

13 FEBRUARY 2011

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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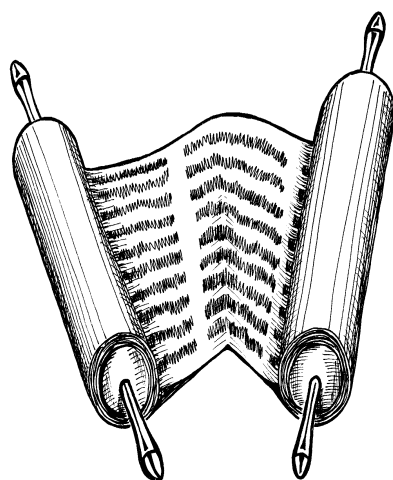
A Stewardship Parish in  
a Stewardship Diocese

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



# THE FULLNESS OF THE LAW

The message of Jesus never ceases to amaze us. His association with sinners, his healing on the Sabbath and his attitude to religious Law drew the anger of the religious authorities of the day. Yet, in today's Gospel Jesus declares that he came, not to abolish the Law and the prophets, but to complete them. Jesus saw his role as fulfilling the law and bringing it to perfection by broadening the scope of the commandments and forcing us to look beyond our actions to our attitudes. He was pointing out that it is not just actions and behaviour that fall under God's judgement but motives also and that outward actions should flow from proper motives, dispositions and convictions. There follow some examples where Jesus says that it is not a question of killing, but anger; not adultery, but lust; not divorce, but lacking respect; not swearing oaths, but living in truth and integrity.



So, Jesus 'fulfils' the law by making it more radical. While at other times in the Gospel he urges us to have a more flexible approach to the law, like healing on the Sabbath, in today's Gospel he is urging us to go beyond the narrow letter of the law and gives it a more demanding interpretation, one that imbues every aspect of our lives.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1967) says, *'The law of the Gospel fulfils, refines, surpasses and leads the Old Law to its perfection. In the Beatitudes the New Law fulfils the divine promises by elevating and orienting them towards the kingdom of heaven. It is addressed to those open to accepting this new hope with faith, and so marks out the surprising ways of the kingdom'*.

Fr. Paul Leonard

## TODAY - SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY

**WELCOME RITES:** St. Edmund's 11am Mass.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our faith community **Veronica Fernandes**, daughter of Billy & Donna, who was baptised at 3pm Sat. 12th Feb. in St. Edmund's Church.

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

### THIS WEEK

**CHRISTIAN AID - BETTER TOGETHER Road Show** to celebrate Christian Aid week, on Mon. 14 Feb:

10.30am—12noon **Beyond the Envelope** (an inspiring workshop of fresh ideas & practical advice for Christian Aid Week) in the Underhill Centre, Hedge End or 2.30pm—4pm in the Isaac Watts Memorial URC, Winchester Road, Southampton.

7.30pm—9pm **Better Together: Poverty Over** (a multi-media presentation revealing Christian Aid's work with the poorest communities). Avenue St. Andrew's URC, The Avenue, Southampton. Contact 023 8070 6969.

**MONDAY CLUB** meet at 2pm in St. Edmund's Hall for Bingo. All welcome!

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

**INFORMAL YOUTH** meeting to discuss youth provision in our parish at 8pm on Tues. 15th Feb. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

**FOSMAG** (Friends of Southampton's Museums Archives & Galleries) meeting 9.30am Wed 16 Feb in St. Joseph's Hall.

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB** 12 noon every Wednesday in St. Edmund's Hall. Contact the parish office if you can help or if you wish to join.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH** group meet on Wed. 16 Feb. at 7.45pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

**HALF PINTS TODDLERS GROUP** meet every Thursday at 10am in St. Edmund's Hall.

**SOUP LUNCH** at 1.05pm (after Mass) Thurs. 17 Feb. in St. Michael's Church. Proceeds to Christian Aid and CAFOD.

**NEW SEEKERS COURSE:** If you or someone you know would like to find out about the Catholic Faith, you are welcome to attend the New Seekers course. Next meeting 7.45pm Thurs 17 Feb St Edmund's Hall. Contact Dudley 023 8067 9079 for info.

**FOR INFO:** Mon: Day off: VH/PL  
Wed/Thurs: Clergy study day: VH/PL  
Thurs: St George's Govs: VH



### NEXT WEEKEND

**CAFOD SUPPORTERS' MEETING:** 10am-1.15pm Sat. 19 Feb, St Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. Contact CAFOD office: 01252 329385.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** parents and children's workshop 10.30am Sat. 19th Feb. in Stella Maris Centre / St. Joseph's Hall.

**FILIPINO CHOIR** 7pm Mass Sun. 20th Feb.

### NEXT WEEK (HALF TERM 21—25 February).

**MASS FOR BENNIE** 4.30pm Tues. 22 Feb in St. Edmund's Church. To be celebrated by Fr. Biju (Goan Priest from London).


**BIBLICAL NOVELS & SHORT STORIES:** 9.45am to 4.30pm Sat. 26th Feb. This structured day course providing an introduction to the books of Ruth, Tobit, Judith and Esther. Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5TQ. Tel. 01865270368 to book.

### GENERAL ITEMS

**RICH REWARDS:** 4 sessions **9.15am—10.45am Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 and 23 Mar.** Katja Babei, Diocesan Advisor for Marriage and Family Life, is leading this series of **4 parenting enrichment sessions** at **Springhill Primary School**, Milton Road, Southampton, Hampshire, SO15 2HW. These will explore the ways in which a parent can encourage their child, create an effective framework for discipline within the home and enjoy the parenting experience to the maximum! Cost total cost for all 4 sessions £5; includes tea & coffee. Booking forms available from the Parish Office or Tel. 01329 835583. See Notice Board for more info.

**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. Followed by Fairtrade refreshments. **Proceeds for the Diocesan HCPT Group.**

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION** for Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Musicians etc. from 9.45am—4pm on Sat 5 Mar (Romuald Simpson OSB). Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5TQ. Tel. 0118 971 5333 or e-mail douaiabbey@aol.com.

 **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.

**LENT 2011** Lent is just around the corner. Please check your diary and put a note in about some Lenten activities:

- Ash Wednesday 9 Mar with Masses at 6.30am & 7pm St. Edmund's & 12.15pm 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 Apr at 7.30pm
- Lenten material available on the Diocesan website

**FR. PAUL** has received e-mails from a parishioner named **Damiao Nobrega da Silva** asking to meet up. Fr. Paul has tried to respond to the e-mails, but they keep being returned. If **Damiao** is reading this or if a parishioner knows **Damiao**, please ask him to e-mail again with a contact number so that Fr. Paul can contact **Damiao direct**'

collection 6 Mar. They provide support and care for some of the most vulnerable children and young people in our community, including providing extended Schools Clubs; Nursery Care; Counselling for school age children and young people; Residential Care for adults with learning disabilities and Catechetical Programmes for children and young people with special needs. The Society relies on the generosity and goodwill of the Catholic community to continue its work in your diocese. Please give what you can to help give the next generation the chance they deserve.

**SEPARATED—DIVORCED AND CATHOLIC? Namaste Karala Indian Restaurant**, 4a Civic Centre Rd Southampton will host the next gathering of our lovely Separated and Divorced Catholics support group. We will meet on Tues 8 Mar at 7-ish for a meal. Please come along if you feel this group could be of help to you. Give Fr Des a call on 023 8077 8203 so he can book a table.

**GREGORIAN CHANT:** would you like to belong to a new music group within our Pastoral Area learning to sing the beautiful Gregorian Chants Pope Benedict XVI has asked us to treasure as part of our history and our future as a Catholic Community? If so...then come along to our first 'singing lesson' on Thurs 10 Mar at 7.30pm in Holy Family Church, Redbridge Hill, Millbrook. We are all beginners!

**STUDENT ROOM TO LET** 13 Rockstone Place, rent £230pcm incl. bills. Occupation 1st March. Contact the Parish Office.

**LENT RETREAT:** Fri 18—Sun 20 Mar. Cost £120. Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, RG7 5TQ. Tel 0118 971 5333, e-mail douaiabbey@aol.com.

**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. We are looking at Youth liturgies led by Jack Regan, an experienced Catholic youth worker, School Chaplain and founder of the Catholic Youth Work Forum. It will be a chance to share experiences and learn what makes a good liturgy for young people so that we can more effectively help them in prayer and worship. Contact Peter McGeady Mob. No. 077 6925 8378.

**THEFT:** Sadly a handbag (and all its contents) was stolen from the sacristy last Sunday (6 Feb) during 11am Mass. If you saw anything please do let us know. The police have been informed and have made enquires. **Be alert/be aware:** always keep valuables with you at all times when in church. Opportunists know that people are relaxed and let down their guard when in familiar surroundings: do not give them the opportunity. We are putting in procedures for servers who have valuables.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** 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, Margaret de Groen, Terry Clark, Kay Gills, Kathy Kelly, Ian McKenna, Myra Andrade 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 – save the date!** Good Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr – Guildhall Square. Live music from 6.00pm – Southampton Passion starts 7.30pm. [www.southamptonpassion.org.uk](http://www.southamptonpassion.org.uk).

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the £155.50 raised at the Ecumenical Service. The proceeds will be added to the Crib Collection of £66.06 which is going towards helping Christian schools in Palestine.

**NOTICE BOARDS:** Please note that the notice-boards in St. Edmund's are slowly being re-organised:

**In the porch:** General notices and forthcoming events and EU Welcome table

**Back of church on left:** City Parishes newsletters

**Back left-hand pillar:** Justice and Peace

**Back right-hand pillar:** Allocated for youth.

If you know where we can obtain, at reasonable cost (or free!), perspex leaflet holders please contact Parish Office or let one of the priests know.

**ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE: VACANCY FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNOR** Bishop Crispian, who has absolute discretion in the appointment of Foundation Governors, is seeking applications from committed baptised Catholics who wish to be considered. Those seeking to become a Parent Foundation Governor will have a child/children currently registered at the school. The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all staff. App. packs avail. from Mgr. Vincent, the School Office or the Department for Schools Governance, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, PO17 5HA or Tel 013 2983 5363. Closing date for receipt of applications: 25 Feb.

**MARTHA'S** in Bedford Place for all those unused items of clothing or gifts. Also there are new gifting lines and cards available, do come in and have a look! Thank you for supporting our local Charity Shop which in turn enables Martha's to support important services within our Parish community.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE CHURCHES OF ASIA** from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011 led by Monsignor Vincent Harvey. The pilgrimage will visit the Churches of Asia (see Revelation Chapter 1) **Brochures avail from Fr Vincent.**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2011

	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>		
SAT	12 FEBRUARY		6.15PM SJ NORA HUNTER RIP (MH) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	13 FEBRUARY	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00AM SE PJ PHELAN RIP (WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB) 10.00AM SJ SARAH KENNEDY-DONNELLY RIP (F) 11.00AM SE MARGARET GROVER RIP (MB) 7.00PM SE JIM O'MALLEY RIP
TUES	15 FEBRUARY	6th WEEK OF O.T.	10.00AM SE RICHARD HENIGAN RIP (F)
WED	16 FEBRUARY	6th WEEK OF O.T.	7.00PM SE MARY C. HUBBARD'S INTENTIONS (F)
THURS	17 FEBRUARY	6th WEEK OF O.T.	12.15PM SJ MARGARET GROVER RIP (AG)
FRI	18 FEBRUARY	6th WEEK OF O.T.	7.00PM SE AGNES MARY FALLON RIP (F)
SAT	19 FEBRUARY	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11.00AM SE MARGARET GROVER RIP (MB) 6.15PM SJ MARY GORHAM RIP (BH) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	20 FEBRUARY	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00AM SE PJ PHELAN RIP (GL&TL) 10.00AM SJ CATHERINE SPAMPINATO RIP (AS) 11.00AM SE MARGARET GROVER RIP (MB) 7.00PM SE MARY BROOKS RIP

**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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### 6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

#### Psalm Response

They are happy who follow God's law!

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

### Prayer of the Church week 2

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY

#### 7th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

1st reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

#### NO 2ND COLLECTION TODAY

#### 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

6/2/2011	1st Collection	2nd Collection Catholic Care
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2392.73</b>	<b>£435.68</b>
Cash	835.58	197.18
S / O	1216.52	238.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	340.63	-

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