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Jesus Prince of Peace
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**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

Havant Pastoral Area Webpage:

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/havant-pastoral-area/



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)

13/14 DECEMBER 2025

Fr. Tom writes...

The first reading this Sunday, from Isaiah, sees God urging the prophet to encourage those who are losing their nerve: *Strengthen the weak hands, say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!"* The second reading has James telling early Christians: *Do not grumble*, while, in the Gospel reading, Jesus, speaking to his followers about John the Baptist, commends the latter's bravery: *What did you go out to see? A reed shaken by the wind? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in king's houses.*

None of these excerpts lead us to anticipate an easy time as a Christian. Finishing Alpha, or being a long-term parishioner; or being a priest – none of this means the going should be easy. In fact, according to saint after saint, the closer one draws to God the more ruthless it can get. Conversion is a life-long process for everyone who takes the invitation of faith seriously. Masks and lukewarmness and hypocrisies (however 'small') - all get ripped away as we approach the dazzling brightness of the Lord.

The difference is that God is with us, helping us to prepare for Him. How good He is!! Neither personal worry nor temptations; nor all the efforts of secular news media, secular education and state-backed consumerism to take our minds off the Truth – nothing cannot separate us from the love and reality of Christ. Not even death. And it was ever thus, as these readings show. *Stay awake* is one of the perennial cries of Scripture, and one of the deep themes of Advent. Be vigilant, be trusting – for God is real and He keeps His promises.

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 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
Monday 15 December Feria [3rd Week of Advent]	7am 7.30am 12.30pm	Rorate Caeli Mass Holy Hour Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Albert Henry Lewis, RIP
Tuesday 16 December Feria [3rd Week of Advent]	7.30am 12noon 6pm 7pm	Holy Hour Funeral Service for Belinda Jackson Adoration & Confession Advent Station Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart St Michael St Michael	
Wednesday 17 December Liturgy of the Day ['O Wisdom']	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	Paul Spiteri, RIP
Thursday 18 December Liturgy of the Day ['O Adonai']	7.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Hour Mass Mass	Sacred Heart St Thomas' St Patrick	
Friday 19 December Liturgy of the Day ['O Root of Jesse']	7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	Scott Belcher, Intention
Saturday 20 December Liturgy of the Day ['O Key of David'] Vigil FOURTH 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	Angela Louise Meyer, RIP (FM)
Sunday 21 December FOURTH 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	Mireille Bowyer, RIP People of the Parish Damian Whitfield, RIP

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS WEEK...

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
SUNDAY 14 December	Advent Markets: This Sunday: Flower Table Centrepiece Decorations, Chocolate Tombola & Louise's Crafts	10am	St Edmund
MONDAY 15 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
	Annual Candlelit Carol Concert: With the Denmead Brass Band. An evening of Readings and traditional Carols followed by mince pies and mulled wine afterwards in the parish centre.	6.30pm	Sacred Heart Church
TUESDAY 16 December	Rosary Group: All welcome to join our weekly Rosary Group, just pop along!	6.45pm	Sacred Heart Church
WEDNESDAY 17 December	UCM: The ladies meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. Everyone welcome – just pop along!	1.30pm	Sacred Heart Parish Centre
	St Peter's Carol Concert: Families welcome!	6.30pm	Sacred Heart Church

NOTICES & FUTURE EVENTS ...

This weekend - Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip

There are also hard copies to take away, available in the narthex.

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, Peter Molyneux and Lionel Doyle, who have died recently. Please remember their family and friends at this difficult time. Belinda's Funeral will be at Sacred Heart on Tuesday 16 December @ 12noon. Details of Peter's and Lionel's funerals will be announced when confirmed.

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 – All my days (Beautiful Saviour) www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJg7oFklIzo
- Offertory – Pilgrims of hope www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uXO8IUcEZI
- Communion – Come thou long expected Jesus www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlfCpGhYQIA
- Communion – As I kneel before you www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdLdel38V70
- Recessional – My Jesus, my Saviour www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3JtVjYWgk

News from St Peter's School



Richard Cunningham, Headteacher writes...

On Tuesday 2 December the pupils from Years 1 – 6 packed out the church of Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle for our annual Advent Service. In a series of readings and hymns, the children were led from the prophecy of Jesus' birth (Isiah 9: 2, 6-7) through the birth of Jesus foretold (Luke 1: 26-38) on to the journey to Bethlehem (Luke 2: 1-5). It is at this point that our story stopped so the children could focus on the season of Advent before Christmas. Pictured here are the 370 children along with staff and volunteers listening to Fr James Lewis who led a reflection with a special guest appearance from our old friend Fr Jeremy Garrett which delighted the children.

*Everyone is warmly invited to our Christmas Carol Service
at the church of Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle
at 6:30pm on Wednesday 17 December.*

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.

Meeting with Bishop Philip about The Priesthood

Bishop Philip is inviting any man in our Diocese, aged 17 or older, who is not married and who would like to know more about being a diocesan priest, to contact him and to come to a short meeting at the Cathedral on Sunday 4th January at 3 o'clock (finishes at 5 pm). Please scan the QR code to register.



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 parishioner at St. Edmund's, for cost and further details. Deposits will be requested at the start of next week.

Advent & Christmas 2025

Christmas Collection

There will be collections on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at Sacred Heart and St Edmund, but if you would like to donate online:

Sacred Heart:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/waterlooville-sacred-heart-of-jesus-and-st-peter-the-apostle-christmas-collection-2025>

St Edmund:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/horndean-st-edmund-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2025>

Waterlooville Foodbank will be packing and distributing their Christmas parcels on Thursday and Friday 18/19 December. They are always delighted to welcome any helpers on those mornings. Address Community Church, Kite Close, Wecock PO8 9UJ.

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, 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!



'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

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.

Calling all singers from our Church Communities

If you would like to join a 'scratch' choir to praise God, this Christmas, at our Midnight Mass at St Edmund's, Horndean, please email Marijke Miles at music.hay@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

There will be a practice before the evening and also on the night too.



Final Advent Station Mass:

6pm Adoration, 7pm Mass & Supper after

Tuesday 16 December at 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, Waterloooville
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, Waterloooville
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, Waterloooville
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, Waterloooville
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 Waterloooville 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 Waterloooville 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.

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