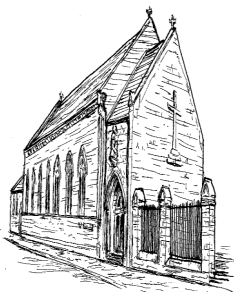


21ST FEBRUARY
2010

1ST SUNDAY
OF LENT



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY No. 246871
New web address: <http://www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk/>

A Stewardship Parish in a Stewardship Diocese

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



Cycling through Lent

Fr. Paul writes...

It is by riding a bicycle that you learn the geography and contours of a town best, since you have to sweat up the hills and coast down them. In this way, you remember them as they actually are, while in a car only a really steep hill gets your attention, and you have no such abiding memory of the town you have driven through as you gain by riding a bicycle.

I do most of my visiting on my bike. When I hit the road on my bike, I realise that Southampton is quite hilly as I survey it from the pedals, sometimes quickly as I am coasting, at other times more slowly as I work my legs and lungs in an uphill climb, with muscles which haven't been used in a while screaming from the effort required.

In life we seldom stop and take stock, realising how much good God has brought into our lives, how well we have dealt with adversity, but how much further we have to go to become more faithful. The Season of Lent calls us to get out of the car, perhaps, and to get on the bicycle, to stop witnessing life from a high speed, and to examine it in more details, with a closer sense of perspective.

The practices we adopt might help to train us physically in some ways, but all is consecrated toward God, to deepen in our relationship with the One who loves us most. Whether that's to realize how hard it is to not have that mid-morning snack on a fast day, or to cheerfully order a soft drink in the pub instead of some alcohol. Whether that is to take a few minutes out of our morning routine for some prayer and meditation, or to make the sacrifice to treat our (your) children or colleagues with special kindness when we are having a bad day.

The Gospel for this, the 1st Sunday of Lent, invites us to focus our attention on Luke's account of the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness. Jesus' desert experience raises important questions for us.

- What are some of the 'desert' experiences I have been through in my life?
- What desert experience am I living through right now?
- When and how do I find moments of contemplation in the midst of a busy life?
- Have I been courageous and persevering in fighting my own demons?



TODAY—SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2010

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

every Sunday at 6.00pm
in St. Edmund's Church

SECOND COLLECTION: Church Building Fund

FILIPINO CHOIR 7pm Mass, Rehearsal at 6pm in St. Edmund's Hall due to Stations of the Cross.

RECENTLY DIED:

Kathleen Yates of Green Lane, Hamble. Funeral held at 11.30am on Fri. 19th February in St. Edmund's Church followed by cremation at West End Crematorium. Our sympathy to her family. **May she rest in peace.**



THIS WEEK

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 22nd Feb.—7th March.

SING IT! to meet 6.30pm—9pm on Mon. 22nd Feb. in Springhill School.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP— meet every Tuesday evening at 8pm in St. Edmund's Hall. All are welcome.

PASTORAL AREA PASTORAL COUNCIL meet 7.30pm on Tues. on 24th Feb. at Holy Family Church.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB meet every Wed. at 12noon in St. Edmund's Hall.

CLEAR (City Life Education & Action for Refugees) FUNDED "GET READY FOR BUSINESS" COURSE from 24 Feb—23 June 2010 (15 weeks). It is a course for people who want to start their own business and whose first language is not English. Contact Allegra Carlton Tel. 023 8022 2271.

SOUP LUNCHESES Thurs. 25th Feb. at St. Michael's Church, Bugle Street, at 1.05pm (after 12.15pm Mass at St. Joseph's) also on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th Mar. £2 per person. All proceeds to CAFOD and Christian Aid. All welcome.

RCIA meet every Thurs. at 7.30pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY 50th ANNIVERSARY - To mark this occasion Bishop Crispian will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Fri. 26th Feb. at 12.15 pm. All welcome. Over the last 50 years, more than £65 million has been raised by ordinary people at Lent Fast Day, which has transformed the lives of thousands of people living in extreme poverty throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America.

CONCERT BY MUSIC SCHOLARS of Southampton University at 7pm Fri. 26th Feb. in St. Michael's Church, Bugle Street. Tickets £5.00 Tel. 023 8067 2200, in aid of the Wessex Cancer Trust. See Notice Board.

FOR INFO.

Mon. 22nd Feb. Day off (VH)

Tues. 23rd Feb. Pastoral Area visit Leigh Park (VH)

Thurs. 25th Feb. Bishop's Council Maidenhead (VH)

Fri. 26th Feb. Pastoral Area visit Bracknell (VH)

Mon. 22nd—Fri. 26th Feb. PL away.

NEXT WEEKEND

GOSPEL CHOIR 7pm Sun. 28th Feb. Rehearsal 6pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION workshop for Parents and candidates 10.30am Sat. 27th Feb. in Stella Maris Centre / St. Joseph's Hall, Bugle Street.

ARCHBISHOP PAUL OF BAMENDA (retired) died on 26th Jan. Bishop Crispian to celebrate a Requiem Mass for him in the Cathedral 12.15pm Sat. 27th Mar.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to Monika Fluder and Pavel Maziarz who are to be married at 4pm Sat. 27th Feb. in St. Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.



NEXT WEEK

MONGU LENTEN PROJECT: please label the jar / bottle you kept aside (last week's Newsletter refers) with the Mongu Lenten sticker attached to this Newsletter. Please use it for your savings from the item/s you have given up for Lent. We will be collecting these at the end of Lent. On Saturday night **24th April** we will be holding a **Cheese & Wine Quiz** night to raise money for our Mongu Lenten Project, more info to follow closer to the time.

WINCHESTER CATHOLIC HISTORY GROUP— "Monastic Gardens" illustrated talk by James Bond, Landscape Archaeologist & Author at 7.45pm on Mon. 1st March at The Milner Hall, St. Peter Street, Winchester for lecture at 8pm. Non Members £3.00. See Notice Board.

FAITH LIVE group to meet 7.45pm on Wed. 3rd March in St. Edmund's Presbytery

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—WWDP on Fri. 5th March in the Central Baptist Church. This year the service has been prepared by the women of Cameroon. All welcome.

GENERAL ITEMS

WORLD YOUTH DAY: interested in attending World Youth Day in Madrid in August 2011, or would like more information? Please contact Peter McGeady, on 07769258378 before the end of February 2010.

ROYAL SOUTH HANTS HOSPITAL— if you are going to be admitted or have a family member who has been admitted to the Fanshawe or Brambles Wards and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office.

BOARBANK HALL - COURSES:

- "Thinking Faith" – 24th-30th July 2010, for Catholic students & young professionals
- "Health and Salvation" – 15th – 20th November 2010, a retreat for healthcare workers.

For more details, www.boarbankhall.org.uk/events or Sr. Margaret email: margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR—Jenson Pearce (4½ years), Gertie McDonald, Monica Sethi, Mary Bowie, Elizabeth Ward, P.J. Phelan, Greta Phelan, Phyllis Richmond, Anthony Whelan, Teddy Blake, Faith, Brian Cunio, Margaret Stobbart, Sheila Morris, Yvonne Robertson, Philip Taylor, Janine Day, Eileen Smedley, Anushka Pooniah, Margaret de Groen, Anthony Ferrao, Terry Clark, Kay Gills, Tony Mercieca and all parishioners who are sick or recovering. Please let Parish Office know if you would like to add someone to the list.



REPOSITORY—ST. EDMUND'S
new stock of beautiful crosses and First Holy Communion gifts have just been received, come and have a look! Easter cards will be arriving at the end of February.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION - "A Good Book" at 1.00pm on Sun. 7th March in the Stella Maris Centre.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

AVAILABLE—immediate occupation, at No. 13 Rockstone Place, Southampton next door to the Presbytery. Rent £250.00 incl. all bills.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSIONS—the Diocesan Safeguarding Commission, with the endorsement of the Bishop, has decided that all volunteers must be trained in basic awareness of the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. This is in line with national policies within the Catholic Church. The next local training session will be on Sat. 20th March at Immaculate Conception, Portswood.

- **10.00am - 12.30pm for Child Protection.**
- **1.30pm - 4.00pm for Vulnerable Adults.**

Please attend the session(s) relevant to your role. Please give your name to Anne Wheeler as soon as possible so that we can book places on this date.

ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY

Day of Recollection 13th March: "The Season of Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation" 10.00am-4.00pm - bring a packed lunch—donation: £6. The day will include a couple of talks, opportunity for confession, Holy Mass and prayer. See Notice Board for more info.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?



Finding out a bit more? We would like to offer you the opportunity of joining the New Seekers group next meeting on Wed 17th Mar. in St. Edmund's Hall.

PASSOVER MEAL

7.30pm Thursday 25th March in St. Edmund's Hall.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday 29th March at 7.30pm in St. Edmund's

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 28th March—Blessing of Palms & Procession with St. Michael's at St. Joseph's 10am Mass

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 1st April:

- Family Mass of Lord's Supper St Joseph's 6.15pm
- Mass of Lord's Supper St Edmund's 8.00pm

Good Friday 2nd April:

- Office of Readings & Morning Prayer St Edmund's 9.00am
- Stations of the Cross St Edmund's 10.00am
- Family Liturgy of the Cross St Joseph's 11.30am
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion St Edmund's 3.00pm
- Prayer around the Cross St Edmund's 8.00pm

Holy Saturday 3rd April:

- Office of Readings & Morning Prayer St Edmund's 9.00am
- Altar Servers' Practice St Edmund's 11.30am
- Polish Blessing of food for first meal of Easter St. Edmund's 2pm – 4pm with Frs. Vincent, Paul, Wojciech & Mariusz
- Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection St Edmund's 9pm
- Easter Sunday Masses St. Edmund's 9am, 11am, 7pm and St. Joseph's 10am.

CATHOLIC SINGLES—helps practicing Catholics meet other Catholics. Supports Catholic Parishes and Charities, donating thousands of pounds from members' fees. Provides a strictly confidential service. Sends members a monthly bulletin called Catholic Networking. Publicises social events free of charge. £10 annual membership plus an initial donation. Free information with no obligation from Catholic Singles on Tel. 0161 941 3498, e-mail: info@catholicsingles.org.uk website: www.catholicsingles.org.uk

200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP—

Would you consider joining? (£1 a month = £12 pa). Twelve draws a year. If we had 200 numbers taken it would increase our monthly winnings to £100. 50% of the fees are donated to the parish and 50% go towards the 1st & 2nd prizes. You can take as many numbers as you like. Interested in joining?? please contact Anne Wheeler at the parish office. **Fees due end of February 2010.**



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2010**

SAT	VIGIL MASS 20 FEBRUARY		6.15PM SJ MARY GORHAM RIP (AG) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	21 FEBRUARY	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00AM SE AGOSTINA GONSALVES RIP (MG) 10.00AM SJ ANNA BARENDT RIP (F) 11.00AM SE EILEEN COLES RIP (MB) 7.00PM SE LOURDES MASCARENHAS RIP (RM)
MON	22 FEBRUARY	THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER	5:00PM SE MEMORIAL MASS FOR BENNY LED BY A GOAN PRIEST FROM LONDON
TUES	23 FEBRUARY	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	10.00AM SE WILLIAM CHUBB & FAMILY (F)
WED	24 FEBRUARY	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	6.30AM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 7.00PM SE MARY BROWN RIP (F)
THUR	25 FEBRUARY	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	12.15PM SJ CHARLES HARRINGTON RIP (F)
FRI	26 FEBRUARY	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT (LENTEN FAST DAY)	7.00PM SE ELIZABETH FINN RIP (F)
SAT	27 FEBRUARY	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	11.00AM SE MICHAEL DWYER RIP (F) 6.15PM SJ FR. JOHN O'SHEA INTS. (SR. NUALA) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	28 FEBRUARY	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00AM SE M. CARROLL RIP (F) 10.00AM SJ MAIREAD MOORE RIP (LL) 11.00AM SE EILEEN COLES RIP (MB) 7.00PM SE JULIA DWYER RIP (F)

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1st SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

Psalm Response

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Prayer of the Church week 1

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

1st reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

2nd reading: Philippians 3:17-4.1

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

CHURCH BUILDING FUND

SECOND COLLECTION

NEXT WEEK

CAFOD LENT DAY

14/2/2010	1 st Collection	Cabrini Children's Society
Total	2687.76	458.29
Cash	1119.85	283.79
S / O	1207.15	174.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	360.76	

Thank You For your Generous Contributions. Please note, the Gift Aid tax rebate on the second collection is retained by the Parish. Your donations make the life and work of the parish possible.

Our Catholic Schools: Springhill Catholic Primary 8033 3954
 St Anne's Girls School 8032 8200 St George's Boys College 8032 2603