

MOTHER TERESA'S CANONISATION

Pope Francis will declare Blessed Teresa of Calcutta a Saint in St Peter's Square at the Vatican during the canonisation Mass today (Sunday 4 September). This will be preceded by events including a 'family feast' for the poor, a musical about the life of Mother Teresa, Masses and prayer vigils.



Attributed to Mother Teresa (some think she came across it and put it on the wall of her room, some say they are a compilation of her quotes):

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is a dream, realise it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfil it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

Life is a tragedy, confront it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is too precious, do not destroy it.

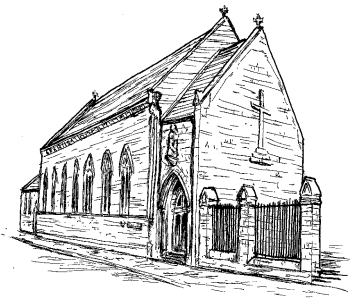
Life is life, fight for it.

Vincent Harvey

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

1. How do you 'know' God's will (1st reading)? Can you 'tap into' the mind of God? How? What part might prayer play in all this?
2. St Paul describes some of his struggles and difficulties (2nd reading) because of the Good News. What difficulties has your faith brought you? What do you struggle with in terms of faith or the Gospel? On the flip side, what joys has it brought you?
3. To 'carry one's cross' is to put Jesus at the centre of life. Do you? When? Where?

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4 SEPTEMBER 2016

23rd SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY
TIME



ST JOSEPH'S &
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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 4 SEPTEMBER 2016

FATHER TOMY IN ROME for the Canonisation of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

WELCOME TO FATHER EZEKIEL SUNGERUKAURI who is with us again to help out during the month of September. Pray for Father Ezekiel's family who are in the middle of the civil war in South Sudan.

FATHER VINCENT BEGINS HIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY on Monday 5 September (two weeks in Italy and a few days 'pottering').

CHILDREN'S MASSES 9am and 10am today.

SHOEBOX APPEAL being made at all Masses.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE 2pm today at Lepe. Starting point Lepe Country Park (SO45 1AD). Tel. 023 8022 3389. See noticeboard.

YOUTH CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsals at 6pm.

THIS WEEK

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP recommence meeting from 2pm—3pm Tuesday 6 September in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome!

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY—A visit to the Divine Mercy Church Slough and then to Ealing, Thursday 8 September (Our Lady's Birthday). After viewing the church with its stained glass windows, one of Sr. Faustino and another of Pope John Paul II, the group are invited for lunch. Leaving for Ealing at 1:15pm. Holy Mass at 2:30pm followed by Divine Mercy prayers at 3pm, includes tea. Coach home at 3:45pm. Coach pick up at St Edmund's, The Avenue. For time of coach and to book please phone 023 9282 0744. Cost of coach £28pp.

BAMENDA COMMITTEE MEETING 7pm Thursday 8 September in St Edmund's Presbytery.

ALPHA 2 REUNION & FINAL MEETING CELEBRATION 7pm Thursday 8 September in St Edmund's Hall for all attendees and facilitators. *Bring and share!*

PILATES WITH HILARY recommences Friday 9 September at 10am in St Edmund's Hall.

YOUTH CLUBS:

Junior **FROGZ** for ages 8-10, meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month during term time from 6pm—7:15pm. Next meeting Friday 9 September 'Getting to know you evening'.

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

NEXT WEEKEND:

RETREAT DAY FOR CATECHISTS 10am to 3pm Saturday 10 September at John's Convent, Kiln Green (RG10 9XP). *The day will be led in the morning by Father Mark Hogan, providing a great opportunity to rest in the presence of the Lord and ponder the Word of God before the busy year ahead. It will be centred on the theme of mercy, will include reflection on Scripture, the ministry of catechesis, quiet time and prayer, confession, Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.* No charge, bring a packed lunch. To book call 015 9068 1874 or email ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or go online to website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/#events.

HERITAGE WEEKEND & FAYRE ON ST MICHAEL'S SQUARE: from 11am to 2pm Saturday 10 September. Stalls and games - raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac, plants, books, cakes, refreshments, fairground organ, music, vintage buses and more! St Joseph's Church and halls open too. *Something for everyone! All welcome!*

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING Saturday 10 September from 10am until 1:30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX) where they will explore their Harvest resources and hear more about CAFOD's work in Bolivia. To book call 01252 329385 / portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

BAPTISM—We welcome into our faith community:



Sophie Dean, daughter of Tobias and Hannah Dean, being baptised in St Edmund's Church at 12noon Saturday 10 September.

APPEAL AT ALL MASSES by Francis Davis Sunday 11 September for International Young Leaders Network.

MONTHLY 'PRAISE & WORSHIP' MASSES 6pm for 6:30pm Sunday 11 September at St Margaret Mary's, Park Gate followed by a 'bring and share' supper and fellowship in the hall. All welcome! Thereafter monthly, date to be advised.

NEXT WEEK:

POETRY SHARE: YEAR OF MERCY 'Reaching Out: The Outsider' 7pm Thursday 15 September in St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street. All welcome. See noticeboard.



BAPTISM OF POLAND—CONCERT WITH

'AVE VERUM' CHOIR: This year Poland has

been celebrating the 1050th anniversary of its baptism. The conversion to Christianity began in the year 966 with the baptism of Mieszko I, the first ruler of Poland and most of his court. As a result, Poland joined the ranks of established European states recognised by the papacy. To mark this occasion a concert called '*Bogiem Slawiena*' is being organised. **The Polish Choir 'Ave Verum' from London** will be performing in **St Edmund's Church on Saturday 17 September at 5pm.** The concert ends at 6:30pm and will be followed by Mass at 7pm. On behalf of the Polish Community and 'Ave Verum' choir you are cordially invited. **The Mayor of Southampton is attending!**

GENERAL ITEMS:

MALE GRADUATE BIOLOGY STUDENT seeks accommodation with a Catholic family for 4 months (September to December 2016). Contact Maire on 012 4382 3619 or email: mairewells@live.com.

SPRINGHILL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY—ASSISTANT SITE MANAGER. For further details and an application form please visit the school website www.springhillcatholic.co.uk/staff-vacancies. Closing date 12noon Monday 5 September.



'FANNING THE FLAME' WALK—SPONSORS

NEEDED: Jenepher Parry Davies will be doing the walk again this year. A prize of an Aloe Vera plant for the highest sponsor! See Jenepher after 11am Mass for all the details.

TWO HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS—SEPTEMBER 2016

Mary Berridge 1st prize £20 ● Gerry Croft 2nd prize £10

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND

24-25 SEPTEMBER 2016

- Aims to stimulate our faith in a joyful and spiritual atmosphere of Christian community
- For all ages, young and old, singles and families
- Talks, workshops, drama and mime, lively Spirit-filled praise and worship, and daily Mass
- Children's streams to allow parents to attend the main events while their children are led in creative and spiritual activities by trained adult leaders
- Opportunities for being prayed over by the prayer ministry team
- Conference fee includes an evening meal on the Saturday

"Angela and I always look forward eagerly to this conference. We know the four main speakers and they are inspirational. The conference attracts people from a wide area outside Southampton. We are blessed to have it on our doorstep at St George Catholic College. There is still time to book, either by phone 023 8029 2058 or on the website www.celebrateconference.org. For more details contact Angela or I on 023 8077 2868." Frank Capocci

OPEN EVENING AT ST MARY'S COLLEGE from 6:30pm—9:30pm Monday 19 September. Contact info: website: www.stmaryscollege.co.uk; Tel 023 8067 1267; address 57 Midanbury Lane, Bitterne Park, Southampton, SO18 4DJ. See noticeboard.

CALLED AND GIFTED TEACHING AND RETREAT WEEKEND 1– 2 OCTOBER 2016 taking place at Cold Ash Retreat Centre, Newbury. A time of teaching, discussion, praying, reflections, opportunity for Confession and Adoration. Starts 11am on 1st and finishes at 3:30pm on the 2nd. Cost £70 to cover accommodation and meals. Email csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book.



We are hoping to bring **Messy Church** to St Joseph's and St Edmund's – beginning with an Advent themed Messy Church session in November. Messy Church is about arts and crafts, stories and fun aimed at children and their parents.

In order to run Messy Church sessions (about 7/8 sessions a year), we need helpers. These sessions will run on a Saturday lasting an hour and a half and won't need huge amounts of preparation (one initial meeting and then turn up on the day).

Are you willing to lead: A craft; Serve tea and coffee; Serve snacks; Lead a story; Lead a song?
(All resources will be provided).

Please contact Roxy Ashworth on roxy.ashworth@live.co.uk. All offers of help will be gratefully received.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS 10am to 4pm Saturday 15 October at Portsmouth. 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 calling 01590 681 875 or online at website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation or email: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

CONFIRMATION 2017: The Sacrament of Confirmation for our Pastoral Area will next be celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan on Saturday 27 May 2017 at 11am in **St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth**. It is for those aged 13 by 31 August 2016, i.e. mostly school Year 9, but also older. Those eligible must be attending Mass at St Joseph's or St Edmund's (6:15pm, 9am, 10am, 11am or 7pm). **The first session of the programme is on Sunday 9 October 2016, and thereafter on the 2nd Sunday of the month (with a retreat weekend 13th & 14th May 2017). Each session is from 2pm-4 pm in St. Boniface Hall, Shirley.**

Candidates need to send a short letter or e-mail to Father Vincent (vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) applying to join the programme and saying why they would like to be confirmed. **Closing date to apply is 30 September 2016.** (Father Vincent is away for 3 weeks in September.)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TRAINING: Fr Antony Gatt will be running a training course for those wishing to volunteer as Extraordinary Ministers. **These will be run on Tuesdays 18 & 25 October and 1 November at 7:30pm in Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood Road.** Let Father Vincent know if you would like to volunteer as an Extraordinary Minister at St Joseph's or St Edmund's; they are needed at all Masses.

DIOCESAN LAUDATO SI' CONFERENCE 10am to 3pm Saturday 12 November at the Winchester Discovery Centre, Jewry Street, Winchester (opposite St Peter's Church). Chaired by Bishop Philip Egan. *Speakers include Prof. Mary Grey and Rev Dr Augusto Zampini on Laudato Si' and Robert Nutchison on the Paris Summit Conference.* Panel discussion, refreshments and lunch provided. Suggested donation £5. Register by email at laudatosi12nov@gmail.com.

TASTE OF CHRISTMAS AT THE DELMONT HOTEL, SCARBOROUGH trip away for the elderly from 12—16 December 2016. Cost £218pp includes return coach travel, half board accommodation, all rooms en-suite, live entertainment, 2 full day excursions, inclusive of £1 house bar 7–10pm nightly. Call Anne Monaghan 8033 3589 if you are interested. Arranged by Opal Travel Group.

CAR PARKING: A reminder that Park Centrale Estate is private and no parking is allowed.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Caroline Gailor, Rosa Santos, Irene Cartledge, Tony McCall, Father David Hutton, Lucky & Sujata, Mano, Nelum, Karen Nugent (op recovery), Felicity Singleton (op. recovery), Sheila and Clare Morris, Morris & Patricia 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, Laura Pinson and all parishioners who are ill, having surgery or on our prayer list.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 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	3 SEP	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	*SJ	KEN & ALISON ROUSE & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING FOR YOUR 40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (BM, TG & PG)
					7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	4 SEP	23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	SEBASTIAN MONTEIRO RIP (F)
			10:00AM	SJ	MADELEINE ELIZABETH WARBURG RIP (F)
			11:00AM	SE	RANJITH'S 70th BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
			7:00PM	SE	EDGAR WARDROP RIP (2nd ANNIVERSARY) (TW)
TUES	6 SEP	23rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM	SE	ROBERT & ROBERT'S FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
WED	7 SEP	23rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM	SE	PHIL—A MOTHER'S INTENTIONS (MM)
THURS	8 SEP	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	12:15PM	SJ	PAT POVEY—WELLBEING (IK)
FRI	9 SEP	ST PETER CLAVER	7:00PM	SE	MARY WALSH RIP (TIPPERARY, IRELAND) (T&DD)
SAT	10 SEP	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM	SE	SISTER OLGA MEEROMZEFF RIP (RT & MT)
			6:15PM	SJ	SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	11 SEP	24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM	SJ	RITA DOONOR RIP (MB)
			11:00AM	SE	COYLE FAMILY—PAST & PRESENT (RC)
			7:00PM	SE	BRIDIE, PADDY & TOMMY REILLY RIP (PR)

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 St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
 St George College 023 8032 2603

Prayer of the Church Week 3

SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2016 **23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** **Psalm Response**

O Lord, you have been our refuge
 from one generation to the next.

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord, because
 I have made known to you everything
 I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

READINGS SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2016 **24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Exodus 32:7—11, 13—14
 Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12—17
 Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1—32

2ND COLLECTION TODAY **2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND INT. YOUNG LEADERS NETWORK PROJECT

Collections 28.8.16	1st	2nd—Catholic Home Care
Total	£2,507.92	£431.50
Cash	937.16	267.75
S / O	1,256.61	131.00
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	32.75

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