



19 FEBRUARY 2017

**SEVENTH  
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



**WE MUST OVERWHELM WITH INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY**

Moral progress has advanced in fits and starts across the centuries. Usually a change in the moral code of society leads to a change in the law. A notable exception in the UK was the Racial Discrimination Act, which it might be argued, changed the way many people behaved and felt about others, thereby changing their morals.

Jesus presented in his Sermon on the Mount a very revolutionary revision of the law, that we should *“love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”* We are called, every one of us, to a very exacting act of moral imagination: to abandon retaliation and to love our enemies. I sometimes wonder if those listening for the first time were sitting down when they heard Jesus telling them this.

What Jesus puts forward to us is that, rather than require restitution, penalty, or compensation, we must overwhelm any wrongdoer by incredible generosity; and secondly, we must treat our enemies with the same justice as we treat our neighbours. The teaching is that love is the central dynamic which should characterise and motivate all human life. Furthermore, absolutely all people are our neighbours, and hence the proper focus of that love. This is Christ's message to the world as a whole.

This is a gloriously wonderful, but also an immensely challenging message. For as Christians, probably as a nation, we have all too often been very bad at loving even obvious neighbours, let alone those neighbours who are our enemies.

Today's message, repeated once again to us by Christ, invites us to enter into and share God's own divine freedom, whereby he loves all of humanity fully. The law of the Gospel is the law of that freedom. To love our enemies, to make them our neighbour, is for a moment to let God set us free of the divisions and barriers of friendship and enmity that otherwise chain us down.

*Andy Philpott*

**THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:**

1. 'Love your enemies' Jesus says in today's Gospel. Do you? Can you? Should you? Why do you think Jesus proclaims this, and other seemingly difficult, if not impossible, sayings (turn the other cheek etc.)?
2. 'Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy' Moses and the community are told (1<sup>st</sup> reading). What is holiness? How can you be holy?
3. St Paul tells the Corinthians (2<sup>nd</sup> reading) that 'the Spirit of God' dwells with them! When have you experienced the 'Spirit of God'? Where? How? What was the occasion? *Vincent Harvey*

## **TODAY SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2017**

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our faith community:



- **Kyle Quinn**, son of Christopher & Aneta
- **Felicjan Kleczynski**, son of Lukasz & Wioleta being baptised at 12:30pm at St Edmund's Church.

**FILIPINO CHOIR** 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm.

**ROXY ASHWORTH** will give a small talk after 7pm Mass about teaching and the Primary Catholic Partnership (see more info further on).

### **THIS WEEK (20—24 February Half Term)**

#### **FOR INFORMATION:**

Mon Day off: VH/RB

Tues Hospital on Call: VH. PA clergy meeting.

Wed Team Meeting: VH/RB

**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.

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP MEET** 2:30pm—3:30pm Tuesdays in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome.

**'UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE' LENTEN COURSE** continues ..... refreshments from 7pm for 7:30pm start on Tuesdays until the 4 April in St Edmund's Hall. The course commenced last Tuesday with 42 participants. *A number of people who signed up did not turn up. Please let Tina know ASAP if you will be attending (we need to know because of resources and the like).*

**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.*

**MASS TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD 7pm Friday 24 February.** *On the last Friday of each month our evening Mass intention will continue to be for peace in our world and we will pray the rosary after Mass asking for the intercession of our Lady Queen of peace for this intention. Please join us for Mass and praying the rosary if you can.*

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP** meet 8pm Fridays in St Edmund's Hall.

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

**LENTEN ROSARY CHAIN:** Please join our Parish decade of the rosary prayer chain to be said throughout Lent for the good of our city. Each person who joins pledges to say a specific decade of the Rosary, at will, every day, during Lent, joining it to the prayers of the others in the chain. You will be given a picture of the decade to meditate on. We will be collecting names after Masses next weekend 25/26 February.

**ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) Saturday 25 February.** You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the *Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit.* Please note new venue: at **Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG.** 11am Rosary; 11:30am Mass; 12:15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1pm shared lunch; 2pm Praise & Worship; 2:30pm Talk "The Gift of Wisdom" by Peter Hobbs 3:30pm Reconciliation and Prayer for healing; and tea. Ending at 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com) or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251 747.

**'A TIME OF PRAYER'** following the themes we used during the visit of 'Our Lady of Guadalupe' last August are taking place once a month after a Sunday Mass. The next ones are:

- 26 February 11am—12noon **St Joseph's Church**
- 26 March 12noon—1pm St Edmund's Church
- 30 April 11am—12noon St Joseph's Church
- 28 May 12noon—1pm St Edmund's Church

This period of prayer following directly on from the Mass will involve Adoration, silence, prayer and singing ... stay if you can.

### **NEXT WEEK**

**SHROVE TUESDAY—PANCAKES** will be served in St Edmund's Hall after the 10am Mass on Tuesday 28 February in aid of CAFOD.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** 1 March ... 10 DAYS 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 people to heat them etc. Please let us know if you can help.

**Ash Wednesday Mass Times: St Edmund's 6:30am & 7:30pm 12:15pm at St Joseph's Church.** The imposition of ashes will take place at all Masses.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Friday 3 March from 12noon in St Joseph's Church, refreshments in Stella Maris Hall. See noticeboards for more information.

#### **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.

**INTERESTED IN MEDICAL MISSION?** Christian Medical Fellowship is running a day conference 'Who is my neighbour?' at Highfield Church, Southampton from 10am—4pm Saturday 4 March. Suitable for all healthcare workers or students. Contact Dionysia on email [international@cmf.org.uk](mailto:international@cmf.org.uk) or Tim [timjimpatten@gmail.com](mailto:timjimpatten@gmail.com)

### QUIZ FUNDRAISER



The next fundraising Quiz in aid of Asin'get School will be held on **Saturday 4 March [1st Saturday of Lent] at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Hall**. A simple meal in the form of a Ploughman's Supper is included. Please bring your own drinks [glasses will be provided]. **Tickets [£7pp] available after St Edmund's 7pm Mass on 19 Feb; 9am & 11am Masses on 26 Feb and at St Joseph's after 10am Masses on 19, and 26 Feb** or through Patty Hayes [02380 268 756/07812 957 456], Helmy Duyvesteijn [02380 772 110/07831 227 602] or the Parish Office.

### GENERAL ITEMS

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY** Friday 10 March. *Florence is a hard working mother who has been helped by CAFOD's partner in Zambia to learn to become a fish farmer and so provided for her family, and give her children a brighter future by enabling them to go to school.* Please support the CAFOD Lent fast day and ensure that more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing. Many thanks from the CAFOD team.

**YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DIOCESE: "The Flame"** at SSE Arena, Wembley March 11, with music from Matt Redman. Book through the Portsmouth diocese at [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or 07780 221 686.

### PASSOVER MEAL



7pm for 7:30pm on Thursday 30 March in St. Joseph's Church. Tickets £10pp available after all Masses or from the Parish Office.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

10—18 February 2018. We are still waiting for flight prices from Heathrow. At present the cost is £1250 per person (sharing a room) plus the cost of the flight (£500?). More details soon. Watch this space. *Father Vincent.*

**NEW READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ROTAS NOW AVAILABLE** in the Sacristy at St Edmund's Church and in the porch at St Joseph's Church.

**MARRIAGE CARE COUNSELLING** for couples experiencing relationship difficulties. Talking to a relationship counsellor can help. Married or not, call 0800 389 3801 to book a local appointment.

**BACON BUTTY & CAKE SALE: a big thank you to all the helpers**, we could not have managed without. The sale raised £171.91 with an additional £119.51 from the 9am Mass tea/coffee club making a total of £291.42 donated to HCPT Group 170. *Fiona Morris.*

**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS:** If you are celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or anniversary over 60 years, and you wish to attend the Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on Saturday 24 June at 11am celebrated by Bishop Philip; please email [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or contact the parish office to book.

### ARE YOU, IS ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY, OR ARE ANY FRIENDS OR ACQUAINTANCES INTERESTED IN TEACHING?

If the answer to any of these is "yes" or even "maybe" please contact St Anthony's School, [office@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk](mailto:office@saint-anthonysfareham.co.uk), telephone 01489 579 100, and speak to Mrs Ashworth. We work very closely with a Catholic teacher training institution called the Primary Catholic Partnership (PCP) in Southampton. Many of our teachers, past and present, trained to be a teacher at the PCP centre. Here's what our teachers have said about the PCP:

1. It provides a real feeling of a personalised approach, ensuring you are supported in achieving strong outcomes.
2. It gives you the opportunity to train and then work in Catholic schools around Southampton.
3. It is very supportive and provides an excellent opportunity to complete the modules towards a Masters.
4. You gain a PGCE, which means you can teach all around the world.
4. The training is really excellent. You can see why OFSTED rated PCP "outstanding".

To find out more, contact St Anthony's School or visit [www.pcp-scitt.org.uk](http://www.pcp-scitt.org.uk)

**YEAR OF CARITAS: Love in action** our theme for 2017 ..... keep an eye open!

**JOHN BOSCO BOYS CAMP** being led again this year by Fr Mark Hogan for boys of secondary school age. Venue St. Cassian's, Kintbury, from Sunday 23 to Saturday 29 July. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £200 (though full and part bursaries may be available). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact c/o Mr and Mrs Mulkerns, 23 Pardown, East Oakley, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG23 7DY or email [dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Sharon Carron, Tony McCall, Steve Norman (op. recovery), Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Judy Brown, Robert Rymill, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Josie Franklin, Mary Berridge, CA, Joachim Rodrigues, Ken Rouse, 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 19 FEBRUARY 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	18 FEB	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM	SJ	PATRICIA & PETER LIVETT & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (PG&TG&BM)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	19 FEB	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM	SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM	SJ	ROBERT & FAMILY—PAST & PRESENT—THANKSGIVING (RK)
			11:00AM	SE	ERIC CLARKE RIP (GC & HP)
			7:00PM	SE	LEONARDO ROSETTI RIP (LR)
TUES	21 FEB	<b>ST PETER DAMIAN</b>	10:00AM	SE	DECEASED MEMBERS—LYONS FAMILY (LL)
WED	22 FEB	<b>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER</b>	7:00PM	SE	LORINA & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (LR)
THURS	23 FEB	<b>ST POLYCARP</b>	12:15PM	SJ	ALAN DRYSDALL RIP (IK)
FRI	24 FEB	<b>7th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:00PM	SE	DON GIUSSANI RIP (FdiF)
SAT	25 FEB	<b>OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b>	11:00AM	SE	FRANCISZEK CIAPA RIP (HALINA)
			6:15PM	SJ	JOAQUINA RODRIGUES RIP (SR)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	26 FEB	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM	SE	ELIZABETH & JOHN WARD RIP (F)
			10:00AM	SJ	MICHAEL IZEDIUNO 7th BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING
			11:00AM	SE	JOSEPH & ASHWINA INTENTIONS—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING
			7:00PM	SE	MICHAEL DAY RIP

**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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**Prayer of the Church Week 3**

**SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2017**  
**7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**  
**Psalm Response:**  
 The Lord is compassion and love.  
**Gospel Acclamation:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
 If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him  
**Alleluia!**

**READINGS SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2017**  
**8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**  
 First Reading: Isaiah 49:14—15  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1—5  
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:24—34

	<b>2ND COLLECTION TODAY</b> FATHER TOMY'S COLLECTION	<b>2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</b> CATHOLIC HOME CARE
<b>Collections</b> <b>12.2.17</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd—Catholic Education Service</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,841.32</b>	<b>£265.74</b>
Cash	1,270.56	138.66
S / O	1,256.61	89.50
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	37.58

*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