



3RD OCTOBER 2010

**THE 27TH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**



**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**



FAITH AND SERVICE

We continue reading about the teachings of Jesus as he makes his way to Jerusalem. There are two themes in today's Gospel: faith and service. In both cases Jesus seems to be giving a warning about great expectations in the life of discipleship. We are not called upon to be high achievers in the life of faith and love. We are not told why the apostles suddenly ask Jesus to help their lack of faith. Jesus' reply is striking and hardly encouraging. The mustard seed, as Jesus teaches elsewhere, is the smallest of the seeds. Astonishingly, Jesus implies that the apostles do not have faith even that small. If they did, then they could do extraordinary wonders. Perhaps what Jesus is teaching is that faith is part of a completely different order, in which different rules apply. The desire for faith, the sense that one's faith needs to increase, is already something precious.

A short parable follows. The true disciple is to look upon himself as a 'useless servant'. This is the literal translation of verse 10. This would surely have sounded strange to many of the disciples of Jesus. Once again the words of Jesus are challenging. Is it right that we should consider whatever we do simply as a duty? The point here is to realise that God does not demand huge achievements from us. To seek to serve is all that is necessary, for Jesus himself came to serve and not to be served. The love of God in a person's life is far more important than striving for great achievements.

Fr. Paul Leonard

- *Does faith in God lie at the very heart of my life?*
- *Am I content to be a 'useless servant'?*
- *Let us pray for openness to the words of Jesus, especially when they challenge us and perplex us.*
- *Let us pray for the gifts of true faith and true love.*

A BIG THANK YOU FROM FR. PAUL to everyone who contributed so generously to his 3 Peaks Challenge. **£3,118** has been raised for CAFOD and **£1,000** for Jubilee Action; cheques were sent off to both charities during the week.

TODAY - SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 9am & 10am Masses

WELCOME RITES: 10am & 11am Masses.

CAKE SALE: J & P Group in aid of Southampton & Winchester Visitor's Group (SWVG) in St. Edmund's Hall after 09.00 and 11.00 Masses.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community **Isabella De Sousa**, daughter of Fernando and Elsa; **Isaac O'Brien**, son of Ewen and Claire; **Mikael André Nunes Valente**, son of Helder and Sandra; **Elliot Talbot-Cardoso**, son of Luke and Sonia who are to be baptised at 12.30pm in St. Edmund's Church.

ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH CLEANERS MEETING: 4pm Sun. 3rd Oct. in St. Edmund's Hall.

STUDENT CHOIR: 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm.

STUDENT MASS 7pm Sun. 3rd Oct. in St. Edmund's Church followed by a welcome with nibbles in St. Edmund's Hall afterwards. We encourage all students to please come along and join us!

THIS WEEK

FAIR TRADE SHOP 6th birthday! Mon. 4th Oct. (106 Shirley High Street, Tel 8051 3344).

ST. ANNE'S OPEN EVENINGS: 5th Oct. 5.30pm—8pm for entry into Year 7 in Sep. 2011 and 12th Oct. 6pm—8pm for entry into Lower Sixth in Sep. 2011. See Notice Board for more info.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet every Tues. at 8.00pm in St. Edmund's Hall. All welcome.

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. 6th Oct. at 7.45pm St. Edmund's Hall. A warm welcome is assured.

JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK GROUP meeting 7.45pm Wed. 6th Oct. in Presbytery.

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN EVENING: 6pm Thurs. 7th Oct. Leaside Way, Swaythling. Tel. 023 8032 2603.

STEWARDSHIP GROUP MEETING 7.30pm Thurs. 7th Oct. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

FOR INFO: Mon. Day off: VH/PL

Tue. Diocesan Schools Committee & Finance VH

Memorial Mass for Father John Dunne: VH

Fri. (overnight): Diocesan Pastoral Council VH

Sat./Sun.: Celebrate Conference PL

NEXT WEEKEND

THE CELEBRATE WEEKEND: 9th & 10th Oct. St Mary's College, Bitterne Park, Southampton. Contact Peter & Lynda Szymanski 8029 2058.

WEDDING BELLS: Darren Jackson and Magdalena Sarwa to be married at 4pm on Sat. 9th Oct. in St. Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

NEXT WEEK

GOSPEL CHOIR Sun. 10th Oct. 7pm Mass

CATHOLIC CARE meeting 7.30pm Wed. 13th Oct. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

'THIS PROMISE IS FOR YOU' - A course of weekly video talks to take place over 6 weeks to help us to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. Organised by the Wellspring Prayer Group. Tues. at 7.30 pm in St Edmund's Hall **starting Tues. 12 Oct.** Contact Frank Capocci 8077 2868. All are welcome.

WEDDING BELLS: Michael Barber & Sarah Williams 1pm Fri. 15th Oct. in St. Edmund's Church. *May God bless them both all the days of their lives.*



"LET'S GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS!"
EVENING— 7.30pm Thurs. 14th Oct. in St. Joseph's Hall, Bugle Street, an opportunity to purchase cards, decorations, gifts. Stall holders are: *Sugarsnaps* (specialising in children's photos), *Wow Cupcakes*, *Avon*, *The Body Shop*, *Jamie at Home*, *The Fair Trade Shop*, *Phoenix Traders* & other local traders. Tickets £10 for sale at the Parish Office & **include a glass of mulled wine.**

GENERAL ITEMS

OCTOBER 200 CLUB WINNERS!
1st Prize—Karen Nugent £30.00
2nd Prize—M. Hall-Patch £15.00

INFO RE YOUNG CATHOLICS SOUTH: visit the group web page <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=146346682073674#!/group.php?gid=348103697656>. Add Peter McGeedy (PA's Youth Project Co-ordinator) as a friend. Make sure your parents are happy with this if under 18. http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=348103697656&v=app_2344061033#!/pjmceady YC South contact detail cards also available in porches of St. Joseph's & St. Edmund's. A database of all young people in the area is being created, please fill the cards out and hand them to the parish office or to someone trustworthy or email your details to: pjmceady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

PARISH REPORTS: Pastoral Area Meeting: the PA Council met in St Boniface and heard of the developments taking place with **youth work** and involvement. It reflected on the **Papal visit** and how we need to use what the Pope said and the witness he gave to continue reaching out to our faith communities and the wider community. They discussed a possible job description for an **Area Pastoral Assistant**.

City Centre Pastoral Group met the same week and picked up much of what was discussed at the PA meeting and how we can develop some of the ideas. They also discussed the planned visit of the Bishop on the 7th November (this will be an 'informal visit' when he will preside at the 11 am Mass and meet parishioners after and then meet the CCPG and possibly another group in the afternoon).

AT HIS GENERAL AUDIENCE A WEEK AGO POPE BENEDICT (reflecting on his UK visit) said: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as you know, I have just returned from my first Apostolic Journey to the United Kingdom, and I wish to send my affectionate greetings to all those I met and those who contributed to the visit through the media during four days, which have begun a new and important phase in the long-standing relations between the Holy See and Great Britain.

Last Thursday, I was honoured by the warm welcome of Her Majesty The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in Scotland's historic capital Edinburgh. Later that day, I celebrated Mass in Glasgow in the presence of many bishops, priests, religious and a great concourse of the faithful against the backdrop of a beautiful sunset at Bellahouston Park, within sight of the place where my beloved predecessor celebrated Mass with the Scots twenty-eight years ago.

Upon arriving in London, I met thousands of Catholic students and schoolchildren at a very joyful celebration, reminding all of us of the excellent and essential work being done by Catholic schools and teachers throughout the land. I then had the pleasure of meeting the clerical and lay representatives of different religions and of discussing the search for the sacred common to all men.

Later, I had the honour of calling upon His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury who has come on several occasions to meet me in Rome. Our meeting at Lambeth Palace, in the presence of the Bishops of the Church of the England, was very cordial and fraternal. I then crossed the river to Westminster where I was given the unprecedented opportunity to address both Houses of Parliament gathered in Westminster Hall on the importance of a fruitful dialogue between religion and reason, a theme as relevant in the time of Saint Thomas More as it is in our own day. Finally that day, I had the privilege of kneeling in prayer with the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Tomb of Saint Edward in Westminster Abbey, and of giving thanks to God with the Archbishop, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland and other British Christian leaders, for the many blessings God has bestowed upon our efforts to re-knit the fabric of our Christian fellowship.

The next morning, I had the pleasure of greeting Prime Minister David Cameron, Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg and Ms Harriet Harman, leader of the Opposition, before celebrating Mass in Westminster Cathedral, with a liturgy evocative of the best of the English musical tradition in the celebration of the Roman rite. That afternoon, I was welcomed very cordially by the Little Sisters of the Poor and the elderly people they look after. There I also had the chance to thank and encourage those charged with the safeguarding of children in Britain. That evening I participated at a beautiful vigil of deep prayerfulness and stillness at Hyde Park with tens of thousands of the faithful.

On Sunday morning, I travelled to Birmingham where I had the joy of celebrating the Beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman. Later that day, after a warm and fraternal meeting with all the Bishops of Britain, I was bidden farewell by Prime Minister Cameron during a very

cordial speech at Birmingham International Airport on the Government's wish to build a partnership for development with the Catholic Church and others.

Sunday, then, was a moment of deep personal satisfaction, as the Church celebrated the blessedness of a great Englishman, whose life and writings I have admired for many years and who has come to be appreciated by countless people far beyond the shores of his native land. Blessed John Henry Newman's clear-minded search to know and express the truth in charity, at whatever cost to his own personal comfort, status and even friendships, is a wonderful testimony of a pure desire to know and love God in the communion of the Church. His is surely an example that can inspire us all.

RICH REWARDS: Katja Babei, Diocesan Advisor for Marriage & Family Life, is leading a **parenting enrichment course** in St. Edmund's Hall 7pm—8.30pm 14th & 21st Oct. and 4th & 11th Nov. cost £6. Advance booking is essential. For booking form / info. email estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Tel. 01329 835583.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB please contact Kate McEwing or the parish office if you can spare an hour or two once or twice a month.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA with Fr. Des 10—19 Oct. 2011. Cost £720. Contact Tony or Lilian Di Silva on 01264359023. **Closing date for decision to come along is 31st Oct. 2010.** Travel agent needs the numbers.

YOUNG CATHOLIC COUPLE looking for accommodation on a temporary or permanent basis. Contact Elina 07707087389 or Lucas 07756093392.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? How are our parishes going to respond to Pope Benedict XVI's teaching and reflections on British society? What are we going to do? If you would like to reflect further on his words and then be part of a team to develop some practical ways in which we could build on the success of his visit, join Fr. Des in the side chapel in Holy Family Church, Millbrook at 7.30pm on Mon. 18th Oct.

SCANTLEBURY'S CD NOW AVAILABLE – Canon Robert Scantlebury was a leading Catholic historian in St. Joseph's Church in the 1920's. This is his last work left unpublished at his death and Carole Olding (PA Archive Asst. - St. Boniface) has been able to complete it for him and the Diocese. See notice board for more details. Web: www.st-boniface.org.uk for more research info. Contact Carol on carole@cjto.co.uk.

GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOPS—St. John's Cathedral Portsmouth. 7 workshops from Oct. 2010—Apr. 2011. Contact chantnetwork@gmail.com or 023 9286 2384 for info. Also see Notice Boards for details.

MAGNIFICAT hope you enjoyed the **special Papal visit edition of Liturgies & Events** and request you take a **copy free of charge to keep**. (These are available in the porch). They have a **reduced rate subscription** on offer until 15th Oct. £29 for a year's subscription. Sign up at www.catholicherald.co.uk/popedea1

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2010

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| SAT | VIGIL MASS 2 OCTOBER | | 6.15PM SJ LYNN McLEAN & ANGELA McKILLIN RIP (RM) |
| | | | 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH |
| SUN | 3 OCTOBER | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | 9.00AM SE LOURDES MASCARENHAS RIP (RM) |
| | | | 10.00AM SJ HUGH & BERNIE McCONNELL SPECIAL INTS. (JP) |
| | | | 11.00AM SE KITTY CUMMINGS 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS (PC) |
| TUES | 5 OCTOBER | 27TH WEEK OF O.T. | 7.00PM SE SR. KATHLEEN RIP (A&TN) |
| WED | 6 OCTOBER | 27TH WEEK OF O.T. | 10.00AM SE MONICA HENIGAN RIP (F) |
| THURS | 7 OCTOBER | OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY | 7.00PM SE PEGGY CAMPBELL RIP (A&TN) |
| FRI | 8 OCTOBER | 27TH WEEK OF O.T. | 12.15PM SJ PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| SAT | 9 OCTOBER | OUR LADY ON SATURDAY | 7.00PM SE CANON GERARD DWYER RIP (F) |
| | | | 11.00AM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| | | | 6.15PM SJ PATRICK NOLAN RIP (FF) |
| | | | 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH |
| SUN | 10 OCTOBER | TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | 9.00AM SE AGOSTINHO GONSALVES RIP (MG) |
| | | | 10.00AM SJ JOHN & NATALIE LIVETT WEDDING DAY (PL) |
| | | | 11.00AM SE JOSEPH McGRATH RIP (MC&EC) |
| | | | 7.00PM SE MARGARET McCABE RIP (G&TL) |

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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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Psalm Response

○ that today you would listen to his voice!
 Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER
28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

1st reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

2nd reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

2nd COLLECTION TODAY
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2nd COLLECTION
NEXT WEEK
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| 26/9/2010 | 1st Collection | 2nd Coll. CASE |
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| Total | £2564.36 | £338.24 |
| Cash | £902.89 | £193.24 |
| S / O | £1298.02 | £145.00 |
| Gift Aid Tax Re- | £363.45 | - |

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 St Anne's 8032 8200, St George 8032 2603