

The Mischief of Mercy

Still cannot understand

why she took a pound of expensive perfume,
anointed His feet and wiped them dry with her hair.

Why did He allow that?

The whole house was filled with the fragrance!

Still cannot understand

why my father killed the calf we had fattened?

Only because his son came back safe and sound?!

Did the other not despise us and treat our father as dead?

Did I not have to cover two jobs?

Still cannot understand

why He paid the last-comer as much as He pays me?

They worked only one hour and never experienced the
trauma of the heat.

Did He not notice that?

Where was He?

Still cannot understand His behaviour

Even on the Cross He invited a villain and cad to Paradise.

*Written by Fr. Stan in Southampton on 18th September 2014
while learning how to cook from Margaret (Housekeeper).*

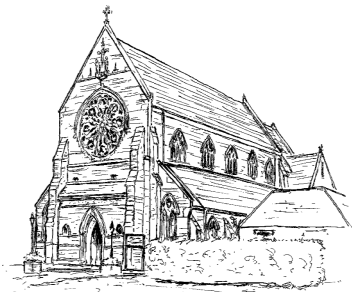
21 SEPTEMBER 2014
**TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**



**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**



VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND 17-19 OCTOBER:

For any English-speaking Catholic men between 18 and 35 years of age (under 18 please contact us).

Starts on Friday 17 October at 6pm – Mass 7.30pm (arrivals from 5pm) – ends on Sunday 19 October at 3pm. Led by Fr Armand de Malleray, FSSP and by Fr Matthew Goddard, FSSP.

Location: St John Fisher House, 17 Eastern Avenue, Reading, RG1 5RU, England. Off-street parking available.

Programme: Spiritual conferences, socials, Holy Mass each of the three days (Extraordinary Form of the Roman rite) including community Sung Mass on Sunday, silent prayer, and optional private talk with the priests. Fr de Malleray will explain what is a vocation in general, and to the priesthood in particular.

Cost [for the whole weekend, 2 days + 2 nights, including full board accommodation at St John Fisher House]: no set price for students or unwaged – any donation welcome; others: £50 suggested.

Contact: Tel: 0118 966 5284; Email: malleray@fssp.org; Web: <https://www.facebook.com/fssp.england>. **Please pray for their 10 seminarians from England.**

TODAY: SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2014

HOME MISSION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION

TODAY: Supporting outreach to non-church going (lapsed) Catholics. Many children and young people will never see their parents receive the sacraments. Every Catholic who goes to Mass knows someone who currently is distant from the family of the faith - the parish community.

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales ask that Home Mission Sunday be celebrated in every parish to invite prayer and support for the work of evangelisation. Please pray for and help the Bishops to develop new ways to reach out to non-church going (lapsed) Catholics **by supporting today's second collection.** For more info and to donate online: www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14. Thank you for your support and do pick up a free prayer and information card about Home Mission Sunday as you leave church.

OLDER CHILDREN'S MASS ACTIVITY SHEETS now available in the porch. Please help yourself.

ST JOSEPH'S FAREWELLS FOR FATHER STAN: will take place after 6:15pm and 10am Masses this weekend (Saturday/Sunday). Refreshments will be served in the Stella Maris Hall.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



- **Troy Mudzingwa**, son of Owen & Lucy
- **Sebastian Long**, son of George & Keira
- **Freddie Stewart**, son of Ian & Cara
- **Adrians Ozets**, son of Girts & Jana
- **Victor Lipinski**, son of Bartlomiej & Aleksandra

who are being baptised at 12:30pm in St Edmund's Church.



CAKE SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR NIGHTFEVER: today (Sunday) after 9am and 11am Masses in St Edmund's Hall to raise funds for Night Fever.

FILIPINO CHOIR: Sunday 7pm Mass, rehearsals at 6pm.

RECENTLY DIED:



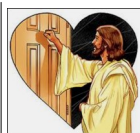
Margaret Higginbottom RIP late of Castle Street, Inner Avenue, Southampton. Requiem Mass 1pm Friday 26 September in St Edmund's Church followed by burial at Stoneham Cemetery. Our sympathy to her family. *Please remember her in your prayers. May she rest in peace.*

THIS WEEK

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

ANCHOR TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS: 10am-1pm Monday 22 September at St Edward the Confessor, Chandler's Ford. Come and find out about this simple, interactive faith formation for adults.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE OPEN EVENING 6:30pm—9:30pm Monday 22 September. Please see Notice Board for more info. Contact Tel. 023 8067 0150.



OPEN DOOR RETREAT takes place at 7pm Monday 22 September — 17 November in St Edmund's Hall. Please contact Tina Mob No. 07827 810 457 to book.

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.

HANDING ON THE FAITH: 'Journey in Faith' 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.

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME PRAYER GROUP AT ST EDMUND'S: An ecumenical lunch-time prayer group on Fridays **from 1pm-2pm in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place.** Open to our local neighbourhood Christian colleagues to join with us in their lunch hour for a time of shared prayer and reflection. All welcome, we look forward to seeing you. Contact Anne Wheeler 023 8033 3589 or email address: southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

MEDITATION IN THE HUT will take place on the **last Friday of the month from 1:30pm – 3pm.** Next meeting will be **26 September** and then 31 October. You are invited to join in the Lectio Divina, a centuries old way of praying the Scriptures used in monasteries today. Be part of this sacred space for peaceful reflection on one of the Sunday readings followed by a cup of tea. All welcome. Please phone Irena (023 8078 4208) or Jane (023 8034 2290) for address.

NEXT WEEKEND

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: takes place on Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 September at St Mary's College, Bitterne Park. Speakers this year are Charles and Sue Whitehead, David Matthews and John Vaughan-Neil. There will be daily Mass (*celebrant Father Paul Leonard*) and a variety of seminars and workshops as well as the main talks. The theme is '*Jesus, the hope of all the world*'. Full details are on the Celebrate website from where booking forms can be downloaded, or contact Frank & Angela 023 8077 2868.

BETHANY GROUP MEETING 9:45am Saturday 27 September in St Edmund's Presbytery.

BISHOP PHILIP EGAN will celebrate Mass in honour of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, a Filipino-Chinese Saint enshrined at St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth on Saturday 27 September at 4pm. Procession starts at 3:30pm. Bring and share after the Mass. Tel. Fr Claro, 07803 191 502.

ST EDMUND'S FAREWELLS FOR FATHER STAN:

Join us in St Edmund's Hall for light refreshments after 9am, 11am and 7pm Masses on Sunday 28 September. Father Stan's first weekend in North Hinksey will be the weekend of 4/5 October.

NEXT WEEK

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 more info.

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

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.

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 and make a place at your table for the one in eight across the world who do not have enough to eat. 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.

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

CHILD PROTECTION & VULNERABLE ADULT TRAINING SESSIONS: Saturday 4 October at St Boniface Hall, Shirley Road, Southampton:

- Child Protection Training: 10am – 12:30pm
- Vulnerable Adults Training: 1:30pm – 4pm

Trainer, Maureen Wiltshire. Contact Soraya email: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 023 92 81 6396 / 023 9282 5430 to book.

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

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.

'CHRISTMAS WHISPERS' concert to raise funds for church maintenance **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.

GENERAL ITEMS

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE McEWING FAMILY for all the kindness shown while Kate is in hospital after her fall. It is very much appreciated. Kate will be convalescing at the Royal South Hants hospital once discharged from Southampton General.

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? Due to illness and retirement we are looking for a 2nd person to join the team. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

KINGSIZE DOUBLE BED & BASE FOR SALE £40 ono. Tel. Jenepher on 07891733 939 if you are interested.

ENJOY WALKING? Want to start a walking group in your neighbourhood or for your community group? Sustrans are running FREE training and will give support for Walk Leaders in the My Journey area (Southampton, Totton, Romsey, Eastleigh). To book for Tuesday 30 September from 9:45am-3:30pm at the Hawthorns on the Common, The Avenue, Southampton e-mail megan.streb@sustrans.org.uk.

SAFEGUARDING: It is wonderful to see so many volunteers assisting the vulnerable in our parish. With Safeguarding Administration in mind, it is incumbent upon us to ensure that all volunteers hold a DBS Certificate. If you are currently assisting one of the many vocations within the parish, and need a Certificate, please contact the Parish Office and obtain an application form. Once this initial volunteer's form has been completed, it will be given to the Safeguarding Representative, Albie Escorcio, who will undertake the initial enquiries with references, and then you will be asked to submit your Application for DBS approval. If you are not sure as to whether you require a DBS Certificate, please contact the Safeguarding Team / Parish Office.

BRITISH MUSLIMS CONDEMN MURDER OF FELLOW BRITON AND CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALAN HENNING:

Commenting on the murder of British aid worker **David Haines**, Dr Shuja Shafi, Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain said: "British Muslims condemn unreservedly the murder of our fellow Briton, David Haines. Our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of Mr Haines. David Haines went out to the region to help the people of the region. That extremists chose to murder him only shows once again the depravity of their warped ideology. They have killed so many innocent people in the region, and they perform such murders only to draw attention to their cause of destruction.

Alan Henning is a British citizen who travelled to Syria in an aid convoy organised by British Muslims to help innocent civilians.

Dr Shuja Shafi, said: "Such a man should be celebrated, not incarcerated. Taking such people hostage, and murdering them are against the principles laid out in the Qur'an and our Prophetic traditions. These actions are against the spirit of the Shariah which Henning's captors reportedly claim to uphold. Henning travelled to Syria to help people, mostly Muslims, who were in distress as their lives have been ravaged by war. Teachings of our faith surely is to commend his work, treat him with respect and release him without further delay. We urge the captors to listen to this appeal and release this man back into the arms of his waiting family. The Muslim Council of Britain is also making available on its website a translation of a Covenant reported to have been made to Christians by the Prophet Muhammad, upon whom be peace. **We hope it is a reminder to all of the obligations Muslims have in respecting and upholding the rights of people of other faiths.**"

PLEASE PRAY FOR Maria Gibzinska, 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, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2014

SAT	20 SEP	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	JAMES CHRISTIE RIP (JC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	21 SEP	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	AGOSTINHO GONSALVES RIP (MG) JAMES CHRISTIE RIP (RC) ANNIE REILLY RIP (FF) ROBERT'S PARENTS & GODPARENTS—LIVING AND DEAD (RK)
TUES	23 SEP	ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA	10:00AM SE	BIANCA SWANN RIP (HP&GC)
WED	24 SEP	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	7:00PM SE	JAMES CHRISTIE RIP (SC)
THURS	25 SEP	25th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	LEWIS YAPP—HEALING & WELLBEING (MB)
FRI	26 SEP	SS COSMOS & DAMIAN	1:00PM SE 7:00PM SE	REQUIEM MASS: MARGARET HIGGINBOTTOM RIP KITTY CUMMINS RIP (BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY) (PC)
SAT	27 SEP	ST VINCENT DE PAUL	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	THANKSGIVING—LEO VARGESE (12TH BIRTHDAY)(SV) 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)

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

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 St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
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Prayer of the Church week 1

21 SEPTEMBER 2014
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalm Response
 The Lord is close to all who call him.
Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

READINGS SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
 1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
 Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

	2nd COLLECTION TODAY	2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
Collection	14/9/14 1st	14/9/14 Racial Justice
Total	£2,045.23	£174.15
Cash	641.01	113.65
S / O	1,139.85	60.50
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