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22 NOVEMBER 2015

**OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
UNIVERSAL KING**



- SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL,
WEST & EAST DEANERY
ALSO 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



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
WHO IS UNIVERSAL KING**



At His first coming, His ornamentation and adornment were swaddling clothes. He spent His missionary years homeless, constantly travelling, constantly moving. He ate with the dispossessed, the reviled, the outcast, and rejoiced in their company. More than that, He actively sought those fellow diners who displayed these characteristics. He eschewed wealth and property. At one moment He was revered, pursued in adoration, drew thousands to hear Him speak, and finally, finally, Jesus was given in an act of vulnerability. He came in to this world vulnerable laying as a newborn in a fodder feeding rack, and He was killed in the great act of willing vulnerability, as He took for His earthly throne a rude cross on a lonely hill.

Is this the life style, deportment and trappings of a king? We, who reside here in Southampton, will be mindful of a previous king in this land, who was reputed to have sought control over the tide. We will also know of King Canute's failure, he's powerless to stop the tide rushing in from the sea, and come to think of it, powerless to stop the wind from blowing, powerless from being imperfect himself, powerless to be ridiculed throughout history. Well, the story of the Anglo-Saxon King Cnut (Canute) is most probably apocryphal (not the same as the similar word below, by the way), but I imagine we get the idea.

We read in this week's Gospel, that Jesus responds to Pilate: "Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were from this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews".

Perhaps in more contemporary parlance, Jesus is replying: "My kingdom is not from this world, and therefore no one is fighting for Me. Because in My kingdom we just don't do that."

And, even in the apocalyptic vision of John revealed in the Book of Revelation—even in victory over the forces of darkness and evil, even when Satan himself is finally vanquished, Jesus is still the lamb at the centre of the throne. He is still the sacrificial lamb.

There have been many siren calls, seeking vengeful and rancorous responses to the horrors of last weekend in Paris. But we, in our discipleship, are called differently. We are followers of a king, whose trappings are compassion, comfort, tolerance, and love.

We follow our Great King, who embraced powerlessness in the manger and on the cross...great things will happen. No army has ever defeated the power of darkness and evil. No bomb has ever assuaged the power of death. But ... a bloodied, beaten, and naked Christ did.

And, He is our King.

Andy Philpott

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. What things hold power over you in your life (1st reading)? Are they good things or would you like to see them lose some of their hold? If so, how can you go about it?
2. Does the universe that we consecrate to God include areas of your life or world that previously you might have considered outside the realm of the 'holy' (2nd reading)?
3. How do you 'bear witness to the truth' (Gospel)? What is 'the truth' for you? Is it facts, formulae or the presence of God and your relationship with God?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2015

WELCOME TO Father Des celebrating 6:15pm Mass at St Joseph's and 7pm Mass at St Edmund's this weekend.



KEEP CALM AND EAT (more) CAKE

Afternoon Tea and Quiz for all ages today (Sunday) at Springhill School, Milton Road, SO15 2HW. Tickets £8 adults / £5 children (ages 2 – 11), babies come free. Profits go to HCPT Group 170 who take local sick, disabled and disadvantaged children on pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes. Visit www.group170.org.uk for more information about the charity. Registered Charity in England and Wales (281074) and Scotland (SC043743). Tickets available after Masses today.

RECENTLY DIED: Harry Brisland RIP

late of Northlands House Residential Care Home. Funeral 11am Monday 23 November in St Joseph's Church followed by burial at St Mary's Extra Cemetery.

EILEEN THOMAS RIP late of Bassett Green Road, Southampton. Funeral details to be confirmed.

May they rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

CANON RICHARD HIND RIP. Please also pray for Father Richard who died on Wednesday evening after a short illness.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFO: Mon: Day off: TC.

VH: Holy Land Pilgrimage until 2nd December.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet Tuesdays 7:30pm — 8:30pm St Edmund's Hall. All welcome!

LUNCH CLUB meet at 12 noon on Wednesdays in St Edmund's Hall. New members welcome.

THE SIKH COMMUNITY commemorate the 546th birth anniversary of Siri Guru Nanak Dev (1469-1539) on Wed 25 November *We send them our congratulations and pray that their celebrations of this feast enrich and enliven their hearts and homes with the warmth of love to make their families and communities more and more serene and humane!* The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (in the Vatican) has offered its warmest greetings and felicitations to all Sikhs.

FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP (Years 3-8) meet 6pm—7:15pm Friday 27 November in St Boniface Church Hall. Call Tina Quinn 023 8033 3589 for info.

VERBUM DEI RETREATS

Encounter Retreats:

- Pray, Cook and Eat (learning how to cook and to pray) 28 -29 November
- Christmas Encounter (including a day of silent retreat on 26 Dec) 24 - 27 December

Silent Retreats:

- Advent Retreat 4 - 6 December
- New Year Silent Retreat 31 December - 3 January

Quiet Days:

- Waiting for Emmanuel Saturday 21 November
- Mercy is coming to us Wednesday 2 December

For more info and to book, call 019 8352 9554 or email verbumdei.iow@gmail.com.

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm—8pm Friday 27 November in St Edmund's Lodge.

PEOPLE'S CLIMATE CHANGE MARCH – 29 NOVEMBER.

Join CAFOD in London Sunday 29 November from 12pm-3pm. Sign up via cafod.org.uk/events or contact CAFOD Portsmouth on 01 252 329385 portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

NEXT WEEKEND

A QUIET MORNING led by the Rev David deBoys (Vicar at St Michael's) will take place at St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street 9:45am—12:15pm Saturday 28 November. Tea / coffee will be available in the Stella Maris Centre from 9:30am. Anyone is welcome.

ADORE (Alton Day of Renewal) 11am—4pm Saturday 28 November; mini-retreat day St Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, G134 5LL. See noticeboard for details.

WELCOME TO FATHER DES celebrating 9am and 11am Mass at St Edmund's Sunday 29 November.

NEXT WEEK

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK—7pm Monday 30 November. If you feel you could just do with receiving the beautiful Sacrament of the Sick because of physical ill-health or personal concerns and worries then join Father Des at **Saint Joseph's House of Prayer, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU.**

A MEDITATIVE / CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

inspired by the teaching of the late John Main—they used to meet in St Joseph's and St Michael's, Bugle Street—is being revived. The new group, energised by the Catholic and Anglican City Centre parishes will meet between 6pm and 6:45pm each Tuesday night. In the winter months they meet in St Michael's Church: entrance by the north door. They commence at 6pm Tuesday 1 December. Anyone interested does not have to commit to being there every week.

NIGHT FEVER SOUTHAMPTON takes place Friday 4 December at St Edmund's Church. Starts with Mass at 7pm followed by open church from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. *You are invited to come and pray, light a candle, spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament but above all to welcome those of our city who may be passing by to come and experience the Love of God within our Christian Catholic Community.* Volunteers needed for the ministries of welcoming hospitality, street mission, intercessory prayer and music ministry. To be involved email adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk.

CANCELLED: 11AM MASS AND CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER have been cancelled due to a wedding taking place in St Edmund's Church.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Christian Vine and Lucy Ingham** who are getting married at 11am Saturday 5 December in St Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

ANNUAL FEAST CELEBRATION OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER 12:30pm - 5:30pm Sunday 6 December at St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley. One-man band, dancing & spot prizes, Goan snacks & buffet, Santa's gifts and raffle—proceeds to orphanage in Goa. Dress : Formal. Tickets £10, children under 12 free. To book call Dina 023 8078 0774 or text Roque 07816 195 002 or email roquevaz@yahoo.co.in.

HOME CARE CLIENTS' CHRISTMAS GIFTS—

Whilst out shopping, please consider picking up a small gift or two for us to pass on to our elderly clients. These gifts do make a big difference each year and many of the Christmas offerings now in the shops would be suitable, along with stationery, stamps, jams, toiletries etc. Gifts should be new and **unwrapped** to allow us to consider clients' individual health and dietary requirements. *Collection baskets will be available in the Porches from weekend of 28/29 November for two weeks.* Many thanks for your continued support.

JINGLING BELLS: Christmas Carols for Mary's Meals. 3:30pm—4:30pm Sunday 6 December in St Edmund's Church followed by tea in the Hall (*contributions most welcome*). *Let Jenepher know if you have a favourite carol.* Email sineadnicdaithi@yahoo.co.uk or 07891 733 939.

YEAR OF MERCY commences **Tuesday 8 December**; the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. **There will be two Masses in the Parish: 10am in St Edmund and 7pm in St Joseph.** Make a note ... and watch this space for more information on how 2016 can be a 'Year of Mercy' in name and in fact. It is up to us ... with God's grace. Ideas for consideration gratefully received.

ADVENT REFLECTION DAY—To celebrate the start of His Holiness Pope Francis's proclaimed 'Year of Mercy'; on **Saturday 12 December** Father Des will be hosting a Day of Reflection at Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst SO40 7DU focusing on one of the major themes of this special year: '*God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son*' John 3.16. This will be a great way to begin your personal journey during the Year of Mercy and an excellent way to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus our only Saviour. Tea and Coffee will be served from **10:00am for a 10:30am start.** The day will include the Celebration of Holy Mass and lunch. If you would like to take part please email Father Des frdes@montfort.org.uk or call or text on 02380 292337. The day will finish at 3:30pm. A donation of £17.50 would be gratefully received.

GENERAL ITEMS

ST MARY'S COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM 9am—12:15pm Saturday 16 January 2016 for those in their last year at Junior School wishing to go to St Mary's. Contact Mrs. Hoile 023 8067 0150 or email admin@stmaryscollege.co.uk to book. See noticeboards.

FANNING THE FLAME: Note from Jenepher: "*I walked 20.23km, following which, on Tuesday last, I was able to hand a cheque for £228 to the Dominican Sisters for their inspirational work with young people. Thank you very much to everyone for your generous contributions*".

POITIER CARE provides food for individuals and families in need. A team of volunteers collect the food (from Parishes, Fairshare etc), record it, box it and then deliver it around the City. **Their weekly average is 48 deliveries, feeding 66 adults and 49 children. How can you help?:**

1. Bring tins etc. into the collecting box in the churches
 2. Give £3 which pays for a tray of Fairshare food (from local supermarkets worth £20+)
 3. Volunteer to box and/or deliver food
 4. Volunteer to provide admin (recording of stock etc.)
- Please think seriously about getting involved. Poitier Care is too good to fail! Contact Graham on 07980 933 828.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—The new rota for Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist is due soon. This ministry is a valuable one as it enables us, in a dignified and reverent way, to receive the Presence of Christ under the form of Bread and Wine. Thank you to all who exercise this ministry both at Mass and taking Holy Communion to the housebound.

Sadly we do not have enough ministers for all our Sunday Masses to create a rota which has a good spread of commitment. Because of this we are reducing the number of ministers at the **7pm St Edmund Mass** to three (one the Consecrated Host and two the Precious Blood). We do this reluctantly as by so doing we could create a queue for the Precious Blood. We only plan to do this for the next rota. Hopefully before the rota next year we will have a few more volunteers who will have been trained.

Think about putting your name forward ... or suggesting someone else!

Who is 'eligible'? Many people say they are not worthy. None of us is worthy to distribute, to receive (even to celebrate). We are made worthy by the action of Christ himself. We are made worthy by Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Requirements for being an Extra-ordinary Minister :

- a parishioner
- a practising Catholic
- regular at the Mass they are volunteering for
- a frequent communicant

Knowledge of the Eucharist, and the practicalities of being a Minister will be learnt through a short course that all ministers go through. There is an urgent need for Extra-ordinary ministers at the 6:15pm, 11am, and 7pm Masses (if you are a regular at one of these Masses ... do consider the above).



SOLD! PROMISES AUCTION—WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 FUNDRAISING EVENT:

Can you bake a special cake? Give an hour of professional time? Cook a meal for four people? Offer an hour's babysitting? Offer your holiday apartment? Iron a basket load of washing? Offer a free ticket to a Southampton football match? A massage or beauty treatment? Or do you have an unwanted item of value to auction? We will be compiling lots for our Parish Promises auction to be held at 7:45pm on Friday 29 January 2016 in St Edmund's Hall. **Proceeds will go to support Edward Quinn who is joining the World Youth Day Diocesan Pilgrimage in Krakow 2016**, and to a local charity. Please email any offers for lots to the Parish Office by 30 December or call 023 8033 3589.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Paul Maleski, Shane Wing (stroke recovery), Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, Rachel de Melo (op. recovery), Karen Nugent, Dame Sheila Quinn, John Redhead, Pat Friters (op. recovery), Jayanthi Jayasinghe, Maria Mhonda (stroke recovery), Pat Feighery (op. recovery), Joan Moore, Pat Cummings, JL, Malcolm Cross, Irene Cartledge, Teresa Adams (stroke recovery), Judy Brown, O'Hanlon family, Richard Milne, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Isabel Bradshaw, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Sita Hearn, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Patricia Penny, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Albie Escorcio, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Carlene Metcalf, Bosco & Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Tegar Marriott, Josie Franklin, Joy Grant, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, Laura Pinson, Evelyn Nolan, parishioners who are ill or having surgery and all listed in the Lady Chapel Prayer Book at St Edmund's. Thank you for keeping them all in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2015

SAT	21 NOV	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	DONALD & MAURA GORMAN RIP (GH) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	22 NOV	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	EILEEN ROHAN RIP (GS & SS) MAUREEN & JOHN WADE RIP (TW) ROBERT'S VOCATION GUIDANCE & DEEPER FAITH (RK) ANNIE RILEY RIP (JMCC)
MON	23 NOV	ST CLEMENT 1	11:00AM SJ	FUNERAL SERVICE: HARRY BRISLAND RIP
TUES	24 NOV	34th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	KAREN NUGENT—RECOVERY (HP & GC)
WED	25 NOV	ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA	7:00PM SE	JAMES McCONNELL—GET WELL & HEALING (JPMCC)
THURS	26 NOV	34th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	MICHAEL BRENNAN RIP (EB)
FRI	27 NOV	34th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	HOLY SOULS—REMEMBERING JEAN RICKMAN RIP
SAT	28 NOV	34th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	OUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (RM) ETHEL HORSFIELD RIP (ADAMS/ROUSE FAMILY) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	29 NOV	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	STOY—JESSY THANKSGIVING (JS) TERRY CLARKE RIP (MC) PJ PHELAN RIP (GP & DP) ELIZABETH DORLING RIP (JMD)

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 St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
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DEANERY PARISHES MASS TIMES: *Holy Family, Millbrook* Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00am; 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.

Prayer of the Church Week 2

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2015 JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

Psalm Response

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia!**

READINGS SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2015 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
 Gospel: Luke 21:25-28; 34-36

NO 2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

Collections	15/11/15 1st	15/11/15 CATHOLIC CARE
Total	£2,058.71	£345.10
Cash	1,018.47	146.97
S / O	832.19	158.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	208.05	39.63

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

CONFESSION TIMES:

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