

**19 & 26 OCTOBER
2014**

**TWENTY-NINTH
& THIRTIETH
SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

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



Single-minded for / with God!

In my younger days I was an avid snorkeler and scuba diver and would spend hours and hours in the water in the pursuit of fish, crabs and scallops. This, together with my keen interest in electronics, for work and pleasure, absorbed much of my time.

Many of us have activities that absorb us, interests which, when we are engaged in them, fill any available time we have. Often we become single-minded in pursuit of these interests, everything else pales into insignificance or into the background.

Today Isaiah, as well as the Psalmist, reflect a single-mindedness in God that is impressive (*'I am the Lord unrivalled; there is no other God besides me apart from me all is nothing'*). Cyrus, the Persian King, is given a mission: to allow the Israelites to return to their homeland. Why? because God is beyond all gods, God's sovereignty is uncontested.

In the Gospel on the other hand we see that there are other perspectives. God may be sovereign but there are others (less than God) to whom we must also pay allegiance, but of a different order. The Pharisees latch onto that and try to force Jesus into a corner: to whom should we pay allegiance, God or Caesar? The Pharisees are single-minded also, but in this case to destroy Jesus!

Jesus, though, puts the question into perspective and in so doing defuses and destroys the trap set for him. Simply put, Jesus implies that if God is truly at the centre of our lives there is no problem giving others their due! In fact our single-mindedness about God is even better expressed when we know clearly God's place and everyone / everything else's.

We have in a sense been 'imprinted' with God's image (when we came into being and when we were baptised). What we need to do is recognise that imprint in our lives and then the priorities of life fall into place. It is not about denying things but about putting them in perspective in relation to our belief and faith in God. Get that right and life is ours!

Vincent Harvey

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. Does your day/your diary of events reflect the centrality of God? How?
2. How do you 'give glory to God' in your daily routine?
3. The Pharisees wanted Jesus' opinion. When do you seek the opinion of Christ? How? Where? Do you find it?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2014

POPE PAUL VI: The beatification ceremony of Pope Paul VI will take place today at the conclusion of the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the family.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, organised by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice.

As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world" (see *Redemptoris Missio* 81).

Your ongoing support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is vital to the missionaries serving in 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, parts of Latin America and Europe, and on the Islands of the Pacific. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests, religious and catechists to reach out to communities, families and children in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances.

Last year, £27,416.31 was collected in our diocese. Collection money should be sent directly to the Missio office. Missio can only claim Gift Aid on money sent directly to them. Thank you.

WELCOME to Father Des Connolly SMM who is presiding at 9am & 11am Masses to help us out.

THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY during October make an effort to pray the rosary, individually and/or as a family. Please see the display in the south aisle at St Edmund's.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:

- **Cyprian Czaplewski**, son of Łukasz & Agnieszka
- **Maximilian Pawlowski**, son of Krzysztof & Grazyna who are being baptised in St Edmund's Church at 12:30pm

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Andrea Boghi** and **Antonio Zhuravleva** who are getting married at 3pm today (Sunday) in St Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

WELCOME RITE: 7pm Mass.

FILIPINO CHOIR: 7pm Mass. Rehearsal at 6pm.

RECENTLY DIED:

Father Paul Spellman RIP. Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Father Paul Spellman, priest of the Diocese of Portsmouth, who died last Monday 13 October. Details of the funeral to follow.

Christina Fahy RIP late of Cameron Court, Sutherland Road, Lordshill. Funeral Mass 10am Wednesday 29 October in St Edmund's Church followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Our sympathy to her family.

THIS WEEK

PARISH SECRETARY ON ANNUAL LEAVE Monday 20 Oct—Friday 31 October. Office will be managed by volunteers.

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.

FINANCE GROUP meet 7:30pm Tuesday 21 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

JOHN PILKINGTON TALKING ABOUT 'A Balkan Adventure': a journey from Trieste to Istanbul at 7.30pm Tuesday 21 October, venue Avenue St Andrews (up the road from St Edmund). Entrance £10 at the door. All proceeds to Winchester & Southampton Refugee Group.

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

ST MARY'S COLLEGE OPEN MORNINGS 9am—12:30pm Wednesday 22 October and Thursday 23 October. Contact Mrs Hoile Tel. 023 8067 0150 for info. See Notice Boards.

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

CCPG meet 7:45pm Wednesday 22 October 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.

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

FOR INFO: Mon: VH day off

Tues: St George Governors: VH

Wed: Department for Vocation in Alton: VH

Fri: United Nations Flag Raising Ceremony: VH

NEXT WEEKEND

APPEAL FOR HELP with refreshments at the 'Christmas Whispers' Concert in aid of Mary's Meals which takes place from 3:30pm-4:45pm on Sunday 26 October in St Edmund's Church. All offers of help and for tickets [£5/£3 (concessions) available in advance and on the door, please contact, Jenepher Parry Davies email: sineadnicdaiti@yahoo.co.uk.

NEXT TWO WEEKS

ORGAN TUNING 9am—4pm Thursday 30 October in St Edmund's Church. **No Adoration until 4pm.**

MEDITATION IN THE HUT: Silent meditation in the style of Lectio Divina in the barbecue hut in Jane and Mike Wilcox's garden last Friday of the month from 2pm-3pm. The next one on 31 October. Please call either Jane (023 8034 2290) or Irena (023 8078 4208) to let them know you will be coming.

YOUTH EVENTS **BELIEVE@BOURNEMOUTH:**

DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT: Friday 31 October, 5pm – Sunday 2 November, 2pm, 2014. All young people warmly invited to our diocesan youth retreat, hosted by Youth 2000, taking place at St Peter's School, Bournemouth. This evangelistic retreat is for young adults aged 16-30 and is led by young people themselves. As Pope Francis said at World Youth Day: "The best instrument to evangelise young people is other young people." The retreat is ideal for a post-Confirmation group. The weekend will include engaging talks on the essentials of Catholic faith, Mass and opportunities for Confession, workshops and discussion groups, and time for participants to meet and socialise with other young Catholics. At the centre of the weekend is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and it is here that, our young people encounter Jesus Christ and begin a personal and living relationship with him. Booking details including safeguarding information available at info@youth2000.org. Suggested donation for the retreat is £60 (waged) or £45 (student/unwaged). However, any young person – regardless of whether they can afford to give a donation - is welcome. More details are available through Will Hince, the retreat coordinator on 07780221686 or through the Youth 2000 national office on 020 7221 2124.


VOICE IN THE DESERT Saturday 15 November, 10:30am – 4pm. 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 workshops, music workshops & spiritual survival workshops. The day will build towards our final Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Philip. Cost: £10. Venue: Saint George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, Southampton. SO16 3DQ. Bookings and more info: Will Hince 07780 221 686 whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

ALL HALLOWES VIGIL BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR from 9am—midnight Friday 31 October in St Edmund's Church.

THOSE DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD are invited to a **Discovering Priesthood Day** at St John's Seminary, Wonerish, on 1 November, 10am - 5pm. Lunch will be provided. Email: jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED 11am Saturday 1 November in St Edmund's Church. Refreshments in St Edmund's Hall afterwards.

BAMENDA SUNDAY second collection to take place 2 November. Newsletters will be available in the porch.



BAPTISMS SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

We welcome into our faith community:

Amy & Ryan Pegg, children of Derek & Amanda-Jane being baptised at 11:15am

Annabelle Southwell, daughter of Daniel & Sarah being baptised at 1pm all in St Joseph's Church

Nikola Marfiany, daughter of Krzysztof & kamila

Maja Filipaska, daughter of Hubert & Kinga

Edward Crudge, son of Andrew & Lindsay who are all being baptised in St Edmund's Church at 12:30pm.

AN "AMATA DEI - BELOVED OF GOD" RETREAT will be held for young women aged 18-35 years old **discerning religious life (7-9 November)** by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph in Sway. Email dominican.sisters@talk21.com/01590681874.

CATENIAN MASS to commemorate deceased members 7pm Friday 7 November in St Edmund's Church.

EXPERIENCING GOD 'understanding the way of meditation' 10am—4pm Saturday 8 November at Wisdom Centre, Romsey. Tel 01794 830 206. See Notice Board.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9 November.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2pm—5pm Sunday 9 November at St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley.

GENERAL ITEMS

CHILD & VULNERABLE ADULTS PROTECTION TRAINING: 10am - 12:30pm Saturday 15 November.—Child Protection; 1:30pm - 4pm—Vulnerable Adults Training. Venue: St Bernard's Church Hall, Southbourne Avenue, Holbury SO45 2NT. To book contact Soraya Ciccarone, Tel: 023 92 816396 or email: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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 or mail charlie@group170.org.uk for more info.

THANK YOU from CAFOD for the £854.90 raised from the harvest fast day collection. The amount will help to ensure countless more people are able to eat healthy, nutritious food today and can grow their own food to support themselves tomorrow.

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

DO YOU NEED HELP ASSEMBLING FLATPACK FURNITURE:

Contact Edward Quinn on 07896 825 277. Reasonable rates. Edward has put together flatpack furniture in the Student House rooms that have been renovated recently. Items such as bookshelves, chests, chairs, desks, cabinets etc.

SOUTHAMPTON CITY MISSION thanks the Parish for another ½ dozen carrier-bags full of food stuffs. For interest: the amount coming in has decreased a great deal lately! maybe we can change that!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: "As a child of God, in virtue of the gift of Baptism, the child is proclaimed by Christ to be a privileged member of the Kingdom of God. For various reasons today, rather more than in the past, the child demands full respect and help in its spiritual and human growth" GDC. The teams met last Tuesday night at Holy Family Church and had a productive evening: sharing practice, encouraging one another and had some very valuable input from Sister Veronica from the Dominican Sisters. As we continue to affirm and support this valuable ministry there will be further meetings to review, develop and extend the Liturgy of the Word for our Children. If you would like to be involved please contact Dee Phelan dee.phelan@bt.com.

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 or phone the CAFOD office on 01252 329385 by 7th November and they will be included in the Book of Remembrance.

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. Contact Lynda Mussell on 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

ADORATION: Can you commit to one of the following hours Adoration at St. Edmund's: Monday 4pm—5pm; Wednesday 11am—12 noon. Contact the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Maria Gibzinska, Virginia Monteiro, Stella Grace Krumina (10 months), Marie Adams (op. recovery), Patricia Penny, Sonia Perello, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie (15yrs old—accident recovery), Peter Hunt, Edward O'Donovan, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Hélène Scrase, Emma Bailey, Laura Pinson, Fred & Kate 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FROM SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER— SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2014

SAT	18 OCT	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	KATE & FRED McEWING—WELLBEING, GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	19 OCT	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	ANNA EGAN RIP (KN)
			10:00AM SJ	BARNEY DUGGAN (KD)
			11:00AM SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DAVIES PARRY FAMILIES (JPD)
			7:00PM SE	EITHNE MULLINS RIP (JG)
TUES	21 OCT	29th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	ANTHONY DOHERTY RIP (KTP)
WED	22 OCT	29th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	HELENA MOSALNKA RIP (HN)
THURS	23 OCT	ST JOHN OF CAPESTRANO	12:15PM SJ	DAVID'S SAFETY (MM)
FRI	24 OCT	ST ANTHONY CLARET	7:00PM SE	ANNA MARIA EGAN RIP (RAH)
SAT	25 OCT	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE	KITTY CUMMINS RIP (1ST ANNIVERSARY) (PC)
			6:15PM SJ	NORA & MICHAEL HUNTER RIP (MH)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	26 OCT	THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	KATY COADY RIP (S&DC)
			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM SE	URSZULA & JULIAN DZIKI—40TH ANNIVERSARY GOD'S BLESSINGS (ADT)
			7:00PM SE	PETER BISHOP RIP (CM)
TUES	28 OCT	SS SIMON & JUDE	10:00AM SE	PATRICK CUMMINGS RIP (ANNIVERSARY MASS)(PC)
WED	29 OCT	30th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	FUNERAL MASS: CHRISTINA FAHY RIP
			7:00PM SE	KATHLEEN SULLIVAN'S INTENTIONS (F)
THURS	30 OCT	30th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	31 OCT	30th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	1 NOV	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE	ANTONIO LONGO RIP (VL)
			6:15PM SJ	SINEAD MACALASTER RIP (CM)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	2 NOV	ALL SAINTS	9:00AM SE	ETHNA & BRIAN NUGENT (F)
			10:00AM SJ	MRS MARGARET GOLDING RIP (F)
			11:00AM SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BRENNAN FAMILY (F)
			7:00PM SE	ELIZABETH & JOHN DORLING RIP (JMD)

19 OCTOBER 2014 29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response

Give the Lord glory and power.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. **Alleluia!**

26 OCTOBER 2014—30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

READINGS SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER

30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

READINGS SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER—ALL SAINTS

1st Reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

<u>2nd COLLECTION TODAY</u>	<u>2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</u>	<u>2nd COLLECTIONS 2 NOV</u>
MISSION SUNDAY	CATHOLIC CARE	BAMENDA

Collection	12/10/14 1st	12/10/14 CHURCH MAINTENANCE
Total	£2,154.80	£364.32
Cash	750.58	231.82
S / O	1,139.85	132.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	264.37	-

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

Contact Details:

Parish Priest: Monsignor Canon Vincent Harvey
 E-mail address: vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
 Presbytery Tel. No: 023 8033 4891
 Presbytery Address: 14 Rockstone Place,
 Southampton, SO15 2EQ

Parish Secretary: Anne Wheeler
 Parish Office Tel: 023 8033 3589
 Parish Email address: southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
 Parish Office Address: St. Edmund's Lodge, The Avenue,
 Southampton, SO17 1XJ

Parish Website: www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk
 Pastoral Area Web: http://www.catholic.co.uk/