

# 'YOU ARE GOD'S BUILDING'

For those of us who have been fortunate to visit the formidable Lateran Basilica in Rome it is an impressive reminder of the head and the mother of all the churches in the World. We all have our favourite church buildings and those that we rightly strive to maintain. Clifton Cathedral has just recently been awarded a grant of £600,000 from the government's First World War fund to repair the roof. While this may seem a huge amount of money to invest in a building it is also about maintaining houses of beauty where others can discover our true foundation stone, Jesus Christ. And yet as St Paul reminds us **we** are the building, God's temple, where God's Spirit dwells and from whence God's love and Spirit should overflow.

In the first reading the prophet Ezekiel describes a stream flowing out of the Temple which becomes a river and then flows into the sea. As a community are we able to compare ourselves to that river? Wherever the river flows, there will be life. In order to be that life for others we need to be united as communities, not only in our parishes but in our own pastoral areas, newly formed deaneries and in our diocese. The Greek philosopher and apologist Aristotle reminded us that "*Christians need to love one another, they never fail to help widows, they give freely to the one who has nothing, and they treat people as our real brothers, they are a new kind of person and the divine is **within** them*".

The Greek word for church is *ecclesia*, which does not mean a building but a community who are part of the universal church. Magnificent churches not only remind us of our rich heritage but our unity under our Bishops and the Pope. Bishop Philip has reminded us that we are not about maintenance but mission. In order to be a community of mission we need to work together and for the Lord.

It has been said that our churches give books to read aloud, they have pictures to show, consolations to offer, strength to give and have marvellous people; but this not only for our own edification, it is to share.

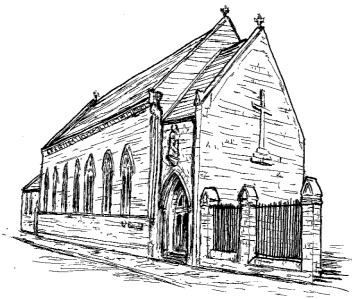
Jesus in a rare display of anger overturned the tables in the temple. This is a salutary reminder for us as community of our need to work together. Today's feast is about the dedication of a building, but we do not stay dedicated by just existing. It is about growing and maturing as a community and taking responsibility for our call and mission.

*Tina Quinn*

## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. In Ezekiel (1<sup>st</sup> reading) water transforms all that it touches. How has God's grace (like a flowing river) transformed you? Do you allow yourself to simply 'step into' God's flowing grace?
2. The Spirit of God 'lives among you' (within you?) St Paul says (2<sup>nd</sup> reading). Do you allow God to live in you? How? What is the effect?
3. Why was Jesus angry in the Temple (Gospel)? Because of abuse of God's House? Because of abuse of the poor? How have you 'abused' God in these ways?

*Vincent Harvey*



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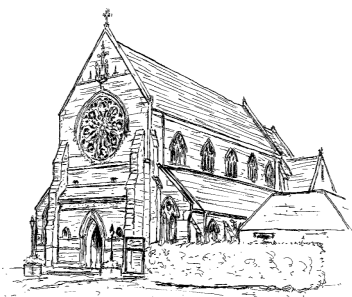
## THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



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CATHOLIC PARISH,  
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CENTRAL AND WEST  
PASTORAL AREA  
ALSO INCLUDES  
ST. BONIFACE,  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
& HOLY FAMILY**



## **TODAY: SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2014**

**SECOND COLLECTION** today is for Church Maintenance.

**WELCOME AND THANKS** to Fr Des Connolly at the 6:15pm and 10am Masses and Fr Michael Cronin at the 11am Mass (VH at Cenotaph)

**WELCOME RITE:** 9am and 11am Mass.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY TODAY** Father Vincent will be at the Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph at 10am.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** 2pm—5pm today (Sunday) at St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley.

**GOSPEL CHOIR:** 7pm Mass. Rehearsal at 6pm.

### **RECENTLY DIED:**



**Concetta Longo RIP.** Please pray for Concetta who died on the 27 October. Her Requiem Mass will be at St Edmund Church at 12:30pm Wednesday 12 November followed by burial at 2pm at Hollybrook Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Remember the family in your prayers.

**Geraldine Bolger RIP** late of Sway Road, Brockenhurst. Funeral Mass 11am Friday 14 November at St Edmund's Church, followed by cremation at East Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. May she rest in peace; our sympathy to her family.

**Kate McEwing RIP** Please pray for Kate who died peacefully last Sunday afternoon in the General Hospital. It would have been consoling to her to know her family were around her. Kate's Requiem Mass will be in St Edmund's on Thursday 20 November at 11am (her body to be received into the church on Wednesday, 19 November at 4:30pm) followed by burial at South Stoneham Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Please keep her husband, Fred, also in your prayers.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **FOR INFORMATION:**

Sun Cenotaph: VH. Confirmation Candidates: VH

Mon VH day off

Tues Vicariate for Vocations: Win: VH  
St George Goves.: VH

Wed Funeral: VH

Fri Funeral: VH

St George Mass: VH

**BINGO CLUB** meet 2pm on Mondays in St Edmund's Hall.

**OPEN DOOR RETREAT** Monday evenings in St Edmund's Hall from **7pm-9pm**; current retreat finishes 1 December.

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** meet Tuesdays at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome!

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB** every Wednesday 12noon in St Edmund's Hall. New members welcome! Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join.

**PARISH FINANCE MEETING** 7:30pm Wednesday 12 November in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**FAITH ALIVE** group meet 7:30pm Thursday 13 November in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**HANDING ON THE FAITH: 'Journey in Faith' meet 7:30pm every Thursday in St Edmund's Hall.** Do you know anyone you can invite? Lapsed Catholics, Catholics not yet confirmed, people thinking about Catholicism (baptised and non-baptised) ... do invite people to attend ..... those showing interest in faith wanting to know more about Catholicism.

**LUNCHTIME PRAYER GROUP** meet Fridays 1:10pm-1:50pm in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place. This is open to our local neighbourhood Christian colleagues to join us for a time of shared prayer and reflection. All welcome!

**DISCOVERING OUR IDENTITY** youth group meet at 7:45pm (after Mass) on Fridays in St Edmund's Hall.

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

**VOICE IN THE DESERT** Saturday 15 November, 10:30am – 4.00pm. If you are aged between year 8– young adult, we warmly invite you to join us for our preparation event for National Youth Sunday 2014! The day will kick-start with a performance from award winning theatre group, TenTen Theatre, and will involve workshops including drama, music & spiritual survival. The day will build towards our final Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Philip. Cost: £10. Venue: Saint George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Southampton. SO16 3DQ. Bookings and more info: Will Hince 07780 221 686 [whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**CAFOD MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:** The 10:30am Sunday Mass on 16 November at Our Lady Help of Christians, 1A Sherborne Road, North Camp, Farnborough, Hampshire GU14 6JS will remember and hold in prayer all deceased CAFOD supporters from our diocese and celebrate their lives, faith and compassion. Everybody is welcome to attend. If you would like to remember a loved one (even if you cannot attend the Mass), please send their names to [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or phone the CAFOD office on 01252 329 385 by 7 November and they will be included in the Book of Remembrance.

### **NEXT WEEK**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING & REGISTRATION** taking place at 7:30pm Tuesday 18 November at Stella Maris Hall, Bugle Street.

**THE SPIRITUAL ODYSSEY: POETRY SHARE, THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 7PM, ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH.** 'Each day of going from here to there, doing whatever it is that we do, is another day of the spiritual pilgrimage we are all called to make. Indeed, as the scriptures make clear, our lives are made up of our daily treks either toward or away from the Homeland; and we are constantly fidgeting with our spiritual compasses, setting and re-setting them toward God'. Please join the poetry share group as they share and discuss this universal, but personal, odyssey through the poetic eyes of both original works and established poets. The topic will be introduced by Fran Morley, and the periods of reflection will be graced by the inspirational music of flautist Rachel Brady. Please come and share your favorite poet, poem, or spiritual metaphor - and be a blessing to all.

**12:15PM MASS CANCELLED** Thursday 20 November at St Joseph's due to Requiem Mass taking place at St Edmund's for Kate McEwing RIP.

**WISDOM CENTRE QUIET DAY** for anyone who has experienced significant loss or bereavement 10am to 4pm Friday 21 November 2014, Wisdom Centre, Romsey. Suggested offering £25 to include lunch. For more information telephone 01794 830206 or email [reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk](mailto:reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk). See Noticeboards.

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

**IRISH SOCIAL EVENING - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH HALL:** 7.30pm-11pm Saturday 29 November in Holy Family Church Hall, Redbridge Hill, Southampton, SO16 4PL. McDonnell-Haynes School of Irish Dance present their Christmas Social Evening with Irish folk band Shebeen, display of Irish dancing and Christmas raffle. Tickets £10 per adult and accompanied children are free. All welcome to join them for an evening of Irish music and dance. Contact Charlotte Haynes on 07740 645665 or email [charlotte@mcdonnellhaynesirishdance.co.uk](mailto:charlotte@mcdonnellhaynesirishdance.co.uk).

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER** after morning Masses in St Edmund's Hall. Raffle tickets are now on sale after Mass - 1st prize £150 plus paint ball vouchers, photo shoot, Christmas hamper and lots more. Bacon and egg sarnies. Bottle stall, cake stall, Bric a brac, Kids corner, sale of Christmas cards and gifts. All donations for stalls or raffle to be left at the Parish Office. **Helpers needed** contact Fiona on Mob. 07717 535 221 or email [fionalennon76@gmail.com](mailto:fionalennon76@gmail.com). All funds will go towards sorting out our churches sound systems.

**KEEP CALM AND EAT (MORE) CAKE:** afternoon tea and quiz fundraiser for HCPT Group 170 (the local branch of the national charity which takes sick, disabled and disadvantaged children on pilgrimage-holiday to Lourdes). Sunday 30 November at 3pm in Holy Family Church Hall, Millbrook. Tickets £6 adult / £4 child. See website [www.group170.org.uk](http://www.group170.org.uk) or mail [charlie@group170.org.uk](mailto:charlie@group170.org.uk) for more info.

**ADVENT VESPERS SERVICE** 5:30pm Sunday 30 November in St Edmund's Church.

**EBOLA CRISIS APPEAL** ..... The outbreak of the Ebola virus has now killed thousands of people across West Africa. Please pray for all affected and donate to the appeal being made by CAFOD ([cafod.org.uk/ebola](http://cafod.org.uk/ebola) or 0500 85 88 85). The Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) is also running an appeal.

**GARDENER STILL NEEDED FOR ST EDMUND'S PROPERTIES:** Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

**DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENTS:** The Bishop has created deaneries around the Diocese which group our pastoral areas. There is now a Southampton Deanery which comprises 'Central and West Southampton' and 'East Southampton', with Father Vincent as the Dean.

**ANNUAL GOAN COMMUNITY EVENT:** Feast of St Francis Xavier Celebration taking place on Sunday 7 December from 12:30pm - 5:30pm in St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley, Southampton. Tickets £10 for adults and 13-18 year olds. Children (5-12) = £6. Live Goan Band. Dress Formal. Authentic Goan Buffet. Complimentary Drinks. Spot Prizes & Raffle. Dina 02380780774 or Text Roque 07816195002, email [roquevaz@yahoo.co.in](mailto:roquevaz@yahoo.co.in). See Notice Board.

**THE CITY'S JUBILEE CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY** is taking place on Saturday 13 December, between 4pm-7pm in the Guildhall Square; all invited to come along, bring friends and celebrate the real meaning of Christmas.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SOUTHAMPTON (CTS)** require a secretary to take and distribute minutes (three evening meetings a year) and to assist in producing an annual newsletter.

**CAFOD Needs You** - CAFOD Portsmouth is currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us visit Catholic **secondary** schools in Southampton. If you are a good communicator and interested in global issues, please get in touch. The role aims to empower young people to make a difference in today's world. Full training provided. Please contact Lynda Mussell on 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) for further information.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Mary Davies (fall recovery), Phyllis Grattan, Maria Gibzinska, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Stella Grace Krumina (10 months), Marie Adams, Patricia Penny, Sonia Perello, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Peter Hunt, Edward O'Donovan, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Hélène Scrase, Emma Bailey, Laura Pinson, Fred McEwing, Madeleine Clarke, Debbie Murphy, Albie Escorcio, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, Pat Cummings, NW, Carlene Metcalf, Bosco & Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Tegar Marriott, Josie Franklin, Joan Wheeler, Bertie Radcliffe, Ken Woodford, Joy Grant, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Joan Roberts, Phoebe, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, Terry Clarke, Grace Baxter, Evelyn Nolan, parishioners who are ill or having surgery and all listed in the Lady Chapel Prayer Book at St Edmund's. Thank you for keeping all these people in your prayers.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME—Year 3 or above** to join this year's Parish programme. Please complete & return to the Parish Office (or hand to Father Vincent or Father Des) by **SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER**. **Parents information evening 7:30pm Tuesday 18 November 2014 in Stella Maris Hall, 48 Bugle Street, Southampton, SO14 2AH.** (Bring along copies of **Baptism Certificates and £15 for the FHC book and programme**).

**Candidate's Name:**..... **Tel. No.** .....

**Address:** ..... **School:** .....

**Post Code:**..... **Mass Attending:** ..... **Email address** .....

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 09 NOVEMBER 2014

SAT	08 NOV	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	09 NOV	<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE  7:00PM SE	ANNA EGAN RIP (KN) CHRISTINA COMPLIN RIP (F) ALL THOSE WHO DIED FOR US TO HAVE A SAFER TOMORROW (ANUSHKA) FRANK SMEDLEY RIP (AT)
TUES	11 NOV	<b>ST MARTIN OF TOURS</b>	10:00AM SE	HAROLD HUNT RIP (LUNCHEON CLUB)
WED	12 NOV	<b>ST JOSAPHAT</b>	12:30PM SE 7:00PM SE	FUNERAL MASS: CONCETTA LONGO RIP JUNE POND RIP (DMcK)
THURS	13 NOV	<b>32nd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	12:15PM SJ	KEN ANDERSON RIP (MK)
FRI	14 NOV	<b>32nd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	FUNERAL MASS: GERALDINE BOLGER RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	15 NOV	<b>ST ALBERT THE GREAT</b>	11:00AM SE  6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	NELUM IN AUSTRALIA: PRAYERS FOR GOOD HEALTH (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS) HEALTH & WELLBEING OF CHRIS GUTOWSKI (E&MC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	16 NOV	<b>ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON</b>	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH EILEEN & PETER COLES RIP (MB) AUSTIN STACK RIP (DB)

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**OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:**

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St Anne's School	023 8032 8200
St George College	023 8032 2603

### Prayer of the Church week 4

#### 9 NOVEMBER 2014 **THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**

##### Psalm Response

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

##### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says  
the Lord, for my name to be there for ever.

**Alleluia!**

#### READINGS SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2014 **ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON (33rd WEEK OF O/T)**

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

#### 2nd COLLECTION TODAY **CHURCH MAINTENANCE**

#### 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK **CATHOLIC CARE**

Collection	2/11/14 1st	2/11/14 2nd BAMENDA
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,369.45</b>	<b>£548.84</b>
Cash	965.23	284.46
S / O	1,139.85	211.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	264.37	52.88

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