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NOV 26TH 2023 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website

## ***Last Judgement – Just and Merciful***

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is the final Sunday of the liturgical year as we look ahead to Advent and the beginning of a new Church year. Pope Pius XI added the celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe to the liturgical calendar in 1925 in the hope that it would help the Church to respond to rising communism, secularism, and atheism.

In the Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples of the coming of the Son of Man in His glory, escorted by all the angels, and taking His seat on His throne of glory. It is the Last Judgement. We are told that the judgement involves a separation of people. The king is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in the first reading, judging as a shepherd and separating sheep from goats. It is stark and it resounds with other Old Testament echoes.

So, what kind of king is Jesus? Christ the King proclaims Jesus King of the Universe, the one to whom we must submit in everything. Yet He is also a shepherd and a servant leader. He is the shepherd king who is willing to leave the ninety-nine to find the sheep who has gone astray. He is a king who came not to be served but to serve. He is a king who washes his servants' feet.

The Gospel makes clear that we will be judged on how we treat others, by how much we care for the least of the brothers and sisters because in caring for them we serve Christ. We will be judged on how closely we follow the example of Christ the King, the Good Shepherd and Servant Leader.

Should we fear the judgement ahead of us? When we undertake school or college exams we wonder if we have done enough and there is anxiety until we receive the result. The divine judgment is just but it is also merciful. It is said that encounter with God is both exhilarating and terrifying. It is why the word of God calls us to spiritual alertness, repeatedly exclaiming, "Stay awake!"

*Fr Michael Dennehy*



## Today's Notices

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**No Second Collection** this week

## Next Sunday Notices

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Second Collection** this week is for Catholic Home Care

## Prayers



*Let ask for the grace to minister to and pray for the least of our brethren, including the prisoner, the stranger, the sick and suffering, and the unborn.*

**Lord hear us**

**Please remember especially in your prayers** *Carina, Sr Maria Innocenta, Theresa Kimber, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Michaela, 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



### First Holy Communion Programme 2024

The official registrations will be 9am and 11am Masses in St Edmund's and 10am Masses at St Joseph's only on the **26th November**. This is the last registration. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate with you either on your phone or hard copy. The fee is £35 either cash or bank transfer to the Parish Bank Account. Children must be Year 4 and up, and a parent must attend the workshops with their child and regularly attend Mass. The main email for FHC queries is: [fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org](mailto:fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org)

### Adult Baptisms, First Holy Communions, 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>



RCIA Journey in Faith Course

## General Notices



**Parish Annual Christmas Fayre** We're hosting a Christmas Fayre on the 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 to be brought to the Parish Office on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday mornings (or by appointment). Cake & perishables to be brought on the day before the Mass you are attending or the afternoon before.

**Safeguarding Training** We are hoping to offer in person training on **Tuesday 5th December**

**10am - 12.30pm for Children**

**1pm - 3.30pm for adults**

This is a deanery wide invitation so we are yet to confirm location.



For some ministries in the church this training is mandatory - like CLOW - but for others it is an optional extra - like RCIA. The training is required on a regular basis, so your training is likely to need renewal!

**Child Exploitation Training:** Children's Liturgy Team, FHC catechists, Confirmation catechists... etc  
**Vulnerable Adult Training:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who visit the Housebound, RCIA catechists, volunteer drivers... etc

If you are able to join please email Anna on: [safeguarding@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org](mailto:safeguarding@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org) or call / text **07956 379 542**

## Adoration

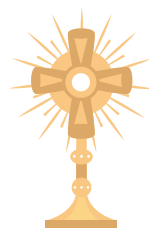
**Adoration currently runs:**

**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/YMD3LST8k>

**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.

**Sat 9th Dec 4:30pm 'Carols in the Square'** (outside St Michael's church) - carol sheets provided, wind band, hot chocolate and mince pies. St Michael's extend an invitation to St Joseph's & St Ed's to join them!

**Carols in St Edmund's Church** at 3pm on Sund 17th December. All welcome for traditional carols & some tea/coffee afterwards in the hall.

**Christmas Gifts for the Elderly.** As we approach Advent, we'd like to invite you to treat our elderly folk to a gift at Christmas. The carers choose a gift to suit the individual; no gift is too small. Baskets will be at the back of both churches after Masses on 25/26 Nov & 2/3 Dec. Rather than a Christmas gift for a client you might consider a Christmas donation to Catholic Home Care or maybe set up a standing order. Donations are always welcome & would help with our running costs. Our bank details: Account name: Catholic Home Care Sort code 30-93-04 Account number 00903338.

**University Chaplains.** The Uni of Southampton Catholic Chaplains are Sr Emiliana ([e.silva@soton.ac.uk](mailto:e.silva@soton.ac.uk)) & Fr Benjamin ([bttheobald@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bttheobald@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)). At Solent Uni there's Sr Devy Pranadaja who students can contact at [spiritual@solent.ac.uk](mailto:spiritual@solent.ac.uk) or on **07403 784463**

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

**Counters** Are you interested in becoming a counter? We are currently looking for people to volunteer, training will be provided and you will then join a monthly rota. If you are interested, please complete the form using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/YYB032V8s7>

**Sunday 9am St Ed's:** Mary is looking for people to take over her role at 9am: **-Planning hymns** for the choir, usually months ahead (using tools like the Parish Mass Book and Laudate). **-Emailing the choir** members with the list of hymns. **-Teaching new hymns**, with the object of encouraging the congregation to sing. **-Choir practice** once a month (usually on the last Wednesday of the month after the 7pm Mass). **-Play the piano** to accompany the choir on Sundays. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to take this on. We already have one person who is happy to share the tasks and offer cover when needed, **it would be lovely to have a few people to tackle the role.**



**New Baby & Toddler group starting!** Meeting in St Boniface Parish Hall 9.30-11am on alternate Tuesdays of term time. Next sessions: Nov 28th / Dec 12th. £1 per family. Contact: [catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com)

**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.



**Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 3rd March 24.** £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All transport, entertainment, and excursions included. Visit Knock, Galway, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 / 07740 175557 [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**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).

**Advent Retreat** "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light." (Is.9:2) **1st - 3rd Dec.** And **4 Day Retreat** at the End of the Year **28th Dec - 1st Jan.** Organised by the Verbum Dei community. Venue: Verbum Dei Retreat Centre on the Isle of Wight. For more information and to register, contact: [verbumdei.iow@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdei.iow@gmail.com) and [www.uk.verbumdei.org](http://www.uk.verbumdei.org)

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal**  
**Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal** at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been helping those most in need. Donations will support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid to those in need.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

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

<b>Saturday 25th Nov</b>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 26th Nov</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Intentions of Fr Paul Nwune
<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ,</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Tony McCall RIP
<i>King of the Universe</i>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Krishna Vaz Birthday Blessings
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Thanksgiving to Imelda Don & Family
<b>Monday 27th Nov</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Robert Howe RIP
<b>Tuesday 28th Nov</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Alix & Errol Sharp RIP
<b>Wednesday 29th Nov</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Thanksgiving for the complete defeat of all enemies & their works
<i>Feria</i>			Wedding anniversary blessings
<b>Thursday 30th Nov</b>	<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Salomey & Raphael
<i>St Andrew</i>			Edward & Amaka Ezuruike & family, God's providence & guidance
<b>Friday 1st Dec</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Francis & Elizabeth Philips RIP
<b>Saturday 2nd Dec</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	RIP
			Ethelreda Conway
<b>Sunday 3rd Dec</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Tootle Family
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	PJ Phelan RIP
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	

26th November

### Psalm Response

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### 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!*

3rd December

### 1st Reading:

*Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8*

**Psalm:** 79

### 2nd Reading:

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

**Gospel:** *Mark 13:33-37*



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