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NOVEMBER 27TH 2022 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



'Stay awake': Listen for God.....listen to God!

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!

Text by D. Rimaud (T50)

Fr Vincent

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "Stay awake....." Jesus proclaims in today's Gospel. In what areas of your life must you 'stay awake'? Relationships? Prayer? Morality? Spirituality?
2. The Prophet Isaiah (1st reading) exhorts the people to "walk in the light of the Lord". How do you 'walk in the light of the Lord'? Your response to others; the world situation; the environment?
3. St Paul (2nd reading) writes "you must wake up now...!" Where?: Relationships? Prayer? Morality? Spirituality?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

First Sunday of Advent

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass

Name Badge Sunday when we invite people to engage with those near them and, for the week, to pray for them

Second Collection for Catholic Home Care

Baptism of Alina

Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the church

Next Sunday Notices

Second Sunday of Advent

Family Mass where children participate more fully in the Mass at the 9am & 10am Masses

Christmas Fayre after the 9 & 11am & 7pm Masses in St Edmund's Hall

Joint URC/RC Service as we enter Advent: Avenue St Andrews at 3pm

This Week...

Mon Baptism Preparation on Zoom @ 7pm

Tues St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm
Alpha Course on Zoom @ 7pm

Wed Evening Prayer @ 6pm... to join email Dcn Andy
Journey in Faith @ 7.30pm in St Ed's Hall

Fri Young Adults Group meet after Mass for social 'out'!

For Info...

Mon VH/JP Day Off

Tues Mass for Deceased Clergy in the Cathedral: VH/JP
Catholic Life Group in St George: VH
SLT meeting: VH/JP/TQ/AP/LS

Wed Team meeting: VH/JP/AP
Mass at St Anne: VH

Signing of the 'Faith Covenant': City Council: VH

Thurs Breakfast meeting re Faith Covenant: VH
Deanery Meeting: VH/JP/AP

Diocesan Interreligious Meeting: VH/TT

Fri: Day of Reflection for Diocesan Dept: VH/TT
Clergy Ministry Group: VH

Prayers

Adoration Please contact Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to join Adoration during the week in St Edmund's. New Adorers are always needed.



As we ponder the hope found in the second coming of our saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. We pray also that, as a society, we would become channels of God's hope, providing support to all pregnant women.

Lord hear us

Please remember especially in your prayers

Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocentia, Jack, Jannette & Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, John, Mary O'Reilly, Valerie, Dennis Reading, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Carmen Escorcio, Simon, Bernadette, Sue, Clifford Cross, Kelly, Val Perry, Peter Scott, Ivanka Roberts, Maro P, John Morris, Fr Tom Singleton, Jane Skeets and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or experiencing distress.

A Few Words...

Hello again and welcome to Advent! Advent, unlike Lent, is not penitential, though penance is never wasted if it is really a 'turn around'! Our faith invites us to 'change direction' in a radical way again and again. We will, of course, have a **Penitential Service** on Monday, 19th December at 7.30pm...so put it in your diary! You might find this video helpful to 'get into' Advent:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQjrh6usDes> Have a look!

A great 'Interreligious Celebration', to mark 20 years of Southampton Council of Faiths (SCOF), was had at the Vedic Temple last Sunday evening. Groups from different faiths 'performed'; for us it was the 10am St Joseph's Choir; well done to them and thank you to the Vedic Temple volunteers for catering for over a hundred of us!

Remember that **Southampton 'Refillery'** is now open: 25 Manor Farm Road, Bitterne Park Triangle, SO18 1NN: bring your empty containers, fill them, then pay! Simple and saves on wasteful packaging.

Thank you to all those who took home a **response form** for 'You will be my Witnesses'. Do, do return them..... your observations are essential if this is to be a success for the local Church.

Altar Servers please, please do return the slip from the letter from Father Johnpromise, Deacon Andy, and me. Parents alternatively can call/email the Parish Office to confirm if you have misplaced the slip.

Thank you to the 3 Parishioners who gave (£1000) for the Madonna & Child in St Edmund to be cleaned and restored and the Parishioner who has given £100 towards the repairs to **St Edmund's Church boilers**.

Have a good week... Vincent H

Sacraments

Please remember especially in your prayers all those who have passed recently.

James Beggings passed away recently, please keep his wife and family in prayer. His funeral will be in St Joseph's on the 2nd of December.

Please keep in your prayers all those who are due to be baptised this month Alina Crizaldo,

Pippa Schnugh, Idas & Eris Gallon, Grace Fernandes, Eden Yizhu Lu, Jakub Gniadek Gregor, Lanene & Mark Rosal. We pray for them and their families as they enter the faith!



First Holy Communion Update. The official registration will be 9am, 10am, 11am Masses on the 27th November in St Edmund's and St Joseph's. Please direct first holy communion queries to fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

What's going on?

CAFOD World Gifts. Catalogues are available from the back of both churches showcasing the variety of gifts on offer, such as Chickens, Emergency Shelter and Water. These gifts are a great way to contribute towards CAFOD while at the same time marking Christmas for our friends and family.

A big thanks to all who contributed towards the CAFOD Soup Lunches in St Joseph's and St Edmund's in the last month which raised a total of £305.30 for CAFOD. The next Soup Lunch in St Joseph's is set to be held on the 15th Dec, do come along if you can! Our Parish **Family Fast Day** collection was £730.79 last month also.

Mary's Meals – Double the Love From 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5million. Today, we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost of living crisis, which we know is affecting people here in the UK as well as in the countries where we work. With Double the Love, your donation will be matched and your kindness will go even further – meaning we can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. There are many ways to get involved, see marysmeals.org.uk

CATHSOC Christmas Carols - all are welcome! CATHSOC will be using St Edmund's Church to host a carol service with hymns, carols, some short prayers and readings. It would be lovely to have some of our parishioners come along to support them. **10th December 4.30-5.30pm.**

Journey in Faith / RCIA Course For anyone looking to find out more about the Catholic Faith - come along and ask your questions, find out what the church teaches and what it means to live as a Catholic. This group also offers preparation for adult (18+) Baptism, Confirmation or Reception as a Catholic. Meetings are **Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall.** Just turn up!

Food Banks Please consider donating to Southampton City Mission Food Bank if you are able to. You can do this by making use of the collection baskets in supermarkets when you go shopping, or by bringing items with you to church to place in the boxes in the porches.

To check on the current out of stock items please see:

<https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>

Most needed currently are:

Jams & Spreads, Sugar (Small Bags), **Tinned Cold Meat** (Ham, Spam, etc.), **Tinned Hot Meat** (Curry, Pies, Stew, etc.), Male & Female **Deodorant, Toilet Rolls, Shampoo, Soap & Shower Gel, Sanitary Products, Treats** (Chocolate, Crisps, etc.), **UHT Milk, Coffee** (Small Jars), **Cook-In Sauces** (Jars & Packets), **Custard, Hot Chocolate, Tinned Carrots, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Macaroni Cheese, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Tomatoes, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Tinned Sweetcorn, Tinned Fish, Vegetarian, Vegan**



Parish Christmas 'Warm Up' Event next Sunday, 4th December. Do come along after each of the Masses for an opportunity to see one another, enjoy some cakes and purchase Christmas gifts. We will have a bottle tombola, children's lucky dip and much more. Starting after the 9am in St Edmund's Hall, and continuing on all day until after the 7pm Mass. All proceeds will go towards our church maintenance, focusing on the cost of St Edmund's boilers and the roof issues at St Joseph's. Thanks to all those who have donated, and to those bringing cakes :) People wishing to drop off donations of cakes can do so on Saturday to the hall, as I will be there from 9.30am to the afternoon. Thanks to those helping!

United Reform Church & Roman Catholic Advent Service will be held on Sunday, 4th December, at 3pm in Avenue St Andrews. Do join us for the 'Joint-Service' when we reflect on Advent 'with a difference'.....refreshments will be part of the Service. Come along and join with our Christian Sisters & Brothers from the URC community.

Catholic Home Care Gifts. While you're out shopping may we ask you to think of their elderly clients who are often lonely & without friends or family around them, so to receive a special gift means so much to them. Please consider picking up a small item or two for us to give on your behalf. Gifts can be toiletries, chocolates, biscuits, socks, scarves etc. They should be new and unwrapped so that individual health & dietary requirements can be considered when our carers select gifts for their clients. If you would like to give a financial contribution towards the gifts then please do so, and our team will use the money to purchase gifts on your behalf.

Baskets will be available in each porch on the weekends of 27th November and 4th & 11th December.

These gifts make a big difference, and for some of our clients they might be the only gift they receive. Thank you for your kindness!

Green Living Update...

Using public transport instead of our cars whenever possible is another important contribution to reducing climate change. This can be a real challenge in the winter when the evenings are dark and the weather often inclement.

We also need to **plan journeys more carefully** and factor in the extra time it takes to go down this route. You may have noticed the City Council's efforts to encourage us to do so! Evening car parking charges are back for a start. There are also plans being implemented to **encourage walkers, cyclists and bus users** and discourage car drivers throughout the city.

It is to be hoped that the **buses will be more reliable, more frequent in the evenings and more affordable** for those of us who don't qualify for a bus pass, but wherever possible we should be considering our options and travelling sustainably.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

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

Saturday 26th November	6:15pm SJ	Thanksgiving for Pilgrimage to Lisbon & Fatima
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>		
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 27th November	9:00am SE	Thanksgiving Stoy & Jessy
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am SJ	Julia D'Arcy RIP
	11.00am SE	Tony Perry and Family RIP
	7:00pm SE	People of the Parish
Tuesday 29th November	10:00am SE	Hilary Parker 75th B'Day Blessings
Wednesday 30th Nov	7.00pm SE	Ana Maria Pascoela Cardoso RIP
Thursday 1st December	12.15pm SJ	Amaka Ezeruike 40th B'Day Blessings, God's Protection & Guidance on the Whole Ezeruike Family
<i>1st Week of Advent</i>		
Friday 2nd December	7.00pm SE	Blossom Perera 80th B'Day, Vgoille P, Daham Koralage, Keerth D., B'Day Blessings
<i>1st Week of Advent</i>		Bill Burke RIP
Saturday 3rd December	11:00am SE	Sean, Kathleen and Stewart Adamson RIP
<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	6:15pm SJ	
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 4th December	9:00am SE	Etheldreda Conway RIP
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am SJ	PJ Phelan RIP 12 yr Anniversary
	11.00am SE	Margaret (Peggy) Walsh RIP 80th B'Day Anniversary
	7:00pm SE	Romeo & Jean Zanellotti RIP

27th November**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 4th December****First Reading:***Isaiah 11: 1-10***Second Reading:***Romans 15: 4-9***Gospel:***Matthew 3: 1-12***20th Nov****1st Collection**

SO: £1,635.00

Cash: £958.93

TOTAL: £2,593.93

Thank you.

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SO: £47.50

Cash: £284.16

TOTAL: £331.66

Thank you. This is the last regular collection for CMF, but there are slots on the wall for donations, or marked donations via BACS/envelope.

"God walks into your soul with silent step. God comes to you more than you go to Him. Never will His coming be what you expect, and yet never will it disappoint. The more you respond to His gentle pressure, the greater will be your freedom."

- Venerable Fulton Sheen

Confessions**St Joseph's** on Thursdays at 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pmand at **St Edmund's** on Saturdays after the 11am Mass**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:***We the people of St Joseph's and St Edmund's City Centre Catholic Parish, Southampton, sisters and brothers in Christ, accept as our mission, in the service of God and as a community of disciples:**- to share God's love with all those we meet**- to welcome all so as to help others find and recognise Christ in their lives**- to exercise mercy and**understanding with ourselves and others.***Join the Parish!**