

SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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7/8 December 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Psalm Response: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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...



There was high drama on Monday when the air ambulance helicopter landed on the green opposite the presbytery. The excitement was turned to concern though when we discovered that it had come to take a seriously injured man to hospital. A man driving an invalid mobility scooter was making his way across the pedestrian crossing at the top of the road when he was struck by a speeding stolen car. He was taken to hospital with serious leg injuries and the driver of the car was arrested at the scene.

The same day the country was horrified to hear of the death of 12 year-old Harley Watson who was killed as he came out of school in Loughton, Essex when a man deliberately ran his car into a group of pedestrians and drove off without stopping. A 51 year-old man was eventually arrested in connection with the incident and later charged with Harley's murder and ten counts of attempted murder in relation to the others injured at the scene.

These events come hard on the heels of the senseless London Bridge stabbings which claimed the lives of two promising young people trying help the very person who killed them. We do not need to look far in our world to find evidence of the dark side of human nature and to realise that Jesus' message to the human race - and a central theme of the Advent season - to call us out of the darkness of our sin into the radiant light of goodness, truth and selfless love, is as essential and as relevant today as ever it was.

In a world which has comprehensively lost its moral compass and increasingly rejects Christ and Christian teaching as an irrelevance, the need for us Christians to carry the light of Christ to the world has never been more urgent. Let us make this Advent count and resolve to live and spread the light of Christ with ever-greater commitment wherever the opportunity arises. In the words of the song...

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.*

EUTHANASIA ALERT!!

It has come to our attention that doctors across the country are, once again, being canvassed about their willingness to countenance the adoption of euthanasia and assisted suicide as options available in law. Previously doctors have always been against legalisation but pressure is again being brought on them to change. In places such as the Belgium, the Netherlands and the State of Oregon where euthanasia has been legalised, strict legal parameters preventing abuse have been ignored and patients once protected have been helped to die illegally, proving that the relaxing the laws around euthanasia is a slippery slope and people have requested and received euthanasia as a 'cure' for depression, homosexuality and anorexia, amongst other non-terminal conditions. Since 2002, in Holland, any child over the age of 12 can request euthanasia. In Belgium, children of any age can make the same request. A leaflet giving more details about euthanasia and the threat it poses to society can be found in the narthex, as can cards for you to fill in and send to your doctor to register your views on this threat and ensure your wishes about your own end of life choices are honoured. Also see thedistantvoices.org.uk and alertuk.org.uk

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 SERVICE: An essential part of preparation for Christmas: 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 7 Dec	5.30-6pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Joe Pace RIP (FM)
SUNDAY 8 Dec	10.30am 6.30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	John Hartnell RIP People of the Parish
Monday 9 Dec	12noon	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, sol	Adelaide & Tony Debattista RIP
Tuesday 10 Dec	9am 6.30-7.30pm	Feria [of the 2 nd Week of Advent] <i>St. Peter's Carols in church – ALL WELCOME!</i>	Jane Reeves RIP
Wednesday 11 Dec	9.30-9.50am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria [of the 2 nd Week of Advent]	Maurice & Catherine Cremin RIP
Thursday 12 Dec	9.30-9.50am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria [of the 2 nd Week of Advent]	Betty Connelly RIP
Friday 13 Dec	9.30-9.50am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr, memorial	Tom Green RIP
Saturday 14 Dec	5.30-6pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ('Gaudete')	Newey Family Intentions

CHRISTMAS continues...

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION. The Liturgy team (*John, Liz, Marie and Tonya*) will be taking names, of all those children interested in taking part, on Sunday 8 December. **Please sign up after Mass.** We will be looking for 12 readers as well as children to help build the crib. We have some Nativity themed costumes but children are welcome to their wear their own costumes if they would prefer. Rehearsal on Sunday 22 December after 10.30am Mass for those taking part.

WOMEN'S MONDAY EVENING GROUP. Christmas Social on 9 December @ 7.30pm with seasonal refreshments. Please remember to bring a raffle prize. Do come along and join us, even if you haven't been before and would like a relaxing evening out.

CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR MIDNIGHT MASS will take place on Wednesday 18 December at 7pm, in the Church. We extend a welcome to all extra singers who would like to join us for Midnight Mass. Please let Elizabeth know so a Folder can be prepared for you 07791 753545.

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.*)

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.

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? Please place your gifts such as non-perishable food, chocolate Christmas tree decorations, a box of dates or bag of nuts. A box for your contributions will be near the front door until Tuesday 17 December. Thank you.

WATERLOOVILLE FOOD BANK. The foodbank will be packing and distributing their Christmas parcels on the 19 20 December. For more information please contact Philip Hayllar philiphayllar@hotmail.com

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*

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 & Conor Mills. For the housebound, lonely, homeless, bereaved, those in nursing homes, hospital and Rowans Hospice.

Notices & Information...

BAPTISM INTO THE LIFE OF JESUS AND THE CHURCH. We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church and our parish community, Logan James Smith, who will be baptised on Sunday at 12noon. Please remember Logan, his family and Godparents in your prayers this weekend.

THE NEW JERUSALEM BIBLE. Four copies have been purchased for the purpose of parishioners to use whilst in church. Please feel free to take a copy to read but make sure it goes back on the table in the narthex before you leave.

VOCATIONS. Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of his people? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke, vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318869.

THE REFUGEE PROJECT. The project now has a house which will need furnishing. Items as well as volunteers to help paint and move furniture are needed. Please take a list of items required from the table in the narthex. To donate: clare.burke24@hotmail.com To donate to the funds: philiphayllar@hotmail.com

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL. St Peter's was recently judged to be 'Good' in a recent two-day OFSTED inspection. The overall effectiveness judgement of 'Good' comprised the separate areas of Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Early Years Education, and Leadership and Management, all of which were rated good in their own right. The spirit of the school, which will be available to view on the OFSTED website, is best summed up in the following lines from the report: "Pupils are proud of their school and rightly so. Leaders have raised the school community's' expectations, showing everyone that St Peter's pupils can achieve great things. Pupils relish the breadth and content of the curriculum. The school is a harmonious and calm environment where pupils can flourish. Pupils get on well and genuinely care for the welfare of others." Congratulations to the staff and pupils of St Peter's who have worked so hard to achieve this outcome. *Liz Holford, Chair of Governors*

ALPHA CELEBRATION. Monday 9 December @ 7.30pm at Sacred Heart.

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 13 December at Sacred Heart. The fun starts @ 7pm.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS. Meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, at 2pm in the parish centre.

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

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

CARE 4 CALAIS. Sophie Negus would like to thank everyone who supported the donation of coats for the refugees at Calais Port over the past week.

LAST WEEKEND'S GIVING. **Offertory:** Loose cash: £551.30, Standing Orders: £981.23, Direct Debits: £34.60, Gift Aid: £190.13. Total: £1757.26.