

TO LOVE WITHOUT EXPECTATION AND TO FORGIVE WITHOUT CONDITION

Another challenging gospel! Two weeks ago Jesus reminded us about our relationship with the master and divided loyalties, last week, we were cautioned regarding the folly of not recognising those who were less well off than ourselves: in this weekend's gospel it appears that we are called to see ourselves as having 'no worth' and to simply and invisibly carry on with our daily tasks.

This message, in a similar vein to those of the previous weeks, challenges our culture and rises above the expected norm. Society expects that we will be rewarded for the tasks that we have done, that we will be paid overtime if we go above and beyond our duty. It can be comfortable to live the Christian life knowing that if we fulfil our obligations, our works of charity, our regular duties, then we should expect God to reciprocate in an appropriate manner. This is what happens between friends and equals, but our relationship with God can never be based on equality (we are not God!). He calls us to be servants and all that we do we do by the grace of God.

What this gospel speaks of is 'loyalty': the call to discipleship demands commitment and loyalty. It may mean leaving our families; it will be about carrying our cross. The master in today's parable has only one servant who fulfils more than one duty, he does simply what he is told and should not expect to be rewarded. The Greek adjective for 'worthless' is without need. If God condescends: stoops down putting aside his dignity (emptying himself to be one 'like us') to meet and be understood by us: why do we need to be thanked for our service to him?

In the western world we are more familiar with the relationship of mentoring. A mentor helps a novice to perform to their best, to guide a student through academic pursuits, to model best practice and come alongside. Jesus does more than mentoring. He gathers his disciples around him and expects loyalty, no hint of resentment (forgiveness) and trust.

He no longer calls us servants but friends. He requires of us a faith that will not only move mountains but an implicit faith and trust in a God who came down and will never let us down.

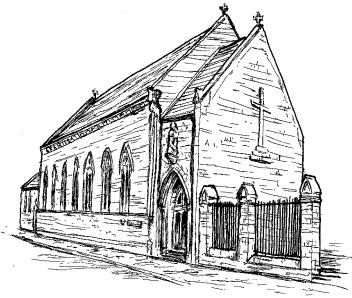
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THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

1. As the demands of following Jesus grew heavier, the Apostles pleaded for an increase in faith. How big is your faith?
2. Is quantity an issue when it comes to faith, is this what Jesus demands?
3. Are there times when our situation challenges the humanly impossible? How strong is our faith?

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2 OCTOBER 2016

**27th SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY
TIME**



**ST JOSEPH'S &
ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE
CATHOLIC PARISH
SOUTHAMPTON**

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SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL, WEST &
EAST DEANERY ALSO INCLUDES:

- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
LORDSWOOD
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
PORTSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING &
ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION,
HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,
NETLEY ABBEY



TODAY SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2016

WELCOME TO FATHER ROSS ON HIS FIRST WEEKEND IN THE PARISH. May God bless his ministry with us.

BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER to be read at all Masses.

MASS COUNTS AT ALL MASSES during October.

CAFOD FAST DAY APPEAL after all Masses this weekend.

RECOMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND READERS at all Masses this weekend. *Please collect your faculties in the Sacristy (St Joseph's) and Inner Sacristy (St Edmund's) after Mass.*

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE 2pm Lymington, meet at the Bath Lan Car Park, Lymington (£4 for 3 hours). Mob. No. 07804 168 304. See noticeboards.

STUDENT CHOIR: 7pm Mass; rehearsal at 6pm.

RECENTLY DIED: *Elizabeth Kenny RIP.* Pray for repose of the soul of Liz Kenny, until recently, Head Teacher of St Patrick's School in Woolston. Pray also for her husband Andrew and family. May Liz rest in peace. *Funeral arrangements at Immaculate Conception to be confirmed.*



THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH/TC/RB

Tues Co-ordination Pastors: VH. PA clergy: VH/TC/RB

Wed Hospital on call: VH

Day of Mercy (St George): VH

Thurs Vocations Dept. meeting Winchester: VH

Fri St George Mass: VH. University Chaplaincy: VH
Housebound visits: VH

Sat Commissioning of 'Safe Families' Highfield: VH

Sun Confirmation Session: VH

BAPTISM PREPARATION 7pm-8:30pm Monday 3 October in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ, for those registered to have their children baptised.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet Tuesdays at the new time of **2:30pm - 3:30pm** in St Edmund's Hall.

CELEBRATION & CHALLENGE: Sharing ideas for Christian Aid Week **7:30pm Tuesday 4 October at Highfield Church Centre.** Meet, chat and share cake with others in Hampshire. Tel 0238070696. See Noticeboards.

ST ANNE'S IN ACTION: A state funded 11-18 Catholic school for girls with a mixed sixth form. Places are open to all families seeking a school with a Christian ethos. **Open morning Wednesday 5 October for Yr 4, 5 & 6.** Arrive between 9am and 10am for guided tours of the school in action and a presentation from Head girls and Year 7 students.

At the **open evening Wednesday 5 October for Yr 4, 5 & 6** you will be able to visit all subject areas, tour the school and take part in activities that will be provided and talk to students and staff. At the **open evening Wednesday 12 October for Yr 9, 10 & 11** you will be able to explore the 'Outstanding 16 to 19 programmes' (Ofsted 2016) offered at St Anne's Sixth Form College. Staff and students will be on hand to talk about A level courses on offer and give you a glimpse of the exceptional sixth form experience. See website: www.st-annes.uk.com.

LUNCH CLUB meet from 12 noon on Wednesdays in St Edmund's Hall. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join.

LITURGY GROUP meet 7:45pm Wednesday 5 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

JOURNEY IN FAITH meet 7pm Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall for all those wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith. Next session: *A tour of the Church.*

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – Friday 7 October. This Harvest Fast Day we are invited to support our brothers and sisters across the world so they have the materials and training they need to be able to grow enough food for their families. Please pray for this work and give what you can. Thank you.

PILATES WITH HILARY 10am every Friday in St Edmund's Hall. *Text Hilary on 07786 617302 if you are interested in joining this class.*

NIGHT FEVER Friday 7 October from 7pm Mass onwards. *Put the date in your diary and encourage others to come. Contact adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk to help.*

NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS TRAINING:

Teams for 2017 are being prepared. **Reminder: all catechists are encouraged to attend the FFM day on 8 October in Havant.** Local training Thursday 20 October from 7pm-8:30pm at St Boniface Church Hall. To join either the City Centre, St Boniface, or Holy Family/SVP team, contact Tina 023 8033 3589 for more information.

CLIMATE CHANGE—listen and be heard: 2pm—5pm Saturday 8 October in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place. Climate change is a complex thing for us to grapple with: we can feel powerless and uncertain what to think or believe. *This public event aims to provide a safe and respectful space in which to hear one another's hopes and fears about what climate change might mean for the future.*

Local politicians have been invited to attend as witnesses. For info: Mike 023 8034 2290/michael.k.willcox@gmail.com.

DAY OF REFLECTION for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers **1pm-5pm Sunday 9 October at St Joseph's House of Prayer, Ashurst (note change of time).** Cost £12, to include sandwich and soup lunch. *Please 'sign up' on lists on Church Noticeboards this weekend.*

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME commences at 2pm—4pm Sunday 9 October in St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley for all candidates. Topic: 'Getting Started'.

SHOEBOX APPEAL: Thank you to all who have returned their filled boxes; the close—off date is 9 October. **A reminder that no liquids (shampoo etc.) or war toys are allowed.** Leave them in the sacristies at either church.

NEXT WEEK

BEYOND DEPICTION—A dialogue between Adam Williamson (Islamic pattern maker) and Sophie Hacker (Christian artist) 6:30pm Monday 10 October at Winchester Cathedral. Lovell Interfaith Lecture—A joint event with University of Winchester. See noticeboards.

'WHAT THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS REALLY SAID' talks at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, Wednesdays at 7:30pm (started 28 September). A presentation by Deacon Bob Birtles. All welcome.



YOUTH CLUBS: Junior **FROGZ** for ages 8-12, meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month during term time from 6pm—7:15pm. Next meeting: Friday 14 October Theme: Shoe-box presents.

Senior **FANNING THE FLAME** for ages 12-18 Fridays 7:15pm—9:00pm, includes a talk. All welcome. Venue for both: St Boniface Church Hall.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS with Bishop Philip at Portsmouth Cathedral, 10am to 4pm Saturday 15 October. Includes Pilgrimage through the Holy Door, Keynote speech by Bishop Philip, Mass of thanksgiving, lunch provided, practical workshops to discover/help the work of catechesis, time for sharing and discussion. Register by completing the online form at website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/#events, email: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or by phoning the Dominican Sisters - 01590 681 874.

HEALING DAY - with Little Way Healing Ministries, from **10am - 4.30pm Saturday 15 October at Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ.** Fr Laurence Brassill OSA, Mrs Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching and healing. Invite relatives, friends and neighbours, no need to be a churchgoer, or believer. Come all day or just pop in. Jesus said "Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed" ... **Come and see.**

'THE TRUTH ABOUT TRIDENT - *Disarming the Nuclear Argument'* presented on behalf of CND, Southampton Quakers and the United Nations Association by Timmon Milne Wallis - 2pm Saturday 15 October at Friends Meeting House, Ordnance Road, SO15 2AZ.

GENERAL ITEMS



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TRAINING: Tuesdays 18 and 25 October, and 1 November at 7:30pm in Immaculate

Conception Church, Portswood Road. Let Father Vincent know if you would like to volunteer.

ST. JOSEPH'S – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: A meeting has been arranged at the **Stella Maris Hall at 7pm on Thursday 20 October** when Father Vincent and representatives of the Parish Finance committee will be present. *This will be a great opportunity for Parishioners to express their views and ideas concerning improvements to St. Joseph's Church, Hall & the Stella Maris Centre.* The objective is to formulate **a master plan for the future use of St Joseph's Hall, Stella Maris Centre and AOS office.**

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK, IRELAND: for those already booked or interested in going on this pilgrimage next year, there is an information meeting after 12noon Mass Wednesday 16 November at St John's Church, Lee-on-Solent. Contact Liz Childlow 023 9255 4970 for more information. Details of pilgrimage on noticeboards.

SPACE FOR PEACE, SOUTHAMPTON 7:15pm—8:30pm Musical Vigil; 8:45pm—9:15pm Silent Meditation Wednesday 16 November 2016 at the Vedic Temple, 79—195 Radcliffe Road, Southampton, SO14 0PS. *An interfaith event where musicians from the community come together and share music, prayer and positivity. Come, sit, listen, join in, pray, be and reflect. See that peace, through music, is possible.* Admission free with a retiring collection for St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace. See noticeboards.

GETTING MARRIED: Congratulations if you are planning to get married. If it is in the Church then you need:

- To give 12 months' notice (minimum)
- If a Catholic and not Confirmed to attend 'Journey in Faith' in order to celebrate Confirmation at Easter
- To participate in the Pre-Marriage Course

See a priest/deacon for all the necessary paperwork Contact the Parish Office to find out more.

STREET PASTORS APPEAL: more volunteers urgently needed. Living out the Christian life. On a once a month rota. *Never on your own - your safety is key! For the outgoing and reserved - it takes all of us. For the evangelist and non evangelist!* For all ages over 18. Faith building: *could you be a pray-er? Are you free in the day to patrol at school? Give an early evening being with the local community? Help through the night?* Application form and details available by calling 023 8033 3387 or by emailing southampton@streetpastors.org.uk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Tony McCall, Fran Morley, Angela Capocci (op. recovery), Caroline Gailor, Rosa Santos, Irene Cartledge, Fr David Hutton, Lucky & Sujata, Mano, Nelum, Felicity Singleton (op. recovery), Sheila & Clare Morris, Morris Penny, John Redhead, Jackie Duggan, Esther Pananwela, Noreen Kealy, Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan, Valerie Summerton (op recovery), Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle, Janette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, Teresa Adams (stroke recovery), Judy Brown, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Bosco and Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Josie Franklin, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, and all parishioners who are ill, having surgery or on our prayer list.

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME for children in the parish in school Year 3 and above (to year 6)

Name of child: Date of birth:

Name of parent or main carer:

Address:

Phone number: Email:

School attending: Year:

PLEASE POST TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR GIVE TO ONE OF THE PRIESTS BY SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER 2016

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2016

*(Key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

SAT	1 OCT	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM *SJ	EILEEN FRANCES KINGWELL RIP (NK)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	2 OCT	27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:00AM SJ	RAY GODDARD RIP (SAB)
			11:00AM SE	SPECIAL PERSONAL INTENTIONS—SHEILA ROY (SR)
			7:00PM SE	DANIEL DAVID RIP (ELIZABETH & FAMILY) AND HELENA MASLANKA RIP (HN)
TUES	4 OCT	ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	10:00AM SE	MARY JANE & JAMES McATEER RIP (BM)
WED	5 OCT	27th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	PHILOMENA GRATTAN—GOD'S BLESSINGS, THANKSGIVING AND HEALING (NW & AW)
THURS	6 OCT	ST BRUNO	12:15PM SJ	LAURENCE & MARIE CRAWLEY RIP (F)
FRI	7 OCT	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	7:00PM SE	DAPHNE & ANTHONY SINCLAIR RIP (FAS)
SAT	8 OCT	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE	JEAN RICKMAN RIP (F)
			6:15PM SJ	ROBERT & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	9 OCT	28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	PAT & MARTIN O'DELL—40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
			10:00AM SJ	CANON GERARD DWYER RIP (F)
			11:00AM SE	HAROLD MORLEY RIP (RC)
			7:00PM SE	RUDITE (ZANEG—DAUGHTER) (HN)

PARISHES MASS TIMES: *Holy Family, Millbrook* Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00am; 1:00pm (Polish); Holy Day 19:00. *St. Boniface, Shirley* Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 20:00. *St. Vincent de Paul, Lordswood* Sun 09:15; Holy Day 10:00. *Christ the King & St Colman* Sun 11:00; Holy Day 19:00. *Immaculate Conception, Portswood* Recon: Sat 10:30 (After Mass); Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 19:30. *Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End* Sat Vigil 17:30; *St Brigid, West End* Sun 17:30; *St Patrick, Woolston* Sat Vigil 18:00; Sun 11:00; Holy Day 09:15 (term time); 10:00 (outside of term time). *The Annunciation, Netley Abbey* Sun 09:00, Holy Day 19:00.

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 St George College 023 8032 2603

Prayer of the Church Week 3

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2016

27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response

O that today you would listen to his voice!
 Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

READINGS SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER 2016

28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14—17
 Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8—13
 Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11—19

<u>2ND COLLECTION TODAY</u>	<u>2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</u>	
CATHOLIC CARE	CAFOD	HARVEST FAST DAY

Collections 25.9.16	1st	2nd
	CATHEDRAL	
Total	£2,843.66	£168.70
Cash	1,272.90	48.70
S / O	1,256.61	96.00
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	24.00

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.

CONFESSION TIMES

St Edmund's: Saturdays 11:30am
St Joseph's: Thursdays 11:45am
 Saturdays 5:45pm