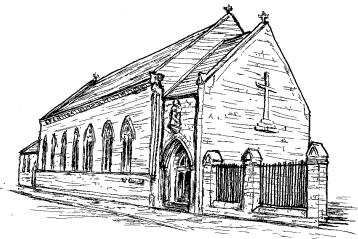
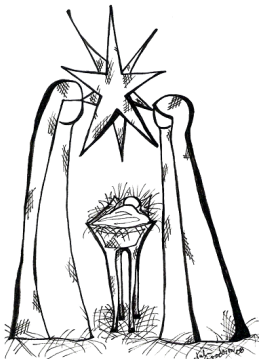


## WE BELIEVE ... ILLUMINATED BY YOUR MYSTERY ...



**25 & 29 DECEMBER  
2019**

### **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD & THE HOLY FAMILY**

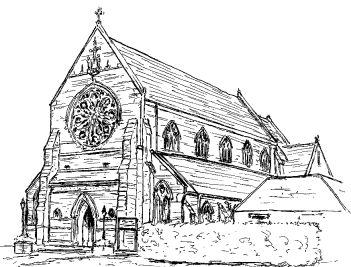


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SOUTHAMPTON**

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**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



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 towards 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.

*Commission Francophone Cistercienne, La nuit, le jour*

### **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:**

1. "Today a saviour has been born to you" the angels said to the shepherds (Midnight Gospel). How will you 'allow' Christ to be born in you? How can you 'reveal' Him to others?
2. "The Word was made flesh" in the person of Jesus the Christ (Christmas Day Gospel). How can you 'enflesh' 'The Word' in this Year of the 'God who speaks'?
3. "Let the message of Christ ..... find a home with you" St Paul writes (Feast of the Holy Family). Have you made a 'home' for Christ's message? How? Do you share the message?

*Vincent Harvey*

## TODAY 25 & SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER 2019

**CHRISTMAS DAY .... Wishing you all a Happy, Holy and Blessed Christmas.**

**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE:** a copy for everyone from Bishop Philip. Take home your copy.

**CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTIONS ARE FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH.** Thank you for your generosity.

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** This Christmas 2019, our Crib offerings in the Diocese will be donated to the Friends of the Holy Land. (In alternate years, the collections are sent to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre). These offerings remind us that the Christian community in the Holy Land represents a physical link between the modern world and the life and times of Christ – they are the ‘living stones’ of our faith.

Since 1998, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has organised a group called the Holy Land Co-ordination. It is chaired by Bishop Declan Lang of Clifton.

Recently, Bishop Declan issued the following statement: “As Bishops of the Holy Land Co-ordination have consistently highlighted, we all have a responsibility to oppose the continued construction of illegal settlements, which not only fuels human rights violations, but imperils any chance of a two-state solution. We stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as it strives for justice and peace amid these increasingly difficult circumstances and look forward to reiterating this support in person during our forthcoming visit to Christian communities in Palestine.” There is a website you can check out.

**VOCATIONS:** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1st 2020 “**God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.**” If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. John Cooke call 01329 318 869 or email [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### RECENTLY DIED:



**Maureen Latham RIP.** Late of Hamble Heights Care Home and Meadowhead Road, Basset. Requiem Mass 10am Friday 27 December at St Joseph Church followed by cremation at the East Chapel, Southampton Crematorium.

**Alex Boyle RIP.** Please pray for Alex, 21 years old, who died last Sunday morning after a short illness. Pray also for his parents, Mary and Tony, and his sister, Amy. Alex was usually in the front row at 10am Mass in St Joseph and went to Lourdes a number of times with Group 170, which he always enjoyed immensely. May Alex rest in peace, and his family be comforted by faith, family, Parish and friends during this difficult time. Funeral details later.

**Bernard Lovell RIP** late of Banister Park, Southampton. Bernard was part of the 11am Mass Choir At St Edmund and will be sadly missed. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. May they rest in peace. Please pray for their families.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Marlena Linder** and **Przemysław Kwiatkowski** who are getting married at 1:00pm on Saturday 28 December in St Edmund Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

## THIS WEEK

**END OF YEAR SILENT RETREAT** 28 Dec—1 Jan 2020 at Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Isle of Wight. Email [verbumdei.iow@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdei.iow@gmail.com) to book. See notice boards.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**NO RETIRING COLLECTION** Sunday 29 December.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY** Sunday 29 December—*Prayer for those engaged in Safeguarding Ministry* on the Feast of the Holy Family: we pray for all our safeguarding reps and coordinators in parishes and the Diocese.

## NEXT TWO WEEKS (30.12.19—12.1.20)

### FOR INFORMATION:

Mon: Clergy Day off

Thurs Hospital on call: VH

Fri Funeral: VH

4-9 January VH away for break

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE** Wednesday 1 January 2020 at Mayfield Park / Mayfield Nurseries, Weston Lane, Southampton. Starting point: Bowling Green Car Park, SO19 9HL. See notice boards. Tel. 023 8044 2403.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** until Thursday 2 January 2020. Should you require the assistance of a priest during this time for an emergency please phone The Presbytery on 023 8033 4891. Do leave a message if no one is available when you call, messages are listened to frequently and will be responded to as soon as possible.

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY** Sunday 5 January 2020.



**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our worshipping community **Juliette Gropora**, daughter of Jose Luis and Halima, who is being baptised at St Joseph Church at 11:30am on Sunday **BAPTISM** 5 January 2020.

**RCIA** meet Wednesdays at 7:30pm in St Edmund Hall, Rockstone Place, Southampton for those enquiring about the Catholic faith.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** Introduction and First Eucharist Workshop for parents and children at St Edmund Church from 10:30am—12 noon Saturday 11 January 2020.

**NB: 11AM SATURDAY MASS & CONFESSIONS ARE CANCELLED** on Saturday 11 January 2020.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Grzegorz Leszczynski and Marlena Adamus** who are getting married at 3pm on Saturday 11 January 2020 in St Edmund Church. May God bless them all the days of

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INSCRIPTION MASSES:** 9am, 10am and 11am Sunday 12 January 2020.

**RCIA RITE OF WELCOME** 7pm Mass Sunday 12 January.

**SEPARATED/DIVORCED:** Relationships that have broken down can lead to unresolved hurts and questions, to feelings of rejection or isolation. In January 2020 we are offering a series of evenings for those who are separated, or divorced: ‘**Restored Lives**’ is run over 7 weeks *The first meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday 14 January 2020 in St Edmund Hall.*

## GENERAL ITEMS

**BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION ONE** 7pm—8pm  
Monday 13 January in St Edmund Hall for parents who have booked to have their children baptised.

**GRANDPARENTS GROUP** meet 11am Thursday  
16 January 2020 in Stella Maris Hall.

**RICHARD ROHR GROUP** 4:30pm Thursday 16 January in  
St Edmund Presbytery.

**VERBUM DEI—PRAYER SERIES** 7:30pm Friday 17 January  
St Edmund Hall. Please email [emiliana.silva@solent.ac.uk](mailto:emiliana.silva@solent.ac.uk) if  
you would like to join the group. All welcome.

**BETHANY GROUP** meeting 9:45am Saturday 18 January  
2020 in St Edmund Presbytery.

**ACORN LISTENING COURSE** 10am—4pm Saturday  
25 January 2020 in St Edmund Hall. Please email or phone  
the Parish Office if you are interested in attending this  
course.

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:  
EVANGELISATION:** That every country may determine to  
take the necessary measures to make the future of the very  
young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

**ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SOUTHAMPTON** have  
been judged to be **OUTSTANDING** for the fourth year in  
succession in their recent LA Inspection.

The Summary from the Inspection Report is: *"The school continues to provide a very good quality of education for its students. Staff and pupils are happy here and enjoy the school's strong sense of community. The quality of the care for students, and the range of opportunities presented to them ensure that everyone feels valued and well prepared for their next stage of life. The head teacher, his senior staff and governors are giving the school strong, caring and purposeful leadership."*

**THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED** in preparing for Christmas,  
cleaning, decorating, welcoming, music, singing, serving,  
reading, Eucharistic Ministry, groups, visiting the sick ....

### PILGRIMAGE TO SOUTHERN ITALY

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Led by Father Des Connolly SMM. This pilgrimage will take us to Pietrelcina (the birth place of Padre Pio). Cost excl. flight £676 per person based on 2 people sharing – single room supplement: £120. Flight price London Gatwick to Naples return will be quoted at the time of booking. Contact Gill at [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com) or phone on 017 3288 6666.

### PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 15—19 July 2020.

Will be led by Bishop Philip and assisted by Father PJ Smith. Flying from Bournemouth Airport; price £695 staying at the Hotel La Solitude. Booking forms available from the Parish Office.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Margaret Hicks, Maire Quirk, Ewa Evans, Ewa Slinn, Teresa Hodges, Sue Hanrahan, Marisa Tellegen, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Madeleine Clarke, Bunty Weerakoon, Christopher Browne, David Spencer, Pat & Don Devers, Azad & Viyille Perera, George Chesworth, Jean White, Sheila Morris, John Hennessy, Pat O'Neill, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Eloise Chessman, Bobby Murphy, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Doris Leggett, John O'Reilly, Bill Eastman, Shane Wing, Kathryn Morley, NW, Carol Butt, Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Joachim Rodrigues, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Noreen Kealy, Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan, Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Jeanette Brookes, Joy Grant, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, Malcolm Cross, Paul Sassu, Peter Scott, Maria Annunziata, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2020** led by Father Vincent and Godfrey Doyle. Following the successful pilgrimages last year to Santiago de Compostela and this year to Malta a further one is being planned for next year. ***This will be to Fatima and other religious and historic sites in northern Portugal, finishing in Lisbon.*** It is being planned for early October. Details available in the early part of next year.



**NEXT ALPHA COURSE** will be starting at  
**7pm Tuesday 3 March in St Edmund Hall.** A 10  
week course for those wanting to brush up on  
the essentials of their Christian faith. It opens  
the door for those who have lapsed or long  
to renew their faith and transform their lives.

Please contact the Parish Office email  
[southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) if you or  
anyone you know would like to join. Each session includes a  
meal and covers a key element of the gospel in a way  
that is easy-to-follow and leaves space for people to  
explore their questions about life, faith, and God. Sessions  
include:

*Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? How can we have faith? Why and how do I pray? Why and how do I read the Bible? How does God guide us? Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do? How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? How can I resist evil? Does God heal today? How can I make the most of the rest of my life?*

**HOME CARE GIFTS FOR THE ELDERLY**—thank you for all  
the most generous, wonderful gifts received in response to  
their appeal. They brought great joy to the recipients. A  
very small amount were left and have been donated to the  
seafarers through the Apostleship of the Sea.

### REMEMBERING THE POOR SOULS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON THE MINE SWEEPER HMS BRAMBLE.

*"The ship was in the Arctic Convoys going from Scotland to Russia during December 1942. My great uncle (on my Mum's side), Petty Officer Stoker Patrick Kelly, aged 26, was one of 250 who lost their lives, torpedoed by the Germans. Patrick Kelly was from a tiny village called Foulksmills in Wexford, Ireland. He is remembered on the Plymouth Hoe War Memorial, may he rest in peace. This is known as the Battle of the Barents Sea. The ships were operating in sub zero temperatures, frozen seas & in total darkness (no sun for weeks at this time of year). Winston Churchill called it "The worst journey in the world". The Bramble was hit & sank around 10am on 31 December 1942. I received the Arctic Star Medal from the MOD this year on my great uncle's behalf. These men are largely forgotten & it's up to us to keep the candle burning". Submitted by Patrick Kelly's great niece Leila Barratt, daughter of Theresa Barratt (parishioners).*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR FROM WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER 2019 TO SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2020

\*(Church key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

WED	25 DEC	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	9:00AM SE THOMAS & THERESA KENNY RIP (GL) 10:00AM SJ BRIDIE MYLES RIP & JUDY BROWN RIP (JB) 11:00AM SE KATIE & WILLIAM COADY RIP (SC & DC)
THURS	26 DEC	ST STEPHEN	11:00AM SJ ALTAR SERVERS' MASS
FRI	27 DEC	ST JOHN	7:00PM SE PRIESTS & VOCATIONS TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE (HH)
SAT	28 DEC	<b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b>	11:00AM SE SEAMAS REILLY RIP (GL) 6:15PM SJ MICHAEL HOGAN RIP (MY) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	29 DEC	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>	9:00AM SE MICHAEL REID RIP (EH & HS) 10:00AM SJ THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 11:00AM SE ANNETTE WOOD RIP & MARY ROBINSON RIP (RICHARD) 7:00PM SE KUM CHOY LEONG RIP (ZTL)
TUES	31 DEC	LITURGY OF THE DAY	10:00AM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
WED	1 JAN 2020	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	10:00AM SE NEW YEAR BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING TO THE UNIVERSE (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS PONNIAH)
THURS	2 JAN	SS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN	12:15PM SJ PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	3 JAN	LITURGY OF THE DAY	7:00PM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	4 JAN	LITURGY OF THE DAY	11:00AM SE PETER CARNEY RIP (F) 6:15PM SJ MICHAEL BROPHY RIP & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS (F)
SUN	5 JAN	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	9:00AM SE J CAMPBELL RIP (GC & JC) 10:00AM SJ IAN MORLEY RIP (FM) 11:00AM SE JUDY BROWN RIP & BROWN FAMILY INTENTIONS 7:00PM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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 St George College 023 8032 2603

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

#### 29 DECEMBER 2019—THE HOLY FAMILY

##### Psalm Response:

O 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!**

#### READINGS 5 JANUARY 2020

##### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1—6  
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 2—3, 5—6  
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1—12

#### 2ND COLLECTION CHRISTMAS MASSES

**24 / 25.12.19: FOR OUR PRIESTS**

**NO 2ND COLLECTION 29.12.19**

**NO 2ND COLLECTION 5.1.2020**

COLLECTION 22.12.19	1ST
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,682.58</b>
Cash	921.69
S / O	1,408.71
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18

#### CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

**St Joseph: Thursday 11:45am \* Saturday 5:45pm**  
**St Edmund: Saturday 11:30am**