

PEACE, PERFECT PEACE

Over the last four weeks on Sunday, we have been following Chapter 5 of Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, with its very challenging message and call to embrace the demands of the new law of love that Jesus puts before us. Today we move to one of the most consoling passages of Scripture, where Jesus tells us that we are not to worry, but to place all our hope and trust in Him.

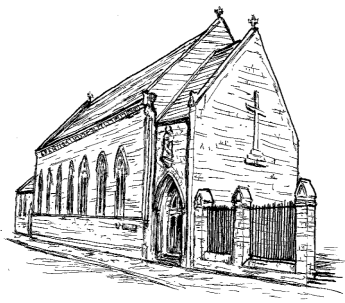
Jesus rightly identified the human tendency to worry and anxiety, which robs us of the precious gift of peace of heart and mind. It is often the case that the basis of our anxiety is that we lack faith. We quickly fall into the illusion that we are capable of sustaining ourselves and controlling all that happens in our lives. If however, we recognise – as every Christian should – that it is God who provides for our needs, then our basic attitude should be one of gratitude and thanksgiving. This certainly doesn't mean that we shouldn't do what we can – lawfully and morally – to provide for ourselves and help others (God helps those who help themselves!), but we often place too much trust solely in our own resources without reference to God's providence.

God is not only all-knowing, he is all-loving. We can be certain therefore that God will provide for our needs. Although we may think we know what is best for us and what we need, God sees beyond our often superficial desires to grant what we most need and long for. Let us pray for the gift of faith and peace that we would know that God holds our lives in His loving hands and provides for our every need. We can even dare to believe this when it appears that God is silent for God is

utterly trustworthy – he proves this to us in countless ways. Let's do ourselves a favour and instead of worrying, fix our gaze on the Lord, and receive the peace that Jesus desperately wants to give us, 'a peace that the world cannot give'.

Fr. Paul Leonard

Prayer: 'Lord Jesus Christ, I pray that you may fortify me with the grace of your Holy Spirit, and give your peace to my mind and spirit, that I may be free from all needless worry and anxiety. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to you, so that your will may be my will, in Jesus Name I pray, Amen'.



27 FEBRUARY 2011

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
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A Stewardship Parish in
a Stewardship Diocese

SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL AND WEST PASTORAL AREA

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



I will not forget you.

Is 49:15



TODAY - SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY

SECOND COLLECTION: Church Building Fund.

WELCOME RITES: 9am & 11am Masses

RECENTLY DIED:

Bernadette Kerr of Charles Knott Gardens, Southampton. Funeral to be held at 11am on Monday 28 February in St. Edmund's Church, followed by cremation at the Southampton Crematorium. Our sympathy to her family. *May she rest in peace*



John Wade of Brindle Close, Bassett. Funeral Mass 12.15pm Thursday 3rd March in St. Joseph's Church, followed by the burial in Hollybrook Cemetery. Our sympathy his family. *May he rest in peace.*

THIS WEEK

FR. PAUL'S BIRTHDAY Mon. 28th Feb. 'Happy Birthday Fr. Paul, from Mgr. Vincent and all the parishioners, God's richest blessings for the year ahead'.

RICH REWARDS: a series of **4 parenting enrichment sessions** at **Springhill Primary School, 9.15am—10.45am Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 and 23 Mar.** Led by Katja Babej, Diocesan Advisor for Marriage and Family Life. Tel. 01329 835583. See Notice Board for more info.

"WOMEN & THE PRIESTHOOD" – a talk with Fr. David in St. Boniface Hall, St. David's Day 7.45pm Tues 1 Mar.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet Tuesdays at 8pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

CTS AGM: 7pm Wed 2 Mar in St. Joseph's Hall.

JOURNEY IN FAITH group meet on Wed 2 Mar at 7.45pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

HALF PINTS back on Thurs 3 Mar in St. Edmund's Hall.

NEW SEEKERS meet at 7.45pm Thurs 3 Mar in St. Edmund's Hall.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2pm Fri 4 Mar in St. Edmund's Church. Service led by Judy Brown & presentation prepared by the women of Chile, including a DVD about their country. *Mayor Carol Cunio attending.* Followed by refreshments in St. Edmund's Hall.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: A talk on 'The Eucharist and Social Justice' by Fr. Paul Leonard at 7.45pm Fri 4 Mar in St. Edmund's Hall, Fairtrade refreshments to follow. *Proceeds to CAFOD.*

FAITH ALIVE group to meet 7.45pm Fri 4 Mar in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

FOR INFO: Mon: VH/PL Day Off. Mon-Fri: PL away

Tues: Southampton Council of Faiths: VH

Wed: Council of Priests: VH;

Churches Together AGM:VH

Thurs: Briefing for School Governors:VH

NEXT WEEKEND

CABRINI CHILDREN'S SOCIETY collection Sun 6 Mar. Special collection envelopes in the porch.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE 2pm Sun 6 Mar at Calshot. Meet at the car park by the toilets before the beach huts. Contact Tel. 023 8022 3389.

TOSS A PANCAKE FOR THE PASSION during the week 6 Mar. Min. donation 50p—£1 per pancake. Register your party with carol@southamptonpassion.org.uk. See Notice Board.

CONFIRMATION Formation for Candidates 2pm—6pm Sun 6 Mar in Holy Family Church, Millbrook.

FR. PAUL'S QUIZ & ITALIAN FOOD NIGHT 8pm Sun 6 Mar in St. Edmund's Hall. Tickets £7.50 for sale after Mass. *Proceeds to go towards the Diocesan HCPT Group who are taking a family from our parish to Lourdes at Easter.*



NEXT WEEK

SEPARATED—DIVORCED AND CATHOLIC group to meet 7pm Tues 8 Mar at **Namaste Karala Indian Restaurant**, 4a Civic Centre Road, Southampton for a meal. Tel. Fr Des on 023 8077 8203 to book your seat.

LENT 2011

- Ash Wednesday 9 March with Masses at 6.30am & 7pm in St. Edmund's & 12.15pm in St. Joseph's; also liturgies for St Anne's and Springhill
- Wednesdays in Lent: Masses at 6.30am & 7pm weekly. Stations of the Cross every Sunday at 6pm
- Penitential Service on Mon 18 April at 7.30pm
- Lenten material available on the Diocesan website and in the porch.

SOUP LUNCH: 1.05pm (after Mass) Thurs 10 Mar in St. Michael's Church. £2 per person, all proceeds to Christian Aid & CAFOD. All welcome!

GREGORIAN CHANT: 7.30pm Thurs 10 Mar in Holy Family Church, Millbrook. We are all beginners!

CALLED TO A NOBLE ADVENTURE—A vision for youth ministry. 10am—5pm Sat 12 Mar in Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, London. www.cymfed.org.

RITE OF ELECTION 2011 11am Sat. 12 Mar. St. John's Cathedral, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, PO1 3HG.

ST PATRICK'S DANCE – with the Bowstring Ceilidh Band! Holy Family Church Hall - Sat 12 Mar 7.30pm – 11pm. Adults: £5 – Children under 16 years free but all need a ticket. Bring your own food and favourite tippie! Bar available. For tickets, phone Fr Des on 02380 778203. *This is going to be a great crack!*

GENERAL ITEMS

A FASHION FOR 'THE PASSION': Fashion Show to raise funds for *The Passion*. Doors open 4.30pm, starts 7pm Sat 12 Mar in the Portswood Church. Tel. 075 1930 3925 for tickets.

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

LENT RETREAT: Fri 18—Sun 20 Mar. Cost £120. Douai Abbey, RG7 5TQ. Tel 0118 971 5333.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY Friday 18th March.

FAITH & HOPE AT THE HEART OF HEALTHCARE: A spiritual & learning conference 9am Sat 19 Mar to lunch at 12noon Sun 20th Mar at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 330a Burnt Oak Lane, Sidcup, Kent, DA15 8LW. See Notice Board for details.

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

YOUTH LEADERS meeting 7pm—9.30pm Fri 25 Mar in St. Stephen's Church, Winchester, for those involved in youth ministry across the YC South Area. Contact Peter McGeady Mob. No. 077 6925 8378.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION: proceeds towards 'The Passion.' Aged 16+ are you a budding writer? Would you like to get those creative juices flowing and produce a story of up to 1,000 words the themes of community and/or sacrifice? Entry fee £7.50. Closing date 12 noon 26 Mar. Visit www.southamptonpassion.org.uk for booking form. See Notice Board.

MEDAILLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to support vulnerable women for a few hours a week please contact: Sue 079 4676 9333 or Father Des: 023 8077 8203. Training will be given. *Women only please!*

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR 'POITIERS CARE' to help pack or deliver food parcels at Holy Family Presbytery. This is a very much needed service, we have many families to feed. Tel. Fr Des: 02380 778203 if you can help.



AWAKEN UK! 48 hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning with Mass 7pm Tues 5 Apr until Solemn Benediction at 7pm Thurs 7 Apr in Holy Family Church, Millbrook. *This is an initiative of Jesus Youth UK.* If you can commit to an hour contact Fr Des 023 8077 8203. This initiative is part of a continuous 100 hours of Adoration taking place all over England.

ROOM URGENTLY NEEDED for a young Catholic lady for modest or reduced rent in return for help around the house. If you can help Tel. Sylvia on 079 2790 2613.

HOUSE NEEDED TO RENT: Family in the parish are looking to rent a 3 or 4 bedroom house (long-term) in the Springhill School area. Please contact 077 3238 6378.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Capeson Tse (6 months), 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, Stephen Brooks, 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.

MARRIAGE CARE: *Being pulled apart by life's pressures—money, unemployment, sex, parenting...? Marriage Care can help you pull together.* For an appointment with a relationship counsellor, contact 0800 389 3801.

PARISH ROAST LUNCH 12.30pm—2.30pm Sun. 3 Apr. in St. Edmund's Hall (Mother's Day). Further info to follow re tickets etc.

SOUTHAMPTON PASSION 7.30pm Good Friday 22 Apr in the Guildhall Square. Visit the website for details www.southamptonpassion.org.uk.

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 for your ticket.



NO PARKING in the Linden Homes / New College Road alongside St. Edmund's Lodge. The apartments are now occupied and residents use the road as their main thoroughfare. Last weekend homeowners were blocked in whilst parishioners were at Mass and numerous complaints were made to Linden Homes. *Thank you for your co-operation.*

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. Venue: St George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling. A cheese and wine evening and race night with all the proceeds going to CAFOD. Please contact the parish office if you would like to attend.

200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP— Would you consider joining? (£1 a month; £12 pa). There are twelve draws a year. If we had 200 members the prize would increase to **£70 1st prize** and **£30 2nd prize** per month. 50% of the fees go towards the running of the parish (a valuable source of income) and 50% paid out in monthly prizes. If you would like to join please contact the parish office on 023 8033 3589. *Many thanks to all members for your continued support. A reminder to members that fees are now due for 2011.*

CATHOLIC SINGLES for those who are single, separated, widowed or divorced. Tel. 016 1941 3498, email: info@catholicsingles.org.uk or visit our Website: www.catholicsingles.org.uk. See Notice Board.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 19-28 August 2011. Our Pilgrimage is for people of all ages and abilities. We are also on the lookout for young helpers (aged 17+) to join us and help the fellow pilgrims who require assistance. **Brochures for the Pilgrimage are available at the back of the church.**

PILGRIMAGE TO THE CHURCHES OF ASIA from 22nd — 30 Oct 2011 led by Monsignor Vincent Harvey. The pilgrimage will visit the Churches of Asia (see Revelation Chapter 1) **Brochures still available from Fr. Vincent.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2011

VIGIL MASS
SAT 26 FEBRUARY
SUN 27 FEBRUARY

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

6.15PM SJ JOHN GRATTAN RIP (A&NW)
 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
 9.00AM SE PJ PHELAN RIP (JB)
 10.00AM SJ BERNIE MCCONNELL—WELLBEING (JP)
 11.00AM SE MARGARET GROVER RIP (MB)
 7.00PM SE DOREEN MCCONNELL—WELLBEING (JP)
 11.00AM SE FUNERAL MASS—BERNADETTE KERR RIP
 10.00AM SE WILLIAM COADY RIP (S&DC)
 7.00PM SE MAUREEN SHARPE RIP (MS)
 12.15PM SJ THE WELD FAMILY RIP (F)
 FUNERAL MASS—JOHN WADE RIP
 7.00PM SE LEDI NILA CRUZ SISON RIP (LSM)
 11.00AM SE MARGARET GROVER RIP (MB)
 6.15PM SJ CANON JAMES CONNOLLY RIP (F)
 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
 9.00AM SE ALEX MILLER RIP
 10.00AM SJ JAMES HALL RIP (F)
 11.00AM SE MARGARET GROVER RIP (MB)
 7.00PM SE KERRY KAY PHELAN RIP (MJ)

MON 28 FEBRUARY
TUES 1 MARCH
WED 2 MARCH
THURS 3 MARCH
FRI 4 MARCH
SAT 5 MARCH
SUN 6 MARCH

8th WEEK OF O.T.
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OUR LADY ON SATURDAY
**NINTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

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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8th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Psalm Response

In God alone is my soul at rest.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church week 4

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 6 MARCH

9th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

1st reading: Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32

2nd reading: Romans 3:21-25, 28

Gospel Reading: Matthew 7:21-27

2ND COLLECTION TODAY CHURCH BUILDING FUND

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CABRINI CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

| 20/2/2011 | 1st Collection | 2nd Collection Catholic Education |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Total | £2466.55 | £406.90 |
| Cash | 909.40 | 186.40 |
| S / O | 1216.52 | 190.50 |
| Gift Aid Tax Rebate | 340.63 | 30.00 |

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 & work of the Parish possible.

Our Catholic Schools: Springhill Catholic Primary 8033 3954
 St Anne's 8032 8200, St George 8032 2603