

SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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30 November/1 December 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Prayer for December: Loving Father, bless our families. Give us the grace and patience we need to demonstrate Your love to all we meet: family, friends, neighbours, co-workers, classmates, even strangers, during this season of hope and profound love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Alpha Courses: Loving God, bless with success our Alpha Courses and bring more people to know, love and serve you and dedicate their lives to you. We ask that you also bring many of our young people to a deep and lasting love of you through Youth Alpha and that you renew the Pastoral Area to become a community of fervent disciples, living and witnessing to the Gospel for the salvation of souls and the glory of your name. We ask this in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Sacred Heart Charity Carol Concert

With **The Blendworth Brass Band**
Monday 16 December @ 6.30pm

Mince pies and mulled wine afterwards in the parish centre. *Donations raised to the work of our parish support group, 'St. Teresa of Calcutta' and Waterlooville Food Bank.* Donations of mulled wine & mince pies gratefully received – These can be left in the parish office – Please check that they will be in date for the 16th. Thank you.

Fr. Jeremy writes...



Happy New Year!

A bit early you may say, but, as you know, the Church's new year starts today. We begin a new cycle in the life of the Christian family with the First Sunday of Advent. This lovely season is one of unfulfilled longing which looks forward to and celebrates the coming (advent) of the Lord to fulfil our deepest yearnings, to quench our most profound thirst for God. Its colours are purple and pink, shades of patient waiting and hopeful, restrained joy. Its themes are hope, peace, love and joy.

Advent is a season of two halves corresponding to the two comings of the Lord. The first part, from the First Sunday of Advent, to December 16th continues to reflect on the second coming of the Lord at the end of time which has been the theme of the recent Sundays of the last liturgical year. Those Sundays tended to create an atmosphere of warning, of fear that the end would come unexpectedly and catch us out, so the message is: 'be prepared'. The way the readings of the first few weeks of Advent reflect on the same events at the end of time is different. It is to create an atmosphere of hope, of joy that paradise will be restored, that the kingdom Jesus came to build will reach its fulfilment bringing the hope and promise of everlasting life for all 'kingdom people', i.e., those who have placed their faith in Jesus and followed his example of love and self-sacrifice in the service of God and one's neighbour. The message is: have hope.

The second part of Advent, from December 17th to 25th, focuses on the event of the first coming of Jesus at his birth. The readings evoke a spirit of eager hope and joyful expectation as we count down the days until our Saviour is born into the world, sharing the anticipation of Mary and Joseph and the joy of the angels and shepherds at the coming of the one who will change the lives of all humanity and bring us into the very life of God. The message here is the theme of the Third Sunday which ushers in this phase of the season: Gaudete: Rejoice!



**Next Saturday
Christmas Fair**

11am-3pm

A chance to come along and enjoy the festive spirit with friends & family -
An opportunity to support your parish along with local businesses

CHRISTMAS AT SACRED HEART

DETAILS OF OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES AND LITURGIES available from the narthex.

HELP NEEDED PLEASE! If Fr. Jeremy is to celebrate all the Masses over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, he will need your help. Lists are now up in the narthex for the many ministries needed.

FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE CHURCH Donations toward flowers for the decoration of the church during the Christmas season would be very welcome. Please place your donation in the basket on the table in the narthex. Thank you.

PASTORAL AREA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES: An essential part of preparation for Christmas:

Thursday 5 December @ 7pm here at Sacred Heart

Friday 20 December @ 7pm at St. Michael's, Leigh Park

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT SACRED HEART:

Christmas Eve: Children's Mass with Crib making and Blessing @ 4pm,
Mass with Carols @ 8pm & Midnight Mass preceded by Carols @ 11.20pm.

Christmas Day: Masses for the Nativity of the Lord @ 8.30am & 10.30am.

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 30 Nov	5.30-6pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish
SUNDAY 1 Dec	10.30am 6.30pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Kathy White RIP Jill O'Rourke RIP
Monday 2 Dec		NO MASS	
Tuesday 3 Dec	7pm	Mass at All Saints' Denmead - ALL WELCOME!	Frank Ward RIP
Wednesday 4 Dec	9.30-9.50am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria [of the 1 st Week of Advent]	Arlene Lodrick RIP
Thursday 5 Dec	9am 4pm 7pm	Feria [of the 1 st Week of Advent] <i>Reception of body into church</i> Pastoral Area Advent Penitential Service	Pat Arnold RIP
Friday 6 Dec	12.30pm	Funeral Mass	Colin Trott RIP
Saturday 7 Dec	5.30-6pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Joe Pace RIP (FM)

Notices & Information...

COLIN TROTT RIP. Please pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Colin who died last week. Please also remember Colin's family and friends at this difficult time. Details of his Funeral can be found above.

BERNARD GRIFFIN RIP. Parishioners will be sad to hear of the death of Bernard Griffin who has died recently. Bernard will be known by some for his Sung Rosary on a Tuesday after the evening Mass between 2013-2017 and also for leading our Confirmation programme in 2013 & 2016. Please remember Bernard's family and friends at this sad time. His Funeral will be at St. Edmund's, Hordean on Thursday 5 December at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations can be made to the Rowans Hospice in Bernard's name via Barrells Funeral Directors.

VOCATIONS. "They shall beat their swords into plough shares and their spears into pruning hooks..." If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother and want to explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke, vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318869.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT: As you are probably already aware, a local group including members from our parish, St Edmunds in Hordean and other local churches are working towards welcoming a refugee family into our local community in the not too distant future. When they arrive the house will need to contain all the usual items – these need to be found in advance. On the table in the narthex you will find a handwritten list outlining a list of requirements - please take a copy.

ALPHA. Monday 2 December at Sacred Heart and Wednesday 4 December at St. Michael's Leigh Park. Both sessions begin at 7pm.

THE TUESDAY CLUB is open to everyone on the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 2pm in the parish centre. You can expect a warm welcome plus fun, friendship, card games, scrabble etc. along with a cup of tea or coffee & cake. For more information please contact Trish on 07947 611699.

YOUTH ALPHA/CONFIRMATION. Friday 6 December at St. Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park. The fun starts @ 7pm.

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL. Year 5 and 6 pupils this week celebrated Mass in school, which was joyously con-celebrated by Monsignor Jeremy and Fr Daniel. There was a distinct red hue to the mass, as it was the school's way of marking Red Wednesday in support of Aid to the Church in Need. As well as the lighting, each pupil was given a pair of red tinted glasses to wear, which were donned with enthusiasm for the final hymn. It was a great celebration for our pupils and families to offer prayers to those around the world whose freedom of faith is not enjoyed as easily as ours in this country. *Mr. R. Cunningham, Headteacher.*



'Red Wednesday' at Sacred Heart

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS. Meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, at 2pm in the parish centre. **UCM Day of Reflection.** Wednesday 4 December, led by Fr. Jeremy and held in the parish centre. Day begins with Mass @ 10am and ends around 3pm. All very welcome to attend!

MASS FOR THE SICK ST EDMUND'S CHURCH. Saturday 14 December @ 9.30am. Including Christmas Lunch costing £5. Please can you contact Sheila Morgan 023 9259 8416 or sheila131241@hotmail.co.uk

VOICES FOR CHRISTMAS. St Michael and All Angels Hall, Leigh Park on Saturday 14 December 4pm and 7.30pm. The Nativity story told by the people there! Written and performed by Kevin Walsh with carols for all to sing. Tickets: jackychong@btinternet.com or 01243 371074. Profits to Havant Passion Play Limited. (*Advance Tickets: Adults £7; school age children £5, family tickets: 2 adults & 2 children £20, 2 adults & 3 children £25.*)

INVITATION FROM DENMEAD AND WATERLOOVILLE ROWANS SUPPORT GROUP. TEA @TWO. Delicious cake and entertainment from Pianoman Justie. Sunday 15 December @ 2pm at the Denmead Pavilion. Tickets and more information from Trish 07947 611699 or patricia.bailey333@gmail.com

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DENMEAD CAROL SERVICE. If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of the choir for the Carol Service on Sunday 22 December, please join them for rehearsals at All Saints' Denmead on 13 & 20 December @ 7pm. Final rehearsal on Sunday 22 December @ 2.30pm. Ability to read music is useful but not essential. For more information contact Tricia Gilbert on 023 9264 2424.

PARISHIONER, SOPHIE NEGUS WRITES... "I have recently been to France to work with the 'Care 4 Calais' charity, which looks after refugees in the camps around Calais port. I have seen first-hand the appalling situation these young men are living in (many of whom are under 18), and want to help by sending out coats to help combat the harsh French winter that is coming. Having gone to Oaklands, grown up going to Sacred Heart and talking to the community when my family does tea duty, I know how kind people are and how this community can really make a difference. I am not be asking for money, but just if anyone has any second hand coats (small or medium men's) they would be willing to donate to this cause. There is a box next to the food bank box in the welcome area. Thank you."

THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA. Parishioner and AoS representative, Maggie Mellor, is once again collecting Christmas gifts for seamen who come into Portsmouth. The Items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, bars of chocolate, soap and small crucifixes can be left in the box in the narthex. Thank you.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR. Why not try reversing the 'traditional' process and put something in a box every day that can be given to people who need a treat at Christmas? Your gifts can be any item of non-perishable food, especially little Christmas treats such as chocolate Christmas tree decorations, a chocolate orange, a box of dates or a bag of nuts. A big box for your contributions will be near the front door until Tuesday 17 December. Thank you.

CATENIAN APPEAL FOR ROSARIES FOR AFRICA. My many thanks to parishioners for the magnificent response to my request for rosaries and crucifixes. The latest collection will be distributed by the Catenian Association to African missions, UK prisons and the QA hospital in Portsmouth. *David Lodrick - Portsmouth Catenians.*

SUPPORT TRADCRAFT THIS CHRISTMAS. Available in the narthex a selection of Christmas cards and Advent Calendars. These are obtained through the agency of Tradcraft and sales go to support those in the developing world who are struggling against all odds to provide for their families and communities.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION. Do you know that twice a year the community supports the Parish Priest directly? The collections during the Christmas and Easter Masses are used to pay an annual wage to your priest. This is given freely to both support them and give them the financial freedom to help others throughout the year. Please give generously with love, respect and faith during all the celebrations during Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Thank you. *John McCormack*

PARISHIONER PAUL EVELYN WRITES... "I wish to thank parishioners for their prayers and support over the last year first for Liz my wife and latterly for me. My operation and treatment has been successful and so I can concentrate on helping Liz to recover. This is a very slow process but progress is being made and I would ask for your. continuing prayers. Heartfelt thanks from the family."

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS THIS CHRISTMASTIDE: John O'Neill, Maria Carmen Martin, Thomas Andrew (TJ), Geoffrey Tompkins, Anne Littlefield, Damien Haughan, Betty Groves, Carole Higton, Matthew, Marion Greeham, Elizabeth Evelyn, Teresa Richardson, Ron Littlefield, Mary Ling, Margaret Bush, Boris Mayfield, Stephen Condon, Nicola O'Neill, Mary Harrington, Dave Hill, Amrutha Anthony, John DeBattista, Dr. Peter McErlean, Michael Lowe, Sabine Khan & Mary Daly. For the housebound, lonely, homeless, bereaved, those in nursing homes, hospital and Rowans Hospice.

LAST WEEKEND'S GIVING. Offertory: Loose cash: £439.33, Standing Orders: £981.23, Direct Debits: £34.60, Gift Aid: £190.13. Total: £1645.29.