

16TH JANUARY 2011
**SECOND SUNDAY
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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, THE PATH TO PEACE

(Extracts from Pope Benedict XVI's letter for World Day of Peace)

“Religious freedom expresses what is unique about the human person, for it allows us to direct our personal and social life to God, in whose light the identity, meaning and purpose of the person are fully understood. To deny or arbitrarily restrict this freedom is to foster a reductive vision of the human person; to eclipse the public role of religion is to create a society which is unjust, inasmuch as it fails to take account of the true nature of the human person; *it is to stifle the growth of the authentic and lasting peace of the whole human family.*

For this reason, I implore all men and women of good will to renew their commitment to building a world where all are free to profess their religion or faith, and to express their love of God with all their heart, with all their soul and with all their mind (cf. Mt 22:37). This is the sentiment which inspires and directs this *Message for the XLIV World Day of Peace*, devoted to the theme: *Religious Freedom, the Path to Peace.*

The right to religious freedom is rooted in the very dignity of the human person, whose transcendent nature must not be ignored or overlooked. God created man and woman in his own image and likeness (cf. Gen 1:27). For this reason each person is endowed with the sacred right to a full life, also from a spiritual standpoint. Without the acknowledgement of his spiritual being, without openness to the transcendent, the human person withdraws within himself, fails to find answers to the heart's deepest questions about life's meaning, fails to appropriate lasting ethical values and principles, and fails even to experience authentic freedom and to build a just society.

Religious freedom is at the origin of moral freedom. Openness to truth and perfect goodness, openness to God, is rooted in human nature; it confers full dignity on each individual and is the guarantee of full mutual respect between persons. Religious freedom should be understood, then, not merely as immunity from coercion, but even more fundamentally as an ability to order one's own choices in accordance with truth.

Freedom and respect are inseparable; indeed, “in exercising their rights, individuals and social groups are bound by the moral law to have regard for the rights of others, their own duties to others and the common good of all”.

(Full text: <http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/PeaceSunday.html>)

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. With whom must you make peace?
2. How can you bring 'peace' into your life?
3. How can you help others find peace?

TODAY - SUNDAY 16th JANUARY



SECOND COLLECTION — PAX CHRISTI:

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make today a day of prayer for world peace and to reflect on the theme that Pope Benedict has chosen: **'Religious Freedom, the**

Path to Peace.' We are invited to recognise that we are fellow pilgrims, together with the whole of humanity. All are invited to respond to God's invitation. All are invited to seek the Kingdom of God together. All have a fundamental right and duty to live their faith in peace and right living. Let us pause to reflect on how faithful we are to our calling.

WELCOME RITE — 11am Mass.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2011 commences 2pm—6pm today. All parents and candidates to meet at Holy Family Catholic Church in Millbrook for this first meeting. Confirmation Mass & Reception will be celebrated on Sun. 3rd July 2011 at 3pm in the Holy Family Church, Millbrook. Contact Charlie on 077 4030 1390 or e-mail: confirmation@pughonline.co.uk for further information.

FILIPINO CHOIR — 7.00pm Mass, rehearsal at 6.00pm.



RECENTLY DIED: *Maria Foley* of North Road, St Denys. Funeral 1.30pm Monday 24th January 2011 in St. Edmund's Church followed by the burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. Our sympathy to her family. *May she rest in peace.*

THIS WEEK

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18th – 25th Jan. Each year the theme for the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' is developed by one country which produces outline material adapted for use in other parts of the world. This year the theme is 'All Things in Common'. It is prepared by an ecumenical group in Jerusalem. **Southampton's Christian Unity Service** will take place at **St Edmund's** on **Sun., 30th January at 3.30pm.** Please come along to celebrate 'All Things in Common' with other Christians from around the City.

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

JOURNEY IN FAITH group meet on Wed. 19th Jan. at 7.45pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

J & P / CAFOD PASTORAL AREA group to meet 7.45pm Wed. 19th Jan. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

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

SOUP LUNCHES: at 1.05pm (after Mass) on Thurs. 20th Jan. & 17th Feb. in St. Michael's Church, St. Michael's Square. £2 per person. Also during Lent, dates to be advised. All proceeds to Christian Aid and CAFOD.

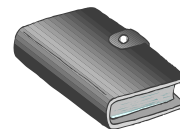
ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

You are welcome to attend the New Seekers course which starts on Thursday 20th January at 7.45pm in St Edmund's Hall. For further information call Dudley on 023 8067 9079.

FOR INFO:

Mon: Day off: VH/PL

Tues: Diocesan Schools Committee: VH
VH away Wed-Tues (break and family wedding).



BAPTISED PEOPLE 'Light in Darkness' 21st—23rd January 2011, Hallmark Hotel, Durley Chine Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH2 5JS. Booking soonest online at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The weekend starts with supper on Fri. 21st Jan. and finishes after lunch on Sun. 23rd Jan. A limited number of non-residential places are available.

NEXT WEEKEND

WE WELCOME Fr. Shaun Budden who will be presiding at 9am and 11am Masses in St. Edmund's Church Sun. 23rd Jan.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Orthello Groshroy** and **Celia Hawson** who are getting married at 2pm on Sun. 23rd Jan. in St. Joseph's Church. *May God bless them all the days of their lives.*

GOSPEL CHOIR 7pm Sun. 23rd Jan, rehearsal at 6pm.

NEXT WEEK

FINANCE GROUP meeting 7.30pm Thurs. 27th Thurs. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

THE MAYOR'S CHARITY BALL will take place **Fri. 28th Jan. 2011** starting with a reception in the Southampton Art Gallery at 7pm the event will then move on to **Southampton Guildhall** where a **4-course meal will be served followed by entertainment by the 'Silver Beatles.'** £50.00 for tickets are available from Tel. 8083 2433. Mayors.office@southampton.gov.uk or Mayor's Office, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY. This event will benefit 2 small local charities, **Southampton Sunday Lunch Club** (a project initiated by Carol in 1990, providing 120 hot lunches each Sunday to those who are sleeping rough, live in poor accommodation or are otherwise in need) & **St. Mary's Titanic Memorial Window** (St. Mary's Church are raising funds for a memorial to commemorate all of the 550 people of Southampton who died in this tragedy) whatever is raised will make a huge difference to these charities. Welcome to all!

BETHANY GROUP meet at 9.45pm Sat. 29th Jan. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

'MUSIC ON A SUNDAY' a CD recorded in St. Edmund's Church. If you would like a copy of this CD of Sacred and Irish music the price is £9.99. Please contact the Parish Office.

GENERAL ITEMS

SCHOOL PASTORS THINK TANK: School Pastors would bring the same partnership model behind street pastors to school communities. Trained, uniformed members of local churches would work in partnership with a school, neighbourhood police and local parents, supporting the school community in these ways:

- reassuring presence at the school gates at the beginning / end of the day
- patrols in the vicinity of the school
- mentoring / inclusion projects

In order to bring together interested parties a “think tank” is being held on the idea of school pastors in Southampton. We will be considering questions such as:

- is this a good idea for Southampton?
- what are police and council thoughts/suggestions about school pastors?
- which churches would be able to work together to organise and provide volunteers?
- how to coordinate the initiative?
- where could this scheme be piloted?

WHO SHOULD COME?

- residents who care about & support their local school
- church people who can see this initiative benefiting their local school and community
- people who work in a school and can see the scheme benefiting their school
- partners in the police, local government and related service-providers. **The Think Tank will be on the evening of Tuesday 8th February.** Please register your interest as soon as possible with Richard Pitt, Coordinator. Ph: 023 8099 9896 Email: southampton@streetpastors.org.uk

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS IN THE HOLY LAND [crib collection]: The Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem, led by the Patriarch – or Archbishop – of Jerusalem, maintains 41 schools in the Holy Land: 5 in Israel, 14 in Palestine, 22 in Jordan. **65%** of the 18.600 pupils are Christian, the remaining **35%** being Muslim.

The Patriarch, Archbishop Fouad Twal, firmly believes that in a country with a Christian minority – **2%** of the present population – it is important that children mix with Muslims at an early age in order for them to co-exist easily in the future. This is another factor in helping these children, when they grow up, to stay in their own land and stop the emigration, which has escalated in recent years and eroded the Christian population. The biggest obstacles are the lack of peace and stability, the building of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories leading to land confiscation, house demolition etc., and the recent construction of a separating wall which has brought great difficulties to many lives. The crib collection offers financial support for these “living stones”, the Christians struggling in the Holy Land, and especially the children, their heritage.

THE 11AM CHOIR at St. Edmund’s will be having a well-deserved rest for the next few Sunday’s. During this time,

there will continue to be music through our liturgy. Whilst the choir are away, the congregation are invited to assume a greater role in the musical ministry of our liturgy, whilst also considering the many benefits that a fully sung Mass can offer to our spiritual and theological needs.

In order for the choir to best serve these needs, it would be preferable to include a wider variety of musical styles in our weekly worship. We are very blessed to have such a devoted and hard-working group of singers to lead our service; that they are few in number means that embracing a wider selection of music is impractical. Through this period in which the choir are away, please consider if you could help to expand the choir’s numbers. We are **always looking for new members**, and would be delighted to welcome you. We will continue to have some Tuesday night rehearsals in the coming weeks, but for more information please see our Musical Director, Ian Richardson.

ANASTASIA (Father Vincent’s Great Niece) is now home.....to the immense relief of her parents. He.....and they.....thank everyone for their concern and prayers over the past 2 weeks.....it has been moving to experience such support.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE CHURCHES OF ASIA from 22nd – 30th October 2011 led by Monsignor Vincent Harvey. The pilgrimage will visit the Churches of Asia which includes the great ancient City of Ephesus where St Paul spent many years and from where he wrote many of his pastoral letters. Cost from £995 (for 20 people) to £935 (for 40 people).....if you book before end of January 2011 you receive a £30 discount. All bookings must be through the Parish. **Brochures still available from Father Vincent.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Tess Hogan (fall recovery), Joe Lee (op. recovery), 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, Yvonne Robertson, Eileen Smedley, Margaret de Groen, Terry Clark, Kay Gills, Kathy Kelly, Ian McKenna, Myra Andrade and all parishioners who are sick or recovering. Please let the parish office know if you would like to add someone to the list.

THANK YOU RECEIVED FROM CAFOD for the donation of £500 received from our parish. One of the ways our gift is used is to help support communities struggling with sever water shortages and access to clean water.

2011 CLEANING ROTA FOR ST. EDMUND’S CHURCH now available in the Sacristy. Please collect your copy.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Adoration every day in St. Edmund’s

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• **CONFESSION TIMES:** Sat. 11.30am St. Edmund’s
• Sat. 5.45pm St. Joseph’s, Thursday 11.45am St. Joseph’s
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 16th JANUARY 2011

SAT	VIGIL MASS 15 JANUARY		6.15PM SJ AUNT ALICE CARSON & FAMILY INTS 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	16 JANUARY	SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE P J PHELAN RIP (FM) 10.00AM SJ JASON SIBANDA - GOD'S CONTINUED BLESSINGS (AF) 11.00AM SE RATNA 70TH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (AP) 7.00PM SE BARRY FAMILY RIP (F)
TUES	18 JANUARY	2nd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10.00AM SE P J PHELAN RIP (M&GD)
WED	19 JANUARY	2nd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7.00PM SE PHILO RIP (RT)
THURS	20 JANUARY	ST. FABIAN	12.15PM SJ B & S MYLES RIP (F)
FRI	21 JANUARY	ST. AGNES	9.30AM SE FUNERAL MASS—JULIA O'BRIEN RIP 7.00PM SE P J PHELAN RIP (P&SJ)
SAT	22 JANUARY	ST. VINCENT	11.00AM SE PATRICK J PHELAN RIP (MD) 6.15PM SJ FRANCES C. NELSON RIP (M&DB) SJ THOMAS JAMES CRAWLEY RIP (F) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	23 JANUARY	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE P J PHELAN RIP (E&MC) 10.00AM SJ JOHN CULLEY & FAMILY 11.00AM SE EUGENE COYLE RIP (FH) 7.00PM SE FLOR CROWLEY RIP (DO'M)

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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2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Psalm Response

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church week 2

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY

3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

1st reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

2ND COLLECTION

TODAY

PAX CHRISTI

2ND COLLECTION

NEXT WEEK

CHURCH BUILDING FUND

9/1/2011	1st Collection	2nd Coll. HCPT
Total	2157.58	854.10
Cash	915.33	573.10
S / O	970.51	281.00
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	271.74	—

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 St Anne's 8032 8200, St George 8032 2603