



28 SEPTEMBER 2014
TWENTY-SIXTH
SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
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SOUTHAMPTON
CENTRAL AND WEST
PASTORAL AREA
ALSO INCLUDES
ST. BONIFACE,
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
& HOLY FAMILY



Mary Magdalene and Zacchaeus



The Gospel shows us a prostitute and a nasty tax collector who entered the Kingdom of Heaven before the rich young man and many 'righteous' Pharisees. Their names are widely known: Mary Magdalene and Zacchaeus. Both of them saw within themselves the great smelly evil and experienced the merciful look of Jesus. The merciful look of Jesus is the key to their souls (and to each one of us). Both of them, because of the merciful look of Jesus, opened up completely to God. Both of them received the gift of conversion, contrition, simplicity, trust in Jesus and generosity. Those gifts remained in them forever. They became a foundation of the spirituality and a permanent source of faith in action. Why did it happen? Because conversion to God is always the fruit of the "rediscovery of this Father, who is rich in mercy". (*Rich in Mercy, 13*)

Interestingly enough, Mary Magdalene and Zacchaeus were very generous and full of enthusiasm, and yet neither of them were asked to be like that. Jesus said to Mary Magdalene only not to sin again and to Zacchaeus that He needed to visit him. On the contrary Jesus turned to the 'righteous' young man with the encouragement to give up his riches. The 'righteous' man did not answer the 'look of mercy' and walked away saddened; the ringleader of thieves and prostitutes turned out to be very sensitive to God's love. In this way the first become last and the last first.

PS. Dear Friends and Parishioners,

In our journey toward the Homeland we have spent this last year in the same carriage. This is the time when I arrive at my station and find out my next connection. I want to say to you thank you and goodbye. This is also my last reflection for the front page of the Newsletter. I am pleased that God gave me the passage from Matthew 21:28-32 to reflect on. Please, keep me in your prayers. God Bless You All.

Father Stan

TODAY: SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2014

OLDER CHILDREN'S ICHTHUS MASS ACTIVITY SHEETS

now available in the porch. Please help yourself.

FAREWELL FATHER STANISLAW GIBZINSKI: This weekend we say a final farewell to Fr Stan at the 9am, 11am and 7pm Masses in St Edmund's. Fr Stan has only been with us a year, and during this time has endeared himself to many in the Parish and beyond. His approach to priestly ministry, his creative ideas, to say nothing of his love of poetry has enriched us in many ways. We wish him well in the North of the Diocese (North Hinksey ... on the outskirts of Oxford). *Fr Stan: you go with our love, prayers and support.*

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO FATHER ANDREW MWESIGWA who leaves us tomorrow for Rome and then Uganda. God's blessings and thank you Fr Andrew for all your help to us in the Parish whilst Father Vincent has been on leave.

RECENTLY DIED: Barbara Moore RIP late of Marie Louise Nursing Home, Romsey. Requiem Mass 10:15am Friday 3 October in St Joseph's Church followed by burial at South Stoneham Cemetery. *May she rest in peace. Our sympathy to her daughter, Anne and the family.*



THIS WEEK

RECEPTION OF MARIA WARDELL at 12noon Monday 29 September in St Joseph's Church (extra Mass do come along and support Maria and the family).

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

OPEN DOOR RETREAT: Final call for anyone who would be interested in following a retreat in daily life: meeting on a Monday evenings in St Edmunds Hall from **7pm-9pm** over 9 weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord. *St Ignatius gave his spiritual exercises to his friends and to others who wished to grow in knowledge and love of the Lord.* This retreat is for people carrying out their daily occupations and giving 15 minutes a day in prayer according to the themes of the retreat. We meet weekly to guide and direct each other helped by a facilitator. Next meeting **Monday 29 September.** To book phone Tina on 07827 810 457.

AN EVENING OF HEALING with Little Way Healing Ministries 7pm-9:30pm, Monday 29 September, Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer an evening of teaching and healing. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'. **Come and see.**

ST ANNE'S OPEN DAY & EVENINGS FOR GIRLS IN YEARS 4, 5, 6: 9am—10am Tuesday 30 September to see St Anne's on a normal working day; 6pm—8pm for a place in Year 7 and 6pm—8pm Tuesday 7 October for a place in the Lower Sixth. See Notice Board for info.

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.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS TRAINING 6:30pm—9:30pm Wednesday 1 October in St Edmund's Hall.

MARTHA'S MEETING 7:45pm Wednesday 1 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

WELCOME TO FR GERRIT celebrating 12:15pm Mass Thursday 2 October in St Joseph's Church.

ST GEORGE OPEN EVENING 6pm Thursday 2 October.

Open mornings: 9am—10:30am Wednesday 8 October and 10am—12noon Saturday 11 October. Tel. 023 8032 2603. See Notice Board for more info.

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.

FAITH ALIVE MEETING 7:30pm Thursday 2 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY – Friday 3 October. Please join us in prayer on Friday 3 October. Your Fast Day envelopes are now available in church. Please give as much as you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life for the world's poorest people. Thank you for your compassion and solidarity at this time.

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.

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER — ST EDMUND'S 7PM MASS CANCELLED due to 6:30pm Mass being celebrated by Fr Vincent for Night Fever at St Boniface Church, Shirley.

NEXT NIGHT FEVER Friday 3 October at St Boniface Church. Mass 6.30pm, church open 7:30pm-10pm. Please come and visit, pray, light a candle, listen to music and be part of this unique event in Southampton. If you would like to be involved in street ministry, welcoming, prayer ministry, hospitality or are able to support in any way contact Tina: email tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Adrienne email: adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk.

FOR INFO: Tuesday: Bishop's House: VH
Wednesday: Clergy farewell meal with Fr Stan: VH/SG
Thursday: Chapter Mass and Meeting: VH
Friday: St George Mass: VH
Hospital 24hr on call: VH. Night Fever: VH

NEXT WEEKEND

CHILD PROTECTION & VULNERABLE ADULT TRAINING SESSIONS: Saturday 4 October at St Boniface Hall, Shirley Road, Southampton: Child Protection Training: 10am – 12:30pm and Vulnerable Adults Training: 1:30pm – 4pm. Call Soraya 023 92 81 6396 to book.

STUDENT EVENING: You are invited to a time of worship, an opportunity for new and established students to meet and share a meal. Saturday 4 October, 6pm - 8pm in St Edmunds Hall, 14 Rockstone Place SO15 2EQ.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE meet 2pm Sunday 5 October at Cadman's Pool car park (GR 228124).

STUDENT BAND: 7pm Sunday Mass 1st Sunday of the month at St Edmunds (next one will be at 7pm Mass on Sunday 5 October). They welcome new singers: just turn up at 6pm for a rehearsal in the church. Or contact Tim on timjimpatten@gmail.com if you need more info.

NEXT WEEK

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY after 12:15pm Mass Tuesday 7 October at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Recitation of the Holy Rosary at the Altar of Our Lady.

LITURGY GROUP meet 7:45pm Friday 10 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

CONFIRMATION 2015 (CHANGE OF START DATE): First meeting for those enrolled (*i.e. spoken with Fr Vincent*) from 2pm—5pm **Sunday 12 October** in St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley Road, Southampton.

GENERAL ITEMS

MEG HUNTER-KILMER: *"In a world where comfort and stability trump passion and purpose, being homeless and unemployed for the sake of the kingdom doesn't make a lot of sense. Surely when Jesus sent the disciples out with only a walking stick he wasn't suggesting that I do the same, we think, and go back to scrolling through Facebook. But God is still calling and still demanding radical discipleship. For some people, this radical discipleship takes place within the context of a "normal" life. For me, it's a little different.*

After two degrees in theology and five years of teaching religion, I felt that God was calling me to follow him in a more literal way, so I quit my job, packed everything into my car, and hit the road. Since June 2012, I've been, traveling the country speaking to anyone who'll listen about the goodness of God, Catholic apologetics, Christian morality, and the life of prayer."

Meg is coming to St Edmunds Church on Wednesday 15 October and will be speaking after the 7pm Mass. Do come and meet her and bring your friends and family 7:30pm-8:30pm in St Edmund's Hall followed by light refreshments.

'CHRISTMAS WHISPERS' concert to raise funds for Mary's Meals **3:30pm-4:45pm Sunday 26 October** in St Edmund's Church with refreshments afterwards in the hall. All welcome. Tickets: £5/£3 (concessions) available in advance and on the door. Contact Jenepher on Mob. No. 07891 733 939/ sineadnicdaihi@yahoo.co.uk.

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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SR MARY BENEDICTA OP who made her Solemn Profession at St John's Cathedral on Saturday 20 September. It was a joyous and momentous occasion, with many family members from Nigeria present. You can read Bishop Philip's homily and view a video **of the whole Profession on the Diocesan website.**

CAN YOU HELP WITH WEEDING OF THE GARDEN at St Edmund's Church and Presbytery? Contact the Parish Office.

KINGSIZE DOUBLE BED & BASE FOR SALE £40 ono. Tel. Jenepher on 07891 733 939 if you are interested.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PARISHIONER LEO STOY (Year 10 student at St George) on winning the Catholic Young Writer's Award organised by the Catholic Writers Guild. Leo won this national award for his piece on *"The Importance of Sunday for Christians"*. He will be presented with his prize – a shield to be kept at school for one year, £50 and some books including a Sunday Missal and a copy of YouCat (Youth Catechism) at a ceremony in London in due course.

PRIESTLY SUPPORT: with no-one currently available to fill the shoes of Fr Stan it means that, in terms of the sacraments (Masses, Confessions, Baptisms, Funerals, Sick visits etc.), we are rather stretched. At present Fr Gerrit Vervenne (retired priest ... formerly Parish Priest of Holy Family) and Fr Des (from St Joseph's, Ashurst) will be supporting us at weekends and occasionally during the weekdays. This will certainly impact a little on the schools and also the University. It may mean that occasionally a Mass will have to be cancelled, though we will avoid this if we can. *Fr Vincent will continue to take Monday as his day off, in order to have 24 hours away from the parish!*

WASHING OF SMALL ALTAR LINEN CLOTHS (Purificators) at St Edmund's Church. Are you able to help wash the small altar linen at St Edmund's on a weekly basis? We are looking for a 2nd person to join the team. Please contact the Parish Office.

NIGHT FEVER CAKE SALE: Thank you to all who made and bought cakes last weekend. £123 was raised towards Night Fever. The money will help pay for the candles, lanterns banners and flyers which have been purchased for the event.

POST GRADUATE MALE STUDENT looking for a room to rent for 3 months (1 October—31 December 2014). Email michael.agieb@gmail.com if you can help.

200 CLUB WINNERS OCTOBER 2014

Jenepher Parry Davies	1st prize	£25.00
Tim Patten	2nd prize	£10.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR Maria Gibzinska (Fr. Stan's mother), Virginia Monteiro, Stella Grace Krumina (8 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, H el ene 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.

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 28 SEPTEMBER 2014

SAT	27 SEP	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	LAURENCE & MARIE ELIZABETH CRAWLEY RIP (F) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	28 SEP	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	FR DANNY BURNS SDS RIP (2ND ANNIVERSARY) (PO'R) RAY GODDARD RIP (SAB) EILEEN FRANCES KINGWELL RIP (NK) GWENDOLINE VIOLA MacMILLAN RIP (MM)
MON	29 SEP	THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL	12 NOON SJ	RECEPTION OF MARIA WARDELL INTO THE CHURCH
TUES	30 SEP	ST JEROME	10:00AM SE	GEORGE SPENCER RIP (MB)
WED	1 OCT	ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS	7:00PM SE	ADRIANA—TO BECOME CLOSER TO GOD (RK)
THURS	2 OCT	THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS	12:15PM SJ	JULIETTE WHITE RIP (F)
FRI	3 OCT	26th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10:15AM SJ 7:00PM SE	REQUIEM MASS: BARBARA MOORE RIP MASS CANCELLED
SAT	4 OCT	ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	JAMES CHRISTIE RIP (KC) THOMAS KENNY RIP (GL) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	5 OCT	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	FRANK HARRISON RIP (MH) BRIAN LORIMER RIP (GL&TL) JEAN RICKMAN RIP (F) JAMES CHRISTIE RIP (JC)

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Vocations to Priesthood: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vocation/

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

Prayer of the Church week 2

28 SEPTEMBER 2014
26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

READINGS SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER
27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading:	Isaiah 5:1-7
2nd Reading:	Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel:	Matthew 21:33-43

2nd COLLECTION TODAY
CATHEDRAL

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
CAFOD

Collection	21/9/14 1st	21/9/14 CASE
Total	£2,163.51	£135.52
Cash	759.29	98.02
S / O	1,139.85	37.50
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