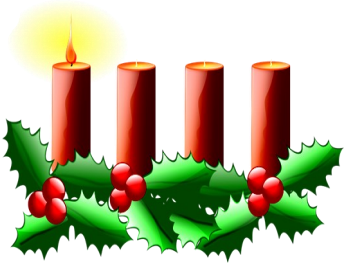


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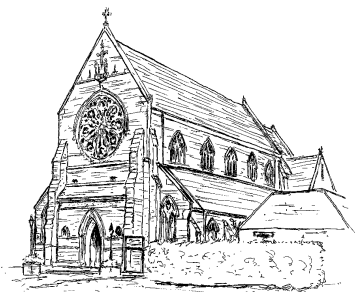


ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTHAMPTON

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SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL, WEST &
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- 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



GOD IS AT WORK ... AS WE JOURNEY IN FAITH

God is at work in this age; these times are the last.
God is at work in this age; his Day will arise!
Fear not, the Day will come, the night is at its end,
And the glory of the Lord will fill the universe more than water
covers the sea!

What is the task of those people that God comes to assemble,
other than to build the kingdom of the Prince of Peace?
How can we hasten this long-awaited day,
when the glory of the Lord will fill the universe, more than water
covers the sea?

That we may not be lost on this Day, which comes like a thief;
let us not sleep in the darkness; let us keep watch in the Lord.
As the light of the rising Sun even till its setting,
he will come in glory on the clouds, the Lord, the God of love.

May our pathway be lit with the sign of Jesus!
He alone can save our earth, where love is no longer among us.
We must defend the downtrodden, free the prisoner,
and the glory of the Lord will fill the universe more than water
covers the sea.

God is love for his people, he loves to forgive.
God is love for his people, he desires their liberty.
Fear not, the Day will come, the night is at its end.
Let us rend our hearts and return to the Lord, for he is the God
who will return!

D. Rimaud

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. How should I 'stay awake' (Gospel) for the coming of God?
In prayer? Through active participation in my faith? In
upright living?
2. What do I do 'under cover of dark' (2nd reading) that I
should not do? How can I 'live out in the light'?
3. Where is 'the mountain of God' (1st reading) for me?
Where is God's Temple in my life?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2016

A REMINDER THAT NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS will be commissioned at all Masses this weekend (1st Sunday in Advent). We welcome them into these important ministries.

ADVENT ... some books to help us are still available.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT today when we wait 'expectantly' for the 'coming of God'.

GOSPEL PROCESSION ... When we gather on a Sunday for Mass, we gather to celebrate the presence of Christ in the Word, the Eucharist, the Priest and the People. Christ is really present in all these ways during our celebration of Mass.

To emphasise the presence of Christ in 'His Word' (the Gospels) and the Unity of the Word and Sacrament we are going to process in with the Gospel Book and place it on the Altar. Before the Gospel is proclaimed it will be carried in procession from the Altar, around the church to the Lectern.

Why? Many reasons, but amongst them:

- Emphasises the Unity of the Word and Sacrament. They are one 'reality'. Christ is present in both: the proclaimed Word and the consecrated Bread and Wine (hence placing the Gospel Book on the Altar).
- We are invited to 'eat' the Body and Blood of Christ and to 'eat' His Word (Jeremiah!), in the sense of allowing it to enter into our lives. During Holy Communion the Church has a 'Communion Antiphon', which is meant to be sung as we process to Communion. Interestingly on Feast Days it is a phrase taken from the Gospel to make the connection between 'Word and Sacrament', they are one reality.
- Highlights how God's Word comes to and through His people. It acts as an 'icon' of Christ coming into the midst of His people.
- Enables us to 'venerate' the Book of the Gospels (as we process and sing Alleluia in many Orthodox Churches as the Gospel Book is processed around the church many people reach out to touch it, like we touch any sacred object).

YEAR OF CARITAS: LOVE IN ACTION will be the theme for our Parish for 2016/17. There is no universal or diocesan theme for the next 12 months so the Liturgy Team and CCPG have decided that all that we do this coming 12 months will reflect 'Year of Caritas: Love in action' ... watch this space ... watch the Parish ... watch each other!!

RECENTLY DIED: Dick Barber RIP died on Wednesday, please keep his son Chris Barber (Pastoral Area Maintenance Administrator) and all the family in your prayers. Requiem Mass to be confirmed; this will take place at St Boniface Church, Shirley.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Sun Mass Basingstoke: TC

Mon Day off: TC/RB/VH

Wed Team Meeting: VH/RB. Pre-Advent Gathering: VH
Southampton Study of Religion: VH

Thurs St George: VH. Fri Housebound visits: VH

Sat Mass Aldershot: TC. Sun Mass Andover: TC

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet Tuesdays from 2:30pm—3:30pm in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome.

LUNCH CLUB meet from 12noon on Wednesdays in St Edmund's Hall. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) meet 7:30pm Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ for those interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith.

PILATES WITH HILARY 10am every Friday in St Edmund's Hall. *Text Hilary on 07786 617302 if you are interested in joining this class.*



YOUTH CLUBS: Junior **FROGZ** for ages 8-12, meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month from 6pm—7:15pm. *Next meeting: Friday 9 Dec. Theme: Advent Party.*

Senior **FANNING THE FLAME** for ages 12-18 Fridays 7:15pm—9:00pm, includes a talk. All welcome. Venue for both: St Boniface Church Hall.

NIGHT FEVER Friday 2 December from 7pm Mass onwards. Put the date in your diary and do encourage others to come. Contact adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk if you can help.

ADVENT RETREAT Friday 2— Sunday 4 December with Verbum Dei Community on the Isle of Wight. See noticeboards. Email verbumdei.iow@gmail.com to book.

NEXT WEEKEND

PROCLAIMING THE MERCY OF GOD—CAFOD RETREAT: As this Year of Mercy draws to a close, join CAFOD from **10am to 4pm on Saturday 3 December at St Mary's Parish Hall, 59 Normandy Street, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1DN** to explore how we can continue to live out Pope Francis' call to be 'witnesses of mercy'. Booking is essential, call 01252 329385.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE to Woodmill Southampton. Meet at 2pm on Sunday 4 December, starting point Woodmill Lane Car Park. Tel. 023 8022 3389. See noticeboards.



MESSY CHURCH ARE LAUNCHING THEIR FIRST SESSION WITH AN ADVENT THEME. It will be held on

Sunday 4 December from 2:30pm—4:00pm at St Joseph's Hall in Bugle

Street. All children and their parents are very welcome. It would be very helpful if you could let the team know if you are hoping to attend (number of children and number of adults), as we can then ensure we have enough crafts for all who are coming. Please email Roxy at roxy.ashworth@live.co.uk or the parish office at southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

NEXT WEEK

SPRINGHILL CHRISTMAS CONCERT PRACTICE 2pm—3:30pm Tuesday 6 & Wednesday 7 December in St Edmund's Church.

SUNG MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY 7:30pm Thursday 8 December at St Boniface Church, 413 Shirley Road, Southampton with 'Cantores Michaelis' directed by Keith Davis, organ: Jonathan Pilgrim. See noticeboards.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE PRACTICE

10am to 12 noon Thursday 8 December in St Edmund's Church.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE takes place at 7pm on Thursday 8 December in St Edmund's Church.

BAMENDA COMMITTEE MEETING 7pm Thursday 8 December in St Edmund's Presbytery.

SPRINGHILL FOUNDATION CLASS visit to St Edmund's Church 9:30am Friday 9 December.

'THE DESERT SHALL BLOOM' Saturday 10 December **Advent retreat day** at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. The cost is a donation to the Community. For more info or to book contact Patricia Yandell 07835 948 435 or Sr. Margarida Londral on 07970 083 252.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME welcome, introductions and first session for parents and registered candidates from 10:30am—12 noon Saturday 10 December in St Anne's School Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2WZ. Entrance through the car park gates. Free parking available.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2pm—4pm Sunday 11 December in St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley Road. Candidates to bring their books, pen, a drink and snack to share if they would like to. Theme 'What We Can Know About God'.

GENERAL ITEMS

SISTERS FROM BELARUS are coming again to sell icons and other religious items: Wednesday 14 December before and after 7pm Mass in St Edmund's Church and Thursday 15 December before and after the 12:15pm Mass at St Joseph's Church. See noticeboards.

JINGLING BELLS Christmas Carol singing in Lyndhurst Sunday 18 December 2:30pm—3:30pm followed by refreshments. Free admission. Silver collection. Please bring your friends, a few mince pies and even some mulled wine! For further details, see poster at the back of the church or call Jenepher on 07891 733939.

CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS: Anyone interested in joining the choir for the Christmas Midnight Mass is welcome to come along to rehearsals throughout November and the beginning of December, on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Church.

TRAIDCRAFT CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ADVENT CALENDARS will be on sale from this weekend at St Joseph's. There will be a limited selection for purchase but catalogues are available to browse and to place orders.

SILENT RETREAT 29 December to 1 January with Verbum Dei Community on the Isle of Wight. Email verbumdei.iow@gmail.com to book. See noticeboards.

CORRECTION TO ITEM IN NEWSLETTER OF 13.11.16: **Joan Moore RIP** is Sybil Connolly-Moore's **Mother-in-law** not her Mother. Our sincere apologies for this error.

CAFOD: "Thank you for your support of CAFOD this year by actions such as writing messages of hope. Your actions are bringing hope and compassion to our sisters and brothers around the world - thank you. The CAFOD group are: Jude Maleski, Vicki Munday, Marina Joyce, Judy Brown and Mike Wilcox ... we would welcome any new volunteers."

SHOEBOX APPEAL: Thank you to all who took part. Together with St Boniface and other parishes a total of 1311 shoe boxes were sent to Albania, Zambia, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. A great effort and very much appreciated. See Rotary letter on the noticeboard.



GIFTS FOR CATHOLIC HOME CARE CLIENTS 2016

It's that time of the year again when we ask parishioners, while out shopping in the next week, to please consider picking up a small gift or two for us to pass on to our elderly clients. Many of the Christmas offerings now in the shops would be suitable—toiletries, chocolates, biscuits, socks, scarves etc. Gifts should be new and **unwrapped** so that individual health and dietary requirements can be considered when our Carers select for their clients. **Baskets will be available in the porches this weekend 26/27 Nov and next weekend 03/04 Dec.** These gifts make a big difference - thank you!

HOLY LAND FEBRUARY 2018 Watch this space!

ST GEORGE CATHOLIC VA COLLEGE, SOUTHAMPTON The Ofsted review in April this year confirmed the continuing improvement at the College and as part of the ongoing assessment of schools, there has been a further one-day Local Authority (LA) Inspection carried out on 16 November. *The visit followed a similar pattern as the previous Ofsted inspection in April, effectively checking and validating the College's Self-Evaluation analysis which is regularly updated as part of the constant scrutiny by the Senior Management Team and the Governing Body.* The Head teacher, Graham Wilson is delighted to report that St George received the following grading in each assessment category: *(The LA refers to grades A – D compared to Ofsted 1 – 4).* Teaching and Learning A, Leadership & Management A, Governance A, personal Development, Behaviour & Well Being A, Outcomes A, Overall A. This outstanding achievement is the highest set of grades the College has ever received from any LA or Ofsted Inspection.

PHOTOS OF ST JOSEPH'S AND ST EDMUND'S—CAN YOU DONATE ANY? We are keen to build up the photographic archive of both churches, especially of St Edmund's. From about the 1980s there is very little photographic evidence in the archives and we are hopeful that there may be more photos around. If you would be willing to either donate photos, or loan them for scanning, please speak to a priest or Anne at The Lodge. Any photos, any date, any event, at either church would be very welcome. If we cannot fill this gap, in the future people will have no idea what parish life was like visually. Recently a slide collection of St Edmund's Church from Mr Peter Scott has been very gratefully received. Thank you very much! Carole Olding (Archivist).

WORLD WAR 2 MEMORIAL: We need your help to compile a WW2 (and later conflicts) War Memorial for both our churches. A WW1 memorial exists for St Joseph's and St Edmund's, thanks to lists being made at the time, but unfortunately no lists were made for WW2. We have a few names, but if you can help us please write down the names of family members/friends (parishioners) who died in WW2 or later in the armed services and hand to one of our priests or the Parish Office. Civilian war deaths are also needed and the names of any Catholics who belonged to other parishes will be sent on. Many thanks for any help you can give.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Donna Madden, Robert Rymill, Tony McCall, Joyce Mguni, Caroline Gailor, Rosa Santos, Fr David Hutton, Lucky & Sujata, Mano, Nelum, Felicity Singleton, Sheila & Clare Morris, Morris Penny, John Redhead, Jackie Duggan, Esther Pananwela, Noreen Kealy, Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan, Valerie Summerton, Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle, Janette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, Teresa Adams, Judy Brown, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Bosco and Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Josie Franklin, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill, having surgery or on our prayer list.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2016

*(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	26 NOV	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM *SJ	JOHN & MAUREEN WADE RIP (TW)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	27 NOV	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9:00AM SE	PJ PHELAN RIP (GP & DP)
			10:00AM SJ	TERRY CLARKE RIP (2ND ANNIVERSARY) (MC)
			11:00AM SE	OLIVIA GORDON—1ST BIRTHDAY, THANKSGIVING AND GOD'S BLESSINGS (MI)
			7:00PM SE	ELIZABETH DORLING RIP (JMD)
TUES	29 NOV	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT	10:00AM SE	SUSAN ADAMS RIP (PP—SPRINGHILL)
WED	30 NOV	ST ANDREW	7:00PM SE	MARTA DE PAOLA TRINDADE RIP (LT)
THURS	1 DEC	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT	12:15PM SJ	FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH—THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS AND KIND THOUGHTS OFFERED FOR TONY McCALL (SMcC)
FRI	2 DEC	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT	7:00PM SE	PJ PHELAN RIP (PARISH OFFICE)
SAT	3 DEC	ST FRANCIS XAVIER	11:00AM SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
			6:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	4 DEC	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9:00AM SE	STOY & JESSY—THANKSGIVING
			10:00AM SJ	ETHELDREDA CONWAY—INTENTIONS (F)
			11:00AM SE	PJ PHELAN RIP (GP & DP)
			7:00PM SE	ROMEO & JEAN ZANELLOTTI RIP (F)

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.

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Prayer of the Church Week 1

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2016 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Psalm Response:

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
 "Let us go to God's house."

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
 and give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

READINGS SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2016 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1—10
 Second Reading: Romans 15:4—9
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1—12

2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC HOME CARE CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

Collections 20.11.16	1st	2nd CHURCH MAINT
Total	£2,622.03	£318.25
Cash	1,051.27	220.12
S / O	1,256.61	78.50
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	19.63

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