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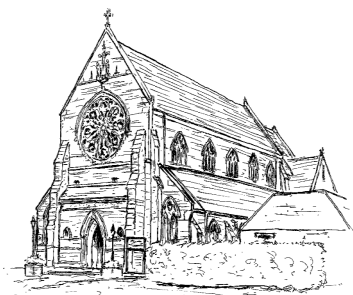
**TWENTY-
SECOND
SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY
TIME**



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

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



GOD'S WILL

Today's gospel follows straight on from last week's but is in marked contrast to it. Last week, Jesus said to Peter, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah ... You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church." Today we hear Christ saying to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan." Why the change? What has happened?

In the first place, Christ had commended Peter for his inspired act of faith, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This was, of course, absolutely true, but it rapidly became clear that Peter did not fully understand the meaning of his own words. Peter recognised Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah—but he did not really know what this meant. Today, we hear Our Lord explaining the reality of what it was to be the Christ: 'From that time forward, Jesus began to show his disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the leaders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.' This was not what Peter wanted to hear. He did not like to imagine that his Master must suffer and die. He wanted Him to be a great king, effortlessly triumphant, irresistibly powerful.

Are we not sometimes guilty of the same charge? Do we not often want God to conform to our own expectations? In thinking like this, we reverse the correct order of things. We try to make God in our own image. When we do this, we become liable to the same condemnation that Peter received: "Get behind me, Satan! You are not on the side of God, but of men." Strong words, but well deserved, because Peter was imitating the sin of Satan, opposing his will to that of his Creator. This is always the great temptation the Evil One lays before us, to put our own wills first, our own wishes above all else. After rebuking Peter for his folly, the Lord teaches His disciples the true way to happiness, in words which are so familiar that perhaps we miss their full impact: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Father Paul Leonard

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. What does denying yourself and taking up your cross mean to you? Do you find it oppressive or life-giving? Why?
2. What are you willing to give up for your faith, for you to deepen your relationship with God? How are you going to achieve it?
3. When you have suffered have you experienced the presence of God? Can you help others to do so?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 31 AUGUST 2014

WELCOME BACK to Father Vincent and the Lourdes pilgrims who returned home on Friday.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:

- **Jessica Chircop**, daughter of Alexander and Victoria
- **Malachy Bennett**, son of Grant and Lilian
- **Ava Hall**, daughter of Kieron and Jennifer
- **Tyler and Jaiven Texeira**, sons of Nathan and Lauren being baptised at 12:30pm in St Edmund's Church.

SUNDAY ACTIVITY SHEETS (Ichthus) for older children now also available in the porches. Please help yourself!

THIS WEEK

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

BAMENDA COMMITTEE meeting 7pm Monday 1 September in St Edmund's Presbytery.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP recommence meeting 2 September and every Tuesday evening thereafter at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome!

OPEN DOOR RETREAT REUNION 3pm—4pm Wednesday 3 September in St Edmund's Hall.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (*Protectress of the Unborn*): The Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will visit St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth from Friday 5 September to Thursday 11 September.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE—SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC) is being held from 4:30pm Friday 5 September to 1pm Sunday 7 September at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Booking Forms available in the Parish Office or email conference@spuc.org.uk. See Notice Board for programme. **Bishop Philip is the keynote speaker.**

FOR INFO:

Mon: Day Off: SG/AM

VH: 31.8—3.9 Alderney (baptism);
6.9—26.9 annual leave.

NEXT WEEKEND

CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING TRAINING 10am to 12:30pm Saturday 6 September in the Father Louis Suite, Holy Family Church, Redbridge Hill, Millbrook, Southampton, SO16 4PL. Please phone Soraya Ciccarone in the Diocesan Safeguarding Team to book, Tel. 0239281 6396/023 9282 5430 or email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Stefano Centola and Marta Karbowniczek** who are getting married at 2pm Saturday 6 September in St Edmund's Church. *May God bless them all the days of their lives.*

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE to Millyford Bridge (New Forest). Meet at Millyford Bridge Car Park at 2pm Sunday 7 September. Phone 023 8022 3389 for more info. See Notice Board.

NEXT WEEK

BAPTISM PREPARATION 7pm—8:30pm Monday 8 September in St Edmund's Hall for parents having their children baptised.

LUNCH CLUB recommences meeting at 12noon Wednesday 10 September in St Edmund's Hall.

ROTAS ... EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS & READERS: New rotas are being drawn up for October. We need to know if you wish to continue with your ministry or if there are any changes to your details. Both ministries are important for a beautiful, beneficial and uplifting celebration of Mass. **We need a response by 10 September ... please.**

MARYVALE CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS: This course is open to anyone who wishes to study their Faith systematically and be able to explain it to others. **A special introductory taster evening will take place at the new Maryvale Centre in the Diocese of Portsmouth - St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford from 7.30pm - 9pm on Wednesday 10 September.** See Notice Board.

MEDITATION IN THE HUT every second Friday from 1:30pm – 3pm. Next meeting Friday 12 September. 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.

CAFOD meeting for all supporters from 10am - 1.30pm Saturday 13 September at St Bede's RC Primary School Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. To book call 012 5232 9385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 14 September when we are called to pray for an end to racism and racial inequality. The Bishop's Conference Office for Migration work with the statutory authorities to combat human trafficking and slavery, supporting some of the most vulnerable and marginalised people. A 2nd collection will be taken to support their work.

PRESENTATION BY KRIS SLADEWSKI all about his cycle ride from Italy to Southampton from 12 noon (after Mass) Sunday 14 September in St Edmund's Hall.

GENERAL ITEMS

FAREWELLS FOR FATHER STAN: These will take the form of light refreshment after Masses in September so that he can meet the maximum number of people: 6:15pm Saturday 20 September and 10am Sunday 21 September; then 9am, 11am and 7pm on Sunday 28 September. Father Stan's first weekend in North Hinksey will be the weekend of 4/5 October.

THE DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH now issues a weekly e-newsletter with photos, news, and information from around the Diocese. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates. Are you on Facebook? Like 'Diocese of Portsmouth' to get all the latest info as it happens. You can also follow @BishopEgan and @PortsmouthRC on Twitter.

ST EDMUND'S HALL AND STORE ROOM: thank you to Judy Brown and the small group who helped her to tidy up St Edmund's Hall, especially the store room. The latter is like a tardis!

FATHER STAN'S SUCCESSOR. Sadly the priest from India the Bishop was hoping to send to us is unable to come. This means that at present there is no one to take over from Father Stan! This obviously raises challenges. The Bishop is looking at possibilities. In the meantime Father Des Connolly has agreed to help Father Vincent celebrate Masses, particularly at weekends. Thank you Fr Des! It is a case of 'watch this space'! and pray!

Bishop Philip has appointed Father Joseph SMM (Montford Missionary) to the parishes of Holy Family and Saint Vincent de Paul. He will take up his pastoral responsibilities from next weekend (6/7 September). Father Des will become Father Joseph's assistant with special responsibility for the Holy Family School and offering regular support to Father Michael Cronin at the Southampton General Hospital. Father Joseph's appointment has been made to enable Father Des and the Montford Missionaries to develop their ministry at St Joseph's in Ashhurst while providing good pastoral care to the parishioners of Holy Family and St Vincent de Paul.

'GLORY IN ALL CREATION' POETRY SHARE EVENING: 7pm Thursday 18 September in St Joseph's Church.

Handing ON THE FAITH: 'Journey in Faith' starts at 7:45pm Thursday 18 September 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.

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.

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.

OPEN DOOR RETREATS: Next retreat will take place at 7pm on Mondays from 22 September — 17 November in St Edmund's Hall and will run over 9 weeks. Please contact Tina on Mobile No. 07827 810 457 or email: tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book.

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND will take place 27 & 28 September 2014 at St Mary's College, Bitterne Park. See poster on Notice Boards. To book go to the Website: www.celebrateconference.org or contact Lynda & Peter 8029 2058 or Frank & Angela 8077 2868.



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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE for Naresh Carnelio and Vera Domingos to be married in Mumbai in December.

LOST PROPERTY ITEMS not collected from St Edmund's Porch will be given to a charity shop if not collected by 10 September.



'CHRISTMAS WHISPERS' fundraising concert, **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.

ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE Fr Vincent responded to the challenge in Lourdes (see Facebook). He did it to highlight Motor Neurone Disease and to raise funds for HCPT Group 170. Donations still gratefully accepted!

200 CLUB WINNERS— SEPTEMBER 2014

Cecily Head	First Prize	£25
Patricia Livett	2nd Prize	£10

BANKING the weekly collections need to be banked. Our norm is for one person to drive and the other to bank. Are you willing to be involved on a rota (once a month)? Further details as to times, days etc. can be obtained from Fr Vincent or the Parish Office.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT: Anna, Judy Brown's daughter, is running the Berlin Marathon (25 miles) at the end of September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. To donate to this worthy cause please go to website www.justgiving.com/Anna-Brown13.

CARDINAL NICHOLS' IRAQ APPEAL: "Help and protect persecuted communities facing a threat to their very existence." Cardinal Vincent Nichols has released a statement on Iraq calling for urgent "help and protection" for the persecuted communities in the north of the country. He calls on the UK Government to "lead the efforts in the face of such a human calamity" to restore communities and facilitate essential humanitarian aid. Website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/Cardinals-Iraq-Appeal.php>.

ADORATION AT ST EDMUND'S CHURCH: The following hours urgently need to be filled:

- Monday 11am—12noon; 12noon—1pm; 4pm—5pm
- Wednesday 11am—12noon
- Thursday 12noon—1pm

If you are able to take on one of these hours every week please call at the Parish Office or Tel. 023 8033 3589.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Marie Adams (op. recovery), Patricia Penny, Sonia Perello, Joyce Mnguni, Richard Parry, James Adie (18yrs 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, Liz Flaherty, 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 31 AUGUST 2014

SAT	30 AUG	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	SEAN DAVIS RIP (PC & CUMMINGS FAMILY)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	31 AUG	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	NORA KEARNEY RIP (CC)
			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM SE	PAKIE KEOGH RIP (FL)
			7:00PM SE	GILLIAN FLYNN—WELLBEING (FF)
TUES	2 SEPT	22ND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	MR. R. GULLEY RIP (HP)
WED	3 SEPT	ST GREGORY THE GREAT	7:00PM SE	PAUL CITRONE RIP (AT)
THURS	4 SEPT	ST CUTHBERT	12:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	5 SEPT	22ND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	6 SEPT	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE	MORGAN (MAC) MURRAY RIP (EH)
			6:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	7 SEPT	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	JACKIE LYNN RIP (CC)
			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM SE	SEBASTIAN MONTEIRO RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	DOREEN McCONNELL WELLBEING (FF)

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/

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 2

31 AUGUST 2014

22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Psalm Response

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

READINGS SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

NO 2nd COLLECTION TODAY

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC CARE

Collection	24/8/14 1st	24/8/14 2nd - Church Maintenance
Total	£2,039.24	£240.10
Cash	635.02	90.60
S / O	1,139.85	149.50
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