



Third 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
Thursday	6.00pm	St Joseph's

13th December 2009

First Communion. There will be an important meeting in St Andrew's Church, 7.15pm on Thursday 17th December for parents wanting their children to receive their First Holy Communion in June 2010..

Music for 11pm Christmas Mass on Dec. 24th. 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 Please sell plenty so that we can give a good donation to the local Leonard Cheshire Home.

Christmas Fair. Cakes and any other items can be left at the Parish Office, or brought to the URC hall between 5 & 7pm on Friday 18th December when the stall holders will be setting up, or brought to the Fair at 10am on Saturday.

Please can you help to deliver Association of Romsey Churches Christmas cards in the Chambers Avenue, Viney Avenue, Woodley Lane, Richmond Lane and Richmond Lane areas. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help. We do still need several more people..

Come travelling. On Wed 16th 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.

Advent Penitential Services: St Andrew's Church 7.30pm, Tues 15th Dec; 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.

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.

Mass Intentions: If anyone in the last 2 weeks has asked Father George to say a Mass for a particular intention, please contact the Parish Office to check names and dates. Thank you.

All Stall Holders for the Fair please be at the URC Hall at 5pm on Friday 18th Dec to set up the stalls.

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

Cards. Instead of sending individual cards to other parishioners why not sign the large card in the churches and donate money saved to a charity for the homeless.

Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 19th December, 10am – 1pm in the United Reformed Church Hall, Romsey. A good opportunity to re-meet the people you saw at the St Andrew's celebrations and to sit and chat over a cup of tea or coffee and mince pies. You'll be able to buy last minute cards, wrapping paper and gifts, to stock up with delicious cakes and sweets and to try your luck on bottle and tombola stalls and competitions. It will also be your last chance to buy raffle tickets to win a weekend away, a Christmas hamper, some really good wine and vouchers for a variety of places and treats. The Fair is a social event for the parish as well as raising money, so do come along and be part of it.

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 13th December 2009
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Year C 3rd Sunday of Advent *Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18*
(P.30 in Parish Mass Book) **Be happy in the Lord**

3rd Week of Advent Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th December 2009 Psalter week 3

Please pray for Mary D'Urso-Clark (ill) and all our hospitalised and sick parishioners.
Mass Intentions: Sat 12th Dec 6pm, Louise & Grant Elgin (marriage); Sun 13th 9.15am, deceased members of the Harrison family; Tues 15th 10am Fr Brian Harding (anniversary); Thurs 17th 6pm, Patricia Toohig (ill); Sat 19th 6pm, Herbert Howie (anniversary).
Anniversaries: Jane Mullan (1981); Bernard Pirault (1995); Gerald Bew (1971); Sean Bourke (1974); Kathleen Branfoot (1991); John O'Donnell (1981); Anne Welsh (1992); Paula Soughan (2008); Anthony Benson (2007). **R.I.P.**

SCRIPTURE EACH DAY		EVENTS AND MEETINGS
Memorial of St John of the Cross <i>1 Corinthians 2:1-10</i> <i>Luke 14:25-33</i> The Lord will come to save his people <i>Zephaniah 3:1-2.9-13</i> <i>Matthew 21:28-32</i>	Mon	
The Lord's help is near for those who hear him <i>Isaiah 45:6-8.18.21-26</i> <i>Luke 7:19-23</i> In his days justice and peace shall flourish <i>Genesis 49:2.8-10</i> <i>Matthew 1:1-17</i> He will be called Emmanuel, meaning God is with us <i>Jeremiah 23:5-8</i> <i>Matthew 18-24</i> Come to save us, delay no more. <i>Judges 13:2-7.24-25</i> <i>Luke 1:5-25</i>	Tues	Masses: 10am St Andrew's; 6pm St Joseph's Meditation, 2.15pm, contact Pat on 01794 512006 Rosary, 7.30pm, Marie Louise House Oratory
	Wed	Talk on Vietnam, 7.30pm St Andrew's Church
	Thur	Mass: 6 pm in St Joseph's Church
	Fri	5-7pm setting up for Christmas Fair in URC Hall.
	Sat	Mass: 6pm in St Joseph's Church Christmas Fair, 10am - 1pm, URC Hall

Response to the Psalm: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
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 anxious: be strong and fear not our God will come to save us.

Weekend 19th / 20th December 2009

Preparing for 19/20 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	Anne Coughlin	Martin Ceresa, Jean Prescott	Mike Grant, L. Esplin Jones
St Andrew's 9.15am	Ivan Taylor, Janet James	Michael & Clare Lund Yates	Ivan Taylor
St Andrew's 11am	Rosalina Mandapat	Martin Ceresa, Janet Cooke	Marie Johnson, Miriam Eve

HELPING HANDS -- Don't feel alone during a crisis -- RING ANGELA on 01794 340403 -- **HELPING HANDS**
 Collections last weekend: for the parish: Gift Aid £533, non Gift Aid £191. Thank you.
 Items for newsletters to be submitted by 10am on Thursdays please.