



**23 OCTOBER 2016**

**30th SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY  
TIME**



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

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EAST 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



# PRAYER ..... WHY? ..... WHAT?

Last week at the 9am, 11am and University Masses, I reflected on the importance of prayer being part and parcel of our daily lives. An essential good habit. In a sense, part of our spiritual DNA!

The Gospel was about 'perseverance' in prayer. I reminisced on how my elder sister and her husband would insist that they and their three children would, as a norm, pray every night before the youngest went to bed.

As a student I would often join in with the family as they recited selected prayers from some of their prayer books, then prayed for particular things, situations or people. Always ending with asking God to 'bless Mummy, Daddy .....,', and if I was there 'Uncle Vince'! (He needed it!).

Not infrequently there would be an argument, or tension, because one of the children would play up, and then the others jump on the bandwagon! I once suggested to my sister that maybe, when they were in this mood, it wasn't worthwhile as it became not prayer, but an exercise in discipline, child control, even punishment! My sister retorted saying that rooting the day in prayer had to become part and parcel of daily life, no matter how they tried to 'upset' it. She was implying that it was non-negotiable because they had to grow up knowing and experiencing that prayer must become a good habit which is rarely, if ever, ignored or put aside! After all she said, they cannot get away without thoroughly brushing their teeth, or washing their hands, or tidying up: we want them to create good habits for life. Then, surely, that should be even more so for prayer! Who was teaching who?

But what is prayer? Today's parable touches on the essence of prayer, the core and centre of prayer. It is about being humble in the presence of God. It is about being 'fully human': aware of one's failings, successes, trials, joys, struggles ..... It is about being 'me' when I place myself in front of God. It is about willingly letting God see my inmost thoughts, my heart, my feelings, desires, hopes and expectations. Like the Tax Collector, let us 'just be' as we are in front of God, in prayer. Do that in humility and we go home 'at rights' with God in more ways than one. *Vincent Harvey*

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## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Am I 'humble' in prayer? Why should I be? Is prayer a daily essential?
2. How do I pray? When do I pray? When and where do I pray best?
3. For what do I pray? For whom do I pray? Why?
4. On this 'World Mission Sunday' how do I reach out beyond me, beyond my community, beyond my country? *Vincent Harvey*

## **TODAY SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 2016**

**MASS COUNTS AT ALL MASSES** during October.

**SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY TODAY.** Theme: *Heal the Broken-Hearted—Rwanda.* Envelopes available in the porch. Support our church family overseas by enabling Missio to:

- *Fund faith and outreach projects which restore the dignity and hope of vulnerable children and families in need of our care.*
- *Support Catholic Missionaries who give their lives to share God's mercy and compassion with those who are most in need.*
- *Build new churches to be beacons of hope for those seeking a place to pray and celebrate God's love for us.*



**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our faith community **Casey Fisher**, daughter of David and Kerry being baptised in St Edmund's Church at 12:30pm today.

**DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY:** thank you to everyone who completed the short questionnaire last week. Apologies for the lack of pens ..... like our hymn books and Mass cards they have all 'walked'!! **If you were not here last week, or were not able to complete a form** please do so today (there are some in the porch of the church).

Further to 'walking' ..... please do, do check your cars, your homes for hymn books and Mass cards ..... they must be somewhere because they are not here!



**INTERNATIONAL MASS** at 7pm when we celebrate the Universality of the Church: in every country and nation, all languages around the globe. *We pray for those countries that are stricken with oppression, war and genocide. We pray for all who are persecuted on account of their religious belief, or tribal allegiance, or race and colour.*



**RECENTLY DIED: Bernadette Murray RIP** late of Palmerston House and Challis Court, Southampton. Requiem Mass 10am Tuesday 25 October in St Joseph's Church followed by cremation at Wessex Vale Crematorium. Our sympathy to her family. May her soul rest in peace. **Bernie's family invite all parishioners to her Requiem Mass, please let the Parish Office know if you need a lift to the Crematorium afterwards and whether you will be able to attend the wake.**

### **THIS WEEK** (Half Term)

#### **FOR INFORMATION:**

VH away (sister's 70<sup>th</sup> celebrations)  
Mon Day off: TC/RB

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** meet Tuesdays from 2:30pm—3:30pm in St Edmund's Hall.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TRAINING: Continues Tuesdays 25 October and 1 November at 7:30pm in Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood Road** for those who have volunteered to do this ministry.

**LUNCH CLUB** meet from 12 noon on Wednesdays in St Edmund's Hall. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH** *will not be meeting during half term* (Thursday 27 October). Meetings to recommence on Thursday 3 November.

**PILATES WITH HILARY** 10am every Friday in St Edmund's Hall. **Text Hilary on 07786 617302** if you are interested in joining this class.



**YOUTH CLUBS:** Junior **FROGZ** for ages 8-12, meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month from 6pm—7:15pm. Next meeting: *Friday 28 October (yes, is happening in half term!!).* Theme: *Church Treasure Hunt.*

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.

**EU WELCOME INFO EVENING:** 6pm—8pm Friday 28 October in St Edmund's Lodge.

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

**SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN:** Chris Allcock will talk after 9am, 11am and 7pm Masses next Sunday 30 October and at 6:15pm and 10am Masses 5/6 November about an exciting new project that has just started working in the city. **Safe Families for Children** looks to support families in crisis by linking them up with volunteers who can help and get alongside them. Chris will be sharing about the journey of Safe Families and how we as a Church can get involved in a variety of different roles. For more info before next Sunday visit their website [www.safefamiliesforchildren.com](http://www.safefamiliesforchildren.com).

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR MISS CARMEN LOPEZ RIP** at St George Catholic College on Wednesday 2 November at 7pm in the College Hall. All former and current students and families welcome. Please let the college know if you can attend, email: [info@stgcc.co.uk](mailto:info@stgcc.co.uk).

### **NEXT WEEK**

**ALL SAINTS DAY** Tuesday 1 November. Masses 7am and 7:30pm at St Edmund's; 12:15pm St Joseph's.

**MASS FOR THE BEREAVED** 11am Saturday 5 November in St Edmund's Church.



#### **LUXURY AFTERNOON TEA IN AID OF HCPT GROUP 170**

*Afternoon Tea with all the trimmings for the whole family.*

**Sunday 6 November  
in St Boniface Church Hall  
Shirley Road, SO15 3JD**

*Two sittings with separate tickets for each: 2pm—3:30pm; 4pm—5:30pm.*

*Tickets £10 per person: children under 5 are free! Profits from this event will go to HCPT Group 170 who take sick, disabled and disadvantaged children on pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes. For more information, or for tickets, email [nick@group170.org.uk](mailto:nick@group170.org.uk)*

## GENERAL ITEMS

**A CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR OF MERCY WITH POETRY AND MUSIC:** Thursday 10 November from 7pm at St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH. Admission free, all welcome. An evening to celebrate the Year of Mercy with poems the Poetry Group have shared during the year. Music by the Linwood String Quartet. Drinks and nibbles in the Stella Maris Centre after the performance.

**LAUDATO SI CONFERENCE** 12 November. A chance to share our vision of care for our common home with others in the Conference in Winchester chaired by Bishop Philip.

*Two speakers: Professor Mary Grey and Father Zampini will speak about the Pope's encyclical and invited guests for other traditions will share their views. It should be a good opportunity to share different perspectives. Limited numbers can attend so please book your place now by emailing [laudatosi12nov@gmail.com](mailto:laudatosi12nov@gmail.com).*

**QUIZ NIGHT:** Saturday 12 November, 7:30 pm in the Stella Maris Centre, tickets £6. You'll be provided with a 'Continental Ploughman's Supper'; bring your own drinks [glasses provided]. Tickets/Information from Patti Hayes 023 8026 8756 or Helmy Duyvesteijn 023 8077 2110. *You are invited to help start the fund-raising to build some classrooms for an existing nursery school in Eastern Uganda, where currently 100+ children are taught sharing a church floor. The school has been going for 5 years with support from a small Southampton charity, Friends of Asin'get School.*

**'CONVERSATIONS ABOUT DEATH':** Grave Talk a café space where we can talk about the big questions. The topic: The Perspective of a Funeral Director Exploring Bereavement: Highfield Church, Tuesday 15 November 11am to 3:30pm (£5: lunch included). To book: [office@highfield.org.uk](mailto:office@highfield.org.uk) or 023 8055 8234 (Rev Erica Roberts email: [revericarob@gmail.com](mailto:revericarob@gmail.com)).

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK, IRELAND:** for those already booked or interested in going on this pilgrimage next year, there is an information meeting after 12noon Mass Wednesday 16 November at St John's Church, Lee-on-Solent. Contact Liz Childlow 023 9255 4970 for more information. Details of pilgrimage on noticeboards.

**DIOCESAN SCHOOLS' DEPARTMENT:** The Diocese has appointed two new members of the Schools' Department: Miss Catherine Hobbs as Director of Education and Mr Edmund Adamus as Professional Adviser to the Episcopal Vicar for Education. They will take up their appointments in January next year and be based in the new offices of 'St Swithun Wells' near the Cathedral.

**SPACE FOR PEACE, SOUTHAMPTON** 7:15pm—8:30pm Musical Vigil; 8:45pm—9:15pm Silent Meditation Wednesday 16 November 2016 at the Vedic Temple, 79—195 Radcliffe Road, Southampton, SO14 OPS. *An interfaith event where musicians from the community come together and share music, prayer and positivity. Come, sit, listen, join in, pray, be and reflect. See that peace, through music, is possible. Admission free with a retiring collection for St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace. See noticeboards.*

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH Masses of Remembrance weekend of 19/20 November:** 4:45pm Saturday 19 November at St Mary's, Belle Vue Road, Aldershot GU12 4RX and St Joseph's Church, Queens Road, Aldershot GU11 3JB on Sunday 20 November at 10:30am. These will be the regular weekend Masses of the parish. *However their Book of Remembrance will be included as part of the offertory procession and prayers will be offered in memory of all CAFOD supporters who have passed away. If you would like the name of a loved one to be included in the Book of Remembrance, email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or Tel. 01252 329385 by 14 November.*

**HOLY LAND FEBRUARY 2017:** Thanks to those people who showed a serious interest in a possible pilgrimage in February 2017. Sadly there was not enough interest to warrant serious planning. I knew I was 'flying a kite' but thought it best to ask/try ..... you never know. So I am looking at February 2018 (October 2017 would be more expensive and 'busy'). Watch this space. *Vincent Harvey.*

**GETTING MARRIED:** Congratulations if you are planning to get married. If it is in the Church then you need:

- Give 12 months' notice (minimum)
- If a Catholic and not Confirmed to attend 'Journey in Faith' in order to celebrate Confirmation at Easter
- Participate in the Pre-Marriage Course

See a priest/deacon for all the necessary paperwork

Contact the Parish Office to find out more.

**SAVE TREES** ..... to save paper and reduce costs ask to have your newsletter emailed out!

**CAR PARKING:** A reminder that Park Centrale Estate is private and no parking is allowed.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Joyce Mguni, Tony McCall, Irene Cartledge, 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 (stroke recovery), Judy Brown, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Bosco and Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Josie Franklin, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill, having surgery or on our prayer list.

**PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME** for children in the parish in school Year 3 and above (to year 6)

Name of child: ..... Date of birth: .....

Name of parent or main carer: .....

Address: .....

Phone number: ..... Email: .....

School attending: ..... Year: .....

**PLEASE POST TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR GIVE TO ONE OF THE PRIESTS BY SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER 2016**

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 2016

\*(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	22 OCT	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM *SJ	SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	23 OCT	<b>30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	PEGGY FREELAND RIP (GC&HP)
			10:00AM SJ	EDNA MADDIGAN RIP (IK)
			11:00AM SE	ROMEO MASCARENHAS 85th BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS FOR THE GOAN COMMUNITY (FRANCIS & ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM SE	JONATHAN—A MOTHER'S INTENTIONS (MM)
TUES	25 OCT	<b>30th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	10:00AM SJ	REQUIEM MASS: BERNADETTE MURRAY RIP
			10:00AM SE	BERNIE MURRAY RIP (ROSARY GROUP) (MB)
WED	26 OCT	<b>SS CHAD &amp; CEDD</b>	7:00PM SE	BRIDGET BUSK INTENTIONS (BB)
THURS	27 OCT	<b>30th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	12:15PM SJ	PATSY WARDEN—WELLBEING (IK)
FRI	28 OCT	<b>SS SIMON &amp; JUDE</b>	7:00PM SE	MASS FOR PEACE & CONCETTA LONGO RIP (VL)
SAT	29 OCT	<b>OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b>	11:00AM SE	MISS KATHLEEN SULLIVAN'S—INTENTIONS (F)
			6:15PM SJ	MURIEL NOREIKO RIP (GRETTA PHELAN & FAMILY)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	30 OCT	<b>31st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**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 2

### SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 2016 30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### Psalm Response:

This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

#### 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 30 OCTOBER 2016 31st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22—12:2  
 Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2  
 Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1—10

### 2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK WORLD MISSION SUNDAY CATHOLIC HOME CARE

Collections 16.10.16	1st	2nd CHURCH MAINTENANCE
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,681.62</b>	<b>£252.08</b>
Cash	1,110.86	171.45
S / O	1,256.61	64.50
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	16.13

*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