



20 NOVEMBER 2016

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

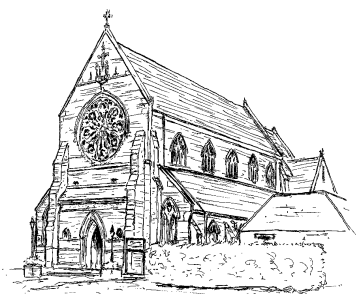


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- CHRIST THE KING &
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- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION,
HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,
NETLEY ABBEY



CHRIST THE KING

Today is a universal feast, a universal celebration of all that it means to be Christian in the Kingdom of God. A day that reminds each and every one of us from every community what is it to be Catholic. As baptised Christians we already share in His priesthood, His prophetic role and His Kingship. But this kingship is not as we would expect, it is one of contradictions. We honour a king who underwent a criminal's death, a king who lived a life of powerlessness, one who resisted the authority of domination, one who associated with the poor, the broken and the wounded.

The question was asked by the repentant thief, hanging beside the 'King of the Jews' addressing the criminal on the other side 'Have you no fear of God?' This would have been better phrased: 'Have you no love for God?' Christ the King does not rule by fear but by love: He longs for each one of us to bow down in His presence not in terror but in awe and respect.

During the night before the American election results a friend said 'Have no fear, we know the one who is our true president, who is our king: Jesus Christ, king of our hearts, king of our lives, king of this world and the next'. Authority, dictatorship, office can all create a sense of fear, but Christ reigns with a Holy fear, one that is inspired by love. If we genuinely love someone there will be a healthy anxiety to do everything that pleases that person. It is only bad power and bad authority that intimidates and makes others afraid. God is not a law to be obeyed but a glorious presence who deserves a mutually loving relationship, one of Holy fear.

As we close the Year of Mercy and gaze on the crucified Christ let us imitate those open arms, those words of affirmation, ("*today you will be with me in paradise*") the forgiveness that unties the knots releasing us from the rules that bind, the dictatorship that enslaves. The door remains open and each one of us is welcomed into the Kingdom of God.

"Our God reigns!"

Tina Quinn

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Christ is our King! In what way is He 'my King'? How do I experience it? What affect does this knowledge have on my faith?
2. '*Today you will be with me in paradise*' (gospel): do I find those words disturbing or hopeful? Do I look forward to hearing those words or am I afraid?
3. How do I reflect the 'Kingship' of Christ? In my prayer? By my actions? Through my attitudes?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2016

FEAST OF CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING takes place today. At Masses we will bring up, with the Gifts (bread and wine) the '**Ribbons**' that have been written on throughout the year. They will be placed in front of the altars to be 'offered' into God's merciful, compassionate and loving hands.

Year of Mercy officially comes to an end today too, but let us continue to pray in the words of Pope Francis:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN: Chris Allcock will talk after 10am Mass today about an exciting new project that has just started working in the city. For more info visit their website www.safefamiliesforchildren.com.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



- **Lukas Koprowski**, son of Kamil & Magdalena
- **Isla Barbara**, daughter of Ramez & Rima
- **Uzoma Anyiam**, son of Felix & Joy, all being baptised in St Edmund's Church at 12:30pm.

THE ART OF DYING WELL ... a new website offering a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. *Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features the real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life.* Launched this month – the traditional month of remembering and praying for the dead. www.artofdyingwell.org. TAKE HOME A CARD



RECENTLY DIED: Jeanette Richards RIP late of Orchard Lane, Southampton. Funeral service 12:45pm Wednesday 23 November at St Edmund's Church followed by burial at St Mary's Extra Cemetery.

FILIPINO CHOIR: 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Sun: Mass in Reading: TC

Mon Day off: TC/RB/VH

Tues: Vicariate for Vocation VH. St George Gov Mtg VH

Wed Team Meeting: VH/RB/AP

Advice Southampton: VH. Bishop's House: VH

Thurs Clergy gathering with the Bishop: VH

Fri Clergy gathering with the Bishop: VH

Lord Bourne: Love Southampton Meeting: VH

Sat Mass Southampton: TC

Sun Mass Basingstoke: TC

ORGAN TUNING Tuesday 22 November 2016 from 11am in St Edmund's Church. **No Adoration until 3pm.**

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.

EU WORKSHOP 7pm Wednesday 23 November in St Edmund's Hall.

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.**

ST ANNE'S MASS 2:25pm Friday 25 November St Anne's Year 9 Mass in St Edmund's Church.



YOUTH CLUBS: Junior **FROGZ** for ages 8-12, meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month from 6pm—7:15pm. **Next meeting: Friday 25 November.** Theme: Advent Crafts.

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.

MASS FOR PEACE & THE ROSARY 7pm Friday 25 November in St Edmund's Church. **Join us for this final Mass for Peace as the Year of Mercy comes to a close.**

NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Sunday 27 November when we wait 'expectantly' for the 'coming of God'.

NEXT WEEK

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.

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.

PART TIME MINI BUS DRIVER NEEDED at St George College. Tel. Colette 023 8067 0192. 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.

GENERAL ITEMS.

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.

'THE DESERT SHALL BLOOM' Saturday 10 December **Advent retreat day** at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. Using one of the texts for the 3rd Sunday in Advent: Isaiah 35:1-6,10 and the poem 'The Annunciation' by Denise Levertov they will end with a short Advent liturgy. You will be taking the 9am car ferry to East Cowes and returning at 6pm (winter time-table). Refreshments available throughout the day and lunch is provided. They advise warm clothing and strong shoes if you intend to go walking. Art materials available. 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.

THANK YOU to all who attended and/or in any way contributed to last Saturday's Quiz for Asin'get School. It was a truly enjoyable evening. The total amount raised towards the new school building was £625.27 [Tickets £336, Raffle £126, Gifts £263.27 minus expenses of £100]. We look forward to seeing you at the next quiz! Please look out for details.

THANK YOU to Julie Jack for £100 donated towards the Church Maintenance Fund from the sale of cards sold at St Joseph's and St Edmund's.

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).



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 two to three weeks, 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 weekends of 26/27 Nov and 03/04 Dec.** These gifts make a big difference - thank you!

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, 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 Edmunds Church from Mr Peter Scott has been very gratefully received. Thank you very much! Carole Olding (Archivist).



TRAIDCRAFT CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ADVENT CALENDARS

will be on sale from this weekend at St Josephs. There will be a limited selection for purchase but catalogues are available to browse and to place orders.

HOLY LAND FEBRUARY 2018 Watch this space!

A REMINDER THAT NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS will be commissioned at all Masses next weekend 26/27 Nov (1st Sunday in Advent). We welcome them into these important ministries.

A 24 YEAR OLD MALE FRENCH STUDENT SEEKS ACCOMMODATION from 16 January to 9 April 2016. Contac email stephane.bidou@gmail.com if you can help.

POSTCARD EVENT TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1967 ABORTION ACT. Next year sees the 50th anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and the Union of Catholic Mothers have initiated a campaign to encourage MPs to bring about changes in the Abortion Laws and to take a 'pro-life' pledge. *If you wish to be involved please complete a card (in the porch) and either send or give to one of the priests (to post enbloc).*

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

A month long celebration of remembrance and prayer for those who have gone before us. Please take the opportunity to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends in the **Book of the Dead** near the water font in St Edmund's Church and near the altar in St Joseph's Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Donna Madden, Robert Rymill, Joyce Mguni, Tony McCall, Irene Cartledge, 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 20 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	19 NOV	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM *SJ 7:00PM SE	JACK CRAIG RIP & JIM HAWKES RIP (JH & MH) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	20 NOV	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	PERSONAL INTENTIONS—INTERVIEW SUCCESS (MI) D ANDICOY, D&B CAPITPIT, J&A CAONAN RIP (CC) JON—MOTHER'S INTENTIONS & WELLBEING (MM) HEALTH & WELLBEING OF B.S. (EC & MC)
TUES	22 NOV	ST CECILIA	10:00AM SE	PHIL—A MOTHER'S INTENTIONS & WELLBEING (MM)
WED	23 NOV	ST CLEMENT I	12:45PM SE 7:00PM SE	FUNERAL SERVICE: JEANNETTE RICHARDS RIP HERO ROY RIP (LR)
THURS	24 NOV	34th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	PRIVATE INTENTION (TQ)
FRI	25 NOV	ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA	7:00PM SE	MASS FOR PEACE. MAURA & DONALD GORMAN RIP (GH)
SAT	26 NOV	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	FR EUGENE MICHAEL PETERS 80th BIRTHDAY— GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ST. MARY'S COLLEGE CHAPLAIN) (CODLIN & GACA FAMILIES) JOHN & MAUREEN WADE RIP (TW) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	27 NOV	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	PJ PHELAN RIP (GP & DP) TERRY CLARKE RIP (2ND ANNIVERSARY) (MC) OLIVIA GORDON—1ST BIRTHDAY, THANKSGIVING AND GOD'S BLESSINGS (MI) ELIZABETH DORLING RIP (JMD)

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 2

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2016 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

Psalm Response:

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

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 27 NOVEMBER 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1—5
Second Reading: Romans 13:11—14
Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37—44

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

Collections 13.11.16	1st	2nd WALSINGHAM
Total	£2,811.23	£188.30
Cash	1,240.47	-
S / O	1,256.61	-
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	-

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