

A THIRST FOR FULLNESS OF LIFE

Today's Gospel passage, the woman at the well, is an illustration of one woman's journey in faith. Involving a lively dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, the Gospel charts the woman's deepening awareness of who Jesus is and the gift he offers. From initially considering Jesus just as a man she happened to meet at a well in the heat of the mid-day sun, she then begins to think he is a prophet, further progressing to recognising him as the Messiah, and towards the end of the chapter she spreads the good news by telling others from her village about him.



The journey towards faith of the Samaritan woman makes this text very suitable for those preparing for baptism and full communion with the Church. Last night (Wednesday evening) at our RCIA session, those preparing for precisely such

a life-changing encounter read, prayed and discussed this reading in the light of their own lives and the journey that each is making into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. It is a real privilege to be able to accompany people on this journey, to see the common threads of how Jesus calls each person, but also the individual response and steps in faith that each takes.

The question that Jesus puts to the Samaritan woman, 'give me a drink' expresses the passion and desire of God for every person, and wishes to awaken in our hearts the desire for the precious gift of 'a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life'. This is the gift of the Holy Spirit and it alone can quench our thirst for fullness of life.

Fr. Paul Leonard

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

- When, like the Samaritan woman, has your knowledge of Jesus grown in stages? Why did it do so?
- For what do you thirst? Is God part of that thirst? If 'no', why not? If 'yes' then why?
- In what way can you dialogue with others and enable them to encounter Christ or deepen their experience of Christ?

Vincent Harvey



27 MARCH 2011
3RD SUNDAY
OF LENT



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ST EDMUND'S

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CENTRAL AND WEST
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ALSO INCLUDES
ST. BONIFACE,
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
& HOLY FAMILY



TODAY - SUNDAY 27th MARCH

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Reconciliation Service took place at 9.30am on Sat in St. Edmund's Church, 45 candidates on the programme.

SECOND COLLECTION—Church Building Fund

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

GOSPEL 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

BAPTISM PREPARATION 7pm—8pm Mon 28 Mar in St. Edmund's Hall.

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

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!).

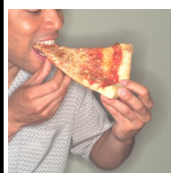
THE APOSTLES CREED FOR LENT: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended 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.

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

SOUP LUNCH: 1.05pm (after Mass) Thurs Mar 31 in St. Michael's Church. £2 per person, proceeds to Christian Aid & CAFOD. All welcome!

LITURGY GROUP meet 7.45pm Fri 1 Apr in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

AOS meeting 7pm Fri 1 Apr in Holy Family Church. Please come along and let's see how we can support Deacon Roger and the Seafarers who come into Southampton every year. You are very welcome, your gifts will be used!



HOW CAN WE REACH OUT TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE? Join us from 7.30 - 9pm Fri, 1 Apr in St. Edmund's Hall to have some **fun and food**. One of the most frequently asked questions in today's church is what are we doing for our young people, the future generation of the church. To this end, all you young people aged between 13 - 18 are warmly invited to an evening to find out what the church can do for you. We take your views seriously! Check it out and come along!

FOR INFO: Mon: VH/PL Day Off.

Tues: Induction of new CoE Uni Chaplain: VH
St George's Governors: VH

Wed: Bishop's Council: VH; St Anne's Chaplaincy: VH/PL
Springhill Parents' Eve: VH

NEXT WEEKEND

'LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY': A day of prayer for Lent. 10am-3.45pm Sat 2 Apr in Cathedral Discovery Centre, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, PO12 3QA. Tel. 023 92826170 ext 10 (9am—1pm) bookings.

GIFT AID: Urgent ... urgent....see notice on back page.

SING FOR SOUTHAMPTON: 7pm (doors open 6pm) Sat 2 Apr in Central Hall. Cost to perform £5. Tickets £5 in advance, £7 on the door. **Proceeds—Southampton Passion.** Contact carol@southamptonpassion.org.uk to book. See Notice Board.

PARISH ROAST LUNCH 12.30pm—2.30pm Sun 3 Apr in St. Edmund's Hall (Mother's Day). To reserve your table please phone Karen on 023 8026 2193 or e-mail: meltingmoments@btinternet.com. £7.50 per person, pay on the day.



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

NEXT 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?'

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



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to the following couples who are getting married in St. Edmund's Church:

- **Adam Wardenga and Aleksandra Kopias** at 11am on Wednesday 6 April.
- **Graham Harris and Claire Wilson** at 1pm Saturday 9th April. *May God bless them all the days of their lives.*

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

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

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.

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

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

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.

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 All welcome!



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 RESPECTFULLY 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.

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

SPECIAL EVENING WITH DAME KIRI TE KANAWA: (one of the world's most loved sopranos). Dame Kiri will perform a special Recital for one night only on 4 Sep in aid of Rose Road Children's Appeal. Tickets on sale from the Mayflower Tel 023 8071 1811. Excl. packages avail. 023 8071 1833 which includes a 3 course meal. See Notice Board.

CONGRATULATIONS SPRINGHILL CHOIR won the Southampton Music Festival 10 days ago. Well done to the School, the choir members (children) and those who trained and supported them.

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

'After the exhilaration of the 3 Peaks Challenge which I undertook last September, my attention turned immediately to the next challenge that I could possibly undertake, that would both stretch me physically and mentally, but also raise money for the cutting edge Gospel work that CAFOD are engaged in with some of the poorest people in the world.

An idea was proposed to undertake an endurance walk, 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. From the few training walks that I have done so far, I truly believe that this will be a tougher challenge than the three-Peaks. There will be less opportunity to rest, there won't be the exhilaration of reaching a peak to elate and help spur on, just a relentless slog over 100km. 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 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.' *Paul Leonard.*

CITY CENTRE PASTORAL GROUP: In its recent meeting the following items were discussed:

- Involvement with SCC Street Pastors scheme
- Pastoral Area (PA) issues:
 - progress on the appointment of a Pastoral Assistant to serve the PA
 - Forthcoming meeting of Fr. Paul and Peter McGeady with young people
- Forthcoming meeting of PA Council with Nicky Stevens to discuss *Guidelines for Pastoral Councils* and the way ahead
- Response to Papal visit – Fr. Des
- *Guidelines for Pastoral Councils* and ways for better communication between the City Centre Pastoral Group and the congregations was discussed
- Pastoral Area Mission 16-23 July 2011

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

'CARE'...protecting families on line...CARE has a long history of seeking to safeguard children from unsuitable material...on television, the printed media, films, videos, computer games, and mobile phones...if you want to know more...www.care.org.uk/saferchildren provides resources.

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• **CONFESSION : St. Edmund's Sat. 11.30am** •
• **St. Joseph's Sat. 5.45pm & Thurs 11.45am** •
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 27 MARCH 2011

SAT VIGIL MASS
26 MARCH

SUN 27 MARCH

**3RD SUNDAY
OF LENT**

TUES 29 MARCH OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT

WED 30 MARCH OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT

THURS 31 MARCH OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT

FRI 1 APRIL OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT

SAT 2 APRIL OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT

SUN 3 APRIL

**4TH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

6.15PM SJ MARY HENIGAN RIP (F)
7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH

9.00AM SE ELIZABETH & JOHN WARD RIP (MH)
10.00AM SJ ANEELA AMER SPECIAL INTENTIONS (AA)
11.00AM SE HUGH & TATJANA MCERLEAN RIP (CH)
7.00PM SE FRANCIS PONNIAH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FROM ANUSHKA

10.00AM SE HENRIQUE M. CARVALHO (RIP) (JMC)

6.30AM SE CANON JAMES CONNOLLY RIP (F)
7.00PM SE PJ PHELAN RIP (LIZ, HELEN, KATIE & HANNAH)

12.15PM SJ JAMES & ELIZABETH LOUGHRAN RIP (F)

7.00PM SE HUBERT & DOROTHY LYONS RIP (F)

11.00AM SE ELLEN CURRIE RIP (F)
6.15PM SJ KAREN DREW RIP (MH)
7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH

9.00AM SE PJ PHELAN RIP (LB)
10.00AM SJ PEGGY HAWKES & MARIE BLAKEY (MOTHER'S DAY) (C&JH)
11.00AM SE MAURICE HARTIGAN RIP (CH)
7.00PM SE TERRY NASH RIP (TK)

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Psalm Response

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 3 APRIL

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

1st reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
2nd reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel Reading: John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

2ND COLLECTION TODAY	2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
CHURCH BUILDING FUND	CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

20/3/2011	1st Coll.	2nd Coll.
	CAFOD	
Total	£2198.97	£1550.40
Cash	858.93	1155.90
S / O	1046.91	394.50
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.