

19 MARCH 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

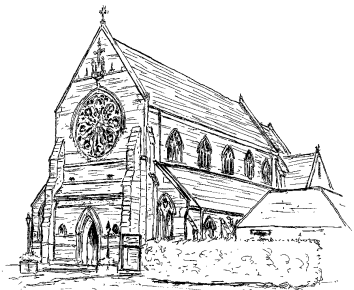


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ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE
CATHOLIC PARISH
SOUTHAMPTON**

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



LOVE COMES TO MEET HER AT THE WELL

In this green and pleasant land, we may occasionally believe we are thirsty, but it is not until we walk for hours across a dry dusty land at noon, that we learn the true nature of thirst. It was thirst that drove us to begin our walk in to the desert, seeking not the water that makes a reviving brew of tea, but the renewal that comes from the living well that is Jesus.

As we journey this week, we meet an unnamed Samaritan woman, who is the first follower in John's gospel to spread the Good News, and her whole town is changed.

She is at first startled by the Christ, but then the romance begins. She went to the well believing that she thirsted for water, but really she thirsted for love. Her many relationships had not brought her the love for which she yearned.

Jesus, too, went to the well thirsting for love, our love. The woman has met love, love who would hang upon a cross, so that she would never thirst again, that she might have eternal life with Him in the Father's House. It is a wonderful love, a love the world had never before fully known and it is ours in Jesus Christ.

It can be no coincidence that this Thursday is World Water Day. Tuesday begins the week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination and Saturday is the Annunciation of the Lord, celebrating the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary.

The Samaritan woman from Sychar in some way represents all the women of the world whose gifts are not recognised, who struggle for justice, and who experience oppression. Her encounter with Jesus is an encounter of liberation for her, and then for her whole town.

God in his love is concerned to bring together people of all genders, all ethnic groups, all ages, all levels of wealth, and all social classes.

Deacon Andy Philpott

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. The Samaritan woman figured out who Jesus was in stages (Gospel). When has your understanding and faith developed in stages? What helped you?
2. Do you 'thirst' for faith? If 'no', why not? If 'yes', how do you quench it?
3. The Israelites 'complained' about God (1st reading). When have you complained about God or to God? Why? Did you resolve it?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2017

WELCOME: Failte! Witajcie! Willkommen! Merhba! Mabuhay! Nno! EnnaVishayam! Bienvenidos! स्वागत (Svāgat) ahlan wa sahlan , أهلاً و سهلاً Selamat datang.

RETIRING COLLECTION: CAFOD EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL—As you know over 16 million people across South Sudan, Somalia, northern Kenya and Ethiopia are facing starvation and the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), of which CAFOD is a member, is launching a full scale humanitarian crisis appeal. **Today we are having a special retiring collection in response to this appeal.** To donate online or of for more info go to <http://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/East-Africa-Crisis>.

Please pray for the local Catholic Churches who continue to work against the odds in the worst-affected areas across the region and for CAFOD as they work with them to address this widespread crisis. *(The Catholic Home Care 2nd collection which was to take place this weekend has been moved to 23 April).*

NEW BOXED/NUMBERED ENVELOPES for parishioners who pay monthly contributions in this way - are now available for collection at the back of the Churches.

MONGU LABELS in the porch to support Fr Cashin's project in Zambia *(put a label on a jam jar and fill with loose coins!*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:10pm Sundays and Fridays during Lent. *(Today's stations will be led by the RCIA team).*

THE 'FIRST SCRUTINY' for those to be baptised (The Elect) and received (The Candidates) at the Easter Vigil takes place during tonight's 7pm Mass. The 'Elect' are called up after the Homily and prayed for and prayed over for 'Healing and Liberation' as they journey towards the Waters of Baptism. The Candidates are also prayed for. All are then 'dismissed' to the Hall so that, with the Journey in Faith Team, they can continue to listen to and ponder the Scriptures.

FILIPINO CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm in the hall.



RECENTLY DIED:

Joseph le Grange RIP late of Shirley. Funeral service 12:15pm Friday 24 March at the West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium.

William Donovan RIP late of Blackbushe Close, Lordshill. Requiem Mass 10am Friday 31 March in St Edmund's Church following by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. May their dear souls rest in peace, please keep their families in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Mon: Day off: VH/RB.

Tues: Hospital on call 24hours: RB

Diocesan Interreligious Committee: VH

St George's Governors: VH

Wed: Vicariate for Vocations, Winchester: VH

Meeting in London: RB. Thu: Various meetings: RB

Fri: Reconciliation at Springhill: VH/RB

Hospital on call: VH. AM Funeral service, PM mass at St George's: RB

Sat: '1st Confession' FHC children—Holy Family: VH/RB
Anniversary of Dedication of Mortuary Chapel,
B'stoke: VH. Teams of Our Lady: VH


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

LUNCH CLUB meet on Wednesdays at 12noon in St Edmund's Hall.

POETRY SHARE EVENING: Theme—Seasons and the Weather 23 March 7pm at St Joseph's Church. All welcome!

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

YOUTH CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

 Junior **FROGZ** for ages 8-12, meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month from 6pm—7:15pm. *Next meeting: Friday 24 March. Theme: Treasure Trail.*

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.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP meet 8pm on Fridays in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome.

NEXT WEEKEND

CLOCKS GO FORWARD AT 1AM ON SUNDAY OF NEXT WEEK (26 March) ... **don't forget!** otherwise you will be late for, or miss, Mass! *(Father V).*

'TIME OF PRAYER' following on from the 11am Mass at St Edmund's Church, stay awhile in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

NEXT WEEK

ORGAN TUNING 9am—1pm Monday 27 March in St Edmund's Church. Adoration will start at 1pm.

MASS FOR PEACE & ROSARY 7pm Friday 31 March; continues on the last Friday of the month in St Edmund's.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP 10:30am Saturday 1 April in St Anne's School Hall.

LENT 2017

On a recent Sunday we heard the Prophet Isaiah say: *"Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you"*. Let 'integrity' be our watchword this Lent in our Lenten observances. May our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as well as our religious acts (Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation, Rosary....), reflect our integrity. In this 'Year of Caritas: Love in Action' may love and action be evident during our Lenten Journey.

WEDNESDAY MASSES during Lent: 6:30am (followed by hot cross buns) and 7pm.

SUNDAY MASSES IN LENT: we will kneel for our Penitential Rite in a spirit of repentance.

'PASSOVER MEAL' Thursday, **30 March:** 7pm for 7:30pm ... get your tickets now ... £10 from the sacristy.

GOSPEL WEBINAR every Wednesday 7pm to 8 pm to discover the depths of the Sunday Gospel. Find out more about God, about yourself and about the Church. To book <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/webinar>

HEALING DAY with Little Way Healing Ministries: on Saturday 1 April, 10am – 4.30pm, at the Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA, Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of healing. There will be a time of praise, worship, teaching and healing prayer. Do you suffer from fear, sickness, loneliness, abuse, rejection, depression or is “something” holding you back? Jesus said: “Lay your hands on the sick and they will recover” Come and see. Tea and coffee will be provided. No need to book.

WILTON MANOR DEMENTIA CAFÉ 10am—12noon Thursday 6 April for carers/spouses looking after someone suffering from Dementia. Interesting talks by local police, Alheimers Society and a time to share. Contact Jill 023 8023 0555. All welcome.

RETREAT: ‘BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD’: Friday 7 April – Sunday 9 April. The weekend begins with supper at 7pm Friday and closes after lunch on Sunday. Includes Holy Mass on Passion/Palm Sunday. Donation £100/single room supplement £20. St Joseph’s, Ashurst Tel. 023 8029 2337 and leave a message.

TWO HUNDRED CLUB 2017 FEES ARE NOW DUE for existing club members. *Would you like to join the club with the possibility of winning two monthly prizes drawn for the small amount of £12pa (£1 per month)? All proceeds go towards the building up of the parish.* Contact the Parish Office if you would like to join.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL SOUTHAMPTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST—CHAPLAINCY DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOU!

- Do you have a friendly and approachable manner?
- Are you willing and able to help patients come to worship in the hospital chapel on, say, one Sunday a month?
- Or, are you able to give up 1-2 hours of your time most Friday mornings, to ask patients if they’d like to come to the chapel services?
- Or to arrange flowers in the chapel?
- Are you willing to be trained and support the work of the hospital chaplains, complying with hospital policies?

If so, you may be interested in becoming a Chaplaincy Volunteer! For an application pack (including the need for an enhanced DBS check, references and an interview), please email the Voluntary Services Department, volunteers@uhs.nhs.uk, or phone 023 8120 6062. For an informal chat, please phone Revd Sue Pitkin, Chaplaincy Volunteers Co-ordinator on 023 8120 8517.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR GRAHAM WILSON, Head Teacher of St George, who has been appointed Head of Bitterne Park School. Their gain is our loss! Mr Wilson has been Head at St George for 10 years, during which the standards and ethos of the College has improved year on year. Under his leadership the College returned to being co-educational and has continued to grow in numbers. We owe Mr Wilson a great deal in gratitude. He is with us until the end of the Summer Term.

GRATEFUL & SINCERE THANKS to Our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lady Mary, Holy Spirit, Parish Priests, office staff and rosary group, Tuesday prayer group, Tuesday Coffee Group, Youth Group, Iris (for offering a Mass), Pastor Yemi Balogan (in Spain), Pastor Michael Cummins (in Surrey), Jackie, Sieba and the Revelation TV Team, for your beautiful prayers offered for my husband Francis and me during our 5 weeks of ill-health. *Your prayers and blessings are very much appreciated and valued. I do honour you all. With my prayers and blessings,* Anushka xxx

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER DES CONNOLLY who celebrates the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on the 21 March (Tuesday). We wish him ‘many happy returns’ for the Day and pray that God will continue to grace and bless him in his ministry as a Priest of the ‘Company of Mary’ (Montfort Missionaries). We thank him for the support he gives us in many ways in the Parish and the City. To him we say: ‘Ad Multos Annos’ (may he have many more years in priestly ministry).

PARISH ROSARY DURING MAY. We would like to continue the devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe by saying the Rosary each day as a parish but *in people’s homes*. If you feel you would like to host one evening, at 6pm in May for about half an hours prayer, contact the Parish office with your details. Someone will be available to lead the prayers if you don’t feel confident to. There is no other expectation, just to have the Rosary said in your house.

QUIZ EVENING HELD ON 4 MARCH. Thank you once again to all who attended and contributed in any way to the success of the evening. The final account shows that £816 [ticket sales - £504, raffle - £158, gifts - £280 minus expenses - £126] was made for the charity, Asin’get School in Uganda. We look forward to seeing you next time.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Sunday 11—Monday 19 February 2018. Flying with El Al: Cost: £1695 based on 2 sharing - All rooms have en-suite facilities. Price includes full board accommodation, entrance fees, portorage and tips to driver and courier. Full services of English speaking guide. Headsets and bottle of water supplied daily. **Application forms NOW AVAILABLE: CONTACT PARISH OFFICE.**

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE with Bishop Philip 18—25 August 2017. To book contact Father John Cooke or Mrs Clare Ryan on 01489 572 797 or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE Shrine of our Lady Queen of Peace. Trip supported by Marian Pilgrimages. Departs 4 October from Gatwick returning 11 October. Cost £589 per person sharing; £130 single room supplement. Call Heather Hauschild 07810 310 316 / hauschild287@btinternet.com

PILGRIMAGE TO KRAKOW, POLAND: departs 20 November 2017, 4 nights in a 5* hotel, fly from Heathrow with BA. Early bird offer of £485 available until 15/04/2017. Call 0800 689 4792 to book.

HYMN BOOKS are going missing from St Edmund week after week. We no longer have enough for any of the Sunday Masses! To replace them all (as they are no longer in print) would cost us in the region of £3000+. Please look in your car, at home for any that may have ‘walked’ as it were, **and return them ... PLEASE!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR Bill Kearns, Andrew Cole, Kathryn Morley, Carol Butt, Sharon Carron, Tony McCall, Steve Norman (op. recovery), Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Judy Brown, Robert Rymill, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Josie Franklin, CA, Joachim Rodrigues, Ken Rouse, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Caroline Gailor, Rosa Santos, Lucky & Sujata, Mano, Nelum, 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 MARCH 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 MARCH	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	AGNELO D'SOUZA RIP (SR)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	19 MARCH	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE	GEO LEEGY—16th BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (SV)
			10:00AM SJ	PADDY JOE HASTINGS RIP (3rd ANNIVERSARY) (MM)
			11:00AM SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRANT & CONNOLLY FAMILIES (PG)
			7:00PM SE	DANIEL DAVID RIP (ELIZABETH & FAMILY) (HN)
TUES	21 MARCH	OF THE 3rd WEEK OF LENT	10:00AM SE	IN THANKSGIVING TO OUR LADY (CH)
WED	22 MARCH	OF THE 3rd WEEK OF LENT	6:30AM SE	ROBERT & FAMILY (PAST & PRESENT) THANKSGIVING (RK)
			7:00PM SE	MR & MRS CUMMING'S INTENTIONS (F)
THURS	23 MARCH	OF THE 3rd WEEK OF LENT	12:15PM SJ	PEGGY FREELAND RIP (IK)
FRI	24 MARCH	OF THE 3rd WEEK OF LENT	7:00PM SE	EDIE HOYLE RIP (CH)
SAT	25 MARCH	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	11:00AM SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF LA SAINTE UNION COMMUNITY
			6:15PM SJ	NORA & MICHAEL HUNTER RIP (MH)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	26 MARCH	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE	THOMAS LENNON RIP (TL&GL)
			10:00AM SJ	JONATHAN INTENTIONS (MCL)
			11:00AM SE	FRANCIS PONNIAH—BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING; EASTER BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING TO THE WHOLE UNIVERSE (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM SE	MARY O'REILLY—HEALING & WELLBEING (JO'R)

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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Prayer of the Church Week 3

19 MARCH 2017—3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Psalm Response:

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
 Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

READINGS SUNDAY 26 MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13
 Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
 Gospel Reading: John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK EAST AFRICA APPEAL CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

Collections 12.3.17	1st	2nd—CAFOD
Total	£2,685.92	£1,212.04
Cash	1,115.16	969.54
S / O	1,256.61	194.00
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	48.50

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