



29 JANUARY 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

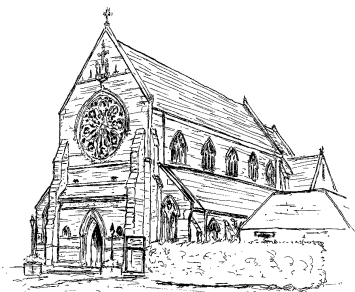


ST JOSEPH'S &
ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE
CATHOLIC PARISH
SOUTHAMPTON

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF

STELLA MARIS 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



PLATITUDES FOR LIFE

The Beatitudes are described as poetic sayings that present, encourage and praise honourable behaviour: honourable not just in the sight of men but more importantly honour that is esteemed and determined by God. In the Mediterranean world in Jesus' time honour was the central feature that drove behaviour.

Sadly, in our present economic, social and political climate everything that is considered truly honourable and worthy of praise by God is often opposite to what humanity or any culture demonstrates or thinks. Society is not driven by values of honour and shame but by materialism and consumerism. It is often only in times of crisis or natural disaster that survivors and those who mourn realise that life is more precious than possessions.

Crisis forces us toward a genuine reassessment of values. As we remember those who die in the Holocaust: it is those who were tortured, those who suffered, those who were pure in heart who will truly see God. But we should not wait for crisis.

Humility and integrity, as the prophet Isaiah reminds us, are the path to life. It is only through seeking values that are contrary to the populous that we can grow closer to God. If our modern age has lost anything that needs to be rediscovered; if individuals have lost anything that needs to be preserved again it is a commitment to humility.

St Benedict in his rule reflects on Jacob's ladder as described in Genesis 'angels descending and ascending'. St Benedict reminds us that this ladder is reflective of our spiritual journey and one which connects Heaven and Earth. The idea of human achievement 'getting ahead', 'being on top' are marks of human achievement but in the spiritual life up is down and down is up! We descend by exaltation and we ascend by humility.

In other words, the goals and aims of the spiritual life are very different from the goals and values that we've been taught by the world around us. The very consciousness of God is central to the spiritual life. As we prepare our First Holy Communion children for the sacrament of reconciliation, we are encouraging them with their parents as an examination of conscience, to reflect on those gentle but challenging sayings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. May our platitudes be the Beatitudes; through which we can be steeped in the mind of God.

Tina Quinn

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. The Beatitudes are not so much a moral code as a way of life (Gospel) and therefore, are about your identity as a follower of Jesus. What difference do they make in your life?
2. Which Beatitude do you most like? Why? Does it reflect you? Do you live it?
3. Which Beatitude do you most struggle with? Why? Can you do anything about it?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2017

WELCOME AND THANKS TO FATHER DES celebrating the 9am and 11am Masses today at St Edmund's Church.



BAPTISM: We welcome into our faith community **Olaf Klimas**, son of Artur and Aleksandra, being baptised at 12:30pm at St Edmund's Church.

BLESSING OF COUPLES FOR MARRIAGE at 7pm Mass Sunday 29 January at St Edmund's Church.

PRAISE & WORSHIP CHOIR 7pm Mass. Rehearsals 6pm.

RECENTLY DIED: Antoneta Virginia Monteiro RIP late of



The Birches Nursing Home, Water Lane, Totton and formerly Harborough Road, Polygon. Requiem Mass 10am Thursday 9 February in St Edmund's Church followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. May her dear soul rest in peace. Please keep her family in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Fr Tomy away until 3rd Feb (and then takes up at SVP)

Deacon Andy away until 1st February

St Vincent de Paul: Masses etc. being celebrated by Fr V, Fr R and Fr Des until Fr Tomy takes over

Mon Day off: VH

Tues Springhill Chaplaincy: VH

Wed Mass at HF: VH;

Mass at St Anne: VH. SSSR: VH

Thurs CA Spirituality Team in Southwark: VH

Independent Advisory Group (*Hampshire Police*) VH

Fri Inset Day St George (Ashurst): VH/RB

Housebound: VH. Night Fever: VH/RB

Sat Holy Family: VH

Sun St Vincent de Paul: VH. Holy Family: VH

Medina Mosque Open Day: VH

MARRIAGE PREPARATION final session 7:30pm Tuesday 31 January in St Edmund's Hall for couples who have registered. Course fully booked.

WEB TEAM meeting 7:30pm Tuesday 31 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: Comfort for the afflicted. That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalised, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

LUNCH CLUB Wednesdays at 12noon in St Edmund's Hall. **Helpers and drivers needed.** Please contact Anne Monaghan at the Parish Office if you can help or would like to join.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) meet 7:30pm Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ for those interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith.

PILATES WITH HILARY Fridays at 10am in St Edmund's Hall. *Text Hilary on 07786 617302 if you are interested.*

ST ANNE'S YEAR 10 MASS 2:25pm Friday 3 February in St Edmund's Church.

NIGHT FEVER takes place at St Edmund's Church Friday 3 February. Please come along between 8pm and 10:30pm to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar. If you would like to come along to join **'the Team'** please come to **the briefing at 7:30pm** (after the 7pm Mass). Father Vincent and Father Ross will be available for Confession.

NEXT WEEKEND

BETHANY GROUP 9:45am Saturday 4 February in St Edmund's Presbytery.

CAFOD Supporters' Meeting Saturday 4 February 10am—1:30pm St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX.

CALLED AND GIFTED FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-35 yrs) at Southampton University 10:30am—7pm Saturday 4 February. Check out Facebook: *"Called and Gifted Young Adults"*. See noticeboards.



FUNDRAISING CAKE SALE IN AID OF MARIE CURIE CANCER CHARITY being held at **St Joseph's Church Saturday 4 February after Saturday 6:15pm and 10am Mass on Sunday 5 February.** Anna Prince, a young parishioner of

St Joseph's, is striving to achieve the Baden Powell award (the highest award in Girl Guides). She has chosen the Marie Curie charity to support due to the help they gave to her Grandfather during the last few weeks of his life. *In anticipation Anna says "Thank you for buying my cakes."* Please support Anna if you can.

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY—Welcome and thanks to Fr Des celebrating the 9am and 11am Masses at St Edmund's so that Father Vincent can help at St Vincent de Paul and Holy Family.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE 2pm Sunday 5 February at Corhampton. Starts at Corhampton Church car park. Tel 023 8076 6684. See more info on noticeboards.

NEXT WEEK

DIOCESAN HEALTH & SAFETY AUDIT of St Edmund and St Joseph properties 12:30pm Tuesday 7 February.

FACILITATORS MEETING: *"Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible"* at 7:30pm Tuesday 7 February in St Edmund's Hall.

CITY PRAYER FOR OLDER PEOPLE 1pm—3pm Wednesday 8 February at Central Hall, Room 1, St Mary Street, Southampton, SO14 1NF. All welcome.

CCPG meeting 7:45pm Wednesday 8 February in St Edmund's Presbytery.

EU WELCOME PROJECT meeting 7pm Thursday 9 February in St Edmund's Presbytery.



YOUTH CLUBS: Junior **FROGZ** for ages 8-12, meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month from 6pm—7:15pm. *Next meeting: Friday 10 February. Theme: Who Was St Boniface?*

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 10:30am—12 noon Saturday 11 February in St Anne's School for parents and candidates.

BACON BUTTY & CAKE SALE



Sunday 12 February
after 9am Mass
in St Edmund's Hall
Cake donations gratefully
received. Proceeds towards HCPT.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2pm—4pm Sunday 12 February in St Boniface Church Hall. Theme: 'Jesus—more than a mere man'.

GENERAL ITEMS

NOW FULLY BOOKED—'UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE' a DVD course by Jeff Cavins being run in the parish during Lent.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE 10am Saturday 18 February. Letters have gone out. *Parents please see if your daughter/son has a letter and respond accordingly. Please return the slip.*

FEARLESS EXPRESSION 2017 FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 'live your faith fearless ... ask Him to call you out on the water' weekend of praise, Adoration, Holy Mass. Talks and fellowship as you discover together how to step out courageously in faith. Thursday 16—Sunday 19 February at St Joseph's School, Church Road, Salisbury, SP1 1QY. Mobile 07904 589 360 or email syc@salisbury Catholics.org. See noticeboards.



QUIZ EVENING being held as a fund-raising event in aid of Asin'get School on **Saturday 4 March in St Joseph's Hall, Bugle Street at 7:30pm.** Tickets £6pp includes a 'Continental Ploughman's Supper' **please bring your own drinks (glasses provided).** To book contact Patti Hayes 02380 268 756, Helmy Duyvesteijn 023 8077 2110 or the Parish Office.

THANK YOU RECEIVED FROM: MISSIO for the £970.26 received from the parish. This will go towards the crucial work of priests in Rwanda, like Father Emmanuel, in bringing peace where there was once conflict and love where there was once hate. *The funding helps to rebuild ruined churches, reuniting divided communities and mending shattered lives in some of the poorest parts of the world.*

MARY'S MEALS for the £70 received which will go towards helping more children receive a nutritious daily meal in their place of education. They are now feeding 1,187,104 children throughout the world.

ASH WEDNESDAY: 1 March ... still a month to go but **we need a few volunteers to organise Hot Cross buns/tea/coffee after the 6:30am Mass Wednesdays during Lent.** The buns etc. will be provided but we need some people to heat them etc. please let us know if you can help thank you.

FLAME 2017 11 March in the SSE Arena in Wembley. Book through youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07780 221686. See noticeboards.

RENT DEPOSIT SCHEME: Thank you for your generous response last weekend to the 'Rent Deposit Scheme' appeal made by Frank Capocci. It raised **£1,090!** **If you wanted to contribute but were unable to please put your donation into an envelope marked 'Rent Deposit Scheme'.**

RETREATS PROGRAMME—ST JOSEPH'S, ASHURST

'INTO THE DESERT': Saturday 4 March 9:30am for 10am, ends at 3pm. Includes lunch and Mass. Donation £20 for the day.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Monday 6 March beginning at 7pm.

GREGORIAN CHANT FOR BEGINNERS: Saturday 18 March 9:30am for 10am ends 3pm includes lunch and Mass. Donation £20.

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD: Friday 7 April—Sunday 9 April 2017. A silent weekend at the start of Holy Week to reflect on the passion of Jesus for you and to enjoy Saint Joseph's retreat centre and the New Forest. The weekend begins with supper at 7pm Friday and closes after lunch on Sunday. Includes the Holy Mass on Passion/Palm Sunday. Donation of £100 with a single room supplement of £20.

All retreats/events take place at St Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU. To book Tel 02380 292 337 (leave a message) or email stjosephscentre@mail.com

DIOCESE OF BAMENDA: NEW BISHOP—

Congratulations to Auxiliary Bishop-Elect Michael Bibi who has today been appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Bamenda and Titular Bishop of Amudarsa. Auxiliary Bishop-Elect Bibi is currently Chancellor and Secretary of the Archdiocese of Bamenda, our twin diocese. Bishop Philip wrote: *This is very welcome news in the midst of the current unrest the city of Bamenda.*

MEDINA MOSQUE OPEN DAY: Mr Rashid Brora and the congregation of Southampton Medina Mosque Trust Limited is taking part in the national #VisitMyMosque initiative. To this end any of us are invited to visit the Mosque, and in the spirit of friendship and conversation, to give us an engaging insight into the life of the mosque and to promote greater understanding of Islam.

The event will be held from **12:30pm—4pm Sunday 5 February.** *There will be a guided tour of the facilities, a short presentation with time for questions with time to view some information about Islam with followed by refreshments.* This will take about 1 hour 30 minutes. **Father Vincent is leaving St Edmund's Church at 12:45pm to walk down to the Mosque. If you wish to join him please do** (useful if you let me know so I wait for you and can inform the Mosque).

PLEASE PRAY FOR Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Judy Brown, Robert Rymill, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Josie Franklin, Mary Berridge, CA, Joachim Rodrigues, Ken Rouse, Tony McCall, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Caroline Gailor, Rosa Santos, Fr David Hutton, Lucky & Sujata, Mano, Nelum, Felicity Singleton, Sheila & Clare Morris, Morris Penny, John Redhead, Jackie Duggan, Esther Pananwela, Noreen Kealy, Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan, Valerie Summerton, Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle, Janette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, Teresa Adams, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Joe Sculley, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill, having surgery or on our prayer list.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2017

*(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	28 JAN	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	DINA RODRIGUES RIP (SR)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	29 JAN	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	RAYMOND OLD RIP (CL)
			10:00AM SJ	PEARCE FAMILY INTENTIONS (GD)
			11:00AM SE	PREMA (MUM) 99th BIRTHDAY, ANNE HANNAY 70th BIRTHDAY & DAHAM 30th BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
			7:00PM SE	CLARKE & CUMMINS FAMILIES—PAST & PRESENT (F)
TUES	31 JAN	ST JOHN BOSCO	10:00AM SE	GEORGE & PADDY (KATHLEEN) CHANDLER RIP (F)
WED	1 FEB	4th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	OUSEPH TRISSOKKARAN RIP - 2ND ANNIV. (JS)
THURS	2 FEB	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	12:15PM SJ	ELLEN BROPHY INTENTIONS (F)
FRI	3 FEB	ST BLAISE	7:00PM SE	MARY BERRIDGE—HEALING & WELLBEING (EB&DB)
SAT	4 FEB	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—PAST & PRESENT—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)
			6:15PM SJ	BOB & SONIA WARREN RIP (SPD)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	5 FEB	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	MARY O'NEILL RIP (GS&SS)
			10:00AM SJ	ANN LAWLOR RIP (DN)
			11:00AM SE	ERIC CLARKE RIP (MC)
			7:00PM SE	CONVERSION & CHANGE OF HEART (JAMES) (AD)

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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Vocations to Priesthood: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vocation/

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

Prayer of the Church Week 4

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2017 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Psalm Response:

How happy are the poor in spirit;
 theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. **Alleluia!**

READINGS SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2017 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7—10
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1—5
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13—16

2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC HOME CARE CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

Collections	1st	2nd— Rent Deposit Scheme
Total	£2,706.02	£1,090.83
Cash	1,135.26	942.70
S / O	1,256.61	118.50
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	29.63

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