

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

'That we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet'

FREEDOM is a word which is often misused today and yet it is integral to what it means to be Human.

Freedom is not the absence of restraint; it isn't the right to say or do or believe anything and everything. 'Freedom is the power, rooted in **reason and will**, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility' the Catechism explains. (CCC1731)

The more we're able to use our reason and our will to choose to act in ways that are morally good, the freer we become.

We always have the choice to choose to do good or to do evil; to love God above all things or to choose 'other gods' and this is the point Jesus is making in the Gospel; '*you cannot be the slave of both God and money*'.

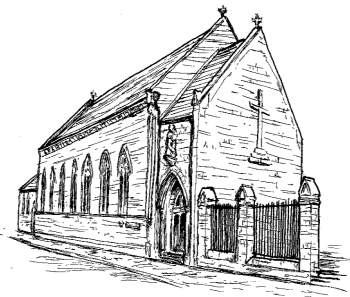
Freedom is found only in what is good and what is true, freedom doesn't legitimate the bad or wrong moral choices we make. In fact, sinful acts diminish our freedom and we become a 'slave to sin'.

'*The truth will set you free*' Our Lord told us and true freedom is found in Him alone and in living life as He demonstrated for us. As His disciples we have to work to inform our conscience so that when we make decisions to act or not to act, our ability to reason will have the power to set us free instead of leading us into error.

Pope Francis explains the conscience this way: "*We must learn to listen to our conscience. Be careful, however, this does not mean following our ego, to do whatever interests us, whatever suits us, whatever pleases us. This is not conscience. Conscience is the interior space in which we can listen to and hear the truth, the good, the voice of God*".

So as we continue to listen to the voice of the Lord, let's encourage others to do the same; to discover that interior place where Jesus speaks to us heart unto heart, making us truly free.

Father John Chandler



22ND SEPTEMBER 2013

25TH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME



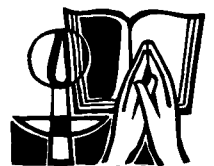
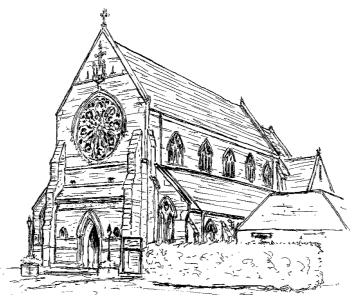
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YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

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



MORE
FORVENT IN
PRAYER



MORE
GENEROUS
IN WORKS OF
CHARITY



MORE
EAGER IN CELEBRATING THE
MYSTERIES
BY WHICH WE
ARE REBORN

TODAY: SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2013

2ND COLLECTION TODAY: Church Maintenance Fund.

2014 PARISH DIARIES now available in the porches; suggested donation £1.

THIS WEEK

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

ST MARY'S COLLEGE open evening 6:30pm—9:30pm Monday 23 September 57 Midanbury Lane, Bitterne Park, SO18 4DJ. Tel. 023 8067 1267 or email admin@stmarycollege.co.uk for further info.

TRAINING—MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 7pm Tuesday 24 September in the *Stella Maris Centre*.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet Tuesdays 8pm in St Edmund's Hall.

LUNCH CLUB meet Wednesdays 12 noon in St Edmund's Hall.

BAMENDA committee meeting 7pm Wednesday 25 September in St Edmund's Presbytery.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Come and join the *Journey in Faith* group at 7:45pm on Wednesday 25 September in St. Edmunds Hall. You will be welcomed by this friendly group where you can explore, ask questions and share with others. Tel. 023 8033 3589 for further info.

HALF PINTS toddler group meet 10am Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall.

GUILDHALL PONTIFICAL MASS CELEBRATION—YEAR OF FAITH: A meeting will take place **Thursday 26 September 7pm at Holy Family Church** to discuss and finalise arrangements. *Bishop Philip is coming to Southampton to celebrate the end of the Year of Faith in our Pastoral Area with a Pontifical Mass at the Guildhall at 12noon Sunday 24 November.* Planning already underway to make this a wonderful celebration of all the blessings received this year. Please come along if you have already offered your services in any way, or would be interested in helping with the preparation or on the day. All offers of help, large or small, will be welcome as there is a lot to do. Contact Susan, Holy Family Parish Office 023 8077 8203.

EVENING PRAYER (Vespers) every Friday at 6:30pm in St Edmund's Church.

FOR INFO:

Mon: JC/AM day off.

VH holiday 2 - 27 September.

NEXT WEEKEND



BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community: **Keisha Eken-Belope & Shaila Buale-Belope**, children of Prince, Jesus and Belinda who are being baptised at 3:30pm Saturday 28 September in St Edmund's Church.

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: 28 and 29 September at St Mary's College. *The celebrant on Saturday is Father James McGrath, Episcopal Vicar for Education and on Sunday will be Father Paul Leonard.*

AFTER 2 YEARS WITH US, FATHER JOHN CHANDLER leaves us the second week of October. So that we all have the opportunity to say our personal farewells to him we have **two gatherings taking place next Sunday 29 September after 9am and 11am Mass in St Edmund's Hall.** Light refreshments will be available after both of these Masses. **People at 6:15pm, 10am (Stella Maris) and 7pm (St Edmund's Hall) Masses will have the same opportunity on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October.**

Father John, as you know, will be the Chaplain at the Winchester University and 'Assistant Priest' with Canon Paul Townsend in St Peter's, Winchester. Together with this responsibility he is also now the Diocesan Master of Ceremonies and the Diocesan Vocations' Promoter.

MASS FOR THE FILIPINOS in the Diocese will be celebrated by Bishop Philip 3:30pm Saturday 28 September (*Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz*) in St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, PO1 3HG. For info, contact Father Claro: cconde8254@yahoo.co.uk or 07803 191 502.

"FAYRE ON THE SQUARE" outside St Michael's Church on Saturday 28 September from 11am – 2:30pm. All welcome!



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Alex Hayes** and **Phillipa Cardigan** who are getting married at 1:00pm on Saturday 28 September in St Joseph's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

TRAINING OF READERS:

'All the faithful are summoned to a "full, conscious and active participation in the Mass" (Sacrosanctum Concilium #14). Your love for Christ draws you to liturgical service'.

If you are already a Reader (or would like to consider offering yourself for this ministry) you are invited to a training session. Sessions will be repeated across the pastoral area and if you are unable to attend at the City Centre parish you are encouraged to attend at one of the alternative venues. The sessions will include a reminder of the liturgical significance of this ministry, an outline of duties, responsibilities and practical training. Following the training those who wish to offer themselves will be commissioned by their Parish Priest in their respective parishes. Attendance on the training session is essential for commissioning. *All those who offer themselves for this ministry will be invited to a half day of reflection in the Spring of 2014.*

Dates and venues (**all 7:00pm - 9:00pm**):

St Joseph & St Edmund 24 Sept **Stella Maris Centre**

St Boniface 1 Oct Margaret Clitheroe Hall

Please speak to Father John, Father Andrew or phone Tina Quinn or Anne Wheeler in the Parish Office to add your name to the list.

NEXT WEEK

ST ANNE'S ADMISSIONS OPEN EVENINGS – SEPT 2014

- 1st October 2013 from 6pm - 8pm for entry into Year 7
- 8th October 2013 from 6pm - 8pm for entry into Lower Sixth (boys and girls). See Notice Board.

MARTHA'S VOLUNTEERS MEETING 4pm Wednesday 2 October in St Edmund's Hall for all existing volunteers and **anyone wishing to find out about becoming a volunteer at Martha's**. Contact Fiona 07717 535 221 / 023 8033 3400 for more information.



CEILIDH in aid of the **Libra Foundation** Friday 4 October 7:30pm-10:30pm at Christ Church Colbury Hall, Ashurst, New Forest. Caller Terry Lambourn—fabulous dance spot too! Tickets **NOW ON SALE**. Bargain prices for early purchase. For Ceilidh tickets or further details, please

contact Jenepher, Tel. 07891 733 939 or email: sineadnicdaithi@yahoo.co.uk. **Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the Bric-a-brac sale; £65.70 was raised towards the Ceilidh costs of £140.

CAFOD'S HARVEST FAST DAY: Please support **Harvest Fast Day** on **Friday 4 October**. This Harvest, CAFOD's patron **Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor** is encouraging Catholics to take up CAFOD's call to **'Make a Place at your Table'** by committing to a regular gift to help millions of hungry people in the world. Pick up a Harvest Fast Day envelope and prayer card in the porch 28/29 September.

CANCELLED—PILGRIMAGE TO BUCKFAST ABBEY: all parishioners who had put their names on the list for the Pilgrimage to Buckfast Abbey on 5 October, please note that the trip has been cancelled.

GENERAL ITEMS:

VISIT TO GORING Thursday **10 October** to view the beautifully painted ceiling in the English Martyrs Church (similar to those in Rome). A short talk will be given explaining the paintings. Time to visit the shop before joining the Coach for a visit to the Roundstone Garden Centre and Tea Room. Arriving back approx 6pm. Cost of coach £15. To book contact the Confraternity of the Rosary on 023 9282 0744.



HUNGER SOUP LUNCHES 1:05pm in St. Michael's Church on Thursdays **17 October and 21 November**. All welcome! Proceeds for MONGU and Church in Need.

AFTERNOON TEA AND QUIZ in aid of HCPT Group 170 (the Southampton branch of the national charity which takes sick and disabled children on pilgrimage to Lourdes) at 3pm Sunday **20 October** at Holy Family Church Hall, Millbrook.



For more information: www.group170.org.uk or email tea@group170.org.uk.

Further details to follow...

REMINDER TO KEEP YOUR HANDBAGS AND VALUABLES with you at all times during Masses and in the halls; thefts have taken place in the past.

ADORATION IN ST EDMUND'S CHURCH: Jesus said: "Can you not wait with me for an hour?". **The following hours are now available:**

- Monday 2pm—3pm; 4pm—5pm
- Tuesday 2pm—3pm; 3pm—4pm
- Wednesday 2pm—3pm
- Thursday 12pm—1pm; 3pm—4pm

Please contact the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589 if you can commit to watching for one of these hours.



HEADTEACHER: St. Swithun's Catholic Primary School Southsea, Website: www.st-swithuns.portsmouth.sch.uk. Tel: 023 9282 9339. Required for April 2014 (earlier if possible). Closing Date: 15 October 2013. Shortlisting: 22 October 2013. Interviews: 6 and 7 November 2013. Visits to the school are encouraged. Please contact Mrs Allison Partridge Tel: 023 9282 9339. For an application pack please contact the Schools Recruitment Team, Portsmouth City Council. Tel: 023 9284 1246 (24hr answer phone) or email quoting post number to ed.recruitment@portsmouthcc.gov.uk **SWP0040** or download a pack by visiting www.portsmouth.gov.uk following the link to jobs with local schools.

VACANCY FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNORS—SPRINGHILL SCHOOL: Bishop Philip, who has absolute discretion in the appointment of Foundation Governors, is seeking applications from committed baptised Catholics who wish to be considered. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. Lack of experience in education in a Catholic school should not deter anyone from applying if there is a genuine desire to serve the mission of the Church. Application packs are available from the Parish Priest, the School Office or the Department for Schools Governance, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, PO17 5HA. Email schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Tel: 013 2983 5363 Closing date Friday 27 September 2013.

BECOME AN MP CORRESPONDENT and VISIT THE HOUSES of PARLIAMENT with CAFOD – Monday 4 November - Are you passionate about global issues? CAFOD is looking for new MP correspondents (volunteers who will contact their MP 3/4 times a year, via letter/email or face to face) to make sure global justice stays at the top of the political agenda. Training and support provided. For new MP correspondents, CAFOD is organising **a guided visit to the Houses of Parliament on Monday 4 November at 10.30am**, followed by a meeting with Alan Whitehead MP (who is sponsoring the visit) and a briefing on the role. For info contact CAFOD portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 012 5232 9385.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Elaine Austin, Joe Sculley, Robert Gadd, June Hodder, Anne Campbell, Tegar Marriott, Joan Wheeler, Mark Bradley, Liz Flaherty, Bertie Radcliffe, Ken Woodford, Christopher Browne, Michael Day, Maria Annunziata, Joy Grant, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Joan Roberts, Phoebe, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, Terry Clarke, Grace Baxter, Steven Morris, Evelyn Nolan, Albert Gorham, Myra Andrade, parishioners who are ill or having surgery and all those listed in the Lady Chapel Prayer Book at St Edmund's.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2013

SAT	21 SEP	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WALSHE FAMILY (KW)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	22 SEP	25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	VERA MORRIS—93rd BIRTHDAY INTENTIONS (JM)
			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM SE	EDMUND (TED) RICHMOND RIP (YC)
			7:00PM SE	GLADYS McHAFFIE RIP (D&EB)
TUES	24 SEP	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	10:00AM SE	DON & DOT BRADNAM—WELLBEING (MD)
WED	25 SEP	25th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	ROBERT'S FAMILY'S INTENTIONS (RK)
THURS	26 SEP	SS COSMAS & DAMIAN	12:15PM SJ	REGINA JOHNSON, GOD'S BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (JJ)
FRI	27 SEP	ST VINCENT DE PAUL	7:00PM SE	THANKSGIVING—LEO VHARGESE 10th BIRTHDAY INTENTIONS (SV)
SAT	28 SEP	ST WENCESLAUS	11:00AM SE	MARY JANE & JAMES McATEER RIP (BM)
			6:15PM SJ	MAURA FLYNN RIP (FF)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	29 SEP	26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	LOURDES MASCARENHAS RIP (RM)
			10:00AM SJ	LAURENCE & MARIE ELIZABETH CRAWLEY RIP (F)
			11:00AM SE	FATHER DANNY BURNS RIP (PO'R)
			7:00PM SE	JULIETTE WHITE RIP (F)

PASTORAL AREA PARISHES: MASS TIMES Holy Family, Millbrook Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 9:00am (Polish); 11:00am; 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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St Anne's Secondary School 023 8032 8200
St George Catholic College 023 8032 2603

22 SEPTEMBER —25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Psalm Response:

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church Week 1

READINGS SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2013 26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

1st reading:	Amos 6:1, 4-7
2nd reading:	1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel:	Luke 16:19-31

2nd COLLECTION TODAY CHURCH MAINTENANCE

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHEDRAL

Collections 15/9	1st	2nd—CASE
Total	£1,826.43	£211.36
Cash	504.59	166.86
S / O	1,057.47	44.50
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