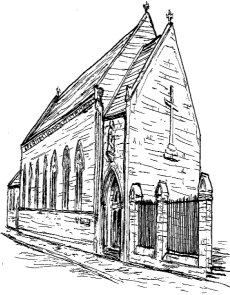


31ST JANUARY  
2010

4TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME



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

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**A Stewardship Parish in a Stewardship Diocese**

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



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS—SUCH A GREAT BLESSING TO US

### Fr. John writes:

Today I want to pay a tribute to the Governors, Headteachers, Teachers, Administrators, Parents and pupils of our Catholic schools for their support and commitment to Catholic education. Sometimes we can take for granted that which is of great beauty and importance and fail to even recognise it. Few of us remember the struggle that our forefathers endured when trying to establish Catholic schools in our parishes. I have always been edified when I am reminded that in the past the church in England put the establishment of Catholic schools as a priority before church buildings. Our Catholic schools are now well established and take a leading role in education in our towns and cities. What makes Catholic schools different to others is that they recognise faith, our belief in Jesus and our Gospel values where prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist is normal. Over the last 10 years I have been much involved with the Chaplaincy team in Springhill School as a foundation Governor in St. George Catholic Secondary School and presiding at Masses for St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School. I have also had the privilege of presiding at the Annual Teacher's Mass for all the Catholic Teachers in Southampton, all of which have led me to admire the commitment and faith of our Catholic teachers. May God continue to bless the ministry of our Catholic teachers.



### THANK YOU - MOVING TO PASTURES NEW

As I bow out from the parish as your Parish Priest I want to thank you for your kindness and support over the last 10 years. I have been richly blessed to have such a privileged place in this community. I have been truly humbled by the many cards, letters and gifts received during this last week. I also want to thank you for your very generous collection of £2,240 as a farewell gift to me, I am very aware of all the envelopes that have been coming through the collections and through the letterbox during these last days. It is overwhelming to me and it's difficult to find the adequate words to express how I feel and how truly grateful I am to you all. Be assured of my continued prayers, you and this community will always be etched in my heart.



### A WARM WELCOME TO MGR. VINCENT HARVEY

A change of Parish Priest is a hugely significant event in the life of a parish community. It will take time before you get to know your new priest. Mgr. Vincent has spent 13 years in Basingstoke and I know he was much loved by the Holy Ghost parish there. He has just overseen the building of a new presbytery, church and parish centre—St. Bede's. He has spent the last 3 months on a sabbatical in Jerusalem, so comes hotfoot steeped in the Scriptures and his experience in the Holy Land. During our pilgrimage in October, we met up with him in Bethlehem. I know you will give him a great St. Joseph's & St. Edmund's welcome. I know too that you will offer your support and try to introduce him to the various groups and associations in the parish. It's the beginning of a new chapter in the life and history of this community. Let us pray that the Lord will bless him and give him the strength and courage to lead this community in the years ahead.



## **TODAY—SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY 2010**

### **SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

**MUSIC** at 7pm Mass. Gemma Vandome is to play and would welcome any volunteers who would join her at the piano to assist with the singing.

**FINAL WEEKEND FOR FR. JOHN**—he will celebrate the 6.15pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's and 9am and 11am Masses at St. Edmund's and the 6.30pm Student Mass at Southampton University.

**PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE** available this weekend, note special article by Karen Platt on Fr. John's 40th Anniversary (40 hours of prayer). Please take your free copy.

**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS** at 7.00pm Mass today. We welcome those seeking to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter.

#### **RECENTLY DIED:**

**Owen Joseph Corrigan** of Keynsham Road, Bitterne. Funeral Mass at 10am on Wednesday 10th Feb. in St. Edmund's Church, followed by a burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. Our sympathy to his family.

**Mary Katherine Derlary (Kate)** of Hesketh House, Freemantle. Cremation service Wed. 3rd Feb at 11.45am in the West Chapel. Our sympathy to her family. **May they rest in peace.**



#### **THIS WEEK**

**MON. 1ST FEB. FR. JOHN** to go to Reading and **WE WELCOME OUR NEW PRIEST MGR. VINCENT HARVEY** who moves in to the Presbytery in the afternoon.

**FEAST DAY OF PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE / CANDLEMAS** includes blessing of candles 10 am Mass Tues. 2 Feb at St. Edmund's

**HOMELESSNESS WEEK** 30th Jan. to 7 Feb. On Tues. 2 Feb. 7.30 pm in the Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Portswood the J&P Group will welcome Trevor Pickup, Chief Executive of the Society of Saint James, who will talk about homelessness in Southampton and then take questions from the audience. All welcome.

**MANAGEMENT OF THE CATHOLIC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT** to meet 7.30pm on Tues. 2nd Feb. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP**—meet every Tuesday evening at 8pm. All are welcome.

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB** meet again Wed. 3rd Feb. at 12noon in St. Edmund's Hall.



**DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED:** Would you be able to assist with driving for the Wednesday luncheon club on a rota basis, even if you could do a trip either to or from the hall, please contact the Parish Office.



## **INDUCTION SERVICE FOR MGR. VINCENT HARVEY Fri. 5th Feb. at 7.30pm**

in St. Edmund's Church followed by a reception in St. Anne's School Hall.

This is a major event in for our parish community as we gather to welcome our new Parish Priest and co-ordinating Pastor of Southampton Central and West.

The Presider is Bishop Crispian who will lead the Service and install Mgr. Vincent as our new Parish Priest.

The Service (**not a Mass**) includes significant moments and rituals. Mgr. Vincent will receive a welcome from the Pastoral Area, The City Centre Pastoral Group, Catholic Care as well as a wide range of Civic and Religious leaders in the city of Southampton who will formerly welcome our new priest during the service.

We are delighted that the Mayor and Sheriff of Southampton will be with us for this very historic event in the life of our community. We urge as many of the parish community as possible to attend and share in this occasion.

- **CHOIR PRACTISE FOR INDUCTION SERVICE** at 7.30pm will be on Tues. 2nd Feb at St. Edmund's Church. Members of all choirs are asked to join in. We want to give our new priest a great welcome.
- The car parks at St. Anne's School & Linden Homes are available to us for the Induction Service. Please consider using St. Anne's car park.
- **Please note that entry to St. Anne's Hall from the church is via Rockstone Place and not through Linden Homes work site.**
- **WANTED—USHERS / STEWARDS** to help with the Induction Service. Please put your name on the sign up sheets at the back of the church.
- **HELP WITH CLEANING UP** — We would welcome help to clear up the school hall before we leave at the end of the evening.
- **FIRST MASSES**—Mgr. Vincent will celebrate 9am and 11am Masses at St. Edmund's on Sun. 7th February and 6.15pm, 10am and 7pm Masses on Sun. 14th February.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY MADRID 2011:** Information evening 7.30pm—9.00pm Wed. 3rd Feb. 2010 in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

**HALF PINTS** meet every Thurs. at 10.00am in St. Edmund's Hall.

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

## **NEXT WEEKEND**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** workshop for parents and children in the Stella Maris Centre / St. Joseph's Hall 10.30am—12noon Sat. 6th Feb.

**STUDENT CHOIR** 7pm Mass Sun. 7th Feb., Rehearsal at 6pm.

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE**—2.00pm Sun. 7th Feb. 2010 at Titchfield Haven (3 to 4 miles—to suit the conditions! No stiles - boots or wellies advisable). Meet at Titchfield Haven car park. Tel. 023 8022 3389 / 0775153 1984

## **NEXT WEEK**



**SING IT!** meet 6.30pm—9.00pm on Mon. 8th Feb. in Springhill School. The choir has been entered into the BBC Choir of the Year Competition this year.

**LITURGY GROUP** meeting Tues. 9th Feb. 7.30pm in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

**CCPG** meeting Wed. 10th Feb. 7.45pm in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**—Fran Morley, Mary Bowie, Elizabeth Ward, P.J. 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 and all parishioners who are sick or recovering. Please let Parish Office know if you would like to add someone to the list.

### **THE BIG BREAKFAST**

To welcome our new priest from 10am onwards **Sun. 14th Feb. in St. Edmund's Hall** after all morning Masses. Cost £5. Please come and join us and give a big welcome to Fr. Vincent. (Ash Weds. Lent - starts on 17th Feb!!)



**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION DATES** for candidates Sun. 14th Feb. 1.00pm—6.00pm. In the Stella Maris Centre.

**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.

**HOUSE TO RENT—WOOLSTON** unfurnished. 2 bedrooms, GCH, £550pm. Please contact the parish office for further details.

**STUDENT ROOMS TO LET** £300.00 pm includes all bills. Please contact the parish office.

**SHROVE TUESDAY**—Palm burning at 10.00am Mass Tues. 16th Feb., pancakes, waffles, cakes & raffle after Mass in St. Edmund's Hall.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY**

We begin with our **6.30am EARLY MORNING MASS IN LENT** in St. Edmund's followed by a light breakfast in the Hall. Please consider joining us in Lent for the early morning Mass.

#### **MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY**

St. Edmund's:

• 6.30am; 10.00am (Children's Mass); 7.00pm (not 7.30pm)

• Solent University 1.00 pm

St. Joseph's 12.15pm

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.



### **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.

**NEW ROTAS FOR 11AM WELCOMERS** now available in the Sacristy at St. Edmund's

**Living Our Faith**  
The people of the Diocese of Portsmouth



We continue to gain momentum as we reach out to the entire parish family. We have raised £177,153 to date. This tremendous response is the result of pledge commitments from 29 families and individuals, with an average gift of £6,108 over 5 years. A heartfelt 'thank you' also to the parishioners who are volunteering their time to assist our parish in this most important project. They are helping us share the impact and significance of "Living Our Faith" and how you can participate. When a volunteer telephones you, please prayerfully consider your support for this extraordinary opportunity.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR  
WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2010**

|             |                                  |   |            |   |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---|------------|---|
| <b>SAT</b>  | <b>VIGIL MASS<br/>30 JANUARY</b> |   | 6.15PM SJ  | <b>GEOFF BROOKE RIP (BM)</b>                              |
|             |                                  |   | 7.00PM SE  | <b>MASS IN POLISH</b>                                     |
| <b>SUN</b>  | <b>31 JANUARY</b>                | <b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF<br/>ORDINARY TIME</b> | 9.00AM SE  | <b>FELIX MASCARENHAS RIP (RM)</b>                         |
|             |                                  |   | 10.00AM SJ | <b>CARMEL O'MARA RIP (DOM)</b>                            |
|             |                                  |   | 11.00AM SE | <b>MAUREEN SHARPE RIP (MP)</b>                            |
|             |                                  |   | 7.00PM SE  | <b>GEORGE &amp; PADDY (KATHLEEN)<br/>CHANDLER RIP (F)</b> |
| <b>TUES</b> | <b>2 FEBRUARY</b>                | <b>PRESENTATION OF THE LORD<br/>IN THE TEMPLE</b> | 10.00AM SE | <b>ELLEN BROPHY INTENTIONS (F)</b>                        |
| <b>WED</b>  | <b>3 FEBRUARY</b>                | <b>ST. BLAISE</b>                                 | 7.00PM SE  | <b>REV. TERENCE CORRIGAN RIP (F)</b>                      |
| <b>THUR</b> | <b>4 FEBRUARY</b>                | <b>4<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>       | 12.15PM SJ | <b>HELEN KEARNS RIP (MT)</b>                              |
| <b>FRI</b>  | <b>5 FEBRUARY</b>                | <b>ST. AGATHA</b>                                 | 10.00AM SE | <b>WILLIAM COADY RIP (S&amp;DC)</b>                       |
|             |                                  |   | 7.30PM SE  | <b>INDUCTION SERVICE—MGR. VIN-<br/>CENT HARVEY</b>        |
| <b>SAT</b>  | <b>6 FEBRUARY</b>                | <b>ST. PAUL MIKI AND<br/>COMPANIONS</b>           | 11.00AM SE | <b>JOHN MALONEY RIP (F)</b>                               |
|             |                                  |   | 6.15PM SJ  | <b>RHODA SHANNON RIP (FF)</b>                             |
|             |                                  |   | 7.00PM SE  | <b>MASS IN POLISH</b>                                     |
| <b>SUN</b>  | <b>7 FEBRUARY</b>                | <b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF<br/>ORDINARY TIME</b> | 9.00AM SE  | <b>PREMA (ANUSHKA'S MUM'S BIRTH-<br/>DAY)</b>             |
|             |                                  |   | 10.00AM SJ | <b>SARAH KENNEDY-DONNELLY RIP (F)</b>                     |
|             |                                  |   | 11.00AM SE | <b>EILEEN COLES RIP</b>                                   |
|             |                                  |   | 7.00PM SE  | <b>EVELYN TREE RIP (F)</b>                                |

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**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

**Psalm Response**

My lips will tell of your help.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one  
 can come to the Father except through me.

**Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Church week 4**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

Isaiah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY**  
**CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE**

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**NEXT WEEK**  
**CATHOLIC CARE**

| 24/1/2010           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection | Haiti Disaster |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>2505.53</b>             | <b>1745.24</b> |
| Cash                | 922.68                     | 1526.74        |
| S / O               | 1207.15                    | 218.50         |
| Gift Aid Tax Rebate | 375.70                     |                |

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