



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Millbrook

Fr Benjamin writes ...

During the week I was on a packed London Underground train, full of passengers who for the most part were engaged in their phones and ear pods and keeping very much to their own world. Then I spotted two people, with heads bowed and lips silently moving. Betwixt the fingers of one was a Rosary. Now, I was fairly flustered when I boarded that train, due to the usual severe delays and contemplating having to board another connecting train without having time for a coffee. Seeing those two ladies praying calmed me immediately. It was as if in that crowded frenetic capsule of travellers a little porthole was open to the Divine – and indeed, it was so. Amidst the delays, googling, and podcasting, something of God's Kingdom was also present. Silently, I too began to pray, "Thy Kingdom come", not in order to catch my next train, but simply to be a part of the porthole of peace.

Today we celebrate, Christ the King of the Universe, contemplating Him as our Sovereign and Lord. If, however, He is a King – and more than that, the King of kings – then He must have a Kingdom. I believe I experienced a little glimmer of its glory on that fusty little train carriage. It is so easy to forget this Kingdom is open to us and in our midst, but it is also easy to enter into it and allow the Lord's Kingdom (another term for His Presence) to enter into us and to be with us.

To acknowledge Christ as King is to acknowledge this as being with us, as being the Emmanuel of the prophets whom we will hear in a few weeks' time. We, His people, can act as portholes of that Kingdom and His kingly presence through prayer, charity and service. We can say to the likes of Pontius Pilate, who want to be kings, that to pray is to crown God, to serve is to reign and to bend the knee at the Name of Jesus is to find joy.

God bless you all this Sunday and always

PRO LIFE INTENTIONS

All public prayers of Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy in the Church during the week will be for pro-life intentions. Please write to your MP to oppose the Euthanasia Bill.

November is the Month of the Holy Souls

Please pray for the salvation of souls; for those who are sick and those who care for them; for vocations to the Sacred priesthood and for the Holy Catholic Church. Please particularly pray for the sanctity of human life to be upheld throughout the world.

Please pray each day for our priests and seminarians and for vocations.

Adoration (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);

Rosary, Vespers and Benediction (Sundays 4pm)

outdoor **Rosary** Monday 9am, Tuesday 10am

Stations of the Cross (the Church is open from 9am until 6pm daily)

First reading**Daniel 7:13-14****I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man**

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 92(93):1-2,5****The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed****Second reading****Apocalypse 1:5-8****Jesus Christ has made us a line of kings and priests**

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel**John 18:33-37****Yes, I am a king**

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

NEW LECTIONARY

Fr Benjamin will bless the new lectionary after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday 24th November. If anybody would still like to contribute to the cost there is still time for your name to be added to the bookplate!


A Priesthood Discernment Group

Seminarian Ryan Hawkes is running this group at St Edmund's Church, The Avenue on alternate Saturday evenings for men aged 18-35 who are discerning a call to the Catholic priesthood. Contact Ryan for more information: rhawkes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL CANDLES

November Memorial Candles are now available from the repository in the Louis Suite and from the office. We are pleased to be able to keep the price to £5.

The candles will be arranged in front of the statue of St Joseph throughout November and as long as they last. Please do not re-arrange or add any candles as they will be organised to meet all of the safety standards required. If you do have a preference which week you would like your candles to be burning please indicate and we shall do our best to accommodate your wishes.



HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

Parish Notices

ADVENT CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The Advent Carol Service will take place in the Church on **Tuesday 3rd December at 6pm** with warming mulled wine and mince pies afterwards in the Louis Suite. Everybody is welcome—the Parish is blessed with many people with good singing voices—please come along.

Christmas Luncheon

This year's pre-Christmas Lunch will be held on **Saturday 7th December**. We are pleased to keep prices to **£10 per person** to enable as many people as possible to attend. Tickets are available from the office or the Louis Suite after Mass.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets available **£1 per strip or 6 for £5 (bargain!)** after all Masses or from the office during the week. Please support this fundraiser towards the carpark and new sound system. The raffle will be drawn after **10.30am Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent**.

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Please double down on prayer that the Euthanasia Bill is defeated. The Church will be open for Adoration as usual from **8.30pm Thursday evening until Saturday evening**. Please take the opportunity to visit Our Blessed Lord ask Him to guide the lawmakers of this country and around the world and seek His protection for the most vulnerable in our society. If you haven't already written to your MP please complete the postcards at the back of the Church and post them urgently.

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Would you spend a peaceful hour in the arms of Our Blessed Lord? We are blessed to have continual Adoration from **9pm Thursdays until 6pm on Saturdays**. We currently need Adorers for

Fridays 11am-12 noon

Friday 4pm-5pm

Saturdays 12 noon -1pm

Saturdays 2pm -3pm

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Matthew 26:40)

Stella Maris—Christmas Chocolate Appeal

Please bring your chocolate gifts for our seafarers to the office or leave in the Louis Suite at weekends so we can ensure our seafarers know they are not forgotten this Christmas. We are also very happy to receive woolly hats if you have been knitting them! Thank you

Job vacancies in the Diocese <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

24 Nov (Sun)	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9.00am (EF) 10.30am (OF)	Dorothy Rogerson (RIP) People of the Parish
25 Nov (Mon)		7.30pm (OF)	NO MASS THIS EVENING
26 Nov (Tues)	feria	9.15am (OF)	Alfred Spiteri (RIP)
28 Nov (Thurs)	feria	7.30pm (EF)	John Comerford (RIP)
29 Nov (Fri)	feria Funeral	9.15 am (OF) 11.30 (Polish)	John & Aley Kuzhivelil (RIP)
30 Nov (Sat)	St Andrew Vigil	9.15 am (OF) 6.30 pm (OF)	Joseph Ambattumaliyil (RIP) People of the Parish
1 Dec (Sun)	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00 am (EF) 10.30am (OF)	Michael Rogerson (RIP) Danny McDermott (RIP)(Anniv)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<p>November 30th Golden Goa Association Annual Charity Event</p> <p>December 3rd Advent Carol Service 6pm 7th Christmas Luncheon 8th Immaculate Conception Celebration</p>	<p>December 9th Advent Talk 14th Rorate Mass 6am (followed by breakfast) 15th Bambini Blessing 16th Advent Talk</p>
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<p>Confessions (when there is Mass) Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm Monday & Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm Tuesday & Friday: 8.30—9.10 am</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm</p> <p>Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations Sunday: 4.00 pm</p>	<p>Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite Outdoor Rosary—Mondays at 9am; Tuesdays 10am Sewing Group - Tuesdays at 10.00am Gardening Club - Tuesdays 10am until 12 noon Mother's Prayers Wednesdays at 2.00 pm Lunch Group Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon: NEXT LUNCH: No Lunch 29th November—funeral Youth Group 1st Saturdays 3.00-6.00 pm Catholic Men's Group 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm Bring a Plate to Share Social Last Saturdays at 7.30pm</p>
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