

**18 JANUARY 2015**

**SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY TIME**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

**SOUTHAMPTON  
CENTRAL, WEST &  
EAST DEANERY**

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- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,  
LORDSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING & ST.  
COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,  
PORTSWOOD
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,  
NETLEY ABBEY



## **Bishop Philip ..... extracts from his Pastoral Letter: 'Mary's Husband'**

Dear Chosen-Disciples of Christ,

I want to mention an extraordinary man, whom many of us ought to know better. Strong, silent, humble, decisive, a man of integrity, a saint: I mean Mary's husband, Joseph. What a shock it must have been for him to find that the young woman to whom he was betrothed was pregnant, and bewildering to hear her explanation: that the Child conceived within her was of the Holy Spirit! Yet Joseph believed the message of the Angel ...

St. Joseph played a key part in all the events of Christmas: the census in Bethlehem, the birth in a stable, the homage of the Magi, the flight into Egypt and the presentation in the Temple. But this fine husband, Guardian of the Incarnate Word, also played a key role in the hidden years of Jesus' home life in Nazareth: His childhood, His upbringing, His human development .....

Although not His biological father, Joseph showed Jesus all the love and solicitude a father's heart can know. He gave Him an inspiring example of being a man. He taught Him a trade, the value of work, how to earn a living and support a family. And he socialised Jesus, inserting Him into the cultural and religious life of the time. In Joseph, the self-sacrificing father-son relationship would surely have run so deep, that in this profoundly good man, Jesus would have recognised a beautiful icon of His heavenly Father.

In October this year, some of the bishops will gather with the Holy Father for a Synod on "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Modern World". Please pray for its success, for our families and married couples, and for those in difficulty. Pray too that the Synod will help us all receive afresh the Good News of Christ on the complementarity of being male and female, on the vocation to marriage and on the joy of Christian family life. May it inspire us to find new means of witnessing to the 'natural way of life.' For in today's culture, a great battle is being fought between two very different understandings of what it means to be a human being. Are humans higher animals, biological machines, objects to be manipulated for pleasure, gain and power? Or are we fundamentally different, that is, persons to be respected, creatures with limits, people with dignity and vocation?

*(Full version available on Diocesan Website and copies in the porches)*

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

1. Where have you 'seen' Jesus during the past week?
2. How have you 'shown' Jesus to others recently?
3. For what are you looking?
4. Where do you want to 'stay' ..... spiritually?

*Vincent Harvey*

## **TODAY: SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2015**

**PASTORAL LETTER** being read at all Masses.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY STARTS TODAY** (see *Service next Sunday, 25 January*).

**RETIRING COLLECTION** is for **SPUC's (Society for Unborn Children) WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**: The Society upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death and covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals.

Recently SPUC have been supporting two midwives who have been fighting to defend their right of conscientious objection to abortion. For the past 20 years they have worked as midwives without involvement in abortions. Now hospitals can insist that staff co-operate in the provision of abortion services. This will affect nurses, hospital doctors and even GPs.


*There is a 'prayer for babies' campaign being run ..... if you wish to get involved please take a card. Please be generous in your giving in order to help fight such legislation and to protect life. Postcards, stickers, information and donation envelopes available in the porch.*

**WELCOME** and thanks to Fr Des Connolly for presiding at the 9am and 11am Masses.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE** (transferred). Pope Francis' theme: *No Longer Slaves, but Brothers and Sisters.* (*Pax Christi* envelopes in the porch).

**EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAMS** (see elsewhere) ... please take home a leaflet.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our faith community:

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- **Amelie Browne**, daughter of Lee and Hannah-Marie
  - **Conor Russell**, son of Scott and Giuseppina
  - **Ava & Isla Hickey**, twin daughters of Alexa and Ben
  - **Mabel McInally**, daughter of Steven and Mary

who are being baptised at 12:30pm on Sunday 18 January in St Edmund's Church.

## **THIS WEEK**

**FOR INFORMATION:** Mon: Day Off: VH.

Tues: Pastoral Area Clergy Meeting: VH;

Wed: St Anne's School Mass: VH

Churches Together in Southampton: VH

Thurs: J&P meeting: VH. Pre-Marriage course: VH

Sat: Wedding: VH

Sun: Christian Unity Service: VH

**MONDAY SOCIAL CLUB** meet 2pm on Mondays in St Edmund's Hall for a cup of tea and a chat; bingo if you like and a raffle. All welcome!

**JANUARY 200 CLUB WINNERS: Congratulations to**

**Iris Kuitenbrouwer 1st prize £25**

**Henry Monaghan 2nd prize £10.**

**PARKES RESEARCH SEMINAR** 'Understanding the contemporary Jewish population of the UK: Key dynamics in British Jewish demography' takes place at 6pm on Tuesday 20 January in Lecture Theatre C, University of Southampton. The seminar will be presented by Dr Jonathan Boyd, Executive Director of JPR, the Institute for Jewish Policy and Research.

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** meet at 7:30pm on Tuesdays in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome!

**LUNCH CLUB** meet at 12 noon on Wednesdays in St Edmund's Hall.

**POETRY SHARE: 7pm—8:30pm Thursday 22 January in St Joseph's Church.** All welcome! *Each day is a beginning and an ending. The sun rises and sets, and it does so in a routine and harmonious signaling of orderly change, accompanied by a glorious light show.* Francine Plunkett will introduce our topic, and our periods of poetry-sharing and discussion will be graced and inspired by YOU. *Bring your favourite poets and poems and a friend!*

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** takes place on Thursdays 22, 29 January and 5, 12 February 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall for couples getting married in the Parish in 2015. *Fully booked.*

**EU INFO EVENING** 6pm—8pm Friday 23 January in St Edmund's Lodge.

**DISCOVERING OUR IDENTITY** young adult group meet Fridays at 7:45pm in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome!

## **NEXT WEEKEND**

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** meeting 9:45am Saturday 24 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**ECHOES TRAINING DAY FOR PRIESTS & CATECHISTS** led by the Dominican Sisters *Formation for Mission* Team. From 10am—3pm Saturday 24 January at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU. Cost £10, bring a packed lunch. Tel. Sister Veronica on 01590 681874 or book online [www.portsmouthdioces.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdioces.org.uk).



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Damien Roughley and Katarzyna Wisniewska** who are getting married at 4pm on Saturday 24 January in St Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE:** An 'Agape' type meal/service to celebrate the work of the 'Churches Rent Deposit Scheme' (which we as a parish support financially): **Venue: Avenue St Andrews Church, Sunday 25 January 1 pm.** *Bring food to share—savouries.*

## **NEXT WEEK**

**OPEN DOOR RETREAT—HOUR OF PRAYER** Monday 26 January from 4pm—5pm in St Edmund's Hall for all who have attended an Open Door retreat in the Pastoral Area.

**CCPG (City Centre Pastoral Group)** meet at 7:45pm Wednesday 28 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**JOHN ROBINSON** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support on the recent death of his wife Pearl.

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY** takes place 27 January each year. It is a time for everyone to pause to remember the millions of people who have been murdered or whose lives have been changed beyond recognition during the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. On Holocaust Memorial Day we can honour the survivors of these regimes and challenge ourselves to use the lessons of their experience to inform our lives today. **Tuesday 27 January at 6pm in Solent Lecture Theatre, Solent University Conference Centre, Above Bar.** For info email Dr Tom Plant [T.M.Plant@southampton.ac.uk](mailto:T.M.Plant@southampton.ac.uk). Website [www.hmd.org.uk](http://www.hmd.org.uk).

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING** Saturday 31 January 10am—1:30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX). Booking essential. Email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or ring 012 5232 9385 by 26 January 2015.

### GENERAL ITEMS

**'CHASING SNOWFLAKES' CONCERT** 3:30pm—4:45pm Sunday 8 February in St Edmund's Church. Tickets £5 (£3 concessions). All proceeds are for 'Against Breast Cancer' charity (a pink theme will prevail). Contact Jenepher 07891 733 939 to book and if you can help. See Notice Board. See website [www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk](http://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk).

**BLESSING OF COUPLES TO BE MARRIED** will take place at 7pm Mass Sunday 8 February in St Edmund's Church.

**'MUSIC – THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE':** Concert in aid of the Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group, which supports refugees and asylum seekers. **An international group of soloists [harp, violins and cor anglais],** present a varied programme of works by, amongst others, JS Bach, Debussy and Faure. **Tuesday, 24 February at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church.** Tickets £12 [include refreshments in Stella Maris Hall afterwards] available from **SWVG**, call Liz 075 0317 6350 or email: [admin@swvg-refugees.org.uk](mailto:admin@swvg-refugees.org.uk). Leaflets available in the porch and more info on Notice Board.

**HCPT GROUP 170 would like to thank everyone** who contributed so generously to the second collection last week. Several people asked for standing order forms and gift aid envelopes and these are available at the back of both churches.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:** CAFOD really need people to help in a wide variety of ways. Website for info [cafodportsmouth.wordpress.com](http://cafodportsmouth.wordpress.com) or tel. Lynda 012 5232 9385/[portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) (email).

**FLAME 2 - Saturday 7 March 2015.** In 2012, 8000 young Catholics gathered at Wembley Arena for Flame. In March, CYMFED is building on this success by running Flame 2. This event is for young people from Year 10 - young adult. Over 5000 tickets have been sold, and young Catholics from Portsmouth Diocese are going to be a big part of it, as they travel with Bishop Philip on our diocesan coach to Wembley for Flame 2. Places cost just £45 which will include transport, tickets and a hoody! For more information and to book a place, contact Will Hince at [whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or 07780 221 686.

**'DO YOU LOVE ME?' .....** a book prepared by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales as a practical guide to Catholic Prayer and Spirituality. The book is not an exhaustive study of prayer but seeks to provide a prayerful answer to the question posed by Jesus 'Do you love me?' (John 21), offering some aspects from the Catholic tradition in a reflective manner. Available in St Edmund's porch (£5.95).

**EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAMS:** As you know, the Church in our time is calling us to the work of new evangelisation. We are Christ's missionary disciples, and He has given us many charisms and talents for this work. Now we want to set up in every Pastoral Area an Evangelisation Strategy Team, comprised of clergy and laity, to direct the work of mission at the local, parish level. How will this happen in your Pastoral Area?

1. In the next couple of weeks leaflets will be available for parishioners to increase awareness of this project.
2. Sometime in January or February, there will be a Holy Hour to pray for this initiative.
3. If you feel God may be calling you to join your Pastoral Area's team, please approach your Parish Priest or Co-ordinating Pastor.
4. During Lent, the Co-ordinating Pastor will meet with potential team members.

**The Strategy Team** is a new body to replace the Pastoral Council. It should represent all ages and types. It's all about vision! Its purpose is to sponsor mission-projects across the area. Teams will meet once a term. **Take home a leaflet to learn more.**

**LONDON MARATHON—ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE:** English teacher - Kathryn Cecil, is running the London Marathon in May. Please support her if you can to help her reach her target for CAFOD, helping to support people in the developing world. Visit the Just Giving website to donate: <https://www.justgiving.com/CEC-2015/>.

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE PRIZES FROM THE PARISH OFFICE:**

- o Pauline Postlethwaite—Christmas Hamper
- o Bridie Myles—Fruit Bowl and three fruit dishes
- o Joe Tobin—Gordon's Gin
- o Fran Morley—Bottle of Red Wine & Box of Biscuits
- o M Gorman—'Portrait' Gift Voucher
- o Tim Gallop—'Paintball' Gift Voucher
- o Chris Manighetti—Bodum Tea Press.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Gail February, Sita Hearn, Nelum (Anushka's sister), Marge Whiteman, Phyllis Grattan, Maria Gibzinska, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Patricia Penny, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Peter Hunt, Edward O'Donovan, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Emma Bailey, Laura Pinson, Madeleine Clarke, Debbie Murphy, Albie Escorcio, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Carlene Metcalf, Bosco & Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Tegar Marriott, Josie Franklin, Joan Wheeler, Bertie Radcliffe, Ken Woodford, Joy Grant, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Joan Roberts, Phoebe, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, 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 all these people in your prayers.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2015

SAT	17 JAN		6:15PM SJ	B & S MYLES (F)	
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH	
SUN	18 JAN	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)	
			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
			11:00AM SE	EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (JO'R)	
			7:00PM SE	HERO ROY RIP (LR)	
TUES	20 JAN	<b>ST FABIAN</b>	10:00AM SE	THOMAS JAMES CRAWLEY RIP (F)	
WED	21 JAN	<b>ST AGNES</b>	7:00PM SE	BOB SMITH RIP (MM)	
THURS	22 JAN	<b>ST VINCENT</b>	12:15PM SJ	RUDY & LUPE (GUADALUPE) SERRANO—GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOUR MARRIAGE (PL)	
FRI	23 JAN	<b>2nd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:00PM SE	SEBASTIAN GEORGE RIP (SV)	
SAT	24 JAN	<b>ST FRANCIS DE SALES</b>	11:00AM SE	JEAN & JOHN BOWLES AND FAMILY (BM)	
			6:15PM SJ	SOPHIA & ALFIE BOWLES AND FAMILY (BM)	
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH	
SUN	25 JAN	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	FRED & KATE McEWING RIP (MC)	
			10:00AM SJ	PHILIP CONWAY (F)	
			11:00AM SE	JUNIOR KOONER RIP & FAMILIES' GOOD HEALTH (JF)	
			7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	

**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. 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:**

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

**SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2015  
 2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**Psalm Response**

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
 you have the message of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

**READINGS SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2015  
 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5.10  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

**Prayer of the Church week 2**

<b>2nd COLLECTION TODAY</b>	<b>2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</b>
<b>SPUC (Society for Unborn Children)</b>	<b>HOMELESSNESS</b>

Collections	11/1/15 1st	11/1/15 2nd HCPT
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,208.89</b>	<b>£1,126.33</b>
Cash	804.67	845.70
S / O	1,139.85	224.50
Gift Aid Tax	264.37	56.13

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