

PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE



17 JULY 2011

**16TH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

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

**A Stewardship Parish in
a Stewardship Diocese**



Today's Gospel reading contains three parables of Jesus concerning the kingdom of heaven. Jesus drew the scenario of the parable from what his hearers would have experience of: farming and cooking. In the first parable, through an act of sabotage, a farmer finds that there are weeds mixed in with wheat in his field. The weed in question, though it looks like wheat, if it were not removed at some stage, would damage the crop. After this first parable, we have two very short, rather similar parables. The first concerns the mustard seed. We must not be deceived by the smallness of the seed into thinking that it is insignificant, for from it a large tree will grow. The kingdom had small beginnings in the ministry of Jesus, but He promised that it would attain vast growth. Jesus was telling His disciples to be patient. They were being told to wait: all would be manifest, but it takes time for the seed to grow into the tree which God intends it to be. They were the beginnings of the Church, unpretentious beginnings, and it was God's will that His Church would flourish. In the meantime, Jesus taught His followers that they had a role to play, which He compared to that of leaven - only a small amount was mixed into the flour, but its effects were felt throughout all the flour, causing it all to rise, so that its intended purpose could be reached.

So what are the various roles and responsibilities that Jesus is teaching us in these parables? We must stay alert so that we do not give the devil the opportunity to plant the seeds of our own destruction. We must not judge others, but leave the judging to God, the great judge. We must be patient and persevere to the end, knowing that the kingdom is growing towards its fulfilment. We must be like leaven, so that as we live in the world, we can lead others to Christ by our words and our example. In this way, we will reach the reward promised by Jesus at the end of the explanation of the parable, *"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father."* Paul Leonard



*The righteous will shine
like the sun.*

Mt 13:43

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. What does it mean to you to have the 'weeds and wheat' grow side by side in your life? Do you try to get rid of the weeds? How?
2. Today's parable takes a long view of life. Does that long view frighten or console you? What does it say to you about God?
3. The Spirit comes to help us in our 'weakness' St Paul writes. What 'weakness' do you invite the Holy Spirit into? Vincent Harvey

TODAY - SUNDAY 17 JULY

WE WELCOME THE ST. PATRICK COMMUNITY MISSION TEAM - John Pridmore, Niall Slattery, Matthew Beine, Breda Coman and Catherine Leigh who will be talking at all Masses this weekend.

WELCOME RITES: 11am Mass.



BAPTISMS: We welcome to our faith community **Emma-Leigh, Jack and Louie Fernandez**, daughter and sons of Anthony and Shelley; and **Leonardo Treviño Felix**, son of Edgar and Daniela who were baptised in St. Edmund's Church yesterday.

HAMPSHIRE DOWNS PRAISE & WORSHIP followed by Mass at 5.30pm in St. Stephen's Church, Olivers Battery Road North, Winchester, SO22 4JB. Tel. Paul or Clare on 019 6288 5858.

FILIPINO CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm.

THIS WEEK



THIS WEEK.....Southampton Central & West Parish Mission... an opportunity for new life.....

MISSION MASS 10am Mon 18 July in St Boniface Church, Shirley.

MISSION EVENING 1 - God's Love: The Amazing Story of John Pridmore 7pm Mon 18 July in St. Edmund's Church.

MISSION MASS 10am Tues 19 July in Holy Family Church, Millbrook.

BAPTISM: We welcome to our faith community **Sienna Smith**, daughter of Curtis and Peggyann, who is to be baptised in St. Edmund's Church Tuesday 19 July.



MISSION EVENING 2 - God's Mercy: A Chance to meet Jesus personally 7pm Tues 19 July in St. Edmund's Church.

MISSION MASS 10am Wed 20 July in St Boniface Church, Shirley.

MISSION EVENING 3 - God's Healing: Healing Service (miracles abound) 7pm Wed 20 July in St. Edmund's Church.

MISSION MASS 10am Thurs 21 July in Holy Family Church, Millbrook.

MISSION EVENING 4 - God's Gift of Mary: The Love of Mary for us 7pm Thurs 21 July in St. Edmund's Church.

MISSION: STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3pm Fri 22 July in St. Boniface Church

MISSION EVENING 5 - Mass of the Holy Spirit 7pm Fri 22 July in St. Edmund's Church.

EU ADVICE EVENING 6pm-8pm Fri 22 July St Edmund's Lodge. Dave Adcock 077 8639 2886.

FOR INFO: Mon-Fri mission involvement: VH/PL
Tues: Solent Uni meeting: VH. Wed City Liaison mtg: VH
Thurs: VG mtg New Forest: VH. Fri: Springhill Mass: VH
Catholic Care interviews: VH

NEXT WEEKEND

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Kristy Olszewski and Grzegorz Dobiecki** who are to be married in St. Edmund's Church at 2pm on Saturday 23 July. *May God bless them both all the days of their lives.*



WORLD YOUTH DAY IN MADRID. Ellie Tobin from the Parish is going to the Youth Event in August during which the Pope will preside at Mass. Next week Ellie will speak at the 9am & 11am Masses and the retiring collection at all Masses will be to help towards the cost of the trip. Please support her in this.

GOSPEL CHOIR 6pm Mass Sun 24 July, rehearsal at 6pm. New members welcome!

NEXT WEEK

YOUTH PROJECT group to meet 7pm Wed 27 July in St. Edmund's Lodge.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations! to **Mary Capocci & Graeme Hornby** who are to be married at 12noon on Thursday 28 July in St. Joseph's Church. *May God bless them both all the days of their lives.*

NB: THERE WILL BE NO 12.15PM MASS on Thurs 28 July at St. Joseph's due to the wedding taking place.

WELCOME TO FR. MICHAEL PETERS who will be celebrating the 9am and 11am Masses at St. Edmund's on Sunday 31 July.

BISHOP MICHAEL EVANS (of East Anglia) died on Monday after struggling with cancer for many years. He never allowed his illness to radically affect his Episcopal ministry and only recently was interviewed about it for 'Life Sunday'. May he rest in peace.

OUR OWN BISHOP CRISPIAN has been told that his arterial fibrillation has returned so he needs to seriously limit his workload (other than that he is in good form).

GENERAL ITEMS

FATHER MARK HOGAN'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: 7/7:30pm Thurs 21 July, Kuti's Restaurant, Oxford Street, Southampton. Cost £20, includes donation to CAFOD. Pay for own drinks. Email Fr Mark - stjosephs@btinternet.com to book.
Sat 23 July (1pm-5pm) at St. Joseph's, Basingstoke for a "family fun day" (with magician, bouncy castle, fire engine and various stalls). 5-a-side footie tournament for adults contact Dave Leane david.leaner@rawlinson-hunter.com to join a team. Other sports also available for all ages on the day ending with a curry evening.

FAIR TRADE SHOP: have large discounts on various items each week during the summer! Pop in and find yourself a bargain; 106 Shirley High Street.

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.

EAST AFRICA as you know the worst drought in almost 60 years is affecting people in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan and Eritrea. The Disaster Emergency Committee is launching an appeal. CAFOD is a member of the DEC...see their website: <http://www.cafod.org.uk>.

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



'HARVEST FESTIVAL' TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH EAST AFRICAN FAMINE

Sunday 4 Sep in St. Edmund's Hall from 9am - 1pm. There will be homemade cakes, jam, plants including winter vegetables, fruit, tomatoes,

courgettes, runner beans, onions, apples, pears, plums for sale. Can you grow, make, contribute any of the above or anything else? It's not too late to start growing salad leaves, radishes, cabbage, cauliflower. **Polish Community please do join in and contribute with your lovely food.** Contact Mary Tel No 023 8079 0789.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lydie Kelemba (op. recovery), Daniel McKillen Jr. (op. recovery), 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.

FREE ACCOMMODATION FOR RETIRED GENTLEMAN:

The Agents for Queen's College Oxford who run the God's House Almshouses in Winkle Street have a vacant apartment for a male resident. Winkle Street is very close to Town Quay at the bottom of the High Street in Southampton City Centre. They are looking for a gentleman of retirement age who has had a long connection with the city or education links. There is no rent payable for the flat and the residents heating, lighting and maintenance are paid by the College. The only expenditure a potential resident would bear is for Council Tax, telephone and any living costs. The applicant must be a **single** gentleman. For more info and an application form please contact Lambert Smith Hampton, 5 Town Quay, Southampton, SO14 2HJ. Tel. 023 8033 0041.

FEEDBACK FROM CITY CENTRE PASTORAL GROUP meeting held on 4 July:

- Events of Pastoral Area Mission, 16-23 July, can be followed on 'Faith Alive' web www.faithalive.org.uk
- An interview panel is to be set up for the appointment of a Pastoral Assistant

- Fri 23 Sep: Fr. Paul's leaving to be combined with an International Mass, followed by a leaving party in St. Anne's School.
- Members of the Finance and re-formed Stewardship groups as well as a member of the Polish community to join the CCPG
- Report from Pastoral Area meeting: The Bishop wants reports from all 24 Pastoral Areas to pass on to his successor.
- Reports from other committees:
 - The Youth group are looking for ways to motivate our young people.
 - Margaret Rose is to be the new chair of the Pastoral Area Council.

The committee thanked Robert Taylor for serving on the CCPG and wished him well for his move to Brentwood. Date of next meeting 28th September 2011. The full minutes of will be available shortly on the Parish website.

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.

8. THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL:

'THE WORD OF THE LORD': At the end of the readings and the Gospel at Mass, we are used to hearing 'This is the Word of the Lord'; 'This is the Gospel of the Lord'. In the new translation, the words 'This is' are now left out and we will hear 'The Word of the Lord' and 'The Gospel of the Lord'. One of the reasons is that the Latin does not include 'This is'. But there is more to it than that. If the priest or deacon lifts the book and says 'This is', it can suggest that he is talking about the book itself. In fact, he is talking about the Word of God - which is alive and active. The words at the end of the readings are announcing a great event. They are telling us that God has spoken; that Christ is present. We respond 'Thanks be to God', or 'Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ' which is our acknowledgement that what we have heard is, indeed, the Word of God.

Even more to come...keep reading.

New Missal ... costs ... Some have asked about new missals and the like ... at present nothing is available but will be by Advent (your current Missals are fine as the readings will not change ... that will be in about 6 years' time!). The Parish are buying 'Mass Cards' that people can use at Mass for those parts of the Congregation responses which have changed.

The Parish has also had to purchase Altar Missals we have ordered 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!** If you raise a cheque please make it payable to PRC DTR SOUJE.

CONFESSION TIMES: St Edmund Sat 11.30am; St. Joseph Sat 5.45pm; Thursdays 11.45am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 17 JULY

SAT	VIGIL MASS 16 JULY		6.15PM SJ MICHAEL AND NORA HUNTER RIP (MH) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	17 JULY	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE BEN JOHNSON RIP (HP) 10.00AM SJ BRIAN CUNIO RIP (MORAN FAMILY) 11.00AM SE NOEL PHELAN RIP (DP & GP) 7.00PM SE MARTIN DELGADO - THANKSGIVING INTENTIONS (GD)
MON	18 JULY	16TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10.00AM SB MISSION: MASS AT ST. BONIFACE 7.00PM SE MISSION: EVENING TALK 1
TUES	19 JULY	16TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10.00AM HF MISSION: MASS AT HOLY FAMILY 7.00PM SE MISSION: EVENING TALK 2
WED	20 JULY	16TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10.00AM SB MISSION: MASS AT ST. BONIFACE 7.00PM SE MISSION: EVENING TALK 3
THURS	21 JULY	16TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10.00AM HF MISSION: MASS AT HOLY FAMILY 7.00PM SE MISSION: EVENING TALK 4
FRI	22 JULY	16TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	3.00PM SB MISSION: STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7.00PM SE MISSION: MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT LARRY DERVAN RIP (PCMCG)
SAT	23 JULY	ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	11.00AM SE JOHN PHELAN BIRTHDAY INTENTION (CT) 6.15PM SJ BILL O'CARROLL RIP (BM) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	24 JULY	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE OSKAR'S 3RD BIRTHDAY INTENTIONS (JS) 10.00AM SJ MYRA & BOSCO ANDRADE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY INTS. (M&BA) 11.00AM SE JOYCE & PETER MARRIAGE BLESSINGS (JS) 7.00PM SE THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS (JR)

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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 FOR NEXT SUNDAY 24 JULY SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

2nd reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

CATHOLIC CARE

NO 2ND COLLECTION

NEXT WEEK

Collections	10/07/11	2nd Collection Apostleship of the Sea
Total	£2311.66	£550.09
Cash	1016.22	297.59
S / O	1036.35	252.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	259.09	-

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