

SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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14/15 December 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)

Mass Book: Year A, Volume 1, Page 88

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Psalm Response: Come, Lord, and save us.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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.



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.

Last minute donations of mulled wine & mince pies gratefully received, but please double-check that they will be in date for the 16th. Thank you.

Fr. Jeremy writes...



Whether or not you feel like rejoicing following the results of the General Election the other day, the Church, ever optimistic, perhaps, sets aside this Sunday as a day of rejoicing in the middle of a season of unrequited longing and unfulfilled expectation. We light another candle on the Advent wreath as a sign of growing hope, not inspired by Brexit or a new government, but by the nearness of the Saviour of the World.

That may seem like a lofty title but it is nothing less than the truth. Jesus took on our sinful human nature to show us how, while being completely human, we might still live, like him, as children of God. Just imagine what a different world that would be! If we all modelled ourselves on Jesus and could live by his teaching and be inspired in everything by his love, just think what a different world we'd create! Loving our neighbours, doing good to those who hate us, forgiving one another as soon as a disagreement begins, hearts and minds changed, transformed and made new by the action of the Holy Spirit living, moving and having her being within us, nation no longer lifting up sword against nation, swords hammered into ploughshares and spears into sickles, the cow and the bear making friends, the child playing over the cobra's hole...and there being no hurt of harm in all creation because the Spirit of the Lord reigns supreme through all.

This is the starry-eyed, rose-tinted vision of Isaiah of what the Kingdom of God will look like: 'strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, "Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming...he is coming to save you" Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy.'" We see these things happening in the life and ministry of Jesus showing that, in him, God's Kingdom has arrived. This is truly something to rejoice about, though not so easy to live by unless we really try to embrace Jesus' example with a will. May he give us courage through his Grace to achieve this, then at least a small part of the world will become the kingdom of God.

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 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 COLLECTION. Collections taken at the Christmas 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.

Christmas Masses at Sacred Heart:

Christmas Eve:

Children's Mass with Crib making & 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 14 Dec	5.30-6pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ('Gaudete')	Newey Family Intentions
SUNDAY 15 Dec	10.30am 6.30pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ('Gaudete')	Bert Sutton RIP Damian Whitfield RIP
Monday 16 Dec	NO MASS		
Tuesday 17 Dec	9.30am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Liturgy of the Day ['O Wisdom']	Anne Judson RIP
Wednesday 18 Dec	9.30-9.50am 10am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Liturgy of the Day ['O Adonai']	Union of Catholic Mothers' Int
Thursday 19 Dec	7pm	Liturgy of the Day ['O Root of Jesse']	David Reeves RIP
Friday 20 Dec	9.30-9.50am 10am 6.30pm	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Liturgy of the Day ['O Morning Star'] Mass followed by PA Advent Penitential Service @ St. Michael's, Leigh Park	Angela Louise Meyer RIP (FM)
Saturday 21 Dec	5-6pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Dec'd members of Lodrick Fam.

CHRISTMAS continues...

THIS SUNDAY AFTER 10.30AM MASS: Following last Saturday's Christmas Fair there were a number of items unsold. A table presenting a range of articles can be found on the table in the parish centre – please have a look and see if there's anything that takes your fancy! All items individually price.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION. The Children's Liturgy Team, John, Liz, Marie & Tonya are holding a rehearsal on Sunday 22 December after the 10.30am Mass. If anyone missed signing up last weekend but would still like to be involved see one of the team this Sunday – everyone is welcome and needed to make this a wonderful start to our festive season!

LAST SATURDAY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR. Thank you to everyone who supported the Fair last weekend – a great deal of hard work was done behind the scenes to make it happen. £2,138.65 was raised for the parish. Thanks to all those who came along on the day – we hope you enjoyed yourselves!

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.

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 rehearsal at All Saints' Denmead on 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

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: The true spirit of Christmas Giving Give a gift that will change a life. There are gifts available for every budget. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available from the welcome area or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

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 Higon, 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...

THANK YOU. The Griffin Family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers following Bernard's death at the end of last month.

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. Unfortunately following the Penitential Service last Thursday one copy was taken – please make sure this comes back to church this weekend please.

VOCATIONS. "I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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. A definite festive feeling has taken over at St Peter's as the school marks the season of Advent with annual events to help prepare the pupils for the true message and real meaning of Christmas. The whole school walked to Sacred Heart Church on 3rd December for our Advent service, and pupils from Years R to 2 have all performed Nativity plays in school to large and adoring audiences. The school Carol Service was led by readers, musicians and singers from our Key Stage 2 classes, and raised a great contribution for the Waterlooville Food Bank. Our school Advent will round off with a pupil service of carols and readings on the final afternoon of term, leaving in no doubt the fact that St Peter's still places Christ firmly at the centre of Christmas. *Richard Cunningham, Headteacher.*

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.

LAST WEEKEND'S GIVING. Offertory: Loose cash: £454.28, Standing Orders: £981.23, Direct Debits: £34.60, Gift Aid: £188.88. Total: £1,658.99.

IMPORTANT! PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Again we expect record numbers of worshippers for all services especially on Christmas Eve. To avoid accidents and conflict with fellow worshippers and local residents could attenders please note the following arrangements:

- Please seriously consider car sharing where possible.
- Please do not park on the St. Peter's Way Estate.
- If you are coming along to the 4pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass and you are able to walk, please try parking in any of the car parks in Waterlooville centre or please consider car sharing. This Mass is very popular and the car park is likely to get very congested.
- If you have to leave quickly you are likely to be delayed in the church car park. The Baptist Church car park is available for our use for the 8pm and midnight services and will offer quicker departure. Otherwise, please use the nearest town car parks or legal and considerate street parking on London Road feeders.