



Second 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	6.00pm	St Joseph's
Thursday	6.00pm	St Joseph's

6<sup>th</sup> December 2009

**Masses:** There will be no 10am Mass at St Andrew's Church on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm in St Joseph's Church. There will be Word with Communion Liturgy at 10am in St Andrew's Church on that day.

**Music for 11pm Christmas on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.** Choir rehearsals will be at 7.30pm each Sunday in December at St Joseph's Church. Anyone interested in joining in is welcome.

**Christmas Draw Tickets** now available in the churches. Wonderful prizes, including a weekend away! Proceeds to the Leonard Cheshire Home in Romsey. To be drawn at the Parish Christmas Fair on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please take at least a couple of books and see if you can sell them. We'd like to be able to give the Home a really generous donation.

**No more Bible Study** on Tuesday evenings until next year.

**Please help. We need lots more for our Parish Christmas Fair,** Saturday Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm in the United Reformed Church Hall (across the lane from our Parish Centre). We especially need bottles for the bottle stall, goods for the tombola, and we will soon be asking for cakes and sweets. We also have toiletries, jewellery, plants, cards, wrapping paper, diaries, etc. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be available.

**Flower arrangers for St Joseph's Church.** Please meet in the church at 9.30am on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

**ARC Christmas cards.** Thanks to those who have volunteered to deliver these. We do need several more people..

**Come travelling.** On Wed 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm, Alison Wright will give an illustrated talk in St Andrew's Church about her travels and work in Vietnam. Do come along. You never know, you might be inspired to follow her example.

**Come to lunch at Bertie's,** 12 noon, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Good food and good company. Menus are on the notice boards. Please let Rosemary at the office know your choice by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Advent Penitential Services:** St Andrew's Church 7.30pm, Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec; Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh, 6.30pm, Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Dec; Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishops Waltham, 8pm, Mon 21<sup>st</sup> December.

**Changed hours for the Parish Office** for one day only. On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December the Office will open from 9am until 1pm instead of the usual hours. Other days as normal

**A difficult Christmas time?** St Michael's Catholic Church, Hythe, is holding a candlelit service for those who find the approaching Christmas season difficult to cope with. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm. See notice boards for details.

**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

**Cards.** Instead of sending lots of individual cards there will be one large card in each church for anyone to sign to send Christmas wishes to others in the parish. Money saved from not buying lots of cards will be collected for a charity for the homeless.

*Many thanks to all who participated in the St Andrew's Day celebrations. It was really good to see so many parishioners and their friends together in St Andrew's Church enjoying such an uplifting and happy evening.*

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**Year C 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent** *Baruch 5:1-9 Philipians 1:4-6.8-11 Luke 3:1-6*  
*(P.28 in Parish Mass Book)* **Prepare for the coming of the Lord**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent      Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009      Psalter week 2**

**Please pray for** Mary D'Urso-Clark (ill) and for all our hospitalised parishioners.  
**Mass Intentions:** Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm, Una's family; Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 9.15am, Anne Blishen; Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm, Paula Woodmore (anniversary); Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm, Louise & Grant Elgin (marriage).  
**Anniversaries:** Simon Coquibus (1992); Dorothy Webster (1993); Florence Regan (1987); Janet Webb (1993); Elizabeth White (2000); Jenny Charlton (1991); Sr Mary Barbara (2006); Paula Woodmore (2008); Charles Esworthy (1976); Irene Holder (1987); Elisa Giles (2006); Eric Pestifield (1999); Mary Ward (2005); **R.I.P.**

SCRIPTURE EACH DAY		EVENTS AND MEETINGS
<b>Memorial of St Ambrose</b> <i>Ephesians 3:8-12</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>John 10:11-16</i></span>	Mon	
<b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <i>Genesis 3:9-15.20</i> <i>Ephesians 1:3-6.11-12</i> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	Tues	<b>Masses:</b> 6pm St Joseph's Word with Communion Liturgy 10am, St Andrews Meditation, 2.15pm, contact Pat on 01794 512006 Rosary, 7.30pm, Marie Louise House Oratory Bible Study 7.30pm, St Andrew's Church
<b>My yoke is easy and my burden light</b> <i>Isaiah 40:25-31</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Matthew 11:28-30</i></span>	Wed	CaFE, 12.30pm in the Parish Centre, Romsey
<b>Memorial of St Swithun Wells</b> <i>Isaiah 41:13-20</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Matthew 11:11-15</i></span>	Thur	<b>Mass:</b> 6 pm in St Joseph's Church PPC meeting, 7pm Parish Centre, Romsey.
<b>Be alert to the commandments of the Lord</b> <i>Isaiah 48:17-19</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Matthew 11:16-19</i></span>	Fri	Word with Communion Liturgy 10am, St Andrews
<b>The Lord will repay each man according to his deeds.</b> <i>Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4.9-11</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>Matthew 17:10-13</i></span>	Sat	<b>Mass:</b> 6pm in St Joseph's Church

**Response to the Psalm:** What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

**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:** Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

### Weekend 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Preparing for 12/13 Dec	Cleaning: St A's: Julie St J's: N. Pearce, J Speirs	Flower at St A's: No flowers during Advent	Flowers at St J's No flowers during Advent
St Joseph's 6pm	David Kenyon	Charles Crampin, R Peacock	E Lapage, Sue Watkins
St Andrew's 9.15am	Carmel McNamara, M. Rayment	Ruairidh Milne, Chris Davey	Lesley Foster
St Andrew's 11am	Sheila Keefe	Miriam Eve, Cathie Dunne	Aidan O'Kelly

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

Collections last weekend: for the parish: Gift Aid £527 non Gift Aid £169. Thank you.

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

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