



7 MAY 2017
**FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



**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



**I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SAYS THE LORD;
I KNOW MY OWN SHEEP AND MY OWN KNOW ME**

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocations Sunday because the Gospel talks about Christ being the Shepherd and us as being the sheep who listen to His voice and follow Him. One thing which I am very certain about is that God has a vocation for all of us, part of our journey on earth is to discover what that vocation is. A vocation is a committed state of life that God calls each of us to.

All of us through our baptism are called to ministry, to holiness, and to Christian witness. Some have a particular vocation to priesthood, diaconate, or to be a member of a religious order. It is on this Sunday that we pray especially for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious orders; though of course it is important to remember that married life and the single life are also a vocation from God.

Whilst we lament that there are not enough priests, deacons or religious brothers and sisters in the Church today, God is still calling men and women to this vocation! What happens is that they are often put off, talked out of it by others, or don't get the opportunity to discern it in a supportive Christian environment. All of us need to encourage and promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and the religious life so that those in our community who feel they are called to this way of life are able to discern it spiritually and with clarity within an environment which is perceptive to vocation and calling from the Holy Spirit.

Father Ross Bullock

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. When do you 'hear' the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd speak to you? How do you distinguish this from 'other voices'?
2. Jesus came so that 'they may have life' (Gospel). How do you experience that 'life'? How do you live and proclaim that life?
3. 'You must repent' Peter says (1st reading) ... and receive the 'gift of the Holy Spirit'. Have you opened yourself to the Holy Spirit? Do you invite the Holy Spirit into your life in the morning and in the evening?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 7 MAY 2017

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

FAMILY MASS: 9am and 10am when the children participate more fully.

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our faith community:

- **Lorenzo Orilio**, son of David and Mauela being baptised at 11:30am today at St Joseph's Church.
- **Eliza Chambers**, daughter of Robert and Anushka
- **Sophia Axworthy**, daughter of Thomas and Leona
- **Mateusz Gurkowski**, son of Piotr and Katarzyna
- **Maja Filipka**, daughter of Hubert and Kinga who are being baptised at 12:30pm today in St Edmund's Church.
- **Theodore Lowther**, son of Adam and Emily being baptised at 2pm in St Edmund's church.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE:

A vocation prayer:

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached,

the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the Sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please do feel welcome to contact Fr. Gerard Flynn (email: gerardflynn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or Fr John Chandler (jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) with any inquiry or thoughts about priestly vocations.

ANTI-SLAVERY AND SOUTHAMPTON EXHIBITION TODAY after all Sunday Masses.

We have a group of historians from the University of Southampton who will be exhibiting their Group Project. *Containing primary sources and their findings from local archives, the group will be presenting on Southampton's contribution to the Anti-Slavery Movement within Britain.* They will be at the back of the church, please feel free to go over and have a look at all their hard work. They also have a short activity page for the younger members of the congregation.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE 2pm today at Burridge. Starting point Burridge Recreation Centre Car Park. Tel. 023 8022 3389. See noticeboards.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MAY—Christians in Africa: That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

YOUTH CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: RB/VH

Tues Martha's Management Committee: VH.
Hospital Call 24 hours: RB.

Wed Team Meeting: VH/RB/TQ/AP.
Convocation prelim meeting: VH. SSSR: VH.
Springhill Yr6: RB.

Thurs Meetings: RB.

Fri Housebound: VH. AM St George College/
School Mass: RB. PM Talk to Frogz: RB.

Sat Confirmation Retreat: RB

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP meet at St Michael's Church, Bugle Street on Tuesdays from 6pm—6:45pm, all are welcome. This group (St Joseph/St Michael/St Mary/St Edmund) base their period of contemplation on the tradition of John Main (*The World Community for Christian Meditation*).

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet 2:30pm—3:30pm on Tuesdays in St Edmund's Hall, all welcome.

LUNCH CLUB resumes 12noon Wednesday 10 May in St Edmund's Hall. Contact Anne Monaghan at the Parish Office if you would like to join.

NEW SEEKERS meet on Wednesdays up to and including 14 June at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall. An introductory DVD-based series for people interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith. Call **Dudley Plunkett: 023 8067 9079** for more info.

EST (ex CCPG) MEETING 7:45pm Wednesday 10 May in St Edmund's Presbytery.

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

SUNG MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA 7:30pm Friday 12 May in St Boniface Church, 413 Shirley Road, Southampton with 'Cantores Michaelis'.

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

NEXT WEEKEND

CATECHISTS WORKSHOP for those involved with children between aged 4—11 years. Saturday 13 May, starts with Mass at 9:30am finishing at 2:30pm. Takes place at Holy Cross Church, 53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF. Bring a packed lunch. See noticeboards. Booking essential, email cinty.lake@live.co.uk to book.

'SAYING GOODBYE' SERVICE: When a baby is lost, whether during pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, it is a devastating experience for the parents and the extended family. **A 'Saying Goodbye' service will be held at 10:30am Saturday 13 May at Winchester Cathedral, Winchester.** Anyone grieving the fact that they have been unable to have children are also welcome. Poster in porches.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP to be read at all Masses next weekend.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT FOR CANDIDATES takes place from 10:30am—9pm Sat 13 May and 8:30am to 4pm (Mass at 3pm) Sun 14 May in St Joseph's Hall/Church, Bugle Street, Southampton. Call or email Charlie 07740 301 390/confirmation@pughonline.co.uk for more programme details.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY—ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY Mass at 12:15pm Saturday 13 May in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. See noticeboard.

WELCOME RITES at 11am Mass Sunday 14 May in St Edmund's Church.

NEXT WEEK

POETRY SHARE meet at 7pm Thursday 18 May in St Joseph's Church. Theme: Ballads & Songs, see noticeboards.

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm Friday 19 May in St Edmund's Lodge.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Session 6 10:30am Saturday 20 May for parents and children.

11AM MASS & CONFESSIONS cancelled Saturday 20 May in St Edmund's Church due to First Holy Communion candidates learning how to receive communion.

WELCOME TO FATHER ROY BENNETT celebrating 9am and 11am Masses at St Edmund's Sunday 21 May.

GENERAL ITEMS

'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 take place at St Edmund's on 28 May 12noon—1pm St Edmund's and 25 June 5:45pm—6:15pm.** This period of prayer follows directly on from the Mass will involve Adoration, silence, prayer, singing. Stay if you can.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 18th—25th August ... flying from Southampton Airport! From £849 (train) or £919 (flight from Southampton). Pick up a brochure from the back of the church, the Parish Office, Father John Cooke (lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or the Diocesan Website. Father Vincent will be joining the pilgrimage.

CELEBRATING A 25TH, 30TH, 40TH, 50TH, 60TH OR ANNIVERSARY OVER 60 YEARS. Bishop Philip invites you to a Mass of Celebration at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke **Saturday 24 June 2017** at 11am. Contact Liz Murphy on 01256 465 214 or email stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Eileen Brennan (fall recovery), Kevin Jones (op. recovery), Shane Wing, Michael Parker (op. recovery), Steve Norman (op. recovery), Janice Cummings, Sharon Carron, Bill Kearns, Andrew Cole, Kathryn Morley, Carol Butt, Sharon Carron, 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARISH AWAY DAY. Saturday 3 June 10am-4pm "How we can become a more welcoming parish" for all who are involved with the life of the parish in any way. Come and see how together we can retain, welcome back and draw in those who knock on our door, how we can build community that speaks of belonging, fellowship and acceptance. To be held at St Joseph's House of Prayer, Ashurst, lunch provided, no charge. Please sign up in the porch or email the parish office.

DAY FOR ALL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD. Saturday 24 June 10am-4pm at St Joseph's House of Prayer, Ashurst. An opportunity to be fed, updated and have time away with the Lord. £10 for the day including lunch. Please sign up at the back of church or with the parish office.

CALLED AND GIFTED Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 July at St Edmunds. The team are coming back to run another of these successful two day events. If you missed the last weekend please do consider coming this time. The weekend will have a slightly different feel: it will run over Saturday and Sunday and run in the context of a retreat. We are all Called and Gifted. If you are wondering where God is leading you, both in your personal and spiritual life, you will be blessed and surprised! Please contact the Parish Office to book.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Sunday 11— Monday 19 February 2018. Flying with El Al: Cost: £1,695 based on 2 sharing - all rooms have en-suite facilities. Price includes full board accommodation, entrance fees, portage and tips to driver and courier. Full services of English speaking guide. Headsets and bottle of water supplied daily. We will begin in Jerusalem (2 nights) then up to Bethlehem (3 nights) and end up in Galilee. During our time we will see the work being done by 'The Friends of the Holy Land' to support Christians in the Holy Land.

Application forms NOW AVAILABLE: CONTACT PARISH OFFICE. **Deposit required by the end of May.**

LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 18—25 August 2017. Organised as a separate pilgrimage to the Catholic Association one, which takes place at the same time. Has its own spiritual and active programme while linking with the diocesan pilgrimage for important events like the torchlight and Blessed Sacrament processions and the principal Masses. For those aged 14—17 (as of 18 August). Tel 01329 318 869 ext 222, or Tom Sellars at email address: youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Places secured with a £100 deposit towards the total cost of £625, an extra £75 links you to the Youth 2000 Prayer Festival at Walsingham, which follows.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 7 MAY 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	6 MAY	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	7 MAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	LIGY VARGHESE RIP (LV) JOHN & HELEN BRADY RIP (AB) HILL FAMILY—PAST & PRESENT INTENTIONS (RC) FR VINCENT'S 38th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (PARISH OFFICE)
TUES	9 MAY	OF THE 4th WEEK OF EASTER	10:00AM SE	UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE TEAM—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (PO)
WED	10 MAY	OF THE 4th WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)
THURS	11 MAY	OF THE 4th WEEK OF EASTER	12:15PM SJ	PAUL & TESSA GODDARD & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (BM)
FRI	12 MAY	OF THE 4th WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM SE	PAT CUMMINGS RIP (1ST ANNIVERSARY) (DS,MC,FS)
SAT	13 MAY	OUR LADY OF FATIMA	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	PJ PHELAN RIP (GP) GEORGE & SIGNE PLOMER RIP (F) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	14 MAY	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) MICHAL SZYDAROWSKI RIP (MC) ADRIENNE 40th, DAKSHI 60th, JUDY BROWN, ROSELYN COYLE & ALL PAST MEMBERS OF MONDAY CLUB—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS) ALYSSA MEIS FINAL VOWS (EC & NS)

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/

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Springhill Primary 023 8033 3954
St George College 023 8032 2603
St Anne's School 023 8032 8200

Prayer of the Church Week 4

7 MAY 2017—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm Response:

The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord; I know my own sheep
and my own know me. **Alleluia!**

READINGS SUNDAY 14 MAY 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

First Reading: Acts 6:1—7
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4—9
Gospel Reading: John 14:1—12

<u>2nd COLLECTION TODAY</u> <u>CLERGY TRAINING FUND</u>	<u>2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</u> <u>CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND</u>
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Collection 30.4.17	1st	2nd—Catholic Home Care
Total	£2,751.23	£490.38
Cash	1,180.47	351.63
S / O	1,256.61	111.00
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	27.75

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