



**15 MAY 2011**  
**4TH SUNDAY**  
**OF EASTER**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
 To 'The Saints' football  
 team on their excellent  
 season and promotion  
 to the Premier League!

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

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



## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



The work of carefully encouraging and supporting vocations finds a radiant source of inspiration in those places in the Gospel where Jesus calls his disciples to follow him and trains them with love and care. We should pay close attention to the way that Jesus called his closest associates to proclaim the Kingdom of God. In the first place, it is clear that the first thing he did was to pray for them; before calling them, Jesus spent the whole night alone in prayer, listening to the will of the Father in a spirit of interior detachment from mundane concerns. It is Jesus' intimate conversation with the Father which results in the calling of his disciples. (Extract from Papal message for Vocations Sunday 2011).

Though the above extract from the Pope concerns promoting vocations to the Priesthood and religious life, the reflection applies for all vocations in the church. Christ calls each one of us to follow him, that is our fundamental call and it arises as a result of our baptism. Before any differentiation into religious, priest or lay person, there is a fundamental equality that we all possess – sons and daughters of God through our baptism. While it is right, proper and urgent that we pray that the Lord of the harvest will raise up men and women to serve him as Priests or religious, our focus on vocations today concerns all of us personally, to reflect on how each of us is responding to the call of the Lord to follow him.

We all possess the life of Christ within and we all have a share in his saving work. Each of us is called to be a shepherd in one way or another – as parents to children, as teachers to students and yes, as a priest to his congregation. Our fundamental vocation is to be a loving, caring people with a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and hands through which Christ helps.

*Fr. Paul Leonard*

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. How do you distinguish the voice of Jesus (the Good Shepherd.....see Gospel) from the 'voice of strangers'?
2. Jesus came to give us life, life in abundance. How do you receive this life? What do you need to do, or who do you have to be, to receive this life more fully?
3. The psalm says 'The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want'. What does that mean to you? What do you 'want' from life, from faith? Is what you want in accord to the message of the Good Shepherd?

*Vincent Harvey*

# TODAY - SUNDAY 15 MAY

**SECOND COLLECTION**—Clergy Training Fund.

**WELCOME RITES** at 9.00 am and 11.00am Masses.

**WELCOME TO FR. KEVIN HOILES** who will be presiding at the 11am Mass at St. Edmund's.



**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our faith community **India Pearce**, daughter of Lee and Eloise; **Julian Sekhon**, son of Harmanjeet & Ena; **Harry Whicher**, son of Simon and Caroline; and **Daniel Trela**, son of Roman and Iwona who are to be baptised in St Edmund's Church at 12.30pm.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** 2.00pm today for **parents and candidates** in Holy Family Church, Millbrook.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Today is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and therefore a Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Alexis (11am Altar Server) will speak about this at 9 & 11am Masses. There will be a **retiring collection** for the training of our clergy. There will also be a **period of prayer** from 4pm—6pm in St. Edmund's Church to pray for vocations (for those who are responding and for others to respond). The two hours will consist of communal prayer, reflections, silence, Adoration. Today we are asked to reflect on the Christian vocation we each have as a result of our baptism. In our gospel reading at Mass, Christ presents Himself as the Good Shepherd and the Gate of the Sheepfold. Today we are especially asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

**FILIPINO CHOIR** 7.00pm Mass, rehearsal at 6.00pm.

**ALISON STRICKLAND** – died in Corston recently. **Her Funeral Mass** will be at St Dunstan's Catholic Church, Keynsham at 11am on Wed 25 May, followed by cremation at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath and a buffet lunch at The Old Manor House Hotel, Keynsham afterwards. Antonia, her daughter contacted us and wanted parishioners to know. May Alison Strickland rest in peace.

## THIS WEEK

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** meet every Tuesday at 8.00pm in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome.

**ORGAN TUNING—CHURCH CLOSED:** 9am—4pm Wed 18 May. Adoration to start at 4pm.

**LUNCHEON CLUB** every Wed in St Edmund's Hall.

**NHS FORMAL CONSULTATION** re transformation of Older People's Mental Health Services in Southampton. 5.30pm—7.30pm Wed 18 May Room 1, Central Hall, St. Mary Street, Southampton. Tel. 023 8087 4118 (see Notice Board).

**MARTHA'S** Committee meeting 7.30pm Wed 18 May in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

**EU ADVICE EVENING** (for the Polish Community) 6pm—8pm Fri 20 May in St. Edmund's Lodge.

**PARISH SEPTEMBER FUN DAY** planning meeting 8pm Fri 20 May in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

**FOR INFO:** Mon: Day off: VH/PL

Tues: Bishop's Council in Maidenhead: VH  
Pastoral Area Meeting: VH/PL

Wed: Mayor Making: VH

Thurs: Diocesan Trustees in Portsmouth: VH  
St George's Governors: VH

## NEXT WEEKEND

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Workshop for parents and children : 10.30 - 12.00 noon Saturday 21 May, Stella Maris / St Joseph's Hall.

**LAUNCH OF 'HARBOUR CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING'** Two free tickets for dinner at P.O.S.H Restaurant 7pm Sat. 21 May. First come first served! Phone Anne Wheeler at the Parish Office if you would like to go.

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

## NEXT WEEK

**TALL SHIPS ADVENTURES:** Calling all young people between the ages of 12-25! Would you like to join a group of young people from different faiths for an adventure of a lifetime! From Fri 27 May - Mon 30 May, the Southampton Council of Faiths, in partnership with Tall Ships Adventures are offering 18 young people the opportunity to join this exciting trip. Go to [www.southampton-faiths.org/tallships](http://www.southampton-faiths.org/tallships) and fill in the enquiry form. See Notice Board.

**SOLENT UNIVERSITY FAITH DIALOGUE 'THE BIG SOCIETY'** An opportunity for faith communities or a fig leaf for cuts? 5.30pm Thurs 26 May; James Matthew Building, Above Bar Street. All welcome. Lecture will be led by Francis Davis. Francis Davis is Fellow of Blackfriars Oxford and Director of Las Casas Institute. He was Faiths Advisor in the Department for Communities and is now advisor to Boris Johnson and the Greater London Authority. Francis lives in Southampton and is a parishioner here in the City Centre Parish. The Faith Dialogue is now the annual Solent University Chaplaincy Lecture - used to be the Katie Young Memorial Lecture.

**SOUTH HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC CLUSTER OF SCHOOLS** invite you to a celebration **starting with Mass at 6.30pm on Thurs 26 May.** We are celebrating this special Year of Catholic Education at St George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling. A cheese and wine evening and race night with all the proceeds going to CAFOD.

## YOUTH EVENTS FOR TEENAGERS

**IN ST EDMUND'S HALL** a gathering from 5pm – 6.30pm Sun 29 May for those interesting in knowing more about **youth ministry** in the church. **Barbeque, presentation and discussion.** Youth Ministry will not happen unless adults are prepared to support it. If you think you can in some way help out, or would like to know more, then please come along.

Also from 7.30pm – 9.00pm over the next 2 Fridays—3 June and 1 July. These events are for young people in the parish to have fun, meet others and learn more about our faith. More info will be out soon. Contact Mgr. Vincent, Fr. Paul or Peter McGeady re both events.

## GENERAL ITEMS

**COLIN WARBURG HAS RESIGNED FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE.** We thank Colin for his commitment, skill and dedication, over the last 10 years and more, to the Parish, the wider Catholic community in the City and the Diocese. Much has been achieved because of his involvement in the PFC, the CCPG and the Pastoral Area Council and beyond.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** for Jamie Lees and Jenny Coles soon to be married in New Milton.

**200 CLUB WINNERS FOR MAY**  
1st prize £20 to Eileen Aitken  
2nd prize £10 to Martin & Elizabeth Counihan

**CAR PARKING AT ST EDMUND'S CHURCH: Remember not to block the drive into the estate.....ever!**

**FIRED UP! CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT TO CELEBRATE PENTECOST:** 12.30pm – 6.00pm Sat 11 June. An event for young people of secondary school age that will include great presentations, music, choice of workshops and a Youth Mass. **A barbeque will be available for lunch.** Based at St Stephen's in Winchester. This is following on from the success of the Noble Adventure in November and we expect over a hundred young people to attend. See the postcards at the back of Church for more info. Contact Peter McGeady, [pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or Tel. No. 07769258378.

**VACANCY FOR CO-ORDINATOR & ADVISOR** for catechesis and formation in the parish of St. Swithun Wells, 35 hr week, Salary: Circa £25,000pa. Closing date 27 May, see Notice Board.

**EASTER BONNET PARADE & ROYAL BRUNCH** £20.90 and £48.10 was raised respectively. A big thank you to all those that took part and helped (especially for the Royal Brunch).

**PRAYER AS WE AWAIT A NEW BISHOP:** Did you pick up a card last week? If not please do so today. Pray for our Diocese; pray for those deciding on our new bishop; pray for Bishop Crispian.

**THANK YOU** to parishioners for supporting Julie Jack by purchasing her cards sold at St. Joseph's Church. Julie has donated another £100 to the Church Building Fund.

**REVISED ORDER OF MASS AND ROMAN MISSAL:**

- Information evening: 7.30 to 9.30pm Tues 24 May at St Boniface Church - if you wish to attend booking is essential.
- Information evening for musicians: 7.30 to 9.30pm Tues 14 June. This will present new and revised settings of the Mass texts from a variety of different sources, at St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford.

For info evenings at other churches in the diocese, see Notice Board. To book contact Eileen Stephenson [estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)/01329 835583

**SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL & WEST PARISH MISSION:**

A Mission is taking place in our Pastoral Area (Holy Family & St Vincent de Paul, St Boniface and St Joseph & St Edmund) from 16-23<sup>rd</sup> July. Morning Mass and evening talks/prayer. **Make a note to be free those mornings and evenings!** Watch this space for more details.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Oke Hamed, Joan Hunt, Angus Mackinnon, Stella Lund-Conlon, Keith Hudson, Baby Ava Evans, Josie Franklin, Stephen Brooks, Byron Reynolds, Myra Andrade, Anne Brackenbury, Brenda Hibberd, Betty Ashbolt, 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, Brian Cunio, 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.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** : 19-26 Aug 2011. See the Diocesan Website: [www.catholicassociation.co.uk/home/welcome.shtml](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/home/welcome.shtml) or call 023 8033 4891 or 01489 572797. Come and join the Bishop on his last pilgrimage with the Diocese as our Bishop!

**STREET PASTORS SUNDAY:** It is 2 years since Street Pastors commenced in Southampton. Today we pray for all involved with the Street Pastors project. If you wish to be involved or support with a financial contribution please see: Notice Board or [southampton@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:southampton@streetpastors.org.uk).

**FR. PAUL'S CAFOD 24 HOUR, 65 MILE, ENDURANCE WALK**

I write these words while on a well-timed break. It was not just the lead-up to Easter, with the intensity of the Triduum celebrations, that I needed to recover from, but an epic 65 mile, 105 km walk from Brighton – Winchester undertaken over a 24 hour period last week-end. This was to be the follow-up to the 3-Peaks challenge that I undertook last August. Once again, it was my hope that I could also raise some money for CAFOD. Instinctively I knew that it would be tougher and more challenging...and it was! Though it was important to train in advance by doing some long walks, nothing could really prepare me for what lay ahead.

A group of 18 walkers met up at Devil's Dyke, just outside Brighton, on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April and, a few minutes past mid-day, we set off on the beautiful South Downs towards Winchester...at a fair pace. 17 miles into the walk, at one of the designated check-points where we were met by our support team, I had to have my feet strapped up because of painful blisters. It was at this stage that we received the news that the first of the walkers had to pull out. I must admit that I was really dejected shortly after when, having thought we had covered a considerable distance, we saw a sign saying 'Winchester: 45 miles'.

As afternoon turned to evening we continued on walking at a very fast pace (approx 4 miles an hour) and we made it to one of our check-points just as the light had almost completely faded to be met by our support team with hot drinks, a portable toilet, more emergency treatment on our feet and hot food from the local kebab shop that had been ordered on our behalf by the support team! 29.4 miles completed (almost half-way!). Time for our head torches for the night march!

The relentless pace was taking its toll and we heard news of more walkers who had to drop out. We were down to 10 now from our original group of 18. I had been swapping my footwear at each of the designated rest stops, but as the challenge was now becoming ever more a psychological one, I decided that for the last half of the walk, I wouldn't examine my feet, nor change my footwear, just keep marching on as best I could, trying to block out the pain. I wasn't the only one suffering; by this stage, everybody who was still walking was really struggling with blister plasters being applied and painkillers consumed readily.

As the dawn broke at about 5.15am, we had continued to make good progress, with about 16 miles to walk to the finish in Winchester. Once again, the support crew surpassed themselves with bacon butties and tea for breakfast at Old Winchester Hill! This energised us for the final quarter of the walk. It was probably only at this point that I allowed myself the luxury of thinking that I could actually complete this crazy challenge. The pace was beginning to slow considerably and as the final few miles elapsed, just placing one foot in front of the other was all I could manage. It was at this point that I began to (very vocally!) challenge the accuracy of the distances on the sign posts. Surely, Winchester can't be still 2.7 miles away. I don't know where some people found the energy for an extra boost of pace at this point; my pace had slowed to not much more than a crawl. 23 and a half hours after we set off, I was the last of the 10 walkers to trudge wearily to the statue of King Alfred in Winchester, our designated finish line, to be greeted with a round of applause.

I am immensely proud of having undertaken – and completed – this challenge and to be able to raise some money for the great work that CAFOD are involved in some of the poorest parts of the world. Thank you for all your support. Any suggestions for the next challenge!?! *Fr. Paul Leonard*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 15 MAY**

SAT	VIGIL MASS 14 MAY		6.15PM SJ JOHN SULLIVAN RIP (PS & AN) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	15 MAY	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9.00AM SE KATHLEEN MARSH RIP 10.00AM SJ MIKAEL, DIEGO AND LISANDRA NUNES INTS (SN) 11.00AM SE JANET JOSEPH'S FATHER RIP (KD) 7.00PM SE JONATHAN MARSDEN RIP (LJG)
TUES	17 MAY	<b>OF 4TH WEEK OF EASTER</b>	10.00AM SE JAMES FRIEL RIP (SMW)
WED	18 MAY	<b>OF 4TH WEEK OF EASTER</b>	7.00PM SE ERIC & MARY CLARKE'S INTS. (MARTHA'S)
THURS	19 MAY	<b>DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN, PORTSMOUTH</b>	12.15PM SJ ARCHIBALD DUNLOP RIP (F)
FRI	20 MAY	<b>OF 4TH WEEK OF EASTER</b>	7.00PM SE ALAN WISE RIP (LJG)
SAT	21 MAY	<b>OF 4TH WEEK OF EASTER</b>	11.00AM SE MIKAEL, DIEGO, LISANDRA NUNES INTS SN 6.15PM SJ MICHAEL & NORMAN HUNTER RIP (MH) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	22 MAY	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9.00AM SE PJ PHELAN RIP (AR) 10.00AM SJ SARAH KENNEDY-DONNELLY RIP (F) 11.00AM SE MARY & JOHN MOONEY RIP (CM) 7.00PM SE JIMMY FRAWLEY RIP (CP)

**CONFESSION TIMES: St. Edmund's Saturdays 11.30am • St. Joseph's Saturdays 5.45pm Thursdays 11.45am**

**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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**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**

**Psalm Response**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. **Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Church Week 4**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 22 MAY**

**FIFTH SUNDAY YEAR A**

1st reading: Acts 6:1-7

2nd reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-12

**2ND COLLECTION TODAY**  
**CLERGY TRAINING FUND**

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**  
**CATHOLIC CARE**

Collection	8/5/11	24/4/11 Easter Offering for our 2 priests
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2644.12</b>	<b>£6555.11</b>
Cash	1103.72	5436.11
S / O	1232.30	1119.00
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	308.10	-

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St Anne's 8032 8200, St George 8032 2603