

# A SURGE OF THE HEART

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples about the need to pray continually without losing heart. The parable was meant to show the importance of perseverance, even when God seems to delay in coming to our aid. Most of us would like God to answer our prayers as instantaneously as a lighted match is placed against a gas jet, as though God were like a gas cooker waiting to be ignited by the flame of our desires.

But the straightforward message of today's Gospel is to be persistent in prayer. St Therese of Lisieux wrote 'For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned towards heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy'. She picks up the whole Christian tradition, that prayer is a response in faith of love.

And so, in part, prayer is the articulation of desire. It is bringing our desires into the open, making a clean breast of them before God. We have all kinds of desires, small and large, good and less good. If we don't bring that whole dimension of ourselves as desiring, wanting, beings into relation with God, it won't disappear, it will just be part of ourselves where we keep God firmly out. We are simply describing ourselves falsely to God if we don't admit that's how we are.

Sometimes, people say, doesn't petitionary prayer make God into an out-of-sight wonder-worker, always at hand to retrieve us from the mess we make? The Gospels tell us, God is always at hand ready to pull us out of the mess we make! God is our Saviour. As the Psalmist writes; 'He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm'.

Petitionary prayer brings home to us that it is God who is man's Saviour; that, thankfully, God not man is Lord of human life.

Nonetheless, God's saving activity is reality's most vital dimension, what makes life ultimately trustworthy, and something that is not finally meaningless. We have the promise of the Word of God himself. For 'will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night?'

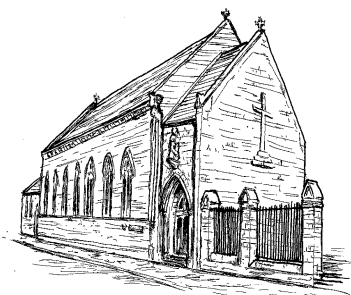
*Andy Philpott*

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## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Do you persevere in your prayer (Gospel)? How do you pray? When do you pray? What helps you pray?
2. Prayer can be demanding (1<sup>st</sup> Reading). In what way do you find prayer difficult? Why? What can you do about it? Can you ask for support, help, advice or direction?
3. How do you learn from Scripture (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)? Do you read the Bible? Do you 'preach' the 'Good News'?

*Vincent Harvey*



16 OCTOBER 2016

29th SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY  
TIME

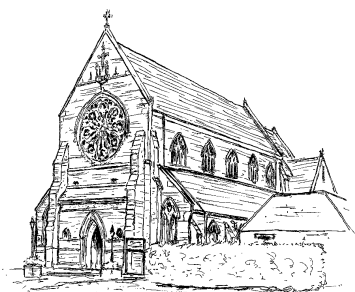


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PORTSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING &  
ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION,  
HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,  
NETLEY ABBEY



## TODAY SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER 2016

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

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Church Maintenance Fund.

**DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY:** Earlier this year the 'Diocesan Social Research Unit' commissioned a piece of work which gives statistical data for each parish from the most recent census and the Office of National Statistics. To supplement this there is a small survey at all Masses today. We will fill it up at the end of Mass ..... it will only take 2 minutes. You will be talked through it.



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

- Isabella Brochado**, daughter of Alvaro and Karin being baptised in St Joseph's Church at 11:30am
- **Finlay Clarke**, son of John and Victoria
  - **Jan Augustynika-Kurzeja**, son of Krzysztof and Alicja
  - **Izabella Dmowska**, daughter of Elena and Lukasz
  - **Leon Jaholkowski**, son of Krzysztof and Ewelina, being baptised in St Edmund's Church at 12:30pm

**FILIPINO CHOIR:** 7pm Mass; rehearsals at 6pm.

**SHOEBOX APPEAL:** thank you for the wonderful response, over 200 boxes were collected in the parish!



**RECENTLY DIED: Christopher Mooney RIP** late of Lavender House Care Home and Bursledon Road, Hedge End. Reception of the Coffin into St Joseph's Church today (Sunday) 5pm

Requiem Mass 10am Monday 17 October followed by burial at St Mary's Extra Cemetery. Please keep his wife Jean and daughter, Theresa Dyer and all the family in your prayers. May his soul rest in peace.

**Bernadette Murray RIP** late of 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.

## THIS WEEK

### FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH/TC/RB

Fri Lourdes Meeting: London: VH

Sat Wedding: VH

Mass Southampton: TC

Sun Mass Basingstoke: TC

**NB: TUESDAY MASS ON 18 OCTOBER AT ST EDMUND'S WILL START AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 9:30AM.**

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

**MARTHA'S MANAGEMENT MEETING** 7pm Tuesday 18 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TRAINING: Tuesdays 18, 25 October and 1 November at 7:30pm in Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood Road.** Let Father Vincent know if you would like to volunteer.

**MARRIAGE PREP TEAM MEETING** 7:30pm Tuesday 18 October in St Edmund's Hall.

**ST. JOSEPH'S – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** A meeting has been arranged at the **Stella Maris Hall at 7pm on Thursday 20 October** when Father Vincent and representatives of the Parish Finance committee will be present. *This will be a great opportunity for Parishioners to express their views and ideas concerning improvements to St. Joseph's Church, Hall & the Stella Maris Centre.* The objective is to formulate **a master plan for the future use of St Joseph's Hall, Stella Maris Centre and AOS office.**

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

**ST ANNE'S YEAR 7 WELCOME MASS** 2:15pm Thursday 20 October in St Edmund's Church.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS TRAINING:** Thursday 20 October from 7pm—8:30pm at St Boniface Church Hall. To join either the City Centre, St Boniface or Holy Family/SVP team, contact Tina on 023 8033 3589.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH** meet 7pm Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall for all those wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith. Next session: *The Story of the People of God.*

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

### NEXT WEEKEND

**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Andrew Wood and Amanda Welsby** getting married at 3pm Saturday 22 October in St Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.



**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** 23 October. 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.

**INTERNATIONAL MASS** 7pm Sunday 23 October in St Edmund's Church. A joyful and colourful occasion when we gather from all our respective countries and nationalities to celebrate Mass together and meet socially. Over 50 nationalities are represented! **Volunteers needed to carry national flags in procession, to contribute to the liturgy and to bring some local food from your country to share afterwards.** You are encouraged to come in national dress. Tel. the Parish Office if you can help. *The celebration depends on your presence and help.*

### NEXT WEEK

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

## GENERAL ITEMS

**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

**ACTION NEEDED FOR THE 'HOMELESS REDUCTION BILL':** On Friday 28 October, MPs will gather in Parliament to debate the Homelessness Reduction Bill. The bill represents a very important opportunity to reform homelessness legislation in England. The Homelessness Reduction Bill will make sure that councils have a duty to prevent and relieve homelessness regardless of priority need, extend the time that households are considered at risk of homelessness from 28 to 56 days, and provide emergency accommodation for people with nowhere safe to stay. A Catholic charity working on the front line of homelessness, Caritas Anchor House fully supports the bill. To ensure a fair hearing, they are calling on everyone to write to their MPs and ask them to attend the debate and back the bill. Please contact your MP to make sure they attend. Details on <http://www.caritasanchorhouse.org>.

**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.

**'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)).

**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 you 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.

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH Masses of Remembrance weekend of 19 and 20 November:** This year they will hold two Masses. The first will be at 4:45pm on Saturday 19 November at St Mary's, Belle Vue Road, Aldershot GU12 4RX. The second will be at 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, please let them know via email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or Tel. 01252 329385 by 14 November.

### OCTOBER 200 CLUB WINNERS—CONGRATULATIONS!

Roselyn Coyle	1st prize	£20.00
Iris Kuitenbrouwer	2nd prize	£10.00



**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** 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 16 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	15 OCT	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM *SJ	FATHER PAUL BEAUMONT RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	16 OCT	<b>29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	JEREMY FREDRIC WARBURG RIP (F)
			11:00AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM SE	PRIVATE INTENTION (JMD)
MON	17 OCT	<b>ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH</b>	10:00AM SJ	FUNERAL MASS: CHRISTOPHER MOONEY RIP
TUES	18 OCT	<b>ST LUKE</b>	**9:30AM SE	GEORGE MANSER RIP (MB)
WED	19 OCT	<b>29th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:00PM SE	JONATHAN—MOTHER'S INTENTIONS (MM)
THURS	20 OCT	<b>29th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	12:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	21 OCT	<b>29th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	22 OCT	<b>ST JOHN PAUL 11</b>	11:00AM SE	RUSS & STAN MYLES RIP (BM)
			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	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM SE	JONATHAN—A MOTHER'S INTENTIONS (MM)

**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 1

### SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER 2016 29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### Psalm Response:

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten  
the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what  
hope his call holds for us. **Alleluia!**

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

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12—14, 16—19  
 Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6—8, 16—18  
 Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9—14

### 2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CHURCH MAINTENANCE MISSION SUNDAY

Collections 9.10.16	1st	2nd CAFOD
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,471.35</b>	<b>£1,114.95</b>
Cash	900.59	846.20
S / O	1,256.61	215.00
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	53.75

*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