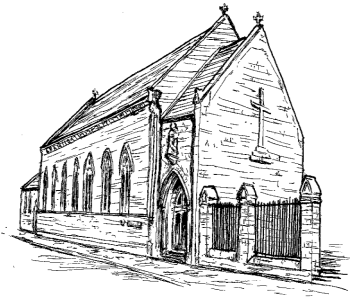


POPE BENEDICT'S LENTEN MESSAGE



13 MARCH 2011

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
& HOLY FAMILY



The Lenten period, which leads us to the celebration of Holy Easter, is for the Church a most valuable and important liturgical time. As she awaits the definitive encounter with her Spouse in the eternal Easter, the Church community, focussed in prayer and charitable works, intensifies her journey in purifying the spirit, so as to draw more abundantly from the Mystery of Redemption the new life in Christ the Lord. This very life was already bestowed upon us on the day of our Baptism, when we "become sharers in Christ's death and Resurrection", and there began for us "the joyful and exciting adventure of His disciples". Baptism is not a rite from the past, but the encounter with Christ, which informs the entire existence of the baptised, imparting divine life and calling for sincere conversion; initiated and supported by Grace, it permits the baptised to reach the adult stature of Christ.



*Born again in Christ by baptism
you have become members of
Christ and of his priestly people*

A particular connection links Baptism to Lent as the favourable time to experience the saving Grace of Christ. The Church has always associated the Easter Vigil with the celebration of Baptism: this Sacrament realises the great mystery in which we die to sin, are made sharers in the new life of the Risen Christ and receive the same Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead (cf. Rm 8: 11). This free gift must always be rekindled in each one of us, and Lent offers us a path like that of the catechumenate (those preparing for baptism), which, for the Christians of the early Church, just as for catechumens today, is an irreplaceable school of faith and Christian life. Truly, they live their Baptism as an act that shapes their entire existence.

In order to undertake more seriously our journey towards Easter and prepare ourselves to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord – the most joyous and solemn feast of the entire liturgical year – what could be more appropriate than allowing ourselves to be guided by the Word of God? For this reason, the Church, in the Gospel texts of the Sundays of Lent, leads us to a particularly intense encounter with the Lord, calling us to retrace the steps of Christian initiation: for catechumens, in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of rebirth; for the baptised, in light of the new and decisive steps to be taken in the school of Jesus and a fuller giving of oneself to him.

(Extracts from Pope Benedict's Lenten message 2011, edited by Fr. Paul Leonard)

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. After their sin Adam and Eve wanted to cover their bodies. They did not want to be seen as they really were. Is it easy to be honest about your faults? If you do become honest about your failings, in the proper circumstances, what is the next step then?
2. Christ represents all of humanity before God and his obedience outweighs humanity's sins or disobedience. Explain what this means to and for you?
3. What desert images hold Lenten meanings for you? What part did the Spirit play in this gospel story? What part will you let the Spirit play in your Lent this year?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY - SUNDAY 13th MARCH

SECOND COLLECTION—Catholic Care.

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

STEPS TO PEACE—a walk for young people visiting different places of worship departing from the Queen's Peace Fountain (corner of East Park) at 12.30 pm

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



RECENTLY DIED: Mary Agnes Goddard of Bullar Road, Bitterne Park. Funeral 1.45pm on Tues 15 Mar at Wessex Vale Crematorium, West End. Our sympathy to her family. *May she rest in peace.*

THIS WEEK

BINGO CLUB meet Mondays 2pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

EXPLORING THE MASS: Two DVD talks in Lent, to deepen our understanding of the wonderful gift of the Eucharist and time for personal reflection 7.30 to 9pm Tues Mar 15 & 22 in St. Boniface Hall, all are welcome.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet Tuesdays at 8pm in St. Edmund's Hall, all welcome!

LENT WEDNESDAYS early Mass at 6.30am in St. Edmund's Church.

DURING LENT what you can do on your own:

- pop into Adoration during the week?
- do the 'Stations of the Cross' on your own?
- attend a weekday Mass?
- access the many on-line Lenten resources?
- make an extra effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (most Saturdays at 11.30 in St Edmund's and 5.45 pm in St Joseph's); or put the **Lenten Reconciliation Service on Mon 18 Apr at 7.30pm** into your diary?
- get the bible out and during the next few weeks read the Passion Stories of Jesus from the Gospels?
- make an extra effort to pray at home with the family (before the youngest goes to bed!)?
- Fast.....as an aid to remember that this is Lent?

LUNCHEON CLUB every Wednesday at 12noon in St. Edmund's Hall. Please let the parish office know if you are able to help.

JOURNEY IN FAITH group meet Wednesdays 7.45pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

CCPG to meet 7.45pm Wed 16 Mar in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

HALF PINTS toddlers group meet 10am every Thurs in St. Edmund's Hall.

NEW SEEKERS meet at 7.45pm Thurs 17 Mar in St. Edmund's Hall.

SOUP LUNCHESES: 1.05pm (after Mass) every Thurs during Lent (Mar 17, 24, 31 & Apr 7 & 14) in St. Michael's Church. £2 per person, proceeds to Christian Aid & CAFOD. All welcome!

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY Fri 18th Mar. The focus for this year's 'Fast Day' is on Colombia and the Fast Day envelope features Amparo, a mother who was forced to leave her home and belongings when guerrilla soldiers tried to recruit her son. CAFOD will also be repeating the theme of giving something up throughout Lent to encourage all Catholics across the diocese to engage in the Lenten observance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Envelopes available in the porches. Website www.cafod.org.uk/fastday.

FOR INFO: Mon: VH/PL Day Off.

Tues: St Anne's Assembly: VH; Schools' Cluster: VH

Wed: Prayers before Council Meeting: VH

Thurs: St Anne's Chaplaincy: VH/PL.

Fri: Lourdes evening: VH

NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION parents and children's workshop 10.30am—12noon Sat. 19 Mar. in Stella Maris Centre / St. Joseph's Hall.

HEALING DAY with *Little Way Healing Ministries:* 10am – 4.30pm Sat 26 Mar at Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA, Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching, healing and music. All welcome. Come all day or just pop in. Tea/coffee provided. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'... **Come and see.** Please pray for this venture.

INTER-CHURCH QUIZ. 7.30pm Sat 19 Mar Central Hall £5 per head proceeds for **Southampton Passion.** See Notice Board.

NEXT WEEK

BAPTISM PREPARATION 7pm—8pm Mondays 21st & 28th Mar in St. Edmund's Hall.

SOUTHAMPTON PASSION PREVIEW EVENING 7.30pm—9pm Tues 22 Mar in Central Hall, St. Mary's, Southampton Contact carol@southamptonpassion.org.uk see Notice Board for details.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 parents meeting 7.30pm—9pm Thurs 24 Mar in Christ the King Hall.

FR. EMMANUEL RIVARA (FOUNDER OF ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH), the son of Genoese immigrants who were recorded as street-musicians and lodging-house keepers in Brighton, was the first priest ordained for the Portsmouth diocese in May 1883 (cont....)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1906

Fr. Rivara



A group (with Bishop Gurnea of Portsmouth, in the second rank) at the Coronation Celebration of St. Joseph's, Southampton, on 1 June 1906. The names of the 1000 persons appear in our report of the proceedings on another page of this issue.

(cont ...) **Fr. Rivara** had trained as a pupil-teacher before studying for the priesthood in Lisbon, St Edmund's Ware and St Thomas's seminary in Hammersmith. In 1883 St Edmund's church did not, of course, exist but in that year the LSU sisters of the Avenue Convent, Southampton had received a mysterious envelope containing £50 towards the building of a new church. The Sisters appealed to Bishop Vertue for a chaplain and Fr Rivara was dispatched after less than a year in his first appointment at St James' Reading, to the new 'Mission' in Southampton, the first of the Missions in the newly-created diocese of Portsmouth.

By May of that same year he had erected a temporary 'Iron Church' at a cost of £500 on land donated by the Sisters where the former gymnasium of LSU Training College used to stand. Such was his determination and drive that, together with the backing of the Dunlop family of Archers Lodge, and thanks to another land donation by the LSU Sisters at 'Catholic Corner', the present St Edmund's church was completed in 1889 - a mere 5 years after his arrival! (The 180 ft tower designed for the site was never built but in the Lady Chapel there remains a dedication to Fr Rivara's parents).

Rivara's further building projects included St Edmund's Presbytery in 1895 and the Parish School in Middle St, completed at a cost of £1,100, consolidating the Catholic presence in the Avenue area of Southampton.

Fr Rivara was forced to leave Southampton in 1899 because of the ill-health which dogged him all his life and, after various short-term appointments in Jersey, Guernsey, Liphook and Christchurch, he retired to Fordingbridge in 1915. **He died in the Blighton Nursing Home, Southampton on March 17th 1935. He is buried in the Old Cemetery on Southampton Common in an unmarked grave (written & sent in by Carole Olding).**

YOUTH LEADERS meeting 7pm—9.30pm Fri 25 Mar in St. Stephen's Church, Winchester. Contact Peter McGeady Mob. No. 077 6925 8378.

SUNG MASS FOR THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 7.30pm Fri 25 Mar in St. Boniface Church, Shirley, with "Cantores Michaelis." See Notice Board for details.

SPRING FOOD & CRAFT FAIR 10am—5pm Sat. 26 Mar. Avenue St. Andrews Hall, entrance £3, Children's area £1, stands now avail. Tel. Carol 075 1930 3925. Proceeds—**Southampton Passion.**

HCPT group to meet 12noon—6pm Sat. 26 Mar in St. Joseph's Hall.

FILIPINO CHOIR 7pm Mass Sun 20th Mar.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Fr. Paul Spellman (Op. recover), Karen Nugent (op. recovery), Josie Franklin, Stephen Brooks, 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.

WOW (women@thewell) a Catholic women-only charity providing a range of services to vulnerable multiple-disadvantaged women trapped in cycles of abuse and social exclusion. The charity equips them with the skills, resources and support needed to successfully rejoin society. If you are able to make a donation, please phone 020 7520 1710 or online, website www.watw.org.uk. See Newsletter on Notice Board.

SOUTHAMPTON PASSION – CAN YOU HELP? The team require someone with a **health and safety qualification** to assist with preparing risk assessments and a method statement, and to be available on site on Thurs 21 & Fri 22 Apr. Additional 30 volunteers to assist with the general set-up of the site and to help run the event on the above dates, or any one of the dates needed. Contact Matt Bunday: matt@southamptonpassion.org.uk.

A VOCATION PRAYER: Loving Father, thank you for the gifts You have given me: life, faith, family and friends. Shine Your light so that I may see the path that leads to You. Help me to make those choices which respond to your personal love for me, so that I may become more fully the person you call me to be. *Amen*

FATHER PAUL'S QUIZ AND ITALIAN FOOD NIGHT was a great success...over £800 was raised to help the *Diocesan HCPT Group* who are going to Lourdes and talking one of our families with them. Thank you to all involved...Quiz Master, chefs, assistant cooks, servers... and all who came. A great and enjoyable evening!

SHORT-TERM, TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION needed for young professional Catholic lady from the end of Mar approx 1 - 3 months. If you can help, contact Aneela on 075 9038 5475.

MONGU & UGANDA SCHOOLS LENTEN PROJECT: Labels now available in the porches for your jam jars or containers.

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.*

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 13 MARCH 2011

SAT	VIGIL MASS 12 MARCH		6.15PM SJ REV. W. STONE RIP (F) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	13 MARCH	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00AM SE AGOSTINHO GONSALVES RIP (MG) 10.00AM SJ DR GALLAGHER'S WIFE—WELLBEING (MJM) 11.00AM SE HILL FAMILY LIVING & DEAD (RC) 7.00PM SE EDITA KUCMAS (HEALING/WELLBEING) (JR)
TUES	15 MARCH	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	10.00AM SE FR. PETER SPRAGUE RIP (MD)
WED	16 MARCH	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	6.30AM SE STEPHEN BROOKS—HEALING & WELLBEING 7.00PM SE KIM HUNT (CH)
THURS	17 MARCH	ST. PATRICK	12.15PM SJ PATRICK SHARPE RIP (MS)
FRI	18 MARCH	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	7.00PM SE GEO VARGHESE THANKSGIVING 11TH BIRTHDAY INTS. (LV)
SAT	19 MARCH	ST. JOSEPH	11.00AM SE SR. COLUMBA RIP (EK) 6.15PM SJ NORA HUNTER RIP (MH) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	20 MARCH	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00AM SE PADDY HANLON RIP (NC) 10.00AM SJ JOSIE FRANKLIN—HEALING & WELLBEING (AW & JW) 11.00AM SE FRANK & LILY HALL RIP (RC) 7.00PM SE LEEGY VARGHESE THANKSGIVING (L&GV)

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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1st SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A
Psalm Response
 Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Gospel Acclamation
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
 Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Prayer of the Church week 1

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 20 MARCH
2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A
 1st reading: Genesis 12:1-4
 2nd reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

	<u>2ND COLLECTION TODAY</u> CATHOLIC CARE	<u>2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</u> CAFOD LENT FAST DAY
6/3/2011	1st Collection	2nd Collection Cabrini Children
Total	£2474.75	£373.45
Cash	1134.71	201.95
S / O	1046.91	171.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	293.13	—

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 St Anne's 8032 8200, St George 8032 2603