



HOME MISSION SUNDAY

'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them'

15TH SEPTEMBER 2013

**24TH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**



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

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PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871



**YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013**

**SOUTHAMPTON
CENTRAL AND WEST
PASTORAL AREA**

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



According to the department for evangelisation: "it is estimated that while there are one million churchgoing Catholics in England and Wales, there are at least four million Catholics who rarely or never visit their parish church".

In our first reading today, God says to Moses: 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised'. To apostatise means to 'abandon one's belief, faith or affiliation'. These four million Catholics, who rarely or never attend Mass have apostatised.

They have been 'claimed for Christ' and welcomed into the Church through baptism. They may have also received Jesus in Holy Communion; they may have even been Confirmed **why have they walked away?** Maybe they were 'acting in ignorance' as St Paul admits to in our second reading? Maybe the faith was never explained to them properly? Maybe they had no good example to follow in their family? there are many, many reasons I'm sure.

"What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one until he found it" Jesus asks in the Gospel. In this question alone, Jesus, the One we follow as disciples, tells us that we must go out and gather in the lost sheep. It is our duty. It is our calling. It's what disciples do!

There are times, however, when those who have 'apostatised' do come into contact with the church again especially through baptisms, weddings, funerals for example, or; when children begin school, when in hospital, just to name a few. These events often provide us with the opportunity to open up lines of communication again.

It would be really good for us to have a group of people in the Parish who would like to be actively involved in gathering in the lost sheep, 'what rejoicing there will be in heaven' when we succeed!

Are YOU willing to answer the call of Jesus in this way?

If so, I invite you to make contact with me ASAP. I would like to have an ***initial meeting at 7pm, on Thursday 19th September in the Presbytery*** please do come along. **Your involvement in this work of evangelisation is essential!**



Father John Chandler

TODAY: SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2013

2ND COLLECTION TODAY: Home Mission Sunday. Outreach to non-churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics. On Home Mission Sunday the Bishops of England and Wales invite us to pray for and support the work of evangelisation close to home through having a second collection. *The money raised will fund a number of national projects, including the development of resources to support ministry and outreach to non-churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics.* **There are around four million baptised Catholics** in our country who never or rarely attend church. Please do help the bishops to resource this important work. Thank you for your support. **Pick up a free prayer and info leaflet as you leave church.** Web: www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms13.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:

- **Henry & George Spollin**, sons of Spencer and Lucy who are being baptised in St Joseph's at 11:30am
- **Harrison Smith**, son of Gary and Golda
- **Emily Buckingham**, daughter of Ben and Mary
- **Ocean Efigenio**, daughter of Shuster and Sunyoung
- **Juliana Gutierrez**, daughter of Michael and Marie who are being baptised in St Edmund's at 12:30pm.

FILIPINO CHOIR 7pm Mass; rehearsal at 6pm.

THIS WEEK

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

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

CCPG meeting 7pm Wednesday 18 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 18 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.

HUNGER LUNCHES 1:05pm in St. Michael's Church on *Thursdays 19 September, 17 October and 21 November.* All welcome! Proceeds for MONGU and Church in Need.

ST. ANNE'S YEAR 7 WELCOME MASS 2:15pm Thursday 19 September in St Edmund's Church.

'GATHERING THE LOST SHEEP' meeting at 7pm on Thursday 19 September in St Edmund's Presbytery with Father John to discuss and form a group who will be actively involved in reaching out to lapsed Catholics.

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm—8pm Friday 20 September in St Edmund's Lodge.

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

HCPT meeting 1pm—6pm Saturday 21 September in St Joseph's Hall.

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**):

Holy Family & SVP	17 Sept	Fr Louis Centre
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 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**.

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

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.

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.

GENERAL ITEMS:

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.

ST MICHAEL'S ANNUAL FAYRE ON THE SQUARE takes place the weekend of 28/29 September; parking in Bugle Street may be at a premium during the day.

THANK YOU to Patricia Livett, Sue McCall, Fiona Morris and all parishioners who contributed to the:

Bring & Buy stall (£164.38); Pizza & Quiz night/St Joe's repository (£78.50); Bacon Sarnies and Cake Sale (£101.84). Funds go towards the **Guildhall Mass and celebratory events** being held at **12noon on 24 November** to mark the End of the Year of Faith.

FATHER JOHN'S LEAVING DO'S will be taking place:

- Sunday 29 September after 9am and 11am Masses in St Edmund's Hall.
- Saturday 5 October after 6:15pm Mass and Sunday 6 October after 10am Mass in Stella Maris Centre.
- Sunday 6 October after 7pm Mass in St Edmund's Hall.

Join us for light refreshments to say our farewells to Father John!

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: 28th and 29th September at St Mary's College. The theme is 'For such a time as this'. Contact Lynda and Peter Szymanski, tel: 023 8029 2058, peterszymanski@hotmail.co.uk. Bishop Philip will be celebrating the Saturday Mass.

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. Those seeking to become a Parent Foundation Governor will have a child/children currently registered at the school. The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all staff. In addition to the legal responsibilities of the Governing Body, the Foundation Governors have a responsibility for preserving the religious character of the school, sustaining and developing the school as a Catholic educating community in accordance with Canon (Church) law and the teaching of the Catholic Church and giving clear witness, as individuals, and as a team, to the Gospel message and to the Church's teaching. 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.



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: sineadnicdaihi@yahoo.co.uk.



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 Adoring before the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar during one of these hours.

SCHOOL RUN RUNNERS - Looking to get fit whilst the children are at school? New term-time running courses for beginners led by Run England Run Leader Aniek Scorey starting mid-September in Southampton. Please contact for details: 07969 199 850 / trainyoutrim@gmail.com.

EU WELCOME PROJECT www.euwelcome.org has been supporting migrants to Southampton from EU countries since 2004. It is a project run by the Roman Catholic City Centre Parish and is managed by a team of volunteers who form a management team, of which Monsignor Vincent Harvey is the Chair. The Project is currently looking to add to this team. Meetings take place during the evening, 4 to 5 times per year, but it is looking for people who can give some more time outside meetings. They specifically have a need to fundraise, and would like to find volunteers who can help with this, either through previous experience in grant applications, or through giving time to help with admin work in the search for funding. If interested, contact initially by email to euwelcome@yahoo.co.uk.

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.

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.

SEPTEMBER 200 CLUB WINNERS

1st Prize	Jenepher Parry Davies	£25
2nd Prize	Pat Grant	£10

PLEASE PRAY FOR Elaine Austin, Joe Sculley, Robert Gadd, June Hodder, Anne Campbell, Tegar Marriott, Josie Franklin, Joan Wheeler, Philomena Grattan, 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 15 SEPTEMBER 2013

SAT	14 SEP	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ DOREEN McCONNELL—WELLBEING (JPM) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	15 SEP	24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (MISSION SUNDAY)	9:00AM SE AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) 10:00AM SJ JOHN KENNEDY RIP (MB) 11:00AM SE ISIDOR KAMUABWA, REGINA BYAMUNGU, ROBERT JONATHAN GREEN, LAWRENCE MWIJAGE RIP (EG) 7:00PM SE ANGUS MacKINNON RIP (HP&GC)
TUES	17 SEP	ST HILDEGARD OF BINGEN	10:00AM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
WED	18 SEP	24TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE ROBERT'S INTENTIONS (RK)
THURS	19 SEP	ST THEODORE OF CANTERBURY	12:15PM SJ ADAM HUNT RIP (MK)
FRI	20 SEP	ST ANDREW KIM TAEGON, ST PAUL CHONG HASANG & COMPANIONS	7:00PM SE MARY AMTOINETTI RIP (AH)
SAT	21 SEP	ST MATTHEW	11:00AM SE MARJORIE DAVIES RIP (JPD) 6:15PM SJ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WALSHÉ 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)

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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Psalm Response:

I will leave this place and go to my father.

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!

Prayer of the Church Week 4

READINGS SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2013 25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

1st reading: Amos 8:4-7
 2nd reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CASE/HOME MISSION SUNDAY CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Collections 8/9	1st	2nd - Racial Justice
Total	£1,997.29	£146.96
Cash	675.45	117.46
S / O	1,057.47	29.50
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