



Diocese of Portsmouth
South East Hampshire Pastoral Area
Jesus Prince of Peace
Catholic Communities of
SACRED HEART OF JESUS
& ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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Livestreaming at Sacred Heart:

www.youtube.com/@heartstream2838

St. Edmund Website:

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Livestreaming at St Edmund:

www.youtube.com/@stedmundhorndean4491/streams

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

6/7 DECEMBER 2025

Fr. Tom writes...

At one point in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says: "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." It is worth meditating on these words in the light of what is going on in 'liturgical time' right now. Mary is heavily pregnant, in her ninth month in fact. The child she carries is God in human form, the Creator of the Universe. We do not hold this to be a metaphor, but the literal, mindboggling and historical truth of what was about to happen in Bethlehem.

And there's more, for the infant she bears is *fully human* as well as *fully divine*. In light of Jesus's fingers-and toes physicality, it is hardly less bewildering to consider that this tiny infant, eight months in the womb, who will in time be clothed and fed like any other baby, is also a seed. He is the seed that gave birth to the Church to which we belong, that, for all our imperfections, continues to grow around the world. He is the tree in which we nest, for this baby is not just set to be a Teacher (though he will be that) Truth itself in human form. Not just a prophet, but that which was prophesied by the prophets – for what Mary carries is the Healing of the Nations, God-with-us. As my father used to say: 'It's too unlikely not to be true!'

Admittance to Hospital?

When a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family should ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. It is suggested that the patient have a note to give to hospital staff on admission, notifying staff that they are Catholic and would appreciate the Catholic Chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward to ensure the request is actioned. When a person is due to go into hospital, please also let your parish priest know so that he can administer the Sacrament of the Sick where appropriate.

THE LITURGICAL WEEK...

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	VENUE	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 6 December Feria [1st Week of Advent] Vigil SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration & Confession Mass Holy Hour & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	People of the Parish
Sunday 7 December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9am 9.30am 11am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Teri Barnett special Intention for Stephanie, RIP Fr. Jeremy, Intention Joe Pace, RIP (FM)
Monday 8 December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Patron of the Diocese, sol	7am 7.30am 12.30pm 5.30pm 7pm	Rorate Caeli Mass Holy Hour Mass Mass Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart St Michael	Scott Belcher, Intention For the Victims of the fire in Tai Po in the district of Hong Kong
Tuesday 9 December Feria [2nd Week of Advent]	7.30am 6pm 7pm	Holy Hour Adoration & Confession Advent Station Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Diane & Justin Quinn, RIP
Wednesday 10 December St Swithun Wells, Martyr, memorial	7.30am 10.15am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Mass followed by Adoration Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Maurice & Catherine Cremin, RIP
Thursday 11 December Feria [2nd Week of Advent]	7.30am 9.30am 10am 4.30pm	Holy Hour Adoration & Confession Mass Reception of body into church	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund St Edmund	Special Intention MG
Friday 12 December Feria [2nd Week of Advent]	7.30am 11.30am 12noon 12.30pm	Holy Hour Adoration Mass Funeral Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Edmund	William, Intention Elizabeth Franey-Kottke, RIP
Saturday 13 December St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr, m Vigil THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration & Confession Mass Holy Hour & Confession Mass	St Michael St Michael Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
Sunday 14 December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'Gaudete Sunday' [Rose]	9am 9.30am 11am 4pm 5.30pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	St Edmund St Michael Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel Sacred Heart	Hilda Wilson, RIP John Payne, RIP People of the Parish

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS WEEK...

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
SATURDAY 6 December	Rehearsal for Candlelit Carol Concert	10-11am	Sacred Heart Church
SUNDAY 7 December	Advent Markets: This Sunday: Flower Table Centrepiece Decoration. Tropic skincare products. Quilting & knitting craft stall.	10am	St Edmund
	Sacred Heart Christmas Fair: Coordinated by Nina McCormack this Sunday, straight after Mass for parishioners. Open to the general public from 1.30pm.		Sacred Heart Parish Centre
MONDAY 8 December	Team Clean: Remember that Cleanliness is next to Godliness. Why not join the 'Team Clean' to ensure His house is always clean and tidy. Give it a try - the Team are very friendly bunch.	9-10am	Sacred Heart Church
	Coffee & Cake: An invite has been extended to an ecumenical fund-raising coffee & cake morning, in memory of Michael and Ruth Bever's grandson, Dylan, who would have been 21.	10am-12noon	68a Drift Rd, Clanfield
TUESDAY 9 December	Rosary Group: Cancelled this week only – As we are holding the Station Mass at Sacred Heart this Tuesday.		

NOTICES & FUTURE EVENTS ...

Please pray for those who need our prayers...

We pray for those who are ill in mind and body. May they find comfort and hope in the tender love of Jesus. We also pray for those who care for them, that they may be blessed with the gifts of gentleness and patience.

Amare Memoriae

We pray for the rest and peace of the souls of Elizabeth Franey-Kottke and Belinda Jackson who have died recently. Please remember their family and friends at this difficult time. Elizabeth's Funeral will be at St. Edmund on Friday 12 December @ 12.30pm. Belinda's Funeral will be at Sacred Heart on Tuesday 16 December @ 12noon.

Sacred Heart - We need your help!

The festive season is upon us and we are looking for volunteers to decorate our beautiful Christmas trees in the narthex and church. We can get the trees and decorations down from the loft ready for decoration on Monday 15 December. Fr. James will be appealing for help at Masses this weekend. Either email me at the parish office office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk or sign up after Mass. Sue Siou

Visiting the Sick and Housebound (Sacred Heart)

Fr. James writes... Since Covid, we seem to have far less people receiving Holy Communion or being visited in their homes. We, as a Parish, hope to keep in touch with everybody who can no longer attend Sunday Mass. If you know anybody or you yourself would like visits from a priest or a parishioner, please get in touch with our Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Lead, Joy Hastilow, who would love to support you in this. Please contact Joy: emhc@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07948 205237.

Hymns at Sacred Heart:

For those attending the 11am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart, if you would like to familiarise yourself with the hymns in advance of the service please follow the links below:

- Processional – Lord Jesus Christ www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKhno_VFFa0
- Offertory – Let all mortal flesh www.youtube.com/watch?v=n68O999tZhl
- Communion – Pilgrims of hope (choir) www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uXO8lUcEZI
- Communion – Wait for the Lord (Taize) www.youtube.com/watch?v=bt2ifr8OlpM&list=RDbt2ifr8OlpM&start_radio=1
- Recessional – In Christ alone www.youtube.com/watch?v=zErPFRMqnu0

News from St Peter's School



Richard Cunningham, Executive Headteacher writes...

Well done and thank you to our fabulous school choir which has started its seasonal commitments in the local area for Advent and Christmas. The children's choir sang at the switching on of the Waterlooville Christmas lights, and (pictured above) at the Waterlooville Christmas Fayre. They will perform to residents of Oaklands Care Home next week, and will be leading the singing at our Carol Service at 6:30pm on Wednesday 17 December at Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle church. Enormous thanks go to Mrs Knight and Mrs Moore for the hard work they do to lead our choir in school.

Consultation: Admissions Arrangements September 2027

As required by regulations the governing body of St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Stakes Hill Road, Waterlooville, Hants PO7 7BP will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2027-2028. The consultation period runs until Monday 29 December 2025. Copies of the proposed arrangements can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website www.stpeterswaterlooville.co.uk Comments on the arrangements should be sent to the clerk to the governing body by Monday 5 January 2026 a.clerk@stpeterswaterlooville.hants.sch.uk The governing body will consider all comments received before determining its admission arrangements by Thursday 22 January 2026.

The Kings Arms Charity www.thekingsarms.org.uk

Horndean parishioner Sue Woodgate writes... I was at the Kings Arms (KA) coffee morning at St. Edmund's on Tuesday with about 30-40 other people. This is an outreach project run by KA to engage with young people in Horndean. The young people were hosting this event. They had made mince pies and gingerbread biscuits and were going to serve the teas, coffees and cakes. When they arrived they put up tables and chairs and decorated the tables with handmade Xmas crackers and written statements of how KA had helped them with their confidence, anxieties and behaviour. After a term with Dom and his team they were polite, eager to help, engaged with their guests and were thoroughly enjoying themselves.



Buckfast Abbey Retreat

Margaret Whyte writes... For anyone who would like to join us on retreat at Buckfast Abbey, there are still four rooms available as part of our booking of the whole hotel from 22nd to 26th June 2026. This will be our third visit to Buckfast Abbey. Previous retreats have proved to be very relaxed and restful with time to make the most of the spiritual activities available to us: Monastery daily prayer times, Lectio Divina, Morning mass, and meaningful, inspirational, spiritual reflections led by Father Jeremy. All on offer but completely voluntary. The peaceful atmosphere of Buckfast Abbey and gardens enhances all we do, with everything close at hand but by no means enclosed.

Please contact Margaret Whyte margaret@mwhyte.co.uk or Trevor Nee trev.pat@ntlworld.com both parishioners at St. Edmund's, for cost and further details.

Deposits will be requested at the start of next week.

Advent & Christmas 2025

Sacred Heart Christmas Fair – THIS WEEKEND!

Coordinated by Nina McCormack this Sunday, straight after Mass for parishioners. Open to the general public from 1.30pm.

Special Flower Collection – THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we will be holding a special collection at Sacred Heart and St. Edmund for church flowers. Our wonderfully talented team of volunteers work so hard each week to create their floral arrangements to enhance our churches. Please give what you can – every little helps.

Rorate Cæli Mass – Monday mornings of Advent

For the Mondays of Advent the 7am 'regular' Mass at Sacred Heart will be replaced by the Rorate Cæli Mass, one of the most beautiful Hymns of the Catholic Faith. It is a hymn of repentance and sorrow.

Christmas gifts for Seafarers

This Christmas let's remember the seafarers far from home, away from their family and friends, for whom Christmas is just another working day. They receive no gifts, so we are collecting treats for them: mince pies, chocolates, biscuits and cakes etc to bring them a little festive cheer.

We shall be bringing the gifts to the ships from the end of November so if you are able to contribute, please leave your donations in the box in the Narthex. A big thank you for your kindness to seafarers this Christmas!

Martin, Paddy and Patrick – Stella Maris ship visitors.

St Edmund's Advent Markets

From 16 November - 21 December every Sunday after Mass in the hall. We need bottles and chocolate for tombola stalls.

Christmas Nativity at Sacred Heart

Kiran Ashiq writes... Join us for our Christmas Nativity production during our Christmas Eve Mass! We're inviting primary-aged children to be part of this special event.

Rehearsal dates:

Sundays, 7 Dec, 14 Dec, and 21 Dec during the liturgy

Additional rehearsals may be scheduled for 10am on the last two Sundays (14 Dec and 21 Dec) if needed

Team members:

Liz Holford, Marie White, John McCormack, Caat Lewis, Kiran Ashiq and Veronica Woodgate

If you're interested in your children participating or would like more information, please contact us after Mass or reach out to Liz Holford at safeguarding@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk. We look forward to sharing this special celebration with you!

Churches Together in Horndean Carol Service

Held in the Horndean Memorial square @ 6.30pm on Tuesday 9 December.

'Magic of Christmas' with the Emsworth Concert Band

Saturday 13 December at Oaklands Catholic School, Stakes Hill Road, Waterloooville @ 7.30pm. Tickets £15 ('Early Bird' offer of £13.50 if purchased by 30 November) with 16's and under free. Ticket price includes a glass of wine or soft drink. Available from Bookends, 7 High Street, Emsworth and on www.eventbrite.com

Sacred Heart Annual Candlelit Carol Concert

Monday 15 December @ 6.30pm with the Denmead Brass Band. An evening of Readings and traditional Carols followed by mince pies and mulled wine. If you would like to volunteer to help set up and serve refreshments afterwards, please contact Sue in the parish office. There will be a rehearsal for the children who will be reading on Saturday 6 December from 10-11am. **Donations of mince pies and mulled wine gratefully received – please drop them into the parish office, anytime during office hours!**



St Edmund Children's Christmas party and Nativity play

Sunday 21 December @ 2pm for games, food and rehearsal of Nativity play which will be performed at 4.15pm for anyone to attend. Sign-up sheet in hall for numbers etc. Contact Katie Parker.

Advent Station Masses – 6pm Adoration, 7pm Mass & Supper after

Tuesday 9 December Sacred Heart, Waterlooville
Tuesday 16 December St. Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day – Masses around Jesus Prince of Peace

Christmas Eve:

4pm	Children's Nativity & Mass	Sacred Heart, Waterlooville
5pm	Family Mass	St. Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park
5.30pm	Vigil Mass (Carols from 5pm)	St. Thomas', Emsworth
6pm	Family Mass	St. Patrick, Hayling Island
6pm	Mass	Our Lady of the Nativity & St. Paul, Paulsgrove
8pm	Mass	Sacred Heart, Waterlooville
11pm	Polish Carols & Vigil Mass	St. Joseph, Emsworth
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St. Patrick, Hayling Island
Midnight	Mass (Carols from 11.30pm)	St. Edmund, Horndean
Midnight	Mass (Carols from 11.30pm)	St. Colman, Cosham

Christmas Day:

8am	Dawn Mass	Sacred Heart, Waterlooville
9am	Mass (Carols from 8.40am)	St. Thomas, Emsworth
9.30am	Mass	St. Edmund, Horndean
9.30am	Mass	St. Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park
10am	Mass	St. Colman, Cosham
10am	Mass	St. Patrick, Hayling Island
11am	Mass	St. Joseph, Havant
11am	Mass	Sacred Heart, Waterlooville
1pm	Polish Mass	St. Joseph, Havant
4pm	Mass	QA Hospital, Cosham

Payments to Sacred Heart & St Edmund

If you would like to make a donation to Sacred Heart or St Edmund, there are several ways to do this:

Sacred Heart:

Cheque made payable to 'CDP Waterlooville Sacred Heart'

'Donate with Dona' button on our Webpage

Online payments in church using the Dona machine [by the Sacristy]

BACS: Lloyds bank account 01861043, sort code 309304, CDP Waterlooville Sacred Heart

St Edmund:

Cheque made payable to 'CDP Horndean St Edmund'

Donate using the Sum Up machine in the narthex

BACS: Lloyds bank account 00880222, sort code 309304, CDP Horndean St Edmund

Please consider - Gift Aiding your donation

As a charity we can get tax relief which allows us to reclaim an extra 25% in tax on every eligible donation made by a UK taxpayer. Claiming Gift Aid on donations made by parishioners means we can claim from the government 25p for every £1 you give, at no extra cost to you! GA forms are available on request by emailing Yvonne for Sacred Heart and Niall for St. Edmund.

Parking at Sacred Heart

We do advise EVERYONE to park in our car park when coming along to Masses or events at Sacred Heart. Do not park in our 'Drop off zone' or on any double yellow lines in London Road, as you could be ticketed. Angela in the parish office is liaising with the freehold landlord to confirm our boundaries. We will keep you informed.



Job Vacancies and Volunteering Opportunities

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Looking for a new opportunity?

Please visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about/careers/

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