



**3 APRIL 2011**  
**4TH SUNDAY**  
**OF LENT**



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

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**PASTORAL AREA**  
ALSO INCLUDES  
**ST. BONIFACE,**  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**& HOLY FAMILY**



## LED INTO LIGHT

At a clergy study day many years ago we were invited to take it in turns to be blindfolded and led around the conference centre and grounds. It was an unnerving exercise. Not to see and having to trust in someone taking you around safely and securely was not easy. It raised many laughs and we found ourselves in silly situations but it also taught us much. For the blindfolded person to move even one step required trust in the person guiding. To be led up steps, down steps, around a garden, pond and uneven surfaces demanded complete faith and trust in the person leading. Definitely not easy, especially after a few mishaps: missed steps and other obstructions.

The man born blind in today's Gospel took a risk allowing Jesus to lead him by healing him: he would have lost his livelihood (begging in the street was profitable: people felt a responsibility to give.....it was a God given opportunity to be charitable!); he may have received the wrath of his parents and he would have a lot of explaining to do to the community!

He took the risk because he had so much also to gain: sight and a new world; a new life; another way of living. He grasped it eagerly and experienced the life changing event in a positive way.

The Pharisees were closed to what had happened. In a desire not to commit themselves they asked question after question. They wanted evidence and fact to support their position, but they couldn't find any! All they got was "I was blind and now I can see"! Their stubborn response to the 'facts' made them blind instead: blind not in the physical sense but in the spiritual and emotional sense. They could not see what was staring them in the face: God's presence and work in their midst.

Sometimes in our fervour and narrow-mindedness (within family, employment and religion) we can become blind to the presence of God in our midst. We can miss God trying to encounter us in the here and now. We can find excuses not to recognise the obvious: God loves us and wants us in the river of Divine Love. Let us allow our Lenten observances to enable us to step into this life-giving river and discover a new way of living.

*Vincent Harvey*

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### **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

1. In what way are you 'blind'? Blind to what? Blind to who? Are you comfortable taking this 'blindness' to Jesus?
2. The man born blind experienced more rejection as he became more 'spirit filled'. Have you allowed the Spirit to fill you this Lent? If 'no', why not.....what is holding you back? If 'yes' how do you feel about it?
3. The man's parents said 'he is of age' and can speak for himself. To what extent are you of age as a believer? How does it manifest itself: in you, with others, with God?

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## TODAY - SUNDAY 3 APRIL

**MOTHERING SUNDAY TODAY:** We wish all our Mums a truly blessed day and pray for those of our Mums who are in heaven.

**ON LENT SUNDAYS** we will be kneeling for the **Penitential Rite** (to emphasise the penitential aspect of Lent); we will be saying the following '**Apostles Creed**' it will help us to reflect on what it is we are professing!)

**THE APOSTLES CREED FOR LENT:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Clergy Assistance Fund.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** 2pm—6pm Sun 3 Apr in Holy Family Church.

**PARISH ROAST LUNCH:** 12.30pm—2.30pm in St. Edmund's Hall for all parishioners who have booked. Remember to pay at the door.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 6 pm St. Edmund's Church.

**STUDENT CHOIR:** 7pm Mass, *rehearsal at 6pm in St. Edmund's Hall due to Stations of the Cross.*

**NUMBERED ENVELOPES:** boxed sets now available in the porch. Please collect your "box" on the way out.

## THIS WEEK

**48 HOURS ADORATION** with Mass from 7pm Tues 5 Apr closing with Solemn Benediction at 7pm Thurs 7 Apr. at Holy Family Church. '*Can you do one hour with me?*'

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** meet every Tuesday at 8pm in St. Edmund's Hall. All welcome.

**LENT WEDNESDAYS** an extra Mass at 6.30am in St Edmund's.

**WEDDING BELLS:** *Adam Wardenga and Aleksandra Kopias* are getting married at 11am on Wed 6 Apr in St. Edmund's Church. *May God bless them all the days of their lives.*

**MUSICAL 'BORN FOR THIS'** 6.30pm Wed 6 Apr. in St. Anne's School Hall. The pupils present Boyce & Stanley's '*The Way of the Cross*'. Everyone welcome. Free tickets in advance & on the door 023 8032 8200.

**SOUP LUNCH:** 1.05pm (after Mass) Thurs 7 Apr in St. Michael's Church. £2 per person, proceeds to Christian Aid & CAFOD. All welcome!

**FAITH ALIVE** group meet at 7.45pm on Fri 8 Apr in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

## **FOR INFO:**

Mon: VH/PL Day Off. Tues: VG visit to B'mth: VH  
Wed: Interfaith meeting in Reading: VH; St Anne's: VH

## NEXT WEEKEND

**HCPT** group to meet 12pm—6pm Sat 9 Apr in St. Joseph's Hall.

**WEDDING BELLS:** *Graham Harris and Claire Wilson* are getting married at 1pm Sat 9th Apr in St. Edmund's Church. *May God bless them all the days of their lives.*

**ONE LOVE—GOSPEL CONCERT:** 7pm—10pm Sat 9 Apr, featuring Eboni G, Victory Gospel Choir, Dancers, Poets, African dancing & much more. See Notice Board. *Proceeds for Southampton Passion.* Venue: Central Hall.

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE** 2pm Sun 10 Apr at Beaulieu (to Buckler's Hard). Meet outside Montagu Arms in Beaulieu. See Notice Board.

## NEXT WEEK

**STAPLERS NEEDED—LENT / EASTER MASS LEAFLETS :** 2pm Wed. 13 Apr; Thurs 14 Apr and Fri 15 Apr. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help?

**PARISH PASCHAL MEAL:** 7.30pm on Thurs 14 April in St. Joseph's Church. Tickets £10 available after all Masses.



**PASTORAL AREA** to meet for a discussion re a new Bishop 7.45pm Wed 13 Apr in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

**NEW SEEKERS** to meet 7.45pm Thurs 14 Apr in St. Edmund's Hall. Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith. Please join us, all welcome!

**POLISH LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE** 5pm Sat 16 Apr in St. Edmund's Church.

**STOP PRESS ..... PALM SUNDAY** 17 April. Procession and Blessing of Palms St. Joseph's with St. Michael's, to meet **10.15am** at the West Gate. Blessing of Palms in front of St. Edmund's 11am.

## GENERAL ITEMS

**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE**  
**Mon. 18 Apr 7.30pm in St. Edmund's Church.**

**NO 10AM MASS IN ST. EDMUND'S TUESDAY 19 APRIL** due to Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

**CHRISM MASS 2011:** 11am Tues 19 Apr, St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

**SOUTHAMPTON PASSION—ONE MONTH TO GO:** Live music from 6pm, the Passion starts 7.30pm Good Friday 22 Apr in the Guildhall Square. Website [www.southamptonpassion.org.uk](http://www.southamptonpassion.org.uk) All welcome!

**'JUST LISTEN':** 10.30am—3.30pm Sat 14 May in St. Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU. Tel. 013 2983 5583—booking required.

## PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK

**BIG CLEAN** to begin at 2.00pm in St. Edmund's on Tues. 19th April volunteers urgently needed. Please add your names to the list in the porch.

**TRIDUUM JOINT CHOIR REHEARSAL** 7.30pm Wed 20th April in St. Edmund's Church. Volunteers from all choirs are invited to lead the singing over the 3 great celebrations.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** required for the 3 Triduum celebrations, please put your name on the list in the porch at St. Edmund's and St. Joseph's.

**ALTAR SERVERS** First Practice for Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 6.00pm—7.00pm on Tues. 19th April in St. Edmund's. Second practice for Easter Vigil 11.30am Sat. 23rd April. Please sign the form in the sacristy if you can help.

**STEWARDS WANTED:** to help with welcoming and stewarding at all the principled celebrations in Holy Week. Please sign the form at the back of the church.

### PREPARATIONS OF ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH FOR EASTER:

Wednesday 20th April 10.00am—4.00pm

Thursday 21st April 10.00am—4.00pm

Saturday 23rd April 11.00am—4.00pm

Please sign up for one hour, join the happy group—many hands make light work.

**ADORATION ON HOLY THURSDAY AFTER MASS** up to 11.30pm. A half hour slot is offered for you to sign up on the form at the back of the church. Watch and pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel. Please sign up.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Baby Ava Evans (7 months), 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, Cecelia Coutinho, George Francis Ponniah, Carolyn, Lee Henninghan, Jenson Pearce, Phyllis Richmond, Teddy Blake, Brian Cunio, Eileen Smedley, Virginia Monteiro, Margaret de Groen, Phil Smith, 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.



**FUN & FUNDRAISING 'ROYAL BRUNCH'** Sun 1 May after 9am, 10am and 11am Masses, in St. Edmund's Hall. £5 per adult, £3 per child. Tel. Fiona on 077 1753 5221 to book a ticket.

**MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE 2011:** Sat 18th June 2011 in St Bede's, Basingstoke for couples in our diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during 2011. Please let Mgr. Vincent, Fr. Paul or the parish office know as soon as possible so that Bishop Crispian can send you an invitation.

**ROOM TO LET IN STUDENT HOUSE:** 13 Rockstone Place, rent £260 incl. all bills. Please contact the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589.

**DETACHED COTTAGE TO RENT** 2 bedrooms, Bracken Lane, 6 months lease. Imm. occupation. Rent £695pm excl. bills. Tel. James/Adrienne 023 8071 0402.



**PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR RESPECTFULLY** outside St. Edmund's Lodge so that bicycle users are able to access the rack at St. Edmunds.

**THE OLIVE BRANCH** Spring Workshop: 9.30am—12.30pm Sat. 14 May at the United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RZ. "How to Manage Anxiety and Overcome Traumas and Phobias". For counsellors, trainee counsellors and those interested in counselling services. See Notice Board.

**11AM CHOIR** need more singers (especially male) to join the group. Please speak to our organist, Ian Richardson, after 11am Mass on Sundays if you would like to join.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:** Marcus Anthony Massiah & Tsitsi Arikana Mufunde are to marry in July 2011.

### APRIL 200 CLUB WINNERS

1st prize £35 — Keith & Mary Hudson

2nd prize £15 — Canon John O'Shea

### FR. PAUL'S 100KM ENDURANCE WALK FOR CAFOD:

Fr. Paul will be undertaking an endurance walk, from April 30 - 1st May over 24 hours, in an attempt to cover 100km, approx. 62 miles. This will take place on an ancient pilgrimage route over the South Downs Way from Arundel to Winchester. "I am writing these words during the season of Lent when it is customary to give up something as an act of solidarity for those who have very little or nothing. With this challenge, I propose to do something extra as a gesture of solidarity. It is an adventure that I am looking forward to and if together we can raise money for some of the poorest people in the world, then I am prepared to experience a little discomfort myself, to help those for whom daily life is one of unrelenting hardship and suffering. For your donations, please log on to the following Just Giving website [www.justgiving.com/Paul-Leonard2](http://www.justgiving.com/Paul-Leonard2) and log on to my blog on [cafodportsmouth.wordpress.com/2011/03/30/father-pauls-new-challenge/](http://cafodportsmouth.wordpress.com/2011/03/30/father-pauls-new-challenge/)." Paul Leonard.

**CAFOD PRAYER—A BEACON OF HOPE:** God of light, spark in us the desire for an end to poverty and injustice, and let our actions shine like a beacon of hope as we reach out in solidarity to others around the world. Help us to bring about a world where all people have the opportunity to be creative, use their skills and work in dignity, growing in confidence and transforming lives. And may all our work reflect your glory and your unending love. Amen

**200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP— Would you consider joining?** Please contact Mgr. Vincent, Fr. Paul or the parish office. **Reminder: fees are now due for 2011.**

**CONFESSION : St. Edmund's Sat. 11.30am  
St. Joseph's Sat. 5.45pm & Thurs 11.45am**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 3 APRIL 2011

**VIGIL MASS**  
**SAT 2 APRIL**  
**SUN 3 APRIL**

### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

**TUES 5 APRIL OF THE 4TH WEEK OF LENT**  
**WED 6 APRIL OF THE 4TH WEEK OF LENT**  
**THURS 7 APRIL OF THE 4TH WEEK OF LENT**  
**FRI 8 APRIL OF THE 4TH WEEK OF LENT**  
**SAT 9 APRIL OF THE 4TH WEEK OF LENT**

**SUN 10 APRIL**

### 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

6.15PM SJ KAREN DREW RIP (MH)  
 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH  
 9.00AM SE PJ PHELAN RIP (LB)  
 10.00AM SJ MATTHEW MORAN RIP (F)  
 PEGGY HAWKES & MARIE BLAKEY  
 (MOTHER'S DAY) (C&JH)  
 11.00AM SE MAURICE HARTIGAN RIP (CH)  
 7.00PM SE TERRY NASH RIP (TK)  
 10.00AM SE EUGENE COYLES RIP (RC)  
 6.30AM SE FR. EMMANUEL RIVARA RIP (PARISH)  
 7.00PM SE BJ DAVIES RIP (MD)  
 12.15PM SJ TR MACARENO RIP (PL)  
 7.00PM SE RICHARD BROOKS RIP (AW)  
 11.00AM SE BJ DAVIES RIP (MD)  
 6.15PM SJ DECEASED MEMBERS OF LA SAINTE UNION  
 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH  
 9.00AM SE SHEILA O'BRIEN RIP (GP)  
 10.00AM SJ JAMES MACLEOD RIP (DMcK)  
 11.00AM SE BJ DAVIES RIP (MD)  
 7.00PM SE JOHN WADE RIP (LG)

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#### 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

##### Psalm Response

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

##### Gospel Acclamation

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
 anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 10 APRIL

##### 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

1st reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Reading: John 11:3-7, 20-27, 33-45

#### 2ND COLLECTION TODAY CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

#### 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK EASTER FLOWERS

27/3/2011	1st Collection	2nd Coll. Church Bldg
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2376.79</b>	<b>£421.78</b>
Cash	1036.75	246.78
S / O	1046.91	175.00
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	293.13	—

**NB. GIFT AID NOTICE:** from 6 April 2011, the Government will reduce the rebate paid on Gift Aid to 25p on every £1 donated (from 28p in every £1). Please consider this when renewing your monthly commitment.

**If you are not already Gift Aiding and would like to, please sign the Gift Aid Form in the porch and hand to Mgr. Vincent, Fr. Paul or the Parish Office. This is a valuable and much needed source of income to the parish.**