

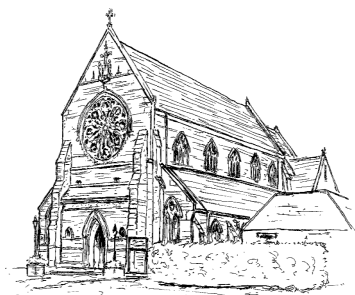
12 OCTOBER 2014
**TWENTY-EIGHTH
 SUNDAY OF
 ORDINARY TIME**



**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**



Love calls us in as I reflected and pondered the readings for today George Herbert's poem, '**Love Bade Me Welcome**' kept coming to mind. I copy it below and will explain why after you have read it!

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
 Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
 If I lacked anything.

'A guest', I answered, 'worthy to be here.'
 Love said, 'You shall be he.'

'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
 I cannot look on thee.'

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
 'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord, but I have marred them; let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve.'

'And know you not', says Love, 'who bore the blame?'
 'My dear, then I will serve.'

'You must sit down', says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
 So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert (1593-1632)

We were not created to be alone, but to live in relationships, to be together, to be 'family'! One place, or activity which enables this to happen is sitting down together and sharing a meal. The meal not only sustains us physically, but when partaken with others, sustains us emotionally, humanly and even spiritually. For this, and other reasons, the ancients saw the meal (banquet) as an image of heaven. At that Banquet we will be sustained and fed for ever. This is the basis also of the Mass, the Eucharist.

We are invited again and again by our generous God to this Banquet, which we get a 'taste' of in the Mass. But we make excuses again and again. This poem reflects the 'interplay' between our hearts/thoughts and Christ. We have no excuse ... we are created by God and redeemed by Christ! Let us 'sit and eat'!

Vincent Harvey

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. Where do you hear God's invitation to the banquet?
2. What are your excuses for delay or refusal?
3. What needs converting in your life in order to fully accept the invitation?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2014

TODAY IS PRISONERS' SUNDAY when we pray for prisoners and their families. Cardinal Vincent Nichols writes: '.... my prayer is that we may find the courage to look beyond our systems of worldly justice, however necessary these may be, in order to know and show that all are truly invited to share in God's Kingdom'. Information cards in the porches; if you are able to, please donate directly to www.prisonadvice.org.uk/donate.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY PRAYER: Good and Gracious God, in your Son Jesus Christ You offer us the way to new life. **We pray:** For those imprisoned by grief and fear as a result of the actions of others. For those imprisoned in gaol and cell as a result of their own actions; and for those who can find no other life than the never-ending imprisonment of violence and crime. Jesus said 'come to me all who are weary and carry heavy burdens': Give to those who are wearied by imprisonment the courage to change; and to those who carry the burden of another's imprisonment, an abiding hope, so that we and all your children may be free. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

WELCOME to Father Des Connolly SMM who is presiding at 6:15pm & 10am Masses to help us out. Also Fr Des will be helping us during the week (Wednesday at St Anne; Thurs and Sat St Joseph's and St Edmund's)

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

WELCOME RITES 9am, 10am and 11am Masses.

FAREWELL TO JOSEPH, WINIFREDA AND DOMINA MATIKO who are returning to Tanzania on Wednesday 15 October now that Joseph has finished his PhD. Today is their last Mass with the 10am St Joseph's parishioners. Patricia Livett said: "We will miss you all and are sorry to see you go. We hope you will remember Southampton and the St Joseph's family."



BAPTISM: We welcome into our worshipping community **Alba Zammit**, daughter of Richard and Gemma, who is being baptised at 12:30pm in St Edmund's today.



CONFIRMATION 2015: First meeting for those enrolled (i.e. spoken with Fr Vincent) from 2pm—5pm today (Sunday) in St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley Road, Southampton.



RECENTLY DIED: Olivia Lee RIP late of Highcliffe, Bournemouth and Hill Lane, Southampton. Olivia led the 11am Choir in Canon Nicholas France's time and was a valued parishioner of St Edmund's. She also hosted a summer picnic for the Monday Club every year. Funeral details to be advised.

THIS WEEK

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 24 November.

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

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

MEG HUNTER-KILMER will be speaking at St Edmund's Hall from 7:30pm-8:30pm on Wednesday 15 October after the 7pm Mass. Do come and meet her. Bring your friends and family too! Light refreshments available.

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!

EU INFORMATION EVENING 6pm—8pm Friday 17 October in St Edmund's Lodge.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS meet 7:45pm on Friday 17 October in St Edmund's Presbytery .

FOR INFO: Mon VH day off

Tues Diocesan Interfaith Meeting Southampton: VH

Wed Churches Together in Southampton: VH

Thurs Coordinating Pastors Meeting Portsmouth: VH

Lourdes meeting London: VH

Fri St George Mass: VH. Sat: Gift Aid Day in Alton: VH

NEXT WEEKEND

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to Andrea Boghi and Antonio Zhuravleva who are getting married at 3pm on Sunday 19 October in St Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 19 October. Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Mission, his official charity for overseas mission. World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. Thanks to the sacrifice of witness of missionaries, the Catholic Church is growing and many Churches can now take care of themselves. However, four out of every ten parishes worldwide still need your help to survive. By supporting World Mission Sunday you are directly helping over 1,000 dioceses bring hope and new life to people yearning to hear of God's love for them. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio, which are available in the porches.

NEXT WEEK

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

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

CCPG meet 7:45pm Wednesday 22 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

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: sineadnicdaithi@yahoo.co.uk.

GENERAL ITEMS

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

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

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. Contact by email dominican.sisters@talk21.com or Tel. 015 9068 1874.

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.

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

HAMPSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES are offering free training for '**fire safety advocates**'. This would involve attending a series of 6 weekly courses in the early part of next year. We need to nominate a '**volunteer**' who is prepared to represent our Parish. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you would like to be our representative. See Notice Board for details.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS & READERS ROTAS now available in the Sacristy at St Edmund's and porch at St Joseph's.

THANK YOU TO DON DEVERS who for very many years has kindly collected the Newsletters, Catholic Papers, Notices, Intercessions and anything else that had to go to St Joseph's for the weekend. He has done this faithfully and reliably year in and year out. Sadly he can no longer do this. **Don: thank you from us all.** Don usually did this on a Friday afternoon (collecting the prepared bundle from the Parish Office). Could you yes 'you' possibly do this so that everything is ready for the first Mass on Saturday evening? Let Father Vincent know if you can help.

THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS meeting in Rome on 'Marriage and the Family'. **Some quotes from the discussions:**

Firstly, the link between the crisis of faith and the crisis of the family was underlined: *it was said that the first generates the second. This is because faith is seen mostly as a set of doctrinal mores, whereas it is primarily a free act by which one entrusts oneself to God*

Secondly, a great challenge facing families today was mentioned: that of the "*dictatorship of unitary thought*" that aims to introduce into society those counter values that distort the vision of marriage as a union between a man and a woman. *The crisis of values, atheist secularism, hedonism, and the ambition of power destroy families today, distorting it, weakening people and consequently rendering society fragile ...*

...Mention was also made of the link between priests and families: *they accompany families in all the most important stages of their lives, sharing in their joys and difficulties; families, in turn, help priests to experience celibacy as a full and balanced emotional life, rather than as a sacrifice. In addition, the family was defined as the "cradle of vocations" as it is precisely within the domestic walls, in common prayer, that the call to the priesthood is frequently heard.*

Attention then turned to how work affects the dynamics of the family: *these are two dimensions that must be reconciled, through increasingly flexible working hours, new contractual models, and attention to geographical distances between home and work. Furthermore, technology can lead to work being brought home, making family dialogue difficult.*

With regard to the question of divorced and remarried persons, *it was highlighted that the Synod must certainly take the issue into consideration, with the prudence required for important matters, but must also combine the objectivity of truth with mercy for the person and for his or her suffering.* It is necessary to remember that many faithful find themselves in this situation through no fault of their own

Another theme taken into consideration was that of the precariousness of work and unemployment. *The distress caused by the lack of a secure job creates difficulties within families, along with the poverty that often prevents families from having a home. Furthermore, a lack of money often leads to it becoming "deified" and to families being sacrificed on the altar of profit. It is necessary to re-emphasise that money must serve rather than govern.*

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.

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 12 OCTOBER 2014

SAT	11 OCT	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	PHYLLIS GRATTEN—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (N&AW)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	12 OCT	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONSALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	PADDY MURRAY RIP (AE)
			11:00AM SE	DAPHNE SINCLAIR RIP—2ND ANNIVERSARY (FS&BS)
			7:00PM SE	JEAN RICKMAN RIP
TUES	14 OCT	ST CALLISTUS 1	10:00AM SE	SEAN DAVIS RIP (MARTHA'S) FL
WED	15 OCT	ST TERESA OF AVILA	7:00PM SE	PRIVATE INTENTION (JMD)
THURS	16 OCT	ST HEDWIG	12:15PM SJ	FATHER PAUL BEAUMONT RIP (F)
FRI	17 OCT	ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH	7:00PM SE	ANNA MARIA EGAN RIP (RAH)
SAT	18 OCT	ST LUKE	11:00AM SE	TOMMY McGHEE RIP (JG)
			6:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			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)

PASTORAL AREA 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.

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

Prayer of the Church week 4

12 OCTOBER 2014 28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response

In the Lord's own house shall
I dwell for ever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him he gave power to
become children of God. **Alleluia!**

READINGS SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

2nd COLLECTION TODAY	2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND	MISSION SUNDAY

Collection	5/10/14 1st	5/10/14 CAFOD
Total	£2,479.03	£854.90
Cash	1,074.81	627.90
S / O	1,139.85	227.00
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