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First Sunday of Advent – Year A

29/30 November 2025

Fr. Tom writes… LET'S MAKE ADVENT GREAT AGAIN

Someone once told me of a T-shirt they had seen at a music festival: **JESUS IS COMING – LOOK BUSY**. Psychologists tell us that humour taps into subconscious concerns of which our conscious mind may be only dimly aware. Who knows what the motives of the person wearing that T-short were, but most of us know, if we're honest, that if Jesus Christ walked into the room right now, we would be so acutely aware of things we wished we had sorted out about ourselves, that we might not rush straight into his arms? And yet we sing every Sunday that He is our Saviour and Friend. And each Mass we receive Him with reverence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Bridging the gap between what we sing and what we are, is what Advent is all about. There is no need here to bemoan the ever-earlier start of commercial Christmas. We can all see with our eyes the madness of it, and the hollow motives behind it. But if you would like to get into the true spirit of Advent this year, try to make it to one of the candlelit *Rorate Caeli* Masses at 7am each Monday at Sacred Heart, or to one of the penitential Station Masses on Tuesdays evenings, where there will be chance to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and socialise with other Catholics in the area – details in this newsletter. Advent is a time of honesty, preparation, and rich silence. When we follow that spirit, Christmas, which (for the record) starts at the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve, comes alive again.

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.

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 29 November Our Lady on Saturday **Vigil FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration Mass Holy Hour & Confession Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	 Holy Souls Mary & George Bartlitz, Intention
Sunday 30 November **FIRST 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	Kathy Nichols, RIP John Payne, RIP People of the Parish
Monday 1 December Feria [1st Week of Advent]	7am 7.30am 12.30pm	Rorate Caeli Mass Holy Hour Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart QA Hospital Chapel	Holy Souls
Tuesday 2 December Feria [1st Week of Advent]	7.30am 6pm 7pm	Holy Hour Adoration Advent Station Mass	Sacred Heart St Colman St Colman	
Wednesday 3 December St Francis Xavier, Priest, 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	 Brian, Intention
Thursday 4 December Feria [1st Week of Advent]	7.30am 9.30am 10am	Holy Hour Adoration & Confession Mass	Sacred Heart St Edmund St Edmund	 Ella Leckie, RIP
Friday 5 December Feria [1st Week of Advent]	7.30am 11.30am 12noon	Holy Hour Adoration Mass	Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Sacred Heart	 Pat Arnold, RIP
Saturday 6 December Feria [1st Week of Advent] **Vigil SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	11.30am 12noon 5-6pm 6.15pm	Adoration 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	T. Barnett special Int for Stephanie, RIP Fr. Jeremy, Intention Joe Pace, RIP (FM)

What's going on this week...

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
SATURDAY 29 November	**Quiz Night in aid of Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance:** Saturday 29 November, 7pm for 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Church Parish Centre.	7pm for 7.30pm	Sacred Heart Parish Centre
SUNDAY 30 November	**Advent Markets:** This Sunday: Cake Stall, Bottle lights, kids games, Hoopla and Lucky Dip.	10am	St Edmund
MONDAY 1 December	**The Breakfast Club:** For all the early-birds among the parish! On the first Monday of every month, after the early morning Mass and Holy Hour in church.	8.45am	Wetherspoons Denmead Queen
	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
TUESDAY 2 December	**Rosary Group:** All welcome to join our weekly Rosary Group, just pop along!	6.45pm	Sacred Heart Church

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.

Notices & Future Events ...

Amare Memoriae

We pray for the rest and peace of the souls of Elizabeth Francey-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.

Baptism into the life of Jesus and the Church

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, Stephen Tolentino, who will be baptised this weekend. Please pray for Stephen, his parents, Godparents and families, that God will bless and guide him through the journey of life.

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 – Light of the world www.youtube.com/watch?v=03G52K9X2hQ
- Offertory – And now, O Father, mindful of the love www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=ZCQy1r-45jw
- Communion – Pilgrims of hope www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uXO8lUcEZI
- Communion – Holy Virgin by God's decree www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HWHndii2cc
- Recessional – God immortal www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-fHv4sY3bo

News from St Peter's & Oaklands Catholic Schools

Richard Cunningham, Executive Headteacher writes... Congratulations to our pupils in Year 1 who coordinated the school-wide collection for the annual Operation Christmas Child appeal. Donations from throughout the school of toiletries, toys, stationery and treats were packed into decorated shoe boxes to be sent across the globe to children living in less fortunate circumstances. Pictured here alongside pupils from Year 1 are Miss O'Connell who organised St Peter's collection campaign, along with Mr and Mrs Whelan from Oaklands and two of the Sixth Form Leadership Team who orchestrated the combined efforts of both schools to help young people around the world for him these donations may be the only Christmas gift they receive. Thank you to all families who donated, and to the staff in St Peter's and Oaklands for their continued support of the Samaritan's Purse international relief charity.

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

Dom Clarke, from the KA Christian youth charity writes...

'The King's Arms' (often just called 'KA') will be visiting St Edmund Church, Horndean on Sunday 30 November to speak to the congregation after Mass. The King's Arms has been working with young people in Petersfield and Alton for the past 25 years and are now starting to develop work in the Horndean area too, with a view to open a new youth centre there in the future. The King's Arms run youth clubs, mentor young people (aged 11-18 years), and also offer services to those with additional needs and young carers

too. As a Christian charity they also support local churches and schools by supporting young people to explore and grow faith with their peers.
Fr. James and others from the parish have already been working closely with, and supporting KA in their work locally and have also begun exploring with them ways in which we could work closer together and perhaps even utilise the front hall area of St Edmund's to host youth work in the future.
I will be available after Mass to talk about the work of KA and the difference that youth work makes in local communities and to answer any questions you have.

*On **Tuesday 2 December** between 11am-12noon the KA will be holding a Coffee Morning at St. Edmund. This event has been planned and will be run by the young people who are currently a part of either our "Thrive" or "Aspire" Mentoring programmes in Horndean. The event is designed to give these young people confidence and a sense of achievement. They will be serving refreshments (tea, coffee and soft drinks) with Christmas biscuits and cakes in our own 'pop-up' café at the church.*

Advent & Christmas 2025

Advent Service of Light

Sunday 30 November @ 6.30pm at St. Thomas à Becket Church, Church Lane, Warblington PO9 2TU – Christians Together in Emsworth – All welcome!

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.

Special Flower Collection

On 6/7 December we will be holding a special collection at Sacred Heart for church flowers. Our wonderfully talented team of volunteers work so hard each week to create their floral arrangements to enhance the church. Please give what you can – every little helps.

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, 30 Nov, 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!

Jesus, Prince of Peace Christmas Fair

Saturday 6 December at St. Joseph's Church, Havant. As you may be aware we are working together to organise a social event to bring our whole parish together this Christmas.

Sacred Heart Christmas Fair

Coordinated by Nina McCormack on Sunday 7 December, straight after Mass for parishioners. Open to the general public from 1.30pm.
John McCormack writes... Our parish Christmas Fayre is fast approaching. We need bottles, new gifts and cakes to make it as brilliant as usual. Can you please bring your donations **to each Mass** and someone will be there to collect your wonderful contributions. Thank you.

'Magic of Christmas' with the Emsworth Concert Band

Saturday 13 December at Oaklands Catholic School, Stakes Hill Road, Waterlooville @ 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.

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 2 December	St. Colman, Cosham
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.

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