

CALLED TO BE SAINTS

The last thing many people want to be known as is a saint. We have the mistaken notion that being a saint is beyond our grasp. We conjure up images of people with holier-than-thou attitudes, maybe kill-joys, who are incapable of enjoying life and having fun. But a saint is someone who has grasped what Jesus meant when he said, 'I have come so that you may have life and have it in all its fullness' (John 10.10). Sanctity is nothing less than living life to the full. Sainthood is our calling and is open to everyone. We have a destiny that invites us here and now to lead full and holy lives so that we can enjoy God's life and love in eternity. Heaven is our ultimate home and holiness of life is not for the few but what God demands of all of us, by allowing the spirit of Christ to permeate every aspect of our lives.

This feast day is a reminder that the true company of saints is far more numerous than the list of those who have been formally canonised. All Saints Day is also a recognition by the church that in our search for God we need the help of human faces and firm friends whose lives are steeped in the Gospel. They inspire us to embrace this adventure of living life to the full. Most of us have had the good fortune to have our lives blessed by the example of such people. Their guidance encourages us and spurs us on, telling us that our future is with God because we are already His children. This is a day for us to thank the Lord for the enriching presence of these wonderful people in our midst. They blaze a trail for others to follow. As we honour the vast army of God's friends, in the same breath we ask God's favour, that where they are now, we too may be in the future. We pray that this will be our feast day as well.

Fr. Paul Leonard



**31ST OCTOBER 2010
ALL SAINTS**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

**A Stewardship Parish in
a Stewardship Diocese**

**SOUTHAMPTON
CENTRAL AND WEST
PASTORAL AREA**

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



DEAR FR. VINCENT, WE WISH YOU A
VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY ON FRIDAY 5TH
NOVEMBER. MAY GOD BLESS YOU
ALWAYS. FROM FR. PAUL, PARISH
OFFICE STAFF AND ALL THE
PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S & ST.
EDMUND'S!

TODAY - SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER

SING IT! CAKE SALE to be held after 9am, 10am & 11am Masses today.

WELCOME RITE: 11am Mass at St. Edmund's.

HALLOWEEN: Remember that Halloween is the night before '**ALL HALLOWS' (ALL SAINTS)**. Many of the recent practices introduced (for financial gain?) forget the fact that this was/is a religious feast and has nothing to do with witches, sorcery or the occult. Also practices which have come over from the other side of the pond.....'trick and treat' can be dangerous for children and frightening for the elderly and frail.

RECENTLY DIED: *Derek Norman* of Holly Hill. Funeral 12noon Wed. 3rd Nov. in St. Edmund's Church, followed by cremation at West Chapel. Our sympathy to his wife Sandra and family. May he rest in peace.

THIS WEEK

MASS IN POLISH - ALL SOULS 7.00pm Tues. 2nd Nov. in St. Edmund's Church.

'THIS PROMISE IS FOR YOU' - A course of weekly video talks to help us to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. 7.30pm Tues. 2nd Nov. in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome.

STEWARDSHIP GROUP meeting 7.30pm Tues. 2nd Nov. in St. Edmund's Presbyter.

PASTORAL AREA GROUP to meet 7.30pm Wed. 3rd Nov. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Or knowing more about our faith? If so, please come and join our *Journey in Faith* group on Wed. 3rd Nov. at 7.45pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

PILGRIMAGE IN 2011: Following on the other pilgrimages over the last few years Father Vincent is looking at a pilgrimage for October 2011 '*In the Footsteps of St Paul' in Turkey*. If you are interested and want to know more there will be a meeting in St. Edmund's Hall on Friday 5th November at 7.45 pm.

FOR INFO:

Mon: Day off: VH/PL; VH at Luncheon with Mayor at Southampton Royal Yacht Club

Tues: Southampton Council of Faiths: VH

Wed: Pastoral Area Meeting in Millbrook: VH/PL

Thurs: St. George's Mass: VH

Fri: Bishop's Council Meeting in Reading: VH

NEXT WEEKEND

HEALING FAMILIES WORKSHOP 9.45am - 5pm Sat. 6th Nov. Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5TQ. Tel. 0118 971 5333.

HEALING DAY with *Little Way Healing Ministries*. Sat. 6th Nov. 10am - 4.30pm at the 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 so bring your friends, neighbours and relatives. No need to be a churchgoer to attend. Come all day or just pop in. Tea and coffee provided. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'... **Come and see.** Please pray for this venture.

CONFESSION CANCELLED SAT. 6TH NOV. due to Mass for the Deceased.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED 11.00am Sat. 6th Nov. in St. Edmund's Church. All those who have lost loved ones during the past year are especially invited and all who wish to pray for the dead.

BISHOP CRISPIAN is presiding at the 11.00 am Mass on Sun. 7th November. In the afternoon he will meet with some parish groups. This is, in a sense, an informal visit. A couple of weeks ago he was at Immaculate Conception and last week in St Boniface.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE: 2pm Sun. 7th Nov. near Beaulieu Road Station. Meet at Shatterford Car Park (OS 348063). Tel. 023 8077 2868 for info.

NEXT WEEK

'THIS IS MY HOME NOW' - Do you have a story to tell? **10am on Mon. 8th Nov.** in Avenue St. Andrew's United Reformed Church, The Avenue, Southampton, SO17 1XQ. Contact Maianna on Tel. 078 0244 6662. See Notice Board.

ASSOCIATION OF SEPARATED & DIVORCED CATHOLICS: join Fr. Des for an American Supper 7pm Mon. 8th Nov. in the Fr. Louis Centre in the Holy Family Church to discuss creating an ASDC group within our parishes.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? Next meeting 7pm Wed. 10th Nov. to read and discuss the speech the Hlly Father gave at Westminster Hall.

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: 11am - 4.00pm Thurs. 11th Nov. in St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Led by Fr. Peter Edmonds SJ.

SOUTHAMPTON AREA CATHOLIC DINNER & DANCE Fri. 12th Nov. 2010, 7.30pm for 8.00pm. All groups given tickets to sell, please submit your payments and names to the Parish Office or return unsold tickets. We need to give numbers to the Novotel Hotel.

GENERAL ITEMS

NEW A.O.S. MAG. 'ALONGSIDE': Please help yourself to your free copy, available in the porch. For info. about what AOS does and how you might be able to help, Roger Stone on 07963 345618 or e-mail roger.stone@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk. Perhaps you would like to become a ship visitor, or a volunteer driver at the Seafarers Centre, or raise funds, or make woolly hats, or something else? All offers of help are welcome.

VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD? St John's Seminary, Womersley is hosting a day of discernment for those aged 16+ considering Priesthood on Sat. 6 Nov, 10 am to 5 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr Mark Hogan as soon as possible at: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 01256323595

MIDDLE EASTERN JOURNEY TALK by the explorer and SWVG patron John Pilkington on his 6 month journey at Avenue St Andrew's Church, Southampton on Fri. 19 Nov. at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at the door or from Elspeth on info@swvg-refugees.org.uk Tel. 07503176350. See Notice Board.

POPE BENEDICT'S ADDRESS TO TEACHERS & RELIGIOUS: (Extract from the talk given on 17th September 2010):

I am pleased to have this opportunity to pay tribute to the outstanding contribution made by religious men and women in this land to the noble task of education.....

As you know, the task of a teacher is not simply to impart information or to provide training in skills intended to deliver some economic benefit to society; education is not and must never be considered as purely utilitarian. It is about forming the human person, equipping him or her to live life to the full – in short it is about imparting wisdom. And true wisdom is inseparable from knowledge of the Creator, for “both we and our words are in his hand, as are all understanding and skill in crafts” (Wis. 7:16).

This transcendent dimension of study and teaching was clearly grasped by the monks who contributed so much to the evangelization of these islands. I am thinking of the Benedictines who accompanied Saint Augustine on his mission to England, of the disciples of Saint Columba who spread the faith across Scotland and Northern England, of Saint David and his companions in Wales. Since the search for God, which lies at the heart of the monastic vocation, requires active engagement with the means by which he makes himself known – his creation and his revealed word – it was only natural that the monastery should have a library and a school. It was the monks' dedication to learning as the path on which to encounter the Incarnate Word of God that was to lay the foundations of our Western culture and civilization.

Looking around me today, I see many apostolic religious whose charism includes the education of the young. This gives me an opportunity to give thanks to God for the life and work of the Venerable Mary Ward, a native of this land whose pioneering vision of apostolic religious life for women has borne so much fruit. I myself as a young boy was taught by the “English Ladies” and I owe them a deep debt of gratitude. Many of you belong to teaching orders that have carried the light of the Gospel to far-off lands as part of the Church's great missionary work, and for this too I give thanks and praise to God. Often you laid the foundations of educational provision long before the State assumed a responsibility for this vital service to the individual and to society. As the relative roles of Church and State in the field of education continue to evolve, never forget that religious have a unique contribution to offer to this apostolate, above all through lives consecrated to God and through faithful, loving witness to Christ, the supreme Teacher.

Indeed, the presence of religious in Catholic schools is a powerful reminder of the much-discussed Catholic ethos that needs to inform every aspect of school life. This extends far beyond the self-evident requirement that the content of the teaching should always be in conformity with Church doctrine. It means that the life of faith needs to be the driving force behind every activity in the school, so that the Church's mission may be served effectively, and the young people may discover the joy of entering into Christ's “being for others” (Spe Salvi, 28).

Before I conclude, I wish to add a particular word of appreciation for those whose task it is to ensure that our schools provide a safe environment for children and young people. Our responsibility towards those entrusted to us for their Christian formation demands nothing less. Indeed, the life of faith can only be effectively nurtured when the prevailing atmosphere is one of respectful and affectionate trust. I pray that this may continue to be a hallmark of the Catholic schools in this country.

THE MESSIAH PART 1 to be performed by students from Southampton University Faculty at St Michael's, Bugle Street 6.30 pm Sun. 5th Dec. Funds raised will be given to CAFOD and Christian Aid. More details soon.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED: We require someone to head up the existing team. The role of Parish Safeguarding Representative is vital in order to ensure the Parish complies with the National Policies and Procedures agreed in the area of the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults. This role is vital for the safeguarding of vulnerable adults and children in our Parish. Please consider if you would be willing to take on this role. Please contact Fathers Paul or Vincent if you need more information. Thank you.

VACANCY FOR FOUNDATION / PARENT FOUNDATION GOVERNOR - In St George's College and in St Patrick's Primary School: Application packs available from the Parish Priest, the School Office or the Department for Schools Governance, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, PO17 5HA. Closing date for receipt of applications: 8th Nov. Tel: 01329 835363 schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Carlos Fernandes, PJ Phelan, Cecelia Coyle, Peggy Murray, Bridget Busk, John Redhead, Alex Aitken, Sheila Quinn, Percy White, John Dorling, Pat Cummings, André Neves, Stephen Brooks, Peter Scott, Sheelah Munford, Cecelia Coutinho, Eileen O'Toole, George Francis Ponniah, Carolyn, Lee Henninghan, Jenson Pearce, Phyllis Richmond, Teddy Blake, Brian Cunio, Sheila Morris, Yvonne Robertson, Eileen Smedley, Margaret de Groen, Terry Clark, Kay Gills, Kathy Kelly, Ian McKenna, Myra and Bosco 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.

THE SOUTHAMPTON LIFE GROUP SAY THANK YOU for the warm welcome, generosity, donations of cakes and support they received at their cake sale last weekend; £134.75 was raised. **There will be a 'LIFE' information meeting on Mon. 1st Nov. at St. Boniface Church Hall starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.**

A NEW BICYCLE RACK AS BEEN FITTED on the wall of the Lodge to the right of St. Edmund's Church.

TV NEEDED for the lounge in the Student House at No. 13 Rockstone Place, please contact the parish office if you have one to donate.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NOVEMBER TWO HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS! 1st Prize: Frank & Angela Capocci £30 and 2nd Prize: Hillary Parker £15.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER 2010

SAT	VIGIL MASS 30 OCTOBER		6.15PM SJ PATRICK CUMMINGS RIP (PC) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	31 OCTOBER	ALL SAINTS	9.00AM SE GRAHAM HARMON RIP (GA) 10.00AM SJ CONI SERRANO RIP (PL) 11.00AM SE MILDRED SPECIAL INTENTIONS 7.00PM SE ELIZABETH & JOHN HENRY DORLING RIP (JMD)
TUES	2 NOVEMBER	ALL SOULS	10.00AM SE ETHNA & BRIAN NUGENT RIP (F) 12.00PM SE FUNERAL SERVICE — DEREK NORMAN RIP
WED	3 NOVEMBER	ST. MARTIN DE PORRES	7.00PM SE BRENNAN FAMILY DECEASED MEMBERS RIP (F)
THURS	4 NOVEMBER	ST. CHARLES BORROMEO	12.15PM SJ CONCETTA (CONNIE) OVERY RIP (JP)
FRI	5 NOVEMBER	31ST WEEK OF O.T.	7.00PM SE DORAN FAMILY DECEASED MEMBERS RIP(F)
SAT	6 NOVEMBER	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11.00AM SE EARLEY FAMILY DECEASED MEMBERS RIP(F) 6.15PM SJ RAYMOND QUIGG RIP (GA) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	7 NOVEMBER	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 10.00AM SJ BRIGID MACKAY RIP (A&PO'N) 11.00AM SE ADOLFO ANTONIO LONGO RIP (LONGO FAMILY) 7.00PM SE MILDRED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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ALL SAINTS (YEAR C)

Psalm Response

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church week 3

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

1st reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

2nd reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38

2nd COLLECTION

**TODAY
BAMENDA**

NO COLLECTION

NEXT WEEK

	1st Coll.	2nd Coll. Mission Sunday
24/10/2010		
Total	£2153.93	£441.22
Cash	867.77	269.72
S / O	1004.81	171.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	281.35	

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