

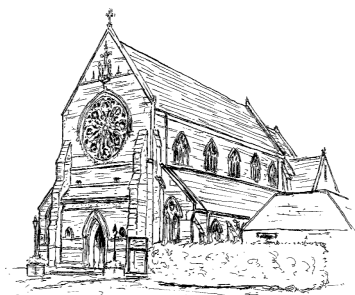
**13 JULY 2014  
FIFTEENTH  
SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY  
TIME**



**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**



## **The Sower, The Seed, The Soil, The Harvest**

There are different kinds of sowers, seeds and soils. Adam and Eve, our first parents, were offered the seed of distrust towards God. As it transpired, both of them were very receptive, so Satan easily sowed distrust in their minds when he said to them that there is no love, sincerity or truth in God. The seed of distrust brought the large harvest, which is known as the Original Sin and its devastating consequences. This particular seed looked rather innocent. However, a person who does not trust begins to feel threatened. A person whom I do not trust, becomes a threat to me and I begin to fear him. The seed of distrust brings threat and fear.

There is another sower and seed. Only the soil remains the same. The sower is God and his labourers. The seed is Jesus. We are the soil. When Peter was going through one of the gates of the temple, he met a crippled man who begged him for alms. Peter then said to him: "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, rise and walk" (Acts 3:6). And the crippled man rose. The seed of trust worked in the man from the street because he was like receptive soil. This begging, crippled man was helpless and he expected a great deal. He lost everything and received a hard lesson about life. His soul was free to receive the seed of trust in Jesus, and the sower came and brought him the Lord in a very gentle way.

This particular seed, Jesus Christ, is an antidote to the seed of distrust in God. Through faith, we are incorporated into Jesus and His action towards us, which in theology is described as our redemption. Our fear, as well as the feeling of being threatened, becomes a part of the Redemption. Jesus, dying on the Cross, redeemed us from sin, fear and the feeling of being threatened. Once we accept the seed of trust in Jesus, and agree to be immersed (baptised) in Christ through the holy water and the name of God, our lives are orientated towards the redeeming action of Christ. The harvest is greater than the seed of distrust. Grace flows continuously from the Cross like an ocean, so that we, and through us, all humanity (starting with our families) are given Divine Mercy and a New Vision of the world. We are saved from the poison of sin as well as from fear, and invited to take part in sowing the seed of Jesus.

Only one problem remains. After such a bad experience with the seed of distrust, and thus being ruined, the soil becomes very hard ground. Moreover, the seed of distrust becomes more appealing as we become tempted with excessive lifestyles and feeling superior over others, while the seed of Jesus is portrayed badly as if it was a danger for us or at least an unrealistic seed – a dream for the naive.

*Father Stan*

## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. How would you describe the foundation of your faith: in the 'path', 'rock', 'thorns' or 'rich soil'? Why? Are you happy with it? If not what can you do to deepen it?
2. What happens when you think of yourself as 'the sower', or 'the seed'? Put yourself in prayer into both of these roles!
3. What fruit has your faith produced (Isaiah and Gospel)? What fruit do you think it can produce? What fruit do you intend to produce? *Vincent Harvey*

## TODAY: SUNDAY 13 JULY 2014



**SEA SUNDAY** today when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AOS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency

which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable its work to continue, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information on the work of AOS please visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

**WELCOME RITES:** 11 am Mass.



**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our faith community **Kornelia & Karolina Karpel**, daughters of Seweryn & Natalia who are being baptised in

**BAPTISM** St Edmund's Church today at 12:30pm.

## THIS WEEK



**BINGO CLUB** summer outing takes place on Monday 14 July.

**BAMENDA COMMITTEE** meet at 7pm Monday 14 July in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** meet 7:30pm on Tuesday 15 July in St Edmund's Hall. *This is the last meeting before the summer break. Meetings resume Tuesday 2 September.*

**CCPG** meet 7:45pm Wednesday 16 July in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**ASSISTED DYING BILL - PLEASE WRITE TO A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS:** The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - *meaning assisted suicide* - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18 July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18 July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, including details of how to write to a Peer, please visit [www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill) IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY **BEFORE 18 JULY.**

**\*\*On Thursday 17 July try to pop into St Edmund's, or Mass at St Joseph (12:15 pm), to pray that wisdom may prevail and the sanctity of life upheld.**

**EU WELCOME INFO EVENING** 6pm—8pm Friday 18 July in St Edmund's Lodge.

**DISCOVERING OUR IDENTITY** young adult group meet after Mass at 7:45pm on Fridays in St Edmund's hall.

**FOR INFO:** SG on holiday until 21<sup>st</sup> August.

Sun: Baptism in Basingtoke: VH

Mon: Bamenda Meeting: VH

Tues: Ecumenical meeting VH; St George Governors VH

Wed: Hospital 24 hr call; S/hill Yr 6 Leavers Mass VH

Vocation Department meeting Basingtoke: VH

St Anne's Mass: VH

Thurs: Love Southampton meeting: VH

## NEXT WEEKEND

**SUMMER QUIET DAY** Friday 18 July 10am—4pm Wisdom Centre, Romsey. Suggested offering £22 to include lunch. Email [reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk](mailto:reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk) or Telephone 017 9483 0206. See Notice Board.

## NEXT WEEK

**ORGAN TUNING** 9am—4pm Thursday 24 July in St Edmund's Church. *There will be no Adoration until 4pm.*

**COPING WITH TRANSITIONS—THEMED RETREAT** (Led by Valerie Wright & Tony Solomon). From 5:30pm Friday 25 July—2pm Sunday 27 July. Limited to 16 people. Cost £200 for the waged. Book by email: [v.wright@grailsociety.org.uk](mailto:v.wright@grailsociety.org.uk) or 01962 859 870. Venue Douai Abbey, RG7 5TQ.

**DAY FOR LIFE** Sunday 27 July. The 2nd collection is for the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life. *This year they call upon young people in particular to protect and cherish life from conception to the natural death.* Postcard with details and the Day for Life prayer will be available in the porches next weekend.

## GENERAL ITEMS

**FINANCE MEETING** 7:30pm Tuesday 29 July in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**MASS OF ANOINTING** 11am Saturday 2 August at St Edmund's Church. If you are ill with a serious or long term illness or you know someone who is, then come along, or bring them along to be anointed with the 'Sacrament of the Sick' during Mass. Light refreshments after the Mass.



**WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATION MASS—100TH ANNIVERSARY:** 11am Sunday 3 August in St Edmund's Church. A Mass to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the war which was to have momentous consequences for families and nations, and which helped to shape the world in which we now live.

**NB: ROADWORKS—INNER AVENUE:** resurfacing is scheduled to commence Wednesday night 6 August to Friday night 8 August between 7pm and 6am (weather permitting). This covers the area on Inner Avenue between the junctions of Rockstone Lane and Rockstone Place.

**WILLIAM O EGAN RIP:** Please pray for Bishop Philip's father who died last Monday after a short illness. We pray for the Bishop and all his family who give thanks for their father's long life and strong faith.

**CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE TO 'THE JOURNEY':** Father PJ Smith, *Head of Educational Chaplaincies and Youth Ministry*, is organising a coach to the Youth 2000 festival in Walsingham this summer from 21-25 August. The festival is called The Journey. For more info see website <http://www.youth2000.org/>. If you, or someone you know, aged 16-30, would like to go, check the diocesan website soon to book.

**VOCATION RETREAT: A weekend for Women:** Friday 12 – Sunday 14 September. Retreat will be held at St Joseph's, Ashurst. For more info, contact Fr. John Chandler or visit the Portsmouth Vocations Facebook page! [jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**ADORATION:** if you can commit to one of the following hour's Adoration at St Edmund's, contact the Parish Office: Mondays 12noon—1pm  
Wednesdays 11am—12pm  
Thursdays 12noon—1pm



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES FROM SOUTHAMPTON AIRPORT:** This year the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 22 to Friday 29 August is flying from Southampton Airport! The flight is for able bodied people, sadly not able to take electric wheel chairs and the like! Forms available in the church porches or from Father Vincent.



**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 2014, 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 are invited to send a short letter or e-mail to Fr Vincent ([vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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.* (Fr Vincent is away the last week of August ... so you need to contact him in July and the first 2 weeks of August.)

**SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND:** This annual Catholic Charismatic conference takes place 27 & 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](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or from Lynda & Peter Szymanski: 023 8029 2058 or from Frank & Angela Capocci: 023 8077 2868.

**HOME CARE VACANCY:** The Catholic Home Care team are looking for a new carer to perform various domestic tasks for elderly people within their own homes. Hours are flexible and transport costs covered. For more information and an application form, please contact Anne Monaghan on 023 8033 3589. Closing date for applications is 24 July, interviews 30 July 2014.

**WE ARE HOPING TO OPEN ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TO VISITORS FOR PRAYER DURING THE WEEK:** *If you could spare some time to enable this to happen*, please leave your contact details and the times you are available with Sue Mc Call, Patricia Livett, Iris Kuitenbrouwer at St Joseph's, or Father Vincent or Father Stan. Suggested hours:



- Mondays 10:30am—1pm
- Thursdays 1pm—3pm
- Saturdays 10am—1pm
- Sundays after Mass 11am—12noon

**HOLY FAMILY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL** wish to appoint a Foundation Governor. See Notice Boards. Contact Tina Perry, Clerk to the Board of Governors for more info (Tel. 023 8073 3278). Closing date 29 August 2014.

**PUSH UPS** ..... thank you to all who sponsored Anthony on Easter Sunday. The total raised: £1865. This will be split between Poitier Care and Basics Bank.

**SUMMER FROLICS CONCERT—Thank you** to all who kindly supported the 2nd concert in St Edmund's Catholic Church last Sunday. We are grateful and privileged to welcome these talented musicians. The event was well attended and raised £42.10 for church maintenance.

**NEW ST EDMUND'S CLEANING & 11AM WELCOME ROTAS** are now available in the Sacristy at St Edmund's.

**DIVINE MERCY RETREAT** with the Confraternity of the Rosary from 11am to 4pm Saturday 16 August at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, led by Father Andrew. Includes procession, prayers, devotions, a talk, Holy Mass 12:15pm, Divine Mercy prayer, Benediction, veneration of the Divine Mercy picture and relics. All Welcome. Contact Janet Tel. 023 9282 0744 for info.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Helen Thomas (op. recovery), James Adie, Peter Hunt (op. recovery), Elaine Buxton (op recovery), Helmy Duyvesteijn (op recovery), Edward O'Donovan, Brendan O'Riordan, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Hélène Scrase, Jimmy Monaghan (op. recovery), Emma Bailey, Laura Pinson, Fred & Kate McEwing, Madeleine Clarke, Marie Adams, Debbie Murphy, Albie Escorcio, Margeaux Ciuchindel, 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 13 JULY 2014

SAT	12 JULY	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	13 JULY	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONSALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	EDWARD FAGAN RIP (TF)
			11:00AM SE	NOEL PHELAN RIP (DP&GP)
			7:00PM SE	DOM PHILIP JEBB RIP(TQ)
TUES	15 JULY	ST SWITHUN	10:00AM SE	HEALTH OF MR & MRS IAMSON (MD)
WED	16 JULY	OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL	7:00PM SE	ALL EUCHARIST ADORERS AT ST EDMUND'S (JO'R)
THURS	17 JULY	ST BONAVENTURE	12:15PM SJ	MARY TERESA CURLEY RIP (MK)
FRI	18 JULY	15TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	ANNA MARIA EGAN RIP (RAH)
SAT	19 JULY	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE	ALL HOMELESS PEOPLE IN WINCHESTER & SOUTHAMPTON (JO'R)
			6:15PM SJ	JOHN KENNEDY RIP (BK,BB&ES)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	20 JULY	<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	JOEL STOY THANKSGIVING (11TH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS) (JS)
			10:00AM SJ	MARY KENNEDY RIP (MH)
			11:00AM SE	ANUSHKA PONNIAH (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & GOD'S LOVE)
			7:00PM SE	MARY O'REILLY—WELLBEING (JO'R)

**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/

### Prayer of the Church Week 3

**13 JULY 2014**  
**15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A**

#### Psalm Response

Some seed fell into rich soil,  
and produced its crop.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have  
the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

### READINGS SUNDAY 20 JULY

**16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A**

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

**2nd COLLECTION TODAY**  
**SEA SUNDAY—AOS**

**NO 2nd COLLECTION**  
**NEXT WEEK**

Collections	6/7/14 1st	6/7/14 Catholic Care
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,380.57</b>	<b>£378.71</b>
Cash	976.35	181.71
S / O	1,139.85	197.00
Gift Aid Tax	264.37	-

Thank you for your generous contributions. Please note, the Gift Aid tax rebate on the 2nd collection is retained by the Parish. 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

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