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ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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This Weekend's Notices

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Children's Liturgy at 9am St Ed's Mass

No Second Collection this week

Next Weekend's Notices

The Epiphany of the Lord

No Second Collection this week



Thank you!

My first Christmas as a priest! My Christmas in Southampton! These last few months have been not only been incredible, but they have gone by so fast. I have had this time, between Christmas and the new year, to really reflect on all the blessings that Lord has given me.

To celebrate my first Christmas in this parish was a huge blessing. In the moment we are not always conscious of what is going on around us but I look back on this last month and really want to say thank you to everyone who made the Christmas celebrations profound.

The Churches were adorned beautifully with flowers, trees, candles, and decorations. The choirs, at all Masses, were amazing! The music always adds something beautiful to the liturgy. We had servers at all Masses and their help is never underestimated. A big thank you to all those who helped prepare the Masses; those making/contributing to the booklets, the readers, the extraordinary ministers, those on the door and to everyone making sure those involved were well supported, especially with two new priests this was very helpful. And a huge thank you to everyone's generosity in the gifts.

Thank you also to anyone else I may have missed. Canon Michael and I are overwhelmed with the support and kindness that has been shown to us in this small amount of time.

It has been a pleasure to serve this parish and I pray that 2024 will be even more fruitful.

God bless, Fr David

General Notices

Parish Youth Group for 10-16 year olds 5th

January at 7pm in St Edmund's Hall The Youth Group will be in St Ed's Hall on the 1st & 3rd Fridays in the month. Please

register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/YMD3LSTSk9>



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 **Tuesday 9th January at 7.30pm 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.

Please note a date change!!

Mass Intentions. As a lot of you may know, our parish public Mass intentions are booked quite into the future. Our two priests like to offer Mass each day, and so often offer Mass privately. If you have Mass Intentions for them to offer do let the Parish Office know if you do not mind whether the Mass is public or private, as they are in need of intentions. Holy Mass makes present the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. There is no greater prayer, because the Mass is the perfect offering of the Son of God to his heavenly Father. In offering Mass for a specific intention, the priest prays to God that the fruits of Christ's redemptive sacrifice be applied to the requested intention, for the spiritual and temporal good of the person(s) concerned.

The Parish/Pastoral Area Diversity Group are planning a multinational event focused on the Latino community. If you are part of this community and would like to help plan, please come and join us on **Thursday 11th January at 7:30pm** at St Edmund's Hall. Please email the parish office to let us know you will be joining us.

Vic Stevens is a Christian man who has elderly cousin he travels to support in the City several days each week and he is seeking local overnight lodging. Contact him if you can help vicstevens2003@yahoo.com / 0744852 1663

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 requirements please see <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/children-families/fostering/>

A key challenge in Southampton at the moment is 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.**

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! You can email the office, call us or text 07956 379 542.



Let us pray for all those worried about not having the resources to support their new baby, that they would have the faith of Mary and Joseph that God will provide and watch over them.

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

General Notices

Do you need in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a **Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024** or there is a **Face to Face weekend** in Welwyn Garden City **on 14-16 June 2024**. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

JINGLING BELLS 2023 was a great success thanks to Mary Berridge, to all who attended, sang, contributed to yummy tea, to Hilary in the kitchen, Fr Michael, Father David and office backstage. Please offer your support by contributing cards, sweets, gifts, drawings for NHS patients unknown via our post box on the altar. Thank you, Jenepher 🎵🎵🎵🎵 🎈🎈🎄

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

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

Saturday 30th Dec	6:15pm	SJ	People of the Parish
Sunday 31st Dec	9:00am	SE	John Croft RIP
<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	10:00am	SE	Bill Burke RIP
	11:00am	SJ	Intentions of Fr Vincent Harvey
Monday 1st Jan <i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	7:00pm	SE	Alfred Azzopardi RIP
	7:00pm	SE	Thanksgiving
Tuesday 2nd Jan <i>Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i>	10:00am	SE	John Croft RIP
Wednesday 3rd Jan <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	7:00pm	SE	Michael Brophy RIP & all deceased family
Thursday 4th Jan	12:15pm	SJ	Peter Carney RIP
Friday 5th Jan	7:00pm	SE	Sheila, John & Julian Herbert RIP
Saturday 6th Jan	11:00am	SE	Elsa Nicola RIP
	6:15pm	SJ	People of the Parish
Sunday 7th Jan <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9:00am	SE	Xanthe's intentions
	10:00am	SJ	Ian Morley RIP
	11:00am	SE	Margaret Walsh RIP
	7:00pm	SE	Anne Monaghan's intentions

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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

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