

10 JULY 2011

**15TH SUNDAY IN
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**



DIVINE GRACE

The three readings at today's Mass are all about God's revelation of himself to us. Through the words of the prophet Isaiah, God tells us that his words are powerful and effective: *"The word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do."* We know that that word of God was revealed most fully when He took human flesh. The Son of God, His Word made flesh, reveals the eternal Father to us in a way which the prophets, the priests, the kings of the Old Testament could not do, as He Himself said in last week's gospel: *"No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."*

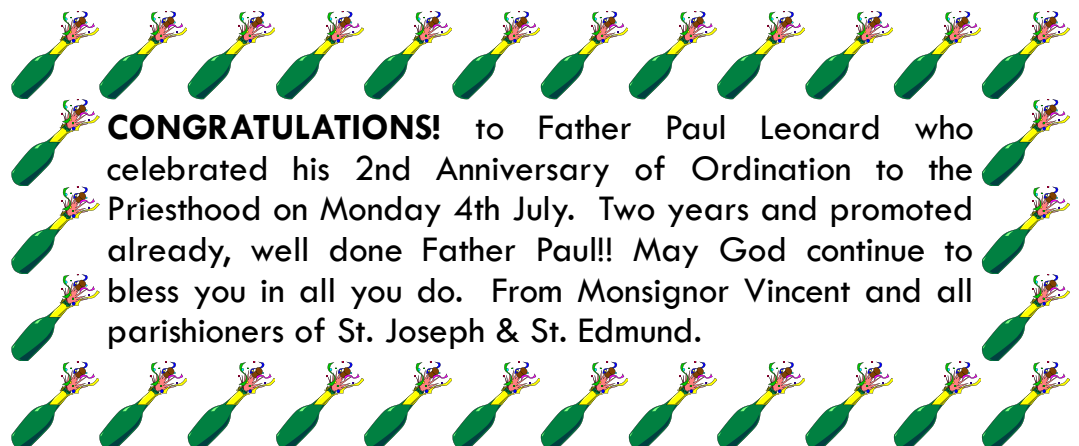
One of the main ways that Jesus revealed something of Himself, in His teaching about God, about the kingdom of heaven and how we should respond, was through His use of parables, comparisons to explain certain features of a life of faith. On Jesus' lips, parables are exceptionally effective. By using parables, He keeps his listeners' attention, whether they are educated or not, and by means of the most ordinary things of daily life He sheds light on the deepest supernatural mysteries. And this Sunday we are reading the very familiar parable of the sower. Its direct message that some seeds will do better than others would be appreciated by those who heard Him. But clearly the parable has a deeper meaning.

How is it that grace and God's Word produce such widely differing responses in people? What is at work here is the mystery of divine grace, a free gift of God, and of our response to this grace. What Jesus says here underlines our responsibility to be ready to accept God's grace and to respond to it. We should not delude ourselves into thinking that not wanting to hear or to understand something is exclusive to certain people of Jesus' time. Each one of us is at times very hard of hearing, hard-hearted and dull-minded in the presence of God's grace and his saving word. Moreover, it is not enough just to come to church on Sunday: it is absolutely necessary to put our faith into practice, with all that implies and to dispose ourselves to the grace of God.

Father Paul Leonard

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. Can you discern when you have found yourself/your faith in the different places mentioned in the Gospel: edge of the path, on the rocks, among thorns and on rich soil. How did you feel?
2. Pray the Gospel with you being 'the seed' and then you being 'the sower'. What insights does this give you?
3. God sows His grace, love and life generously. Do you? Vincent Harvey




TODAY - SUNDAY 10 JULY

SECOND COLLECTION: Today is **SEA SUNDAY** when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. Many people have never stopped to consider how important seafarers are to our standard of living. Without them we would not have most of the items we use in our everyday lives. Many of these seafarers do not have the quality of life on board that every human has the right to. The **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** reaches out to seafarers who visit our ports each year, offering pastoral and practical support and care. AoS is wholly dependent on voluntary donations to continue its work; it takes the love of Christ to seafarers in the name of the Church, recognising them as our brothers and sisters in need. Sea Sunday is the principal fundraising and awareness-raising event of the year for AoS. Today's 2nd collection will be taken at Masses throughout the country, this annual event is absolutely vital for AoS to continue their work. Please give generously, and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information on the work of AoS please visit their website at www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk. The following from You Tube would be worth watching: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWZa0muSXc.

WELCOME RITE: 11am Mass.

CAFOD CONNECT2: Rwanda – Deepen the Connection: today 12noon St Theresa's Parish Hall, Totton.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community **Connor Prendergast** son of Luke and Charlotte; **Jason Rodrigues** son of Paolo and Sanchina; **Daniel Cervenak** grandson of Maria and **Rooney Pestana Coelho** son of Lourenço & Adriana, who are to be baptised at 12.30pm in St. Edmund's Church.

 **RECENTLY DIED:** **Anna McIntyre** of Walnut Avenue, Swaythling. Funeral service 11am Wed 13 July in St. Edmund's Church, followed by burial at Stoneham Cemetery. Our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.
Antoinetta (Tony) Minicozzi of Knights Grove Nursing Home, North Baddesley. Funeral service 10.15am Thurs 14 July in St. Edmund's Church, followed by burial in Hollybrook Cemetery. Our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB summer outing Wed 13 July, thereafter group will recommence on 7 September.

FINANCE GROUP meeting 7.30pm Thurs 14 July in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

FOR INFO Mon: Day off PL. VH away Mon—Fri.
Wed: Bishop's Council: VH. Diocesan Safeguarding: VH
Thurs: Parish Finance: VH. Fri: Clergy Gathering: VH

NEXT WEEKEND

HEALING DAY with Little Way Healing Ministries 10am - 4.30pm, Sat 16 July, Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA, Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching and healing. **Come and see.**



PARISH MISSION (SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL & WEST)

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW LIFE: The Mission is taking place in our Pastoral Area (*Holy Family & St Vincent de Paul, St Boniface and St Joseph & St Edmund*) from Sat 16 – Fri 22 July.

Programme:

- 10am Mass: Mon & Wed in St Boniface Church
- 10am Mass: Tues & Thurs in Holy Family Church

Please note that the only weekday Masses in the Pastoral Area will be the Mission Masses (see above).....volunteers will be required to transport people who wish to attend at St Boniface and Holy Family. If you wish to have a lift from St Edmund's to St Boniface or Holy Family fill in the list at the back of the church.....TODAY

- 7pm Mon—Thurs talks & prayer in St Edmund's ending with Mass at 7pm on the Friday. (**No Masses at St. Joseph or St Edmund except Friday.**)

Make a note to be free those mornings & evenings! Members of the team will be speaking in our schools—Springhill, Holy Family, St Anne's and St George's. It will be led by St Patrick's Community, John Pridmore, Niall Slattery, Matthew Beine, Breda Coman & Catherine Leigh. **Mission website www.faithalive.org.uk.** Please pray for the Mission...use the prayer cards....see the dates on the reverse side.

TODAY...take home 4 or 5 flyers and hand them around...people you know.... Neighbours ... spread the word....invite people to the evening sessions!

PRAYER FOR THE MISSION JULY 2011:

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the Mission to our city and for the guidance of the St Patrick's Community team. We ask that your Spirit of Truth transform us, inspiring us to listen and act. Grant that the fruits of this mission will be a deepening and refreshment of our spiritual lives which will renew your local church. Amen.

MISSION PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE/CHILDREN:

Lord Jesus, we thank you for this Mission. Bless our priests, our parents, our teachers and all those involved in the Mission. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to listen to and live your Word. As we come alive in you we ask that this change will be reflected in our parishes, our schools and our homes. Amen.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Rachel Edwards** and **Robartus Krol** who are getting married at 3pm on Sat 16 July in St. Joseph's Church. May God bless them both all the days of their lives.

HAMPSHIRE DOWNS PRAISE & WORSHIP followed by Mass 5.30pm Sun 17 July in St. Stephen's Church, Olivers Battery Road North, Winchester, SO22 4JB. Tel. Paul or Clare on 019 6288 5858. See Notice Board.

NEXT WEEK

ANNUAL 'MISSION' MASS 7.30pm Wed 20 July in Christ the King Parish Hall, Bitterne Road, Southampton.

FATHER MARK HOGAN is celebrating the **10th Anniversary** of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Thurs 21 July. You are all welcome to join in the celebrations on Sat 23 July (1pm-5pm) for a "family fun day" (with magician, bouncy castle, fire engine and various stalls). Adults interested in playing a 5-a-side footie tournament, please contact Dave Leane at david.lean@rawlinson-hunter.com so he can put you into a team. Other sports will also be available for all ages on the day. There is also a curry evening on Thurs 21 July, 7 for 7:30pm at Kuti's Restaurant, Oxford Street, Southampton. Cost £20 which will include a donation to CAFOD. Drinks to be paid separately. To book a space at the restaurant, please email Fr Mark – stjosephs@btinternet.com.

EU ADVICE EVENING 6pm—8pm Friday 22 July in St. Edmund's Lodge. Contact Dave Adcock 077 8639 2886.

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

GENERAL ITEMS

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>



CEILI NIGHT: 8pm til late Sat 30 July. Eastleigh Irish Social Club. Members £5, Non-members £7. Contact 023 8025 2248 for tickets.

7. The New Translation of the Roman Missal – 'And with your spirit': One of the first things we will notice with the new translation is that, when the priest says 'The Lord be with you', we now say 'And with your spirit'. This is much closer to the original Latin 'et cum spirit tuo', and is found in e.g. German, Italian, French and Spanish. It is a very biblical response: St Paul concludes four of his letters with a very similar expression e.g. 2 Tim 4:22 'The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.' (see also Galatians 6:18, Philippians 4:23, Philemon 25). For nearly 2000 years, Christians have been greeting each other, 'The Lord be with you', 'and with your spirit.' So the new translation will bring unity to this response in all the languages of the world - and with all previous Christian generations.

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

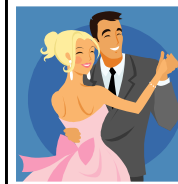
PLEASE PRAY FOR: Daniel McKillen Jr. (op. recovery), Joe Smartt, James Smith, Baby Iga, David Taylor, Oke Hammed, Joan Hunt, Angus MacKinnon, Baby Ava Evans, Josie Franklin, Stephen Brooks, Byron Reynolds, Myra Andrade, Anne Brackenbury, Brenda Hibberd, Carlos Fernandes, Eileen & Alex Aitken, Sheila 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.

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.



MARTHA'S...IN BEDFORD PLACE.....(our charity shop run by volunteers from the parish) for all those unwanted gifts and clothing items you may have no use for. New gifting lines also available. Pop in and have a look! All profits go towards supporting good causes.



SOUTHAMPTON CATHOLIC DINNER & DANCE 7.30pm for 8pm Friday 18 November 2011 in the Novotel Hotel, Southampton. Tickets £25.00 for a 3 course dinner and disco.

Perhaps you would like to organise a family/friends table of 8 - 10. Please contact the Parish Office 023 8033 3589 to book your tickets or donate a prize for the raffle.

APF/MILL HILL: Mgr. John Dale, National Director of Missio has written to thank the parishes of the diocese for their generosity to the work of the APF/Mill Hill for 2010. The total of £141,626 was received from the diocese.

'MAGNIFICAT' Mass booklets. Order your subscription through Universe Media on Tel. 0161 488 1700. 15% discount on the cover price of £4 now being offered if you subscribe directly.

'DAY BY DAY' monthly meditation booklets available directly from Arch Publishing on subscription. Call on Tel. 01782 213 000 should you wish to subscribe.

LENTEN COLLECTION: A total of £629.26 was received from our parish Lenten collection which will be shared between the MONGU project and a school in Kampala, Uganda. Thank you to all who contributed to these worthy causes.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 10 JULY

SAT	VIGIL MASS 9 JULY		6.15PM SJ JAMES O'DONNELL RIP (F) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	10 JULY	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE AGOSTINHO GONSALVES RIP (MG) 10.00AM SJ BRIAN CUNIO RIP (LL) 11.00AM SE PETER CLUNE RIP (PC) 7.00PM SE JULIETTE WHITE RIP (F)
TUES	12 JULY	15TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10.00AM SE MARGARET DE GROEN RIP (MONDAY BINGO CLUB)
WED	13 JULY	15TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	11.00AM SE FUNERAL - ANNA McINTYRE RIP 7.00PM SE ERNSTO SACCHIN RIP (GS)
THURS	14 JULY	15TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10.15AM SE FUNERAL - ANTOINETTA ('TONY') MINICOZZI RIP 12.15PM SJ BRIAN CUNIO (RIP) (BK) 7.00PM SE LAWRENCE DERVAN RIP (PC)
FRI	15 JULY	ST SWITHUN	
SAT	16 JULY	OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL	11.00AM SE LARRY DERVAN RIP (FF) 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)

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.

Contact Details: Parish Priest: Mgr. Vincent Harvey VG
 E-mail address: vincent.harvey@gsy.org.uk
 Assistant Priest : Fr. Paul Leonard
 E-mail address: pleonard@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
 Presbytery Tel. No.: 023 8033 4891
 Presbytery Address: 14 Rockstone Place, Southampton, SO15 2EQ
 Parish Secretary: Anne Wheeler
 Parish Office: St. Edmund's Lodge (next to St. Edmund's Church) The Avenue, Southampton, SO17 1XJ Tel. 023 8033 3589
 Email: catholic14@btinternet.com
 Parish Website: http: www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk
 Hospital Chaplain Fr Michael Cronin 023 8079 8517
 Apostleship of the Sea: Rev. Roger Stone Tel. 079 6334 5618
 E-mail: rogerstone@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk
 Retired Priest: Fr. Paul Spellman
 Polish Chaplaincy: Fr Wojciech Stachyra SChr 023 8022 4418
 Tel. No.: 023 8022 4418
 e-mail: parafia@naszaparafia.co.uk
 Address: 15 Languard Road, Southampton, SO15 5DL
 S'ton Uni. Chaplain: Sr Catherine: 078 1110 7046
 Solent Uni. Chaplain: Sr Liliana: 079 6776 1714
 Catholic Home Care: Anne Monaghan 023 8033 3589
 Safeguarding Rep: Ursula Clarke 023 8026 6210
 Martha's Gift Shop: 023 8033 3400
 EU Welcomers Project: Dave Adcock 07786 392 886
 e-mail: euwelcome@yahoo.co.uk
 Youth Co-ordinator: Peter McGeedy 077 6925 8378
 e-mail: pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
 Blog: http://youngcatholicssouth.blogspot.com

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response

Some seed fell into rich soil,
and produced its crop.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church Week 4

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 17 JULY

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

2nd reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-43

<u>2ND COLLECTION TODAY</u> APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA	<u>2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</u> CATHOLIC CARE
--	---

Collections	03/07/11	2nd Collection Church Bldg Fund
Total	£2500.93	£425.92
Cash	1205.49	206.42
S / O	1036.35	219.50
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;
St Anne 8032 8200, St George 8032 2603