



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday Masses

Sat 6.00pm St Joseph's
 Sun 9.15 am St Andrew's
 11.00am St Andrew's
Weekday Masses this week
 Tuesday 10.00am St Andrew's
 6.00pm St Joseph's

See below for Christmas Masses

20th December 2009

Advent Penitential Services: Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh, 6.30pm, Sun 20th Dec; Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishops Waltham, 8pm, Mon 21st December.

Christmas Masses: 24th Dec. 7.30pm at St Andrew's & 11pm (preceded by carols at 10.30pm) at St Joseph's;
 25th Dec. 9am at St Andrew's & 10.30am at St Joseph's.

Saturday and Sunday Masses will be as usual.

Christmas Offerings. The offerings given at all the Christmas Masses are traditionally a gift to the priest. Please be generous. Our priests are not highly paid and the Christmas and Easter offerings form a large part of their yearly income. Envelopes for your gift are available in the churches so, if you are going to be away at Christmas, you can put this special offering into the collection at any Mass. Gift Aid donors please use one of your green envelopes

Blue Christmas at Wisdom House, a short service of remembrance and hope for those feeling blue about Christmas this year. Tues 22nd Dec, 6.30pm. See notice boards for details.

Thanks to all who have undertaken the task of delivering our allocation of the Association of Romsey Churches Christmas cards. Your help is much appreciated.

Thanks also to all who planned, organized, helped at, donated to or attended the parish Christmas Fair. Results will be announced as soon as possible.

Lost touch with church? Looking to return? Take a leaflet from the KIT poster as you leave church, or ring Sheila 01794 518071 or Julie 023 8073 4522

Walk off all the extra food by coming along to the New Years Day walk. Leave from Canada Common car park at 11am on Friday 1st January. No stiles but it will probably be muddy. We'll finish at a pub for food and / or drink. All are welcome to come

Many thanks to Alison Wright for her interesting talk on Vietnam, much enjoyed by the 24 who attended.

Ministers at Christmas Masses

| | Communion | Readers |
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| St Andrew's 7.30pm 24/12 | M. French, I Taylor | 1. K. Moore 2. J. Marsh |
| St Joseph's 11.00pm 24/12 | C Brown, C Crampin | 1. R. Milne 2. J. Prescott |
| St Andrew's 9am 25/12 | M & L Foster | 1. ? 2. ? |
| St Joseph's 10.30am 25/12 | M. Ceresa, ? | 1. M Johnson 2. R Peacock |

If anyone can fill the gaps, please contact the Parish Office ASAP. Thank you.

Welcomers please be prepared to act if you see that you are needed.

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| Parish Priest: Father George Lyons Deacon: John di Meo Parish Office: 26 Abbey Water, Romsey, SO51 8EJ Tel: 01794 513646 Sec: Rosemary Peacock E-mail: sasj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Hours: Tues: 14.30-18.30; Wed & Thurs: 10.30-12.30 & 13.00-15.00 Parish website: www.sasj.org.uk Hospital Chaplains: Southampton: 02380 798517 Winchester: 01962 852804 Safeguarding Rep: Pauline Bartlett 01794 511619; psbartlett@ntlworld.com | Priest: Emergency contact number: 02380 612430 (Eastleigh). Other matters to be referred to the Parish Office please. | Sunday 20th December 2009 |
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Year C 4th Sunday of Advent *Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45*
 (P.32 in Parish Mass Book) **God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will**

4th Week of Advent Sunday 20th to Saturday 26th December 2009

Please pray for family, friends and parishioners who cannot join us at Mass this Christmas
Mass Intentions: Sat 19th 6pm, Herbert Howie (anniversary). Sun 20th 9.15am, Charles' Godmother; Sun 20th 11am, Sean Kelly (anniversary); Tues 22nd 10am, Monica Rea (anniversary); Thurs 24th 7.30pm, Christy Webster's intentions; Sat 26th 6pm, Donal Fitzgerald (anniversary)..
Anniversaries: John Tongs (2003); Violet Thompson (1955); Patrick Corcoran (1986); Mary Cass (1992); Blanche Wymbs (1973); John Beale (1986); Joan Murphy (1979); Geoffrey Sonnen (1980); Edward O'Leary (1988); Sr Marie-Catherine (2004); Charles Lait (1985); Joan Rylands (2006). **R.I.P.**

| SCRIPTURE EACH DAY | | EVENTS AND MEETINGS |
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| Our beloved Lord is coming. <i>Song of Songs</i> <i>Luke 1:39-45</i> | Mon | |
| My spirit exults in God my saviour <i>1 Samuel 1:24-28</i> <i>Luke 1:46-56</i> | Tues | Masses: 10am St Andrew's; 6pm St Joseph's Meditation, 2.15pm, contact Pat on 01794 512006 |
| Your liberation is near at hand <i>Malachi 3:1-4.23-24</i> <i>Luke 1:57-66</i> | Wed | |
| THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 7.30pm Mass will be a family Mass | Thur | Masses: 7.30 pm in St Andrew's Church & 11pm (carols at 10.30pm) in St Joseph's Church. |
| CHRISTMAS DAY Readings of the Dawn Mass will be used at both of our Masses | Fri | Masses: 9am St Andrew's Church & 10.30am St Joseph's Church |
| Feast of St Stephen <i>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59</i> <i>Matthew 10:17-2</i> | Sat | Mass: 6pm in St Joseph's Church |

Response to the Psalm: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord; let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel.

Weekend 26th / 27th December 2009

| Preparing for 26/27Dec | Cleaning: St A's: Una. St J's: A & PHooper | Flower at St A's: as agreed for Christmas | Flowers at St J's as agreed for Christmas |
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| | Ministers of Communion | Readers | Welcomers |
| St Joseph's 6pm | Charles Crampin | Larry & Margaret Park | Jean Prescott, John Marsh |
| St Andrew's 9.15am | Malcolm & Lesley Foster | Martin Ingoe, Jo Wright | John Sullivan |
| St Andrew's 11am | Cathie Dunne | Jonathan Brewer, E de Melo | Tony & Catherine Porter |

HELPING HANDS -- Don't feel alone during a crisis -- RING ANGELA on 01794 340403 -- **HELPING HANDS**

Collections last weekend: for the parish: Gift Aid £528, non Gift Aid £247. Thank you.

Items for newsletters to be submitted by 10am on Thursdays please.



