



21 MAY 2017
**SIXTH
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



THE GENERAL ELECTION

In his Pastoral Letter last Sunday Bishop Philip mentioned some of the issues we need to keep in mind when questioning/evaluating a Parliamentary Candidate and their policies. He wrote about 10 main issues:

"First, and foremost, how far will this or that candidate protect the sacred dignity of each human life from conception to natural death, opposing moves to liberalise the abortion laws, to extend embryo experimentation and to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia?"

How will they strengthen Britain's Christian patrimony, its history, classics and values, whilst curbing fundamentalism in its various forms, scientific and religious, and promoting a fruitful dialogue between faith and reason?"

How will they support families, traditional family life and family values?"

How will they correlate freedom and responsibility? How will they build up community, foster philanthropy and support charity? How will they help the homeless? How will they improve the care of the mentally ill? How will they give greater support to the lowest earners, to the sick, to the disabled, to the dying? How will they care better for the environment, promoting an 'integral ecology' with a simpler life-style?"

And tenthly, how will they foster peace, justice and development abroad, whilst encouraging our Government to stand up for Christians who are being persecuted in such places as Syria and Egypt?"

Our Bishops' Conference have also written: *"To a great extent the outcome of this election will determine the approach taken on how this (leaving the European Union) is achieved, the priorities we pursue and the values we wish to treasure as our own in the UK and as partners with countries around the world. It will determine how we can heal divisions in our society, care for the vulnerable, how our public services are run and whether we can remain a united kingdom."*

More information on: gen-elec-bsh-msg-2017-110517-WEB.pdf
Another useful web site: <http://engage17.org.uk> See also elsewhere about hustings.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. How do you view a 'commandment' (gospel)? An obligation, a demand, a burden, a loving response? Why?
2. What must you 'do' to 'receive the Holy Spirit' (1st reading)?
3. What must you do to 'reverence' the Lord in your heart (2nd reading)?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 21 MAY 2017

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

WELCOME TO FATHER ROY BENNETT celebrating 9am and 11am Masses at St Edmund's today in the absence of Father Ross.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



- **Ethan Lu**, son of Shilong and Nan
- **Logan Williams**, son of Grant & Sophie
- **Alice Harrison**, daughter of Katrina & Richard
- **Oliver Tasak**, son of Piotr and Katarzyna

being baptised at 12:30pm in St Edmund's Church.

PRAISE & WORSHIP CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsals 6pm.

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.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH. RB on leave & retreat until 26 May.

Tues Lourdes Spirituality Team: Southwark: VH

Wed Hospital on Call: VH

Thurs Ascension Mass for Springhill: VH

Celebration of Fr Shaun Budden 50th: VH

Fri Hospital on Call: VH

Vicariate Meeting Winchester: VH

Sat Confirmation: Cathedral: VH/RB/AP

Sun Wedding: VH

WELCOME TO FATHER DES celebrating 10am Mass Tuesday 23 May in St Edmund's Church.

ELECTION HUSTINGS

ITCHEN CONSTITUENCY Monday 22 May 7pm—8:30pm at Oasis Academy Mayfield, Ashley Crescent, Southampton, SO19 9NA. Email your question/s to election@oasismayfield.org / 023 8042 5340 or **Above Bar Church 7:30pm Tuesday 23 May.** Questions to abovebarchurchhustings@gmail.com Chair is Prof. Francis Davis, Professor of Religion, Communities and Public Policy at the University of Birmingham, and parishioner at St Edmund's Church, Southampton.

TEST CONSTITUENCY Wednesday 24 May 8pm at St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton, SO15 5HE. Email question/s to davy@stjamesbythepark.org A web site to see how your MP voted on issues: <http://engage17.org.uk> More information on Bishops' Conference Website: gen-elec-bsh-msg-2017-110517-WEB.pdf Another resource: the SPUC leaflet at back of church.

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

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT—The Great Feast of Pentecost will soon be upon us, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to Mary and the Apostles, and so also to the early Church. After Ascension, those first disciples were told by Jesus not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there “for what the Lord had promised” (Acts 1:4). We too, then, are invited to “wait for what the Lord has promised us”, namely the Holy Spirit. Please would you consider offering a Novena to the Holy Spirit from **Friday 26 May to Saturday 3 June** for the New Evangelisation in our diocese.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray at this time for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. As Catholics, we can support this initiative with our Pentecost Novena, Prayer of the Faithful and an encouragement for us to pray, as we normally do, with the particular intention for our loved ones to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

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

NEW SEEKERS meet 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.

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

MASS FOR PEACE AND ROSARY 7pm Mass Friday 26 May in St Edmund's Church. Intention: 'The Victims of Human Trafficking'.

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

NEXT WEEKEND

WELCOME TO FATHER MICHAEL CRONIN celebrating 11am Mass and confessions at St Edmund's Church Saturday 27 May.

WELCOME TO FATHER DES celebrating 9am and 11am Masses Sunday 28 May in St Edmund's Church.

PERIOD OF PRAYER following directly on from the 11am Mass Sunday 28 May in St Edmund's Church. Do stay for 30 minutes of prayer and Adoration.



WEDDING BELLS—Congratulations to **Steven Hill and Jemma Johnson** getting married at 2pm Sunday 28 May in St Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

FILIPINO CHOIR 10th ANNIVERSARY—the Filipino choir will be singing at 7pm Mass Sunday 28 May to celebrate their 10th anniversary. Congratulations and thank you to you all!

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AT 7PM MASS SUNDAY 28 MAY AT ST EDMUND'S: Some of the young people being Confirmed by the Bishop on the 27 May will join us for Mass and a gathering afterwards.



CONFIRMATION 2017: ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S CANDIDATES: *Leonna Aranda, Klaudia Biernacka, Adam Brodzki, Callum Christie, Janek Codlin, Timmy Cunio Browne, Daniel Cunio Browne, Luke Davis, Werner Desouza, Astle Diniz, Ted Gittins, Florence Jordan, Maephie Jordan, Charlayne Pueblo, Kari Paisey, Savy Paisey, Anna Prince, Olivia Reavey, Sophie Shiner, Kacper Sojka, Joel Stoy, Leo Varghese.* Our Confirmation Mass takes place next Saturday 27 May at 11:00am in St John's Cathedral and will be celebrated by Bishop Philip. Please keep all 56 candidates from the Pastoral area in your prayers.

NEXT WEEK (half-term 29 May—2 June)

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH—FLOWER FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING 3:30pm Tuesday 30 May in the Stella Maris Hall, Bugle Street. The flower festival will run for 1 week from 9 September in St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street. If you are interested in joining us please contact the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589. *Many thanks, Sue McCall.*

BANK HOLIDAY Monday 29 May. Church closed, no Adoration.

NIGHT FEVER takes place in St Edmund's Friday 2 June. Come along, get involved ... Starts with Mass at 7pm.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTISES after 6:15pm, 9am, 10am and 11am Masses weekend of 3/4 June for all candidates.

GENERAL ITEMS

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD: Congratulations to Father Shaun Budden (retired) who celebrates the 50th anniversary of his Ordination this coming Thursday. Also to Father Stan Gibzinski who, on the same day, celebrates his 21st anniversary. Please keep them both in your prayers.



JIVE FOR CAFOD (Caritas) Saturday 10 June at Holy Family Church Hall, Millbrook. Try modern Jive, the fun and easy partner dance. Ideal for people of all ages. No experience needed. Professional instructor. Doors open 7:30pm. Absolute beginners class at 8pm, Freestyle until 10:30pm. Light refreshments provided. Bring your own alcoholic drinks. Adults—£10, children under 16—£5. Tickets available after Sunday Masses or call 07828 030 248 to book. **Join in for a fun evening for a good cause. All proceeds to CAFOD.**

SUMMER CEILIDH Saturday 8 July 7:30—10:30pm Christ Church Colbury Hall, Dearleap Lane, Ashurst, SO40 7EH in aid of Diabetes UK. Dancing to live music. Professional caller: Lynden Bowen. Cabaret: Professional Ballroom & Latin dancers Rob Chapman and Joanne Sharp. Refreshments: No bar. Please byo/plate to share. Car parking adjacent or Longdown Farm car park next door. All welcome. Tickets: £7 (£6.50 concessions, u 16 free): reserve in advance, collect on door. Call Jenepher 07891 733939.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Sunday 11 – Monday 19 February 2018 ... still some places but book ... NOW. Flying with El Al: Cost: £1695 based on 2 sharing. All rooms have en-suites. 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. 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 ... still some spaces left.**

PARISH EVENT—DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

FIRE IN HMO (ROCKSTONE PLACE): due to an 'accident' a fire occurred in one of the rooms in No. 13 late last Sunday evening. We are extremely grateful to the Emergency Services (Fire x2; Ambulance; Police; Red Cross) for their swift response in dealing with the situation. Although one room is out of use, nobody was hurt or injured.

HAND HELD RADIO MICROPHONES: We need to replace the hand-held radio microphones at St Edmund (one is out of action and the other is intermittent) at a cost of around £2000! We hope to do so soon. If you wish to contribute to the costs please do contact the Parish Office or one of the clergy. Thank you for the donations already received!

PLEASE PRAY FOR Alison Rouse, Bill Eastman, Christopher Tickell, Eileen Brennan, Shane Wing, 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, CA, Joachim Rodrigues, Ken Rouse, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Caroline Gailor, Rosa Santos, Lucky & Sujata, Mano, Nelum, 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 21 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	20 MAY	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM *SJ 7:00PM SE	NICKY & JOSEPH MYLES—GOD'S BLESSINGS (BM) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	21 MAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	EILEEN & ALEX AITKEN RIP (HP & GC) SARAH KENNEDY-DONNELLY RIP (F) VICTOR MASCARENHAS RIP (VRM) CHRISTINE RAMPLIN'S HUSBAND RIP (DN)
TUES	23 MAY	OF THE 6th WEEK OF EASTER	10:00AM SE	GRAHAM TALBOT RIP (ST)
WED	24 MAY	OF THE 6th WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM SE	CHIDIMMA EZENAWTA—THANKSGIVING (TE)
THURS	25 MAY	ST BEDE THE VENERABLE	12:15PM SJ	CALUM MacLEOD RIP (DMMacK)
FRI	26 MAY	ST PHILIP NERI	7:00PM SE	MATTHEW LE MARCHANT—THANKSGIVING (TE)
SAT	27 MAY	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	CORINNE ANNUNCIATA—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (AW & NW) TONY McCALL RIP (SMcC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	28 MAY	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	BOB JAMES RIP (TG) TONY McCALL RIP & COMFORT & STRENGTH FOR SUE AND THE FAMILY (PARISH OFFICE) ANUSHKA PONNIAH BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING SOULS IN PURGATORY (TE)

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

Prayer of the Church Week 2

21 MAY 2017—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm Response:

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." **Alleluia!**

READINGS SUNDAY 28 MAY 2017

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1—11
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17—23
Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16—20

<u>2nd COLLECTION TODAY</u>	<u>2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</u>
CATHOLIC HOME CARE	WORLD COMMUNICATIONS

Collections 14.5.17	1st	2nd—Church Building Fund	2nd Coll * correction 7.5.17—Clergy Training Fund
Total	£2,693.50	£265.12	£710.47
Cash	1,122.74	173.24	*586.72
S / O	1,256.61	73.50	99.00
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	18.38	24.75

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