

**8TH SEPTEMBER 2013
23RD SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
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



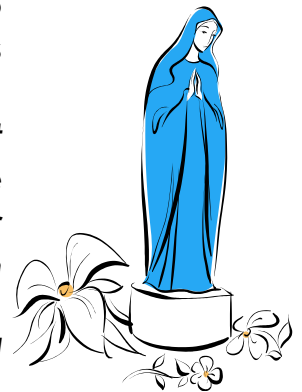
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLESSED MOTHER!



There are three nativities we celebrate as feasts in the Church (i) Christmas is the obvious one, when God took on flesh and was born in a stable, (ii) today's celebration of the birth of Our Blessed Mother and (iii) St. John the Baptists birth but why those three?

Well, all three were **born** without the stain of Original Sin.

Jesus, God in the flesh obviously was not subject to sin in any way and was born like us in all things except for sin. Mary was conceived in the usual biological way (*St Anne is her mother and St Joachim is her father*) but from the moment she was **conceived** she was without sin. *"By a singular privilege and grace of the Omnipotent God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind, [she] was preserved immaculate from all stain of original sin"* (*Ineffabilis Deus*) Pope Pius IX.



That's not true of St John the Baptist though. He was conceived, like all of us, suffering the loss of sanctifying grace and in need of baptism (which restores the original holiness lost through the disobedience of our first parents).

Although St John the Baptist was not preserved from sin from the moment of his conception, he was made holy in his mother's womb through the **mediation of Our Blessed Mother**. (*Mediatatrix*)

"He shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his Mother's womb" we read in St Luke's Gospel. "As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit" (Lk1:39) and so was John.

Mary's presence enabled the grace of God to be applied to John and his mother, Elizabeth. She who is 'full of grace' can help us too. She is our Mother, she is the first disciple of Jesus Christ to "take up her cross and follow Him" and she never once turned away from the Cross, even when her Son was nailed to it.

On this great day, let us pray that Mary, Our Mother, will obtain the graces we need to follow Christ Her Son and Her Creator, in love and faith as she does; that we will be able to give up all our 'possessions' and worldly attachments and follow Him.

Father John

TODAY: SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2013

2ND COLLECTION: Racial Justice Sunday. The theme this year is *Dreams of the Beloved Community: 50th Anniversary of 'I Have a Dream' speech by Martin Luther King*. Racial Justice Sunday provides an opportunity for us to pray and work to promote racial justice. Thank you for your generosity.

BRIC-A-BRAC SALE: today (Sunday) after morning Masses in St Edmund's Hall. Proceeds to raise funds to cover expenses of running a Ceilidh on Friday 4 October in aid of the Libra Foundation. Please support this worthy cause. Tickets for the Ceilidh will also be on sale.

PASTORAL ASSISTANT TO SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL AND WEST PASTORAL AREA

TINA QUINN: *I have recently joined the diocese in this new appointment. My role is to serve the 4 Catholic Parishes (5 churches) within the pastoral area supporting clergy and laity with liturgical formation, sacramental ministries and co-ordination of volunteers.*

I have come from Clifton Diocese where I have been an active parishioner, catechist and been responsible for co-ordinating liturgical ministries and sacramental programmes in a voluntary capacity.

It is a joy and blessing to be here in Southampton and I hope that you will feel free to contact me about any support needed in any of these areas. Over 3 years the vision is that the many strengths and gifts that are present in all parishes may be combined and developed into resources to enable and develop the whole pastoral area.

Projects for the immediate future are:

- Comprehensive Eucharistic minister and reader training
- Outlines for volunteers
- Recruitment and training of catechists
- Support and co-ordination of children's liturgy, Baptism, and marriage preparation programmes
- Foundation courses in Discipleship and the New Evangelisation
- Days of reflection for all involved in sacramental preparation
- A Certificate in Catechesis (Commencing Autumn 2014)

I will be commissioned from the individual parishes at weekend masses throughout September. Please pray for me in this exciting work. Phone: 023 8033 3589, email tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk; Mob 07827 810 457

THIS WEEK

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

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

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

RCIA TEAM MEETING 7:45pm Wednesday 11 September in St Edmund's Hall.

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

TRAINING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & 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 Eucharistic Minister or Reader (or would like to consider offering yourself for these ministries) you are invited to a training session. These 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 these ministries, an outline of duties, responsibilities and practical training. Following the sessions 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 these ministries will be invited to a half day of reflection in the Spring of 2014.

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

St Joseph & St Edmund 10 Sept St Joseph's Hall

Ministers of the Word:

Holy Family & SVP 17 Sept Fr Louis Centre

St Joseph & St Edmund 24 Sept St Joseph's Hall

St Boniface 1 Oct Margaret Clitheroe Hall

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

COME FOLLOW ME: A GROUP FOR DISCERNING YOUNG

CATHOLICS: Aimed at young men and women aged 16-30, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ and who are asking themselves how best to follow Him in the future. It is for all who are open to the possibility that God is calling them to the priesthood or religious life. **The next gathering will be on Friday 13 September – an overnight retreat at Douai Abbey from 4pm finishing at 11am on Saturday 14 September.** The theme is **'Praying About My Vocation'**. This retreat is for over 18s only. If you are able to come, or are over 30 but would still like support discerning your vocation, contact Father Mark Hogan on vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk / 0125632 3595.

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

HOME MISSION SUNDAY 15 September - **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 4 million baptised in our countries 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. Website: www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms13.

NEXT WEEK

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.

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

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

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

GENERAL ITEMS:

DAY COACH TRIP TO WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL—UCM NATIONAL CENTENARY CELEBRATION: leaves St Boniface Church at 9am and returns from Westminster Cathedral at 5pm on Saturday 21 September. Cost £15. To book contact Kate 8077 1775 / Shelagh 8077 2306.

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.

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. If you would like to practise, please come to the **Eastleigh Railway Institute Dance Club** <http://www.eastleighfolkdance.org> - next date: 9 September with live music and a caller.

YEAR OF FAITH: 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 on Sunday 24th November. Planning is already underway to make this a wonderful celebration of all the blessings received this year. **A meeting will take place on Thursday 26th September at 7pm at Holy Family Church to discuss and finalise arrangements.** 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 at Holy Family Parish Office for details (023 8077 8203) or just turn up on the night.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION photo CD's available for parents to collect from the Sacristies after Masses. No charge but donations to HCPT will be gratefully received.

PIANO LESSONS - available for all ages and abilities - study for exams or play for fun. Beginners especially welcome and free half-hour introductory lesson. £20 an hour. Enquiries - Ellen Day BA (Hons) DipABRSM, Mobile 07713 149 274, ellenlouiseday@sky.com, or after 10am Mass at St Joseph's where Ellen accompanies most Sundays.



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.

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE FOR CABRINI CHILDREN'S SOCIETY!

London2Paris Bike Ride 2013/14. Sponsorship Level £1,450.

This has to be one of the best fundraising cycle events available!

Skydives – All year round; Sponsorship Level £395. Imagine

standing at the edge of an open doorway at 10,000 feet!

Brighton Marathon Sunday 6th April 2014. Sponsorship Level

£500. The fifth year that Brighton has hosted this coastal

marathon. Contact 020 8668 2181 or

simon.taylor@cabrini.org.uk.

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.

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. Please pick up a Harvest Fast Day envelope and

prayer card in the porch on 28/29 September.

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 01252 329385.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Marjorie Davies, Elaine Austin, Joe

Sculley, Robert Gadd, June Hodder, Anne Campbell, Tegar

Marriott, Josie Franklin, 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 8 SEPTEMBER 2013

SAT	7 SEP	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	NORA & MICHAEL HUNTER RIP (MH)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	8 SEP	23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	MRS FLYNN RIP (JPM)
			10:00AM SJ	RAY GODDARD RIP (SAB)
			11:00AM SE	PETER SCOTT & ROMEO MASCARENHAS—BIRTHDAY INTS (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
			7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUES	10 SEP	23RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	PHILOMENA GRATTAN—WELLBEING (N&AW)
WED	11 SEP	23RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
THURS	12 SEP	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY	12:15PM SJ	LILIAN HICKMAN RIP (MB)
FRI	13 SEP	ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM	7:00PM SE	PLACEDINA FERNANDES RIP—1ST ANNIV. (SB)
SAT	14 SEP	THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS	11:00AM SE	DOREEN McCONNELL—WELLBEING (JAM)
			6:15PM SJ	SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	15 SEP	24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	JOHN KENNEDY RIP (MB)
			11:00AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM SE	ANGUS MacKINNON RIP (HP&GC)

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:

O Lord, you have been our refuge
 from one generation to the next.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because
 I have made known to you everything
 I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church Week 3

READINGS SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2013 24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

1st reading:	Exodus 32:7-11; 13-14
2nd reading:	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel:	Luke 15:1-32

<u>SECOND COLLECTION TODAY</u>	<u>SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</u>
RACIAL JUSTICE	CASE / HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Collections 1/9	1st	2nd CCC
Total	£2,158.08	£299.52
Cash	836.24	111.52
S / O	1,057.47	188.00
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