



18 SEPTEMBER 2016
25th SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY
TIME



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

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PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL, WEST &
EAST DEANERY ALSO INCLUDES:

- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
LORDSWOOD
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
PORTSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING &
ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION,
HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,
NETLEY ABBEY



GETTING IN TOUCH WITH WHO I AM

How often do we try and cover our mistakes in order that the other person will not see the real me? Conversely, how often do we search into the depth of our hearts to really understand the wound, the defect that is the root cause of the hurt we cause? Our first parents (Adam and Eve) tried to pass the blame to another, tried to claim that it was "her fault not mine". Recovering alcoholics will say that doing without alcohol is only 10% of the battle; it is the premise of why the drinking was started in the first case that is the greatest problem. Good confessors will give penitents after their initial confession the opportunity to look deeper by pausing and asking that question: "is there anything else?". How often do we really examine our motives or strip ourselves of our ego, thus allowing others to see the real me?

A number of us on a training session this week were encouraged to go underneath the first layer of that description of ourselves which we would put in our *curriculum vitae*; to look at the deeper level that is about the real me: 'someone who needs to be needed', 'someone who likes others always to think well of them'

The prophet Amos calls a spade a spade by seeing deep into the hearts and actions of those who take advantage of the poor. Whilst Jesus in today's gospel appears to applaud astuteness, He knows that the steward is only interested in the things of this world to bring him favour and esteem. Serving God is not just a Sunday activity: it requires total commitment to our one master. Statistics show that if going to Mass on Sunday is the one thing we do for the Lord, then we are giving 0.064% of our time to him. We can only serve one another if we truly give our whole selves to 'the other'.

If the sign of peace that we give at Mass is only a half-hearted, reluctant gesture in an attempt to try and right wrongs, Jesus would ask us to transform it into a real reaching plea for the hand of forgiveness which will accept the real me. "If we let go of illusions and pretenses we can be more and more present to what actually is" (Richard Rhor). 'Let us be brave and let go and let God'

Tina Quinn

TODAY SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2016

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: HOME MISSION SUNDAY—Theme: **PROCLAIM the joy of love.** On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England & Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those whom we know are distanced from the life of faith. Please support the 2nd collection which funds the bishop's national work of evangelisation. The collection also ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. *It is possible to donate online at <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate>.* Commemorative prayer cards are available in the porch to take away. Please support the work of Home Mission through your prayers and generosity. For more information see: www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms16. God bless you and thank you.

RECENTLY DIED: David Cunningham RIP late of Biddlesgate Court, Upper Bugle Street. Reception of the coffin into St Joseph's Church 4:30pm Tuesday 20 September; funeral 12noon Wednesday 21 September at St Joseph's Church followed by committal at Wessex Vale Crematorium.



Yolanda Cirino RIP late of Orchard Lane, Southampton. Reception of the coffin 4:30pm Wednesday 21 September into St Edmund's Church. Funeral service 3:15pm Thursday 22 September followed by committal at the East Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. *May their souls rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.*

THIS WEEK

OPEN EVENING AT ST MARY'S COLLEGE from 6:30pm—9:30pm Monday 19 September. Contact info: website: www.stmaryscollege.co.uk; Tel 023 8067 1267; address 57 Midanbury Lane, Bitterne Park, Southampton, SO18 4DJ. See noticeboard.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet Tuesdays at the new time of **2:30pm—3:30pm** in St Edmund's Hall.

LUNCH CLUB meet from 12 noon on Wednesdays in St Edmund's Hall. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join.

RCIA GROUP meet 7pm Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall for all those wanting to find out more about the Catholic Faith. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join the group.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Patrick and Helena** to be married 1pm Friday 23 September in St Edmund's Church. *May God bless them all the days of their lives.*



YOUTH CLUBS: Junior **FROGZ** for ages 8-12, meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month during term time from 6pm—7:15pm. Next meeting: Friday 23 September 'CAFOD Harvest Activities'. Senior **FANNING THE FLAME** for ages 12-18 Fridays 7:15pm—9:00pm, includes a talk. All welcome. Venue for both: St Boniface Church Hall.

RECOMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND READERS at all Masses weekend 1/2 October.

ST ANNE'S IN ACTION: A state funded 11-18 Catholic school for girls with a mixed sixth form. Places are open to all families seeking a school with a Christian ethos. **Open morning 5 October for Yr 4, 5 & 6.** Arrive between 9am and 10am for guided tours of the school in action and a presentation from Head girls and Year 7 students. At the **open evening Wednesday 5 October for Yr 4, 5 & 6** you will be able to visit all subject areas, tour the school and take part in activities that will be provided and talk to students and staff. At the **open evening Wednesday 12 October for Yr 9, 10 & 11** you will be able to explore the 'Outstanding 16 to 19 programmes' (Ofsted 2016) offered at St Anne's Sixth Form College. Staff and students will be on hand to talk about A level courses on offer and give you a glimpse of the exceptional sixth form experience. See website: www.st-annes.uk.com.

LITURGY GROUP meet 7:45pm Wednesday 5 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – 7 October. This Harvest Fast Day, we are invited to join 32 year old Nicanora, from Bolivia on her journey from poverty to abundance. Let us stand alongside Nicanora as she learns new skills and receives materials and seeds that will enable her to grow enough food to feed her family. Please pray for our work at this time and give what you can. Thank you.

NIGHT FEVER Friday 7 October from 7pm Mass onwards. Put the date in your diary and encourage others to come. Music groups and prayer teams please contact Adrienne Hendry adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk to confirm your availability.

CLIMATE CHANGE Listen and be heard: 3pm Saturday 8 October in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place. Climate change is a complex thing for us to grapple with: we can feel powerless and uncertain what to think or believe. This public event aims to provide a safe and respectful space in which to hear one another's hopes and fears about what climate change might mean for the future. Local politicians have been invited to attend as witnesses. More details - Mike Willcox: 023 8034 2290 or email michael.k.willcox@gmail.com.

DAY OF REFLECTION 10am—3pm Sunday 9 October for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers at St Joseph's House of Prayer, Ashurst. Contact the Parish Office if you can attend.

GENERAL ITEMS

THANK YOU(S): from Francis Davis for the £874.62 received from the appeal for the **International Young Leaders Network Project** and **Crib Offerings 2015** for the £3,462.31 received from all the parishes in the Diocese for Christians in the Holy Land.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS TRAINING: We are beginning to prepare our teams for 2017. There will be local training on Thursday 20 October from 7pm-8:30pm at St Boniface Church Hall. Also a reminder that all catechists are encouraged to attend the FFM day on the 8 October in Havant. If you are interested in joining either the City Centre, St Boniface, or Holy Family/SVP team, contact Tina Quinn for more information.

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND

24-25 SEPTEMBER 2016

- Aims to stimulate our faith in a joyful and spiritual atmosphere of Christian community
- For all ages, young and old, singles and families
- Talks, workshops, drama and mime, lively Spirit-filled praise and worship, and daily Mass
- Children's streams to allow parents to attend the main events while their children are led in creative and spiritual activities by trained adult leaders
- Opportunities for being prayed over by the prayer ministry team
- Conference fee includes evening meal Saturday

"Angela and I always look forward eagerly to this conference. We know the four main speakers and they are inspirational. The conference attracts people from a wide area outside Southampton. We are blessed to have it on our doorstep at St George Catholic College. There is still time to book, either by phone 023 8029 2058 or on the website www.celebrateconference.org. For more info call Angela or me on 023 8077 2868." Frank Capocci



We are hoping to bring **Messy Church** to St Joseph's and St Edmund's – **beginning with an Advent themed Messy Church session in November.** Messy Church is about arts and crafts, stories

and fun aimed at children and their parents. In order to run Messy Church sessions (about 7/8 sessions a year), we need helpers. These sessions will run on a Saturday lasting an hour and a half and won't need huge amounts of preparation (one initial meeting and then turn up on the day). Are you willing to lead: A craft; Serve tea and coffee; Serve snacks; Lead a story; Lead a song? (All resources will be provided). Please contact Roxy Ashworth on roxy.ashworth@live.co.uk. All offers of help will be gratefully received.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS 10am to 4pm Saturday 15 October at Portsmouth. Includes Pilgrimage through the Holy Door, Keynote speech by Bishop Philip, Mass of thanksgiving, lunch provided, practical workshops to discover/help the work of catechesis, time for sharing and discussion. Register by calling 01590 681 875 or online at website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation or email: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TRAINING: Tuesdays 18 & 25 October and 1 November at 7:30pm in Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood Road. Let Father Vincent know if you would like to volunteer.

CONFIRMATION 2017: The Sacrament of Confirmation for our Pastoral Area will next be celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan on Saturday 27 May 2017 at 11am in **St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.** It is for those aged 13 by 31 August 2016, i.e. mostly school Year 9, but also older. Those eligible must be attending Mass at St Joseph's or St Edmund's (6:15pm, 9am, 10am, 11am or 7pm). **The first session of the programme is on Sunday 9 October 2016, and thereafter on the 2nd Sunday of the month (with a retreat weekend 13th & 14th May 2017).** Each session is from 2pm-4 pm in **St. Boniface Hall, Shirley.**

Candidates need to send a short letter or e-mail to Father Vincent (vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) applying to join the programme and saying why they would like to be confirmed. **Closing date to apply is 30 September 2016.** (Father Vincent is away for 3 weeks in September.)

CAR PARKING: A reminder that Park Centrale Estate is private and no parking is allowed.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FOR CARITAS MANAGEMENT BOARD; "Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth will be launched in November 2016 at the close of the Year of Mercy. The Caritas Management Board, reporting to the diocesan trustees, is seeking 2-4 experienced individuals with a passion for the work of Caritas, who cannot only contribute to the effective governance of the organisation, but have some capacity to offer a limited number of voluntary hours towards the development of Caritas. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, and are not an employee of the Diocese of Portsmouth, email caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more information."

PLEASE PRAY FOR Tony McCall, Fran Morley, Angela Capocci (op. recovery), Caroline Gailor, Rosa Santos, Irene Cartledge, Father David Hutton, Lucky & Sujata, Mano, Nelum, Felicity Singleton (op. recovery), Sheila & Clare Morris, Morris & Patricia Penny, John Redhead, Jackie Duggan, Esther Pananwela, Noreen Kealy, Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan, Valerie Summerton (op recovery), Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle, Janette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, Teresa Adams (stroke recovery), Judy Brown, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Bosco and Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Josie Franklin, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, and all parishioners who are ill, having surgery or on our prayer list.

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME for children in the parish in school Year 3 and above (to year 6)

Name of child: Date of birth:

Name of parent or main carer:

Address:

Phone number: Email:

School attending: Year:

PLEASE POST TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR GIVE TO ONE OF THE PRIESTS BY SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER 2016

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2016

*(Key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

SAT	17 SEP	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM *SJ	JOHN & HONORIA SULLIVAN RIP (PR)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	18 SEP	25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	SISTER MARY MacLEOD RIP (DMacK)
			10:00AM SJ	BIANCA SWANN RIP (2nd ANNIVERSARY) (LS)
			11:00AM SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
			7:00PM SE	ANGUS MacKINNON RIP (GC & HP)
TUES	20 SEP	25th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	RICHARD IRELAND RIP (MB)
WED	21 SEP	ST MATTHEW	12 NOON SJ	FUNERAL: DAVID CUNNINGHAM RIP
			7:00PM SE	JOE & HANNAH—GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOUR START & STAY AT UNIVERSITY (CH)
THURS	22 SEP	25th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	JANUSZ EUGENIUSZ RIP (DN)
			3:15PM SE	FUNERAL: YOLANDA CIRINO RIP
FRI	23 SEP	ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA	7:00PM SE	DORINA EMANUELLI—90th BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (CH)
SAT	24 SEP	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	11:00AM SE	OUR LADY'S INTENTIONS (CH)
			6:15PM SJ	MR & MRS PETER & VALERIE SUMMERTON (MC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	25 SEP	26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	LEO VARGESE—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (SALLY & LEEGY)
			10:00AM SJ	MADELEINE ELIZABETH WARBURG RIP (F)
			11:00AM SE	VI & JAMES McCONNELL RIP (KB)
			7:00PM SE	SHAUN FARRELL RIP (DB & EB)

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. Christ the King & St Colman Sun 11:00; Holy Day 19:00. Immaculate Conception, Portswood Recon: Sat 10:30 (After Mass); Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 19:30. Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End Sat Vigil 17:30; St Brigid, West End Sun 17:30; St Patrick, Woolston Sat Vigil 18:00; Sun 11:00; Holy Day 09:15 (term time); 10:00 (outside of term time). The Annunciation, Netley Abbey Sun 09:00, Holy Day 19:00.

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Prayer of the Church Week 1

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2016 25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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!

READINGS SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2016

26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4—7
 Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11—16
 Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19—31

2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

	HOME MISSION SUNDAY	CATHEDRAL
Collections 11.9.16	1st	2nd—Appeal IYLN
Total	£2,552.54	£874.62
Cash	981.78	874.62
S / O	1,256.61	—
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	—

Thank you for your generous contributions. 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