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DEC 10TH 2023 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website

## ***Now is the time to be that voice and to act!***

Cop 28, The United Nations Climate Change Summit began last week in the United Arab Emirates. It gathers at the end of a year that has seen climate disasters affecting communities worldwide. There have been forest fires forcing people to flee their homes in the Mediterranean, floods that have killed thousands in Libya and droughts in East Africa depriving tens of millions of people access to food. Pope Francis has warned that these disasters are demonstrating that the crisis is reaching breaking point.

The UK is one of the largest historic emitters of greenhouse gases driving the climate crisis.

This Sunday's readings for the Second week in Advent could not be more appropriate and relevant as a wakeup call to us all. The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of John the Baptist who will cry out from the wilderness "Prepare a way for the Lord". We have created that wilderness by our desecration of the planet that God gave us. We are running out of time.

Pope Francis and world leaders are calling the world: to consign fossil fuels to history and stop all new oil, coal and gas production; to finance the loss and damage fund, supporting all low-income countries suffering from the impacts of climate catastrophes and to support small scale farmers who are growing foods in ways that protect nature rather than harm it.

These messages are all consistent with the tenets of Catholic Social teaching: solidarity, subsidiarity, preferential option for the poor and stewardship of God's creation.

Advent is the time for new beginnings. We are getting closer and closer to the "day of the Lord," a term which the authors of the Christian Scriptures carried over from the Hebrew Scriptures. But we cannot sit back and do nothing. We are all called to be that voice.

Cafod encourages us to share Pope Francis' message with our MPs and support local protests and action, and most importantly to pray.

*God of blessings, the universe sings of your glory.  
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made  
and awaken in us a renewed commitment  
to care for the earth and each other.  
Inspire world leaders at COP28,  
with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change  
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,  
so that our common home may be healed and restored  
and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it.  
Amen.*

Tina Quinn



## Today's Notices

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Second Collection** is for our Christmas Flowers

## Next Sunday Notices

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**No Second Collection** this week

## Prayers



*Let us pray for our politicians and decision-makers, that they would always strive to protect all human life and human dignity from the point of conception till natural death.*

**Lord hear us**

**Please remember especially in your prayers** *Carina, Sr Maria Innocenta, Theresa Kimber, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue, Clare Burden, Paul Hughes, Mike, Carol, David, Oliver, Carla Forte, Donna Cowan, Steph, Francis Ponniah, Jack Oakley* & all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or feeling distressed.

## Sacraments



**Infant Baptisms.** If you would like your child baptised please fill in the online application form. Once filled in, Joy will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation. The preparation runs on a bi-monthly basis and is required by the church



**Registrations for the First Holy Communion Programme 2024 have now closed.** We are not in a position to consider anyone else joining.

Please pray for the children who are enrolled on the course, their parents and guardians and our catechists.

The main email for FHC queries is:  
[fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org](mailto:fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org)

**Adult Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmations or Receptions RCIA Course**

This course is only for those who are over the age of 18. This course is held on Wednesday evenings in St Edmund's Hall after the 7pm Mass during term time.

You are welcome to just attend, but if you would like to register for the course please scan the QR Code or see <https://forms.office.com/e/8Tnbe7aA4P>

## General Notices



**Parish Annual Christmas Fayre 10th December** in St Edmund's Hall after each of the Masses (9am, 10am, 11am & 7pm).

**Do you have any alcoholic or soft drinks** that you could donate to the drinks tombola? **Do you have gifts, craft supplies, or religious items** that you could donate?

**Do you have wonderful baking skills (or purchasing skills!)** & feel like bringing cakes, mince pies or some sweets?

All donations please bring to the Parish Office during the week, or to St Edmund's Hall Saturday afternoon at 3pm

If you're bringing baked goods you can also bring them just before your Mass, to allow us time to set them out! :)

**Michaela Waterfield's funeral** will be held at St Edmund's at 11am on 20th December.



We pray for her husband, daughters and family. May she rest in peace.

**Stop the 14-day limit on experimenting on embryos being removed.** The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) is pushing to remove the 14-day limit for experimenting on embryos, despite 97% of submissions from the general public to their consultation objecting to these plans.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP asking them to oppose a change to legislation that, if passed, would pave the way for the removal of the 14-day limit. Please visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/14days](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/14days) to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

## Adoration

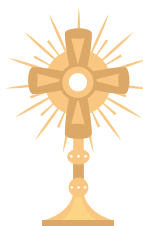
**Adoration currently runs:**

**Mondays** 6pm until 7pm Mass

**Tuesdays** beginning after 10am Mass until 8pm

**Thursdays** 10am until 5pm

**Fridays** 2pm until 7pm Mass.



**We would like to offer Adoration**

**Mondays** afternoon until 6pm

**Fridays** morning until 2pm

**Thinking of joining?**

Great news! We need Adorers at all the times currently covered and the times suggested to start. The more people on the rota per hour the better it is when people are away. Our Lord is waiting for us in the Blessed Sacrament, come and sit with Him a while. You can email the office, call us or text on 07956 379 542.

## General Notices

### Parish Youth Group for 10-16 year olds 5th January at 7pm in St Edmund's Hall

We are launching a Youth Group in St Ed's Hall on the 1st & 3rd Fridays in the month. If your child or young person would be interested in joining please register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/YMD3LSTSk9>  
**We are looking for donations of board games and craft supplies.** If you can bring these to the Parish Office on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday mornings that would be appreciated. Equally you could donate towards the purchase of supplies - just get in touch.



🎄 **Jingling Bells** 🎄 Come and sing...Sunday 17 December 2023 1500h - 1630h in St Ed's followed by tea in the hall...the "most Christmassy thing" you'll do this year! Free. Just bring something yummy to share. There will be a post box for your cards, pictures, little gifts to present to patients at the General Hospital. 🎄 Bring friends, neighbours, loved ones...all most welcome. 🎄.

**The Deanery Diversity Group** are looking to meet in early January 2024 to plan a multinational event focused on the Latino community. If you are part of this community and would like to help, please come and join us on **Tuesday 9th January at 7:30pm at St Edmund's Hall.** Please email the parish office to let us know you will be joining us.

**Catholic Home Care Christmas Gifts for the Elderly** Last week to donate gifts for the baskets! Thanks.

**Parking tickets at St Ed's** are dealt with by Castleford Management only. Their contact is 01202 757 050

**Catholic Youth Ministry Internships** Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Internship Programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more info contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**Green Living Challenges.** Thought for the week:

- Have a meat free day a week
- Put an extra layer of clothes on to reduce energy consumption
- Donate one article of food to a foodbank each week
- Have a family meal together.

**Do you know of a room to rent?** A PhD student from Uganda is looking for a room to rent. His budget is £450 a month. If you think you are able to help, or know anyone who could, please contact him directly via email [skb1e11@soton.ac.uk](mailto:skb1e11@soton.ac.uk).

**Gift Aid Declaration Forms** are at the back of church or can be posted/emailed from the Office on request. If you're a taxpayer the Parish can claim an extra 25% on your donation from tax you have already paid.

**Christmas Big Clean in St Ed's** will be Friday 22nd Dec at 1pm - please come if you are able to help our church sparkle in time for Christmas! We will have cakes & sandwiches as treat afterwards :)

**St Jo's does not have a scheduled big clean** because Sue cleans the church for us. We are very grateful to her, but it would be nice if we could have a few more to help out! If you'd like to join in cleaning do see Sue to volunteer your services! It would also be very nice to have a team polish the brass and the silver... do do volunteer please.

**We are looking for someone to take over the regular laundering of the St Joseph's Altar Linens.** Is this something you could do? Contact Sue or the Parish Office to volunteer.

**We are looking for parents or carers** who wish to participate in reading prayers/readings or in the children's choir to add to a WhatsApp group. This will allow us to send you everything in advance so you can let us know if your child would like to participate and they can have the chance to practise at home. If you would like to join the group then you can do so by scanning the WhatsApp QR code. Please note that if you join the group your number will be visible to others on the group. If you have any questions please do let the parish office know.



**St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) St Boniface Conference** is local group of lay volunteers, who inspired by the dedication of SVP, come together as a spiritual fraternity to help people in our local community who are in need. We aim with the guidance and support of the Holy Spirit to bring practical aid to the sick or housebound, friendship to the lonely or bereaved, campaign for social justice, and provide assistance to those struggling with day-to-day essentials such as bills, food, clothing, or shelter. Inspired? Why not join us! Your time and talents, however small, are very welcome. Make a donation via [svp.org.uk](http://svp.org.uk), Refer someone you know who needs help. Contact us through [st-boniface.org.uk](http://st-boniface.org.uk), or by email [svp@st-boniface.org.uk](mailto:svp@st-boniface.org.uk).

**Security Incident at St Joseph's** There has been a security incident at St Joseph's which means we will be rethinking the keys. The locks will be changed in the future. Please bear with us during this period.

**Christmas Eve Masses** The 5pm and 7pm on Christmas Eve are going to be family orientated masses. We are looking for children to read the bidding prayers or maybe some of the readings. Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you would like to be involved with this.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

SJ REFERS TO ST JOSEPH'S (BUGLE STREET, SO14 2AH) & SE IS ST EDMUND'S (THE AVENUE, SO17 1XJ)

<b>Saturday 9th Dec</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 10th Dec</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Alf Hunt RIP
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Deceased members of the Curtis-Hayward family
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Gillian Barry & Brendan RIP
<b>Monday 11th Dec</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Katie & Willie Coady RIP
<b>Tuesday 12th Dec</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	All expectant mothers, Safety & Blessings
<b>Wednesday 13th Dec</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Thanksgiving
<b>Thursday 14th Dec</b>	<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Healing for Anushka Ponniah's family, siblings & friends
<b>Friday 15th Dec</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Inachina Severina Rodrigues, 1st Death Anniversary
<b>Saturday 16th Dec</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Dorothy & Bob Fletcher RIP
	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Baby Maro Putuhenna 3rd Birthday & Prayers to Parents
<b>Sunday 17th Dec</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 'Gaudete'	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Amy Pearl Robinson
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	The victories of God Almighty, the Lamb and His Church
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Healing Prayers & God's Blessings to all Sick

10th December

### Psalm Response

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

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

*Alleluia!*

17th December

### 1st Reading:

*Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11*

**Psalm:** *Luke 1:46-50, 53-54*

### 2nd Reading:

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

**Gospel:** *John 1:6-8, 19-28*



Please use the QR code to register with the Parish, or the website link

**Join the Parish!**

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*We are part of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth,  
Registered Charity Number 1199568*

**Confessions are heard** half an hour before almost all of our weekday and Sunday Masses.

### St Joseph's

Thursdays at 11:45am,

Saturdays at 5:45pm,

Sundays at 9:30am



### St Edmund's

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 6:30pm,

Tuesdays at 9:30am,

Saturdays at 11:30am (after Mass),

Sundays at 8:30am & 10:30am & 6:30pm

### Christmas Mass Times

Penitential Service 18th December 7pm

in St Edmund's



### Sunday 24th Christmas Eve

5pm & 7pm in St Edmund's

9pm in St Joseph's

12am (midnight) in St Edmund's



### Monday 25th Christmas Day

9am & 11am in St Edmund's

10am in St Joseph's



### Parish Bank Details

Setting up a standing order from your mobile or online banking is the easiest way!

**Bank Account Name** CDP SOUJE

**Sort Code** 30-93-04

**Number** 00888223