

Faith or Religion or Unbelief?

Peter's lack of faith at a crucial point (walking on the water) and Elijah's courageous faith (as he walked into the presence of God on the mountain) got me thinking about faith and religion!

The German theologian, Karl Rahner SJ (a theological advisor at the Second Vatican Council) once said that the time is approaching when we will either be a mystic or an unbeliever! I think we are there!

What do I mean? Once we were 'given', or 'passed on', the faith by a living, committed and convinced faith community (family, parish and society), and were able to walk within and with that faith community, at a personal and less personal level. At all levels we were sustained. In the past a certain cultural faith was still very powerful and could carry individuals through thick and thin, through struggles and doubt. In our current atheistic, agnostic, pluralistic, seductive and distracting society I don't think that is now possible, or at least, not so easy.

Faith is not easy for any of us. To have real faith, an actual relationship with God, requires more from us than simply going with the flow of our faith community, our Parish, our Church. I think it is fairly easy to have faith in the Church, and Christianity in general, as a force for good, as a source of ethical and moral teaching. It is even relatively easy to respond to God's call for justice, and reach out to the poor, the marginalised and the outcast. And reach out we should; moral we are called to be. But all of this can be done without a personal and real relationship with God!

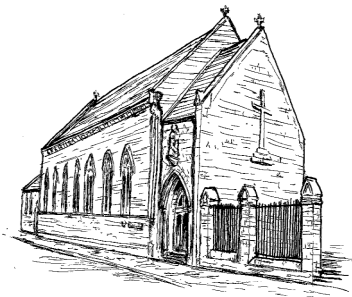
There is a danger, and I don't want to over egg it, but there is a danger that we can have a relationship with the Christian family, the worshipping community, the local and universal Church but no real relationship with God!

The latter, the real relationship with God, requires an inner journey, a journey into the deepest recesses of my soul. It is there that I must face my weaknesses and strengths, my lies and honesty, my dark and light side! It is there, in my inner journey, that I need to discover who I am (through open handed prayer) and who God is (through open ended prayer). I need, in prayer, to be honest with God (more honest than I am with myself and with those near and dear to me).

I need to be aware of God and me me and God and not run away from the insights I gain from this experience. I need, in a sense, to be a mystic, because in and through those insights I will develop a relationship with God which can, and will be, nourished beyond my imagining when I, together with the faith community, celebrate our faith through the Eucharist on the First Day of the Week, the Day of Resurrection, the Day of Life. Like Elijah let us have the courage to 'walk into the presence of God' on a daily basis. *Vincent Harvey*

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. When, like Peter, have you pulled back from faith out of fear?
2. Like Elijah, where have you found God? *Vincent Harvey*



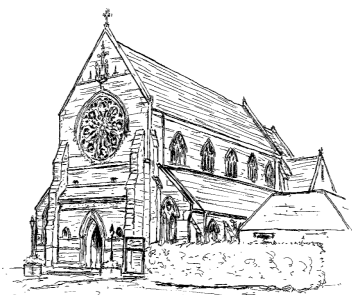
**10 AUGUST 2014
NINETEENTH
SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY
TIME**



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PASTORAL AREA
ALSO INCLUDES
ST. BONIFACE,
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
& HOLY FAMILY**



TODAY: SUNDAY 10 AUGUST 2014

WELCOME RITES: 10am and 11am Masses.



RECENTLY DIED: Julia Brooking RIP late of Regent Court, Winn Road, Southampton. Requiem Mass 2:45pm Wednesday 13 August in St Edmund's Church followed by cremation at the Southampton Crematorium. Please pray for her daughter, Caroline, and the family. May Julia rest in peace. Amen.

FATHER STAN commences in his parish in Oxfordshire the first weekend of October. Please do return the envelopes for his farewell: in a collection or Parish Office or Presbytery.

THIS WEEK

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY Friday 15 August is a **Holy day** of obligation. Mass times are: 7am and 7:30pm at St Edmund's and 12:15pm at St Joseph's.

FOR INFO: SG on holiday until 21 August.

Father Andrew here until end of September (to help in Father Stan's absence and then Father Vincent's absences—*Lourdes* holiday).

Mon: Day Off: VH

NEXT WEEKEND

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT 11am to 4pm Saturday 16 August at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, led by Fr. Andrew. Contact Janet Tel. 023 9282 0744 for info.

MARIAN SERVICE—WITH ROSARY at St Mary's Church, Southampton 5pm Sunday 17 Aug. Includes refreshments, walk along the causeway of Our Lady of Grace, devotional prayers at the site of the Pilgrimage Chapel. The pilgrimage chapel of The Holy Trinity otherwise known as Our Lady of Grace of Southampton (*which gives its name to the area Chapel*) is Southampton's long lost centre of mediaeval pilgrimage. Kings visited it and referred to it in their charters. **Do join Father Vincent for this annual event in honour of Our Blessed Lady.**

NEXT WEEK

THE JOURNEY: The Educational Chaplaincies Department is organising a coach to the Youth 2000 festival in Walsingham this year (**Thurs 21- Mon 25 Aug**). The coach will travel from Portsmouth with pick-ups at Winchester and Reading. This festival attracts over 1,000 young people aged 16-25. *It is a long weekend of Adoration, praise and worship, dynamic 'Gospel message' teaching, workshops and much more. For many, many young people it has been the place for a life-changing encounter with Jesus. This year is the 20th anniversary. Main speaker is John Pridmore who has an amazing testimony of conversion.* The Diocese are offering a great deal - £55 return to Walsingham. A wonderful opportunity for 50 young people to take part in a weekend that could be a significant moment in their faith. Families also welcome (*especially with teenagers*) - there is a whole field dedicated to family camping. Sign up for *The Journey* (see Diocesan Web Site) Email edchap@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for info.

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm—7pm Friday 22 August in St Edmund's Lodge.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES departs Friday 22 August—Friday 29 August. Please keep Bishop Philip, Father Vincent and all pilgrims in your prayers.



WEDDING BELLS: Our congratulations to **Agnieszka Zolowicz and Luke Ryan** who are getting married at 2pm and **Szymon Klimczak and Katarzyna Nawracaj** who are getting married at 3:30pm Saturday 23 August in St Edmund's Church. *May God bless them all the days of their lives.*

GENERAL ITEMS

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Dominic Delegate & Agnieszka Kaczor in Poland on Saturday 23 August 2014.



WEDDING BELLS: Our congratulations to **Darren Ediss and Edyta Rzepa** who are getting married at 12 noon Tuesday 26 August in St Edmund's Church.

THE CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP invites all members and parishioners to the Annual Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, Farnborough, GU14 6JS at **2:30pm on Saturday 30 August.**

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.

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 Ciccaraone in the Diocesan Safeguarding Team if you are interested in attending. Tel: 023 92 816396/023 92 825430 or email: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

SILENT RETREAT: from Monday 5:30pm—Monday 9:30am, 8—15 September. Cost £200 for the waged. Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, RG7 5TQ. Email: douaiabbey@aol.com; Tel. 0118 971 5333.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP with Father Des from 2pm—3pm every Thursday in the Father Louis Suite, Holy Family Church, Millbrook. All welcome!

MEDITATION IN THE HUT every second Friday of the month 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 Needs You - CAFOD Portsmouth is currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us visit Catholic **secondary** schools here in Southampton. If you are a good communicator and interested in global issues, do 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 for more info.

MARYVALE CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS: The Formation for Mission Team is offering the chance to study for a Certificate in Catechesis, awarded by Maryvale Institute in Birmingham. This course is open to anyone who wishes to study their Faith systematically and be able to explain it to others. It is for all parish catechists as well as those who simply want to give an account of their Faith 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 10 September.** See Notice Board.

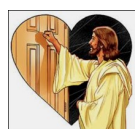
DAY TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT (with the Confraternity of the Rosary) **Thursday 11 September.** Coach leaves outside St Edmund's Church, Southampton at 8am sharp (please be on time). Includes visit to Quarr Abbey, Holy Mass at St Mary's Church, Ryde, a talk by Peter Clarke and lunch at the Trouville Hotel in Sandown. Ferry returns at 6pm. Cost £40 includes return ferry and coach fares and lunch. Tel. 023 9282 0744 to book.

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.



CONFIRMATION 2015: The Sacrament of Confirmation for our Pastoral Area will next be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, 24 May 2015 at 3pm in the Cathedral (all Confirmations are currently being celebrated there). It is for those aged 13 by 31 August

2014, i.e. mostly school Year 9, although because there has been no Confirmation this year, there will be others from year 10 also. **The first session of the programme will be on Sunday 14 September, and thereafter on the second Sunday of the month (third Sunday in April and May), each session is from 2pm-5pm in the Hall at St. Boniface.** Candidates to send a short letter or e-mail to Father Vincent (vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) applying to join the programme and saying why they would like to be confirmed. **Closing date to apply is 1 September. (Father Vincent is away the last week of August, do contact him in the first 2 weeks of August.)**



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 email: tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Mob 07827 810 457 if you would like to take part.

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.** There will be a procession of Filipino and Chinese saints from the car park to the Church starting at 3:30pm. Filipino and Chinese groups will bring food to share after the Mass. All invited. For more info call Father Claro Conde, 07803 191 502.

SOUTHAMPTON STREET PASTORS ... WANTED! If you would like to find out more there are taster sessions on Sundays 10 & 17 August from 4pm-5 pm. For info Tel 023 8033 3387 or southampton@streetpastors.org.uk.



KRIS SLADEWSKI'S CYCLE RIDE from Sicily to Southampton has **raised now £3,764.04** (308% above target). **Kris will be available after 9am, 11am and 7pm Masses today (Sunday 10th August) to share this wonderful experience, please do stop and have a chat with him!**

CAFOD PETITION: Please help stop the violence in Israel and Gaza and get aid to families in great need. You can ask the Foreign Secretary to push for peace, see petition in the porches, or donate to CAFOD's humanitarian aid on the ground. Go to <http://www.cafod.org.uk/>.

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.

CAFOD have written to thank us for the £990 collected for Lent Fast Day 2014. Thank you for your generosity.



SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: This annual Catholic Charismatic conference will take place on 27 and 28 September 2014 at St Mary's College, Bitterne Park. Excellent speakers and workshops plus children's streams and crèche. Praise and worship, with Mass every day. Book now for this

popular, joyful and spirit-filled celebration where all are welcome: young and old, singles and families. See poster on Notice Boards. Details from website: www.celebrateconference.org or from Lynda & Peter Szymanski: 023 8029 2058 or from Frank & Angela Capocci: 023 8077 2868.

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS AT ST JOSEPH'S the church is being kept open on some days during the week. If you wish to volunteer please contact the Parish Office or see Sue McCall.

HOLY FAMILY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL— seek to appoint a Foundation Governor. Call Tina Perry 023 8073 3278. Closing date 29 August 2014. See Notice Boards.

HANDBAGS & VALUABLES—Please take good care of all valuables whilst at Mass and in the Halls.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Joyce Mnguni, Richard Parry, Helen Thomas (op. recovery), James Adie (18yrs old—accident recovery), Peter Hunt (awaiting op), Elaine Buxton (op. recovery), Helmy Duyvesteijn (op. recovery), Edward O'Donovan, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Hélène Scrase, Emma Bailey, Laura Pinson, Fred & Kate McEwing, Madeleine Clarke, Marie Adams, 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 10 AUGUST 2014

SAT	9 AUG	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ PEGGY WHITTAKER—GOOD HEALTH & INTS (KC) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	10 AUG	NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE AGOSTINHO GONSALVES RIP (MG) 10:00AM SJ JOAN DOWDING RIP (F) 11:00AM SE ANDREW & DR LAURA—1ST ANNIVERSARY & BABY AIDEN'S BAPTISM BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA) 7:00PM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUES	12 AUG	19TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE THANKSGIVING TO ST JUDE (HP)
WED	13 AUG	ST PONTIAN & ST HIPPOLYTUS	2:45PM SE REQUIEM MASS: JULIA BROOKING RIP 7:00PM SE JOAN DOWDING RIP (F)
THURS	14 AUG	ST MAXIMILIAN MARIA KOLBE	12:15PM SJ MARY BROOKS RIP
FRI	15 AUG	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY	7:00AM SE GERARD TAHENY RIP (SW) 12:15PM SJ MARGARET MARY CRAGGS RIP (BM) 7:30PM SE SEAN DAVIS RIP (JC&GC)
SAT	16 AUG	ST STEPHEN	11:00AM SE BRENDAN O'RIORDAN RIP (TO'R) 6:15PM SJ PAUL DORAN RIP (JB) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	17 AUG	TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE ANNA MARIA EGAN RIP (RAH) 10:00AM SJ ADAM HUNT RIP (TF) 11:00AM SE AYLAFFE VIOLET McCONNELL RIP (JPM) 7:00PM SE JON—MOTHER'S INTENTIONS (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
 St George College 023 8032 2603

Prayer of the Church week 3		
10 AUGUST 2014		
19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A		
Psalm Response		
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.		
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 17 AUGUST		
20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A		
1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7		
2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32		
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28		
2ND COLLECTION TODAY NO 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK		
CATHOLIC CARE		
Collections	3/8/14 1st	3/8/14 Father Stan's
Total	£2,265.44	£640.33
Cash	861.22	640.33
S / O	1,139.85	-
Gift Aid Tax	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		