



# Faith and Doubt

I gather that you can now walk on a glass platform positioned just below the surface of the Sea of Galilee to experience 'walking on water'! I am not sure if this is true, but it wouldn't surprise me. Sadly this image is so vivid that people appear to concentrate on the act of water walking and not the message and lesson the event gives us!

The event says a lot about who Jesus is and the effect he has upon those who are in contact with him. Conversely how people respond to Jesus says much about where they are in their relationship with God.

Today much of the focus is on Peter. Peter reminds us of the implications of living a life of faith. Risk is involved; there are no certainties when it comes to living a faith-filled life. Matthew's Gospel says a lot about faith and the lack of faith. He doesn't admonish unbelievers for their lack of faith, he admonishes believers! Matthew chides people for not drawing upon the faith they have been given when struggles and challenges come their way. Faith is an action word, it is not static, it is always active. Even a little faith can go a long way.

Matthew is the only Gospel that uses the word 'doubt'. Faith and doubt sit side by side at the same time in the lives of Christians. It is a curious mix, but the Christian can expect both realities in the journey of life. Doubt is held in check only through grace. That grace of God is always with us but we need to allow it into our lives and give it permission to move us from doubt to faith.

Elijah's experience reminds us of the importance to find space, quiet, silence and stillness in order to consciously experience the presence of God. God is not solely in the great events of life but in the ordinary, the mundane and the everyday events. Allow yourself to discover God in this way, and for God to discover you, and you will be graced to face doubt and move into deeper faith. *Vincent Harvey*

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## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

- Elijah experienced God in a small breeze. Where have you discovered God? When? How has it affected you?
- What helps you keep your eyes on Jesus (Gospel)? Is it prayer, reflection, the Mass, Adoration, family, other people? Identify what helps you to be spiritually focused!
- Often we seek God's help in big things (the disciples: the calming of the storm); in what small ways can you seek God's help? Name them!

*Vincent Harvey*

**7 AUGUST 2011**

**19TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**



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## TODAY - SUNDAY 7 AUGUST

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Catholic Care.

**10 AM SUNDAY MASS** Choir are having a well-earned break during August. During this period we will simply sing part of the Mass

**WELCOME TO FR. MICHAEL PETERS** who will be celebrating the 9am and 11am Masses at St. Edmund's.

**WELCOME RITES:** 11am Mass.

**STUDENT CHOIR** 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm.



**RECENTLY DIED:** *Iris Hurst* of Townhill Park. Funeral at 11.30am Wednesday 17 August in the West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. Our sympathy and prayers to her family. *May she rest in peace.*

### THIS WEEK

**SUMMER CONCERT:** 7.30pm Tues 9 Aug in St Michaels Church, Bugle St, Southampton, SO14 2AG. Programme to include works by Bruch, Rota, Glinka, Camilleri. Tickets £10/ concessions £7/ under 16 free - available on the door or in advance (023 80582688). Disabled access. Raising money for Friends of St. Michael's.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be managed by volunteers *from Thursday 11 August to Tuesday 23 August* whilst our Parish Secretary is on annual leave.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY MADRID 2011**— The WYD Youth group are leaving from St Edwards, Chandlers Ford 7am Wed 10 Aug. Please keep them in your prayers while they are on this pilgrimage that they have a safe and blessed experience.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to *Arkadiusz Panel and Magdalena Demczuk* who are getting married at 11am on Thursday 11 August in St. Edmund's Church and *Philip Trant and Alison McLaren* who are getting married in Winchester on Friday 12th August. *May God bless them all the days of their lives.*

**FOR INFO:** Mon: Day off: VH; PL away for annual holiday (until 18<sup>th</sup> August). Tues: Academy meeting: VH. Wed: New Forest Clergy meeting: FH

### NEXT WEEKEND



**SOUTHAMPTON SKYRIDE** takes place next Sunday 14 August ..... *make a note of road closures!*

**FR. MICHAEL PETERS** will be celebrating the 9am and 11am Masses Sunday 14 August in St. Edmund's.

### GENERAL ITEMS

**'FANNING THE FLAME'** 22—26 August open to ages 10—25 years. A streamed camping event enabling you to grow in faith with other young people in a friendly atmosphere through music, drama, art, teaching, workshops, games, walks ... also exploring different forms of prayer and most importantly the Holy Sacrifice

of the Mass. Book online at [www.ftfcm.com](http://www.ftfcm.com) or contact St. Dominic's Priory Tel. 015 9068 1874.

**ECUMENICAL VESPERS IN HONOUR OF OUR BLESSED LADY** at St Mary's on the 28 August at 5 pm followed by a procession to the site of the Chapel of Our Lady. The Vespers will be based on those sung/recited at Westminster Abbey during the Papal Visit last year.....make a note in your diary.



**WEDDING:** *Peter McGeady* (Youth Development Leader) and *Chloe Child* will be getting married at 12.30pm on Saturday 17 September in St Peter's, Winchester and they would like to invite you all to join them for their Nuptial Mass. Please remember Peter & Chloe in your prayers.

**NAOMI HOUSE OPEN DAY & FÊTE** lots of fun for the whole family! 11am—5pm Sat 10 Sep at Stockbridge Road, Sutton Scotney, Winchester, SO21 3JE. Visit the Website at [www.naomihouse.org.uk](http://www.naomihouse.org.uk) for more information, also Notice Board for further details.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** *Do you wish to become a Catholic Christian? Are you an adult not yet confirmed but would like to be?* Come along to Journey in Faith on Wed 14 Sep at 7.30 pm in St Edmund's Hall.

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DAY FOR WOMEN:** The Daughters of Wisdom warmly invite women of the Portsmouth Diocese to spend a companionable day with them from 10am - 4pm on Sat 22 Oct at Wisdom House, Romsey, SO51 8EL. A light lunch will be provided. The aim is to take 'time out' from the rush of everyday life to relax, discuss and pray, in order to reflect on whether God might be calling you to religious life. Tel. 017 9483 0206 or email [reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk](mailto:reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk) in advance of this date to register your interest and to find out more.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** Antonio Seixas and Joanna Koszalka to be married in Pregowo, Poland.

**CAFOD SUPPORTERS' MEETING:** Sat 10 Sep 2011 from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. An opportunity for all CAFOD supporters to get together to hear updates on our work and a special talk from Holly of Oaklands School about her recent life-changing visit to CAFOD partners in Kenya. Agenda avail on request. Booking ESSENTIAL by 31 Aug 2011 on 01252 329385 or [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk).

**SILENT RETREAT:** Mon 12 Sep — Fri 16 Sep at Douai Abbey, Woolhampton, RG7 5TQ. Tel. 011 8971 5333.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** for Andrea Bucchi and Annalisa Lo Biondo to be married in Palermo, Sicily.

**SOUTHAMPTON CATHOLIC DINNER & DANCE** 7.30pm for 8pm Fri 18 Nov in the Novotel Hotel, Southampton. Tickets £25.00 for a 3 course dinner and disco. Contact the Parish Office 023 8033 3589 to book your tickets or donate a prize for the raffle.



**BISHOP CRISPIAN:** Thank you for your concern and supportive prayers over the Bishop's health which he greatly appreciates. He is awaiting the result of tests done during the week. *Please continue to pray for him.*

**EAST AFRICA APPEAL.....**see Harvest Festival elsewhere in newsletter. Thank you for the support shown to Ben & Luke Davis last week, the response was amazing. For more info, check out their website at <http://www.stopthisfamine.wordpress.com>.

**FAREWELL FOR FATHER PAUL ....** Mass with an international feel on Fri 23 September at 7 pm in St Edmund's Church, followed by a reception in St Anne's. **Make a note in your diary!**

**Singers and musicians welcome and needed!** ....please contact Celia Axton, Marina Joyce, Bryan Postlethwaite or the Parish Office. Parishioners are invited to bring some made foods and other delights to share....contact Fiona Morris or Karen Platt.

**Collection....**Father Paul doesn't want anything for his personal use but would like whatever we collect to be given to his favourite charities....CAFOD...Winchester Refugee Project etc. **Please take home an envelope today and return next week in our retiring collection for his farewell.**

**Photographs of Father Paul**—does anyone have any that we could use for a collage? Let the Parish Office or Judy Brown know soonest.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Bob Elliott (in hospital after accident), Kate Paler, Samuel Christie, Daniel McKillen Jnr, Joe Smartt, James Smith, Baby Iga, David Taylor, Oke Hammed, Joan Hunt, Angus MacKinnon, Baby Ava Evans, Josie Franklin, Stephen Brooks, Byron Reynolds, Myra Andrade, Anne Brackenbury, Brenda Hibberd, Carlos Fernandes, Eileen & Alex Aitken, Sheila Quinn, Percy White, John Dorling, Pat Cummings, André Neves, Peter Scott, George Francis Ponniah, Carolyn, Lee Henninghan, Jenson Pearce, Phyllis Richmond, Teddy Blake, Eileen Smedley, Virginia Monteiro, Stella Smith, Sheila Morris, Terry Clark, Kay Gills, Kathy Kelly, Ian McKenna and all parishioners who are sick or recovering. Please call the parish office if you would like to add someone to the list.

**CAR PARKING...**please note that **NO-ONE** has permission to park beyond the fence at the back of St Edmund's Lodge .... **that is for residents only (the tarmac area behind the church sadly does not belong to us it is for the residents in the house there).**

**CONGRATULATIONS!** to **Jeanne Carney** who has been appointed Assistant Co-ordinator to Anne Monaghan of Catholic Care. Jeanne will take over from **Ruth Spencer** who retires in September but will still help out with occasional work for clients when needed. We thank Ruth for her years of dedication and care and wish her God's richest blessings for the future.

**THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL WHY MAKE ALL THESE CHANGES NOW?**

Changed texts are a more or less regular event in the history of the Church. When a new liturgical book is published, there is what amounts to a trial period of a few years during which things are tested out and refined. Our new edition will be the third edition of the book.

The first version was published in 1970, exactly 400 years from 1570, the year when the first version of what we call the Missal of Pius V or the Tridentine Missal (named after the council of Trent) was published. And just like the 1570 Missal, there were changes made after it was first issued.

There was an amended version published in 1971, and then a second edition published in 1975, and then the third edition from 2001. That is the edition that is at the base of the new Roman Missal that we will soon see.

My edition of the 1570 book includes larger additions from Pope Clement VIII in 1604, Urban VIII in 1634, and smaller additions from several other popes over the centuries, including Blessed John XXIII, who in 1962 added the name of St. Joseph to the Eucharistic Prayer. (Glenn CJ Byer). **Even more to come.....keep reading.....**

The Parish has had to purchase Altar Missals .... one large Missal: £230; two chapel Missals: £115 each and two study Missals: £50 each. **If anyone would like to contribute to these new Missals for St Joseph and St Edmund's do let the Priests/Parish Office know!** Cheques payable to PRC DTR SOUJE.

**On Tuesday Father Vincent will be using some of the new translations to begin to get a feel for them.....**

**2011 CELEBRATE WEEKEND 1st & 2nd Oct.** Sat 9am - 9pm; Sun 9.30am - 5.30pm at St. Mary's College, 57 Midanbury Lane, Bitterne Park, SO18 4DJ. Faith & fun for the whole family. Workshops & seminars both days. Book at [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org).



**HELP WANTED** **SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH EAST AFRICAN FAMINE 12,000,000 PEOPLE ARE STARVING: 'HARVEST FESTIVAL' from 9am - 1pm on Sunday 4 Sep in St. Edmund's Hall.**

**The following is needed:**

- A committee for ideas and planning.
- 3 September, people to do boring work setting up tables, laying out goods, getting things ready.
- 8.30am - 1pm, 4 September (with intervals for Mass); selling and making lots of lovely money.
- 4 September, 2-4 people clearing and tidying up.
- Lots of gifts of cakes, biscuits, jam, plants including winter vegetables, tomatoes, courgettes, runner beans, onions, apples, plums, pears to sell.
- A special stall for Polish food. **Contact Mary Davies Tel No 023 8079 0789 if you want to help**



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2011

<b>VIGIL MASS</b>		
<b>SAT 6 AUGUST</b>		6.15PM SJ N & B COLEMAN RIP (F) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
<b>SUN 7 AUGUST</b>	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00AM SE ELIZABETH MOLONEY RIP (F) 10.00AM SJ ENA WEST RIP (F) 11.00AM SE PRAYERS & BLESSINGS KUMAR'S 60TH BIRTHDAY (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS) 7.00PM SE BARBARA KELLY RIP (JOHN KELLY & FAMILY)
<b>TUES 9 AUGUST</b>	<b>ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS</b>	10.00AM SE KATHLEEN (PADDY) CHANDLER RIP (F)
<b>WED 10 AUGUST</b>	<b>ST LAURENCE</b>	7.00PM SE HAYES' INTENTION RIP (F)
<b>THURS 11 AUGUST</b>	<b>19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	12:15PM SJ JOAN DOWDING RIP (F)
<b>FRI 12 AUGUST</b>	<b>19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	7.00PM SE JOAN DOWDING RIP (F)
<b>SAT 13 AUGUST</b>	<b>OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b>	11.00AM SE JOAN DOWDING RIP (F) 6.15PM SJ PAUL DORAN RIP (JB) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
<b>SUN 14 AUGUST</b>	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY</b>	9.00AM SE AGOSTINHO GONSALVES RIP (MG) 10.00AM SJ THANKSGIVING TO ST ANTHONY (M&BA) 11.00AM SE PETER McCALL RIP (SMcC) 7.00PM SE LASHAN & RUSHIKA'S INTENTIONS (LP)

**PASTORAL AREA PARISHES - MASS TIMES:** Holy Family, Millbrook Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 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 Sun 09:15; 11:30 in Polish; Holy Day 10:00.

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### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### 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!**

#### Prayer of the Church Week 3

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 14 AUGUST

#### THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

1st reading: Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10  
 2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26  
 Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-56

#### 2ND COLLECTION TODAY CATHOLIC CARE

#### 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FR PAUL LEONARD - LEAVING

Collections	31/07/11	2nd Collection Church Bldg Fund
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,192.02</b>	<b>£365.73</b>
Cash	896.58	156.23
S / O	1,036.35	209.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	259.09	-

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.

**Our Catholic Schools:** Springhill Catholic Primary 8033 3954;  
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