



26TH SEPTEMBER 2010

**THE 26TH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**



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

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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**



Be aware!

Lazarus, like a large part of today's world population, was poor, sick, without shelter and alone in his suffering. The Rich Man was not necessarily evil or heartless (he cared for his brothers later on!) but was ignorant of Lazarus' plight, even unaware of his existence.

In our comfort we can sometimes ignore the world 'out there' beyond us. Although the media brings much of this human suffering into our living rooms there is a danger of information fatigue on our behalf: we see but do not perceive, we hear and do not really listen. When addressing the audience in Westminster Hall on the 17th September Pope Benedict said:

I [also] note that the present Government has committed the United Kingdom to devoting 0.7% of national income to development aid by 2013. In recent years it has been encouraging to witness the positive signs of a worldwide growth in solidarity towards the poor. But to turn this solidarity into effective action calls for fresh thinking that will improve life conditions in many important areas, such as food production, clean water, job creation, education, support to families, especially migrants, and basic healthcare. Where human lives are concerned, time is always short: yet the world has witnessed the vast resources that governments can draw upon to rescue financial institutions deemed "too big to fail". Surely the integral human development of the world's peoples is no less important: here is an enterprise, worthy of the world's attention, that is truly "too big to fail".

We in our own way must be aware of the plight of others, at home and abroad, and respond in whatever way we can: in solidarity (fasting and the like), in practical ways (financially or giving of time), and spiritually (prayer and the Eucharist).

Vincent Harvey

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. Who do you ignore? Why?
2. How can you become more 'alert' to the suffering around you?
3. How can you respond to the needs of others (at home and abroad)?

Papal Visit Legacy: 3000 images blessed by the Pope distributed across England and Wales:

Every Catholic parish in England and Wales will receive an image and candle blessed by the Pope to support them in their ongoing journey of faith.

As a legacy of Pope Benedict XVI's visit, 3000 copies of the Pre-Raphaelite painter William Holman Hunt's, 'Light of the World' will be distributed, with 145 being sent to prison chaplains. The image and candles were blessed during the Prayer Vigil at Hyde Park on the evening of 18th September.

Fr Andrew Headon is the Chair of the Hyde Park Steering Committee and said: 'Holman Hunt's painting has been described as "a sermon in a frame" and reminds everyone that Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts. The painting invites us to reflect that Jesus' heart cries out for our hearts to be one with his. He is standing at the door and knocking, offering love and peace.'

It is suggested that the framed images are used in prayer groups, schools, prisons, hospitals, hospices, schools and are made available through Catholic parishes to all those who desire to speak to God 'Heart to heart', to encourage prayer and witness. The image has been reproduced through the permission of Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral, London.

TODAY - SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

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

PARISH GET TOGETHER: 12pm—4pm Springhill School, a day of celebration, reflection, fun and sharing, for all ages. Programme: 12.30pm—shared buffet lunch, everyone brings some food to share, 1:00-3:30pm Choice of activities.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR *Breda Conlon* who died during the week. Her funeral will take place at Wessex Vale Crematorium on the 5th October. Our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.

THIS WEEK

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE open evening 6.30pm—9.00pm Mon. 27th Sep. 57 Midanbury Lane, Bitterne Park. Tel. 023 8067 1267. See Notice Board.

BAPTISM PREPARATION 2nd session from 7pm—8pm Mon. 27th Sep. in St. Edmund's Hall.

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. 29th Sep. at 7.45pm St. Edmund's Hall. A warm welcome is assured.

JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING 7.30pm Thurs. 30th Sep. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: 1st October. This Harvest, CAFOD, is casting the spotlight on Rwanda as an example of how the church's long-term support is enabling people to flourish and live in dignity, 16 years after the terrible genocide. Thank you to all who regularly support the work of CAFOD.

FOR INFO:

All week: VH away. Mon. Day off: PL

NEXT WEEKEND

HCPT GROUP 170 EVENT - Holy Family Hall, Millbrook, Sat 2nd Oct, 7.30pm —Dinner and *Silhouette* present "*Once More, With Feeling*" songs from the Shows to raise funds for HCPT. Tickets £10 includes a two course meal are available after Mass. Tel. Roxy Ashworth 07590312407.

CAKE SALE: J & P Group in aid of Southampton & Winchester Visitor's Group (SWVG) in St. Edmund's Hall on Sun. 3rd Oct after 09.00 and 11.00 Masses.

ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH CLEANERS MEETING: 4pm Sun. 3rd Oct. in St. Edmund's Hall to discuss & plan for future programmes and co-ordination.

NEXT WEEK

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



A DAY ON THE EUCHARIST with an Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. **Sat. 2nd Oct. from 10am-4pm in St John's Cathedral Portsmouth.** Led by David Payne and Fr Emmanuel CFR facilitated by Fr. Paul Leonard. **A Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Crispian,** Sacrament of

Reconciliation, Catecheses, Testimonies, Healing Service with the Blessed Sacrament, fellowship, refreshments and light lunch. Please contact the Anne Wheeler in the Parish Office if you will be attending.

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!

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.

INSPIRE: Join this new group for 11-13 year olds for fun, food & friendship and a mixture of activities, games and learning about our faith. 7pm—8.30pm Fri. 8th Oct. in St. Boniface Hall, Shirley.

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.

GENERAL ITEMS

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Peggy Murray (op. 30th & recovery), Bridget Busk (op. recovery), Alex Aitken, Fr. Paul Spellman, Sheila Quinn, Percy White, John Dorling, Derek Norman, Pat Cummings, Mike, Coni Lugo, André Neves, Stephen Brooks, Peter Scott, Brendan Hall, Dawn Carter, Sheelah Munford, Cecelia Coutinho, Eugene Coyle, Eileen O'Toole, Norma Redhead, 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, Pat Leonard (op. 28th & recovery), 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.

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTAS OCT—JAN. NOW AVAILABLE IN ST. EDMUND'S & ST. JOSEPH'S SACRISTIES.

'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. On Tuesdays at 7.30 pm in St Edmund's Hall **starting on Tues. 12 Oct.** Details on notice board or from Frank Capocci on 8077 2868. All are welcome.

POPE BENEDICT 'ON ABUSE WITHIN THE CHURCH':
 (Here too) I think of the immense suffering caused by the abuse of children, especially within the Church and by her ministers. Above all, I express my deep sorrow to the innocent victims of these unspeakable crimes, along with my hope that the power of Christ's grace, his sacrifice of reconciliation, will bring deep healing and peace to their lives. I also acknowledge, with you, the shame and humiliation which all of us have suffered because of these sins; and I invite you to offer it to the Lord with trust that this chastisement will contribute to the healing of the victims, the purification of the Church and the renewal of her age-old commitment to the education and care of young people. I express my gratitude for the efforts being made to address this problem responsibly, and I ask all of you to show your concern for the victims and solidarity with your priests. (Westminster Cathedral Homily 18th September)

It is deplorable that, in such marked contrast to the Church's long tradition of care for them, children have suffered abuse and mistreatment at the hands of some priests and religious. We have all become much more aware of the need to safeguard children, and you are an important part of the Church's broad-ranging response to the problem. While there are never grounds for complacency, credit should be given where it is due: the efforts of the Church in this country and elsewhere, especially in the last ten years, to guarantee the safety of children and young people and to show them every respect as they grow to maturity, should be acknowledged. I pray that your generous service will help to reinforce an atmosphere of trust and renewed commitment to the welfare of children, who are such a precious gift from God. (To Safeguarding Professionals 18th September)

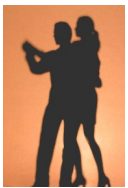
THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE Fr. Paul would like to thank everyone who donated to CAFOD & Jubilee Action. He aims to tally up and distribute the money next week. **Please could Fr. Paul have all pledges promised as soon as possible.**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Sarah Louise Williams and Michael John Barber to be married in St Edmund's on the 15th of October.

LET'S GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS! In aid of The Mayor's Charities - Crafts, recipes, gifts, cards, treats, jewellery, decoration, ideas. 7.30pm Thurs. 14th Oct. in St. Joseph's Hall, Bugle Street. In aid of Southampton Sunday Lunch Club and St. Mary's Titanic Memorial Window. Tickets £10 available from the Parish Office.

BARN DANCE 7pm—10.45pm Sat. 23rd Oct. in the Colbury Hall, Ashurst to raise **fund for the Poitier Project.** See Notice Board.

SOUTHAMPTON AREA CATHOLIC DINNER & DANCE Fri. 12th November 2010, 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Tickets £25. Tickets now available in the Parish



HELPERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB please contact Kate McEwing or the parish office.

CONFIRMATION programme begins 9th Jan. 2011 for Candidates Year 9 and above. This will take place on 3rd July 2011 in Holy Family Church, Millbrook.

ART, BEAUTY & INSPIRATION: Rediscovering the Language of Art. A one year distance learning programme through the Maryvale Institute, International Catholic College, Birmingham. For info. see website www.maryvale.ac.uk or the Notice Board.

THANK YOU to Dudley and the team who manned the Papal Visit Info. gazebo for 4 days last week. A great interest was shown by people of faith and none in all that was happening! **THANK YOU** to Group Leaders who assisted pilgrims to the Cofton Park & Hyde Park pilgrimages last weekend. The Papal Visit has been a blessing to us all!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME—YEAR 3 or above to join this year's Parish programme please complete by Monday 18th October.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME—Year 9 or above. To join the Confirmation Preparation programme, please complete the form by 31st December 2010.

CONFIRMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Name:..... **Tel. No.**

Address:

..... **Post Code:**.....

E-mail: **School attending:**

Please return to Mgr. Vincent, Fr. Paul or the Parish Office

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2010

SAT	VIGIL MASS 25 SEPTEMBER		6.15PM SJ NORA HUNTER RIP (MH) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	26 SEPTEMBER	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE CAJETAN D' COSTA RIP (AD) 10.00AM SJ HUGH JOSEPH McCONNELL—GET WELL (JP) 11.00AM SE ANUSHKA'S PRAYERS FOR SAMDAMALI & SANJIVA & RACHAEL & JAMES WEDDING 7.00PM SE LEO VARGHESE—8TH BIRTHDAY INTS (LV)
TUES	28 SEPTEMBER	26TH WEEK OF O.T.	10.00AM SE MARY JANE & JAMES McATEER RIP (BM)
WED	29 SEPTEMBER	THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL	7.00PM SE LOURDES MASCARANHAS RIP (RM)
THURS	30 SEPTEMBER	26TH WEEK OF O.T.	12.15PM SJ LAURENCE & MARIE ELIZABETH CRAWLEY RIP (F)
FRI	1 OCTOBER	ST. TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS	7.00PM SE JOHN JAMES MURPHY RIP (F)
SAT	2 OCTOBER	THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS	11.00AM SE IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF JOE & EILEEN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY (EG) 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) 7.00PM SE SR. KATHLEEN RIP (A&TN)

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Psalm Response

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

1st reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2nd reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10

2nd COLLECTION TODAY

CATHEDRAL

2nd COLLECTION

NEXT WEEK

CAFOD

	1st Collection	2nd Coll. CASE
Total	£2624.51	£302.50
Cash	£963.04	£146.50
S / O	£1298.02	£156.00
Gift Aid Tax Re-	£363.45	

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.

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