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# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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## Sunday Morning Notices

**Fourth Sunday of Advent - 6.15pm, 9am, 10am, 11am**

**First Collection** is (as usual) for the Parish

**No Second Collection** this week

## Sunday Eve & Monday Notices

**The Nativity of Our Lord**

**The Collection** is for our priests in gratitude for their ministry

## General Notices

**Do you need to use a Yellow Envelope for the priests' collection?** The Yellow Envelopes will be available at the back of each church this weekend. If you are a gift aider you can donate via the contactless machines, online, via bank transfer (ref priest) or by using the yellow envelopes with your information filled in. If you are not a gift aider you do not need to use one.

**Parking Updates** Southampton Churches have been in communication with the Council, particularly on the subject of 'flexing' the new parking times - aiming for an 11am start to charges instead of 8am. Whether we will be successful remains to be seen, but the plan is to at least review in six months' time. They have asked that we churches keep track of the impact of the charges on our congregations so that we can demonstrate any negative consequences in March. Any evidence we can produce will strengthen the case when taking any amendments before the full council.

The key challenges that the city is facing at the moment are that our finances are extremely vulnerable and we have an extremely high rate of domestic abuse which is creating a huge pressure on children's services and the need to find more foster parents. **The council have asked if we churches could help find more foster carers.**

**Would you consider fostering?** Foster carers provide safe and loving homes for children who can't live with their birth families at the current time. The children are from a wide variety of backgrounds and all have different reasons for being in care. Sometimes children stay with foster carers for a few days, and some stay for a few years, but the difference a foster carer makes, may last a lifetime. For information on fostering and the requirements please see the SCC website <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/children-families/fostering/>

## St Anne's Carpark will be open for Christmas Masses



*Praying that you and your loved ones have a peaceful end to Advent and a joyous Christmas Season!*

Our shortest possible Advent leads now to the wonderful celebration of Christmas. Advent has invited us to wait patiently for God's promises in the Old Testament prophecies to be fulfilled. Waiting doesn't come easily to us when the emphasis in the modern world is on the instant and immediate. But waiting is essential in the spiritual life. Our waiting is important because it is God who is taking the initiative. May our Advent preparation lead to a renewed encounter with Jesus as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Having arrived in Southampton at the end of October the last eight or nine weeks have been a time of adjustment for all of us. Adjustments are never easy, but they are necessary as we get to know one another, work together, and grow together in charity as faithful disciples of Christ. I can see a parish that is rich in faithfulness and in love of the Lord. Pope Francis at the end of the Synod on Synodality spoke of the importance of 'adoration' and 'service.' This love of God and neighbour is evident in this parish, and it is wonderful to see. It has been a joy to gradually get to know you the people of the parish and the city of Southampton since I arrived. Thank you for your warm welcome.

On behalf of Fr. David, Deacon Andy, and myself I want to thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your generosity. I am particularly grateful for the contribution made to the parish by parishioners who offer their time and skills to the parish selflessly and generously for the advancement of the parish and its mission. May I wish you all many blessings for Christmas as we adore Him born in Bethlehem, who is Christ the Lord.

*Fr Michael*

<b>Saturday Dec 23</b>	Saturday Morning Mass (fulfils no obligation)	Saturday Evening Mass (fulfils Sunday Obligation)
<b>Sunday Dec 24</b>	Sunday Morning Mass (fulfils Sunday Obligation)	Sunday Evening Mass (fulfils ONE Obligation for either day)*
<b>Monday Dec 25</b>	Mass on Christmas Day (fulfils Christmas Obligation)	

# Prayers

**Adoration currently runs in St Edmund's:**

**Monday** 6pm until 7pm Mass

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

**Thursday** 10am until 5pm

**Friday** 2pm until 7pm Mass.

**We would like to offer Adoration Monday** day to 6pm & **Fridays** morning - 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. You can email the office, call us or text on 07956 379 542.

## Parish Prayer List

**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, Terry Lennon* & all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or feeling distressed.



*"Whoever hears My word and believes has passed from death to life."*

**John 5:24-29**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Danielle Taylor-Edney** who sadly passed away on the 7th December. We pray for her family, that they may have comfort at this time. May she rest in peace.

## General Notices

**End of the Year Retreat - 28th Dec. - 1st Jan.** - It wants to help us explore and deepen in the joy that our faith in Christ brings us, and prepare ourselves for the year to come. Led by the Verbum Dei Community. For more information, please contact: Sr Emiliania **+44 7426 000213** or **verbumdei.iow@gmail.com**

**Monthly Family Orientated Masses** we would like to invite to a meeting all who are interested in the first Sunday of the month Masses organised at the 9am & 10am Masses. We plan to meet on the **11th January at 7pm in St Ed's Hall**. Members of CLOW, Children's Choir organisers, Parents and those who want to feed into the discussion are warmly welcome.

### Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

*SJ is St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street & SE is St Edmund's Church, The Avenue*

<b>Saturday 23rd Dec</b>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Sean, Kathleen & Stuart Adamson RIP
<b>Sunday 24th Dec</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Margaret Sinclair
<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Peace in the World
<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	All Families
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Angels of Southampton
	<b>9:00pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Thanksgiving for all our Priests
<b>Monday 25th Dec</b>	<b>12:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	People of the Parish
<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Michaela Waterfield RIP
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Intentions of Our Blessed Mother
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Michael Sheehan RIP
<b>Tuesday 26th Dec</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Thanksgiving for our Altar Servers
<b>Wednesday 27th Dec</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	John O'Reilly Health & Wellbeing
<b>Thursday 28th Dec</b>	<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Thanksgiving for the life of Myra Carr
<b>Friday 29th Dec</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Priests & Vocations
<b>Saturday 30th Dec</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Jenny Andrado, Blossom & Suraiya Inayet & Farcida Birthday Blessings
	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 31st Dec</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	John Croft RIP
<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Bill Burke RIP
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Intentions of Fr Vincent Harvey
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Alfred Azzopardi RIP

### Universalis



Today's Readings

### Confessions

#### St Joseph's

Thurs at 11:45am,

Sat at 5:45pm,

Sun at 9:30am

#### St Edmund's

Mon, Wed & Fri at 6:30pm,

Tues at 9:30am,

Sat at 11:30am

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

### Parish Bank

#### Details

**Bank Account Name**

CDP SOUJE

**Sort Code** 30-93-04

**Number** 00888223

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