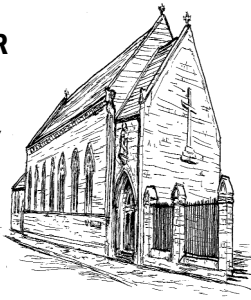


25TH OCTOBER
2009

30TH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY
TIME



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

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



“LORD THAT I MAY SEE!”

Fr. John writes:

Again the focus of today's Gospel story is on the call to be a faithful, true disciple. Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem and meets a **blind beggar** called **Bartimaeus** who says to Jesus “**have pity on me I want to see**”. Up until that moment he was forced to beg and was totally dependent on the charity of others. He was lonely, rejected and cut off. He longed for one thing - to see and to be healed of his blindness and to be liberated to live differently.



Bartimaeus abandons his cloak, his only source of income. He trusts in Jesus, he jumps up and is healed of his blindness. He recognises Jesus as the “**Son of David**”, “**The Messiah**”. Bartimaeus becomes a follower of Jesus. He was in darkness until he met Jesus. His request was “**Lord, that I may see**”. He was healed not only of his physical blindness, but also of his spiritual and emotional blindness. He was freed from his limitations and was able to become a disciple of Jesus. The blind beggar was given a new vision far greater than the limitations of the 2 disciples of last week's story and the story of the rich young man of the week before. The lesson for us is to be humble and to look at our own darkness, our own limitations, our own prejudices and our prayer must be “**Lord, that I may see**”.

PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL & JORDAN



The Church of the Holy Sepulchre

I thought it would be good to give you a brief summary so that you can join us in spirit on a day by day basis. Our first night is in **Jerusalem**. Sunday morning we will be in **Bethlehem** and celebrate Mass in the **Church of the Nativity**. We visit the sight of the **Shepherds Fields** before we travel north into **Jordan** and visit **Bethany**. “**Bethany beyond the Jordan**” where **John** was baptising. We are now close to the **Dead Sea**. On Monday we visit the **Crusader Castle** and continue to **Petra**, the **Rose Red City**. Tuesday we spend the day in **Petra**, visit **the Treasury** and other monuments. Later we drive north to **Amman**. On Wednesday we visit **Mount Nebo** where **Moses** is said to have viewed the **Promised Land**. From there we move on to see an **ancient map of Jordan** which shows significant old and new Testament cities. On Thursday we visit **Jerash** “**the region of the Jerasenes**” an incredibly preserved Roman city and also the legendary setting of the film “**Lawrence of Arabia**”. From there we move back to **Jerusalem**. On Friday we enter the city of Jerusalem and join the Way of the Cross follow the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** for morning Mass. We visit **the upper room**, the sight of **the last supper** and spend the rest of the day in Jerusalem. On Saturday we return to Tel Aviv for our return flight to Heathrow.

TODAY - SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER

CLOCKS—GO BACK 1 HOUR.

SECOND COLLECTION: Church Building Fund

WELCOME TO FR. JACK PADUA who is to preside at the 10am Mass at St. Joseph's.

WELCOME RITE: 9am Mass at St. Edmund's Church.

BAPTISM: We welcome into our faith community Jasmine Jimena, daughter of Juser and Nelvih who will be baptised at 12.30pm in St. Edmund's Church.

CONFIRMATION PARENT & CANDIDATES meeting 1.30pm St. Joseph's Church.

GOSPEL CHOIR cancelled tonight.

MASS COUNT at all masses this weekend.

RECENTLY DIED:

- Mario Cassar of Moorgreen Park, West End, Funeral Mass at 10.30am Fri. 30th Oct. in St. Edmund's Church. Cremation to follow. Reception of coffin at 4pm Thurs. 29th Oct. Our sympathy to his wife and family.
- Julian Zamojski RIP of Parkway, Bassett. Funeral Mass at 1.00pm in St. Edmund's Church on Fr. 30th Oct. Cremation to follow. Our sympathy to his wife and family. **May they rest in peace**



THIS WEEK (half term)

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL & JORDAN our thoughts and prayers are with the 49 people who are following the steps of Jesus at this time.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet every Tuesday evening at 8pm in St. Edmund's Hall, all welcome.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?—NEW SEEKERS to meet at 7.45pm on Wednesday 28th Oct. at 7.45pm in St. Edmund's Hall. Open welcome to all.

NEXT WEEKEND

BAMENDA SUNDAY on Sun. 1st November. Every year we have a special collection to support the priests, religious and people of Cameroon in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda. This week please take a copy of 'Bamenda Briefing', along with this newsletter and see how much your help is needed.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

We celebrate "the Unsung Saints", we praise God for the huge number, impossible to count, of saintly people. We mark too our call to be Saints and we celebrate the 'Communion of Saints'.
Noted: Special readings for the Feast.



NOVEMBER—MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

A month long celebration of remembrance and prayer for those who have gone before us. Please take the opportunity to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends in
THE BOOK OF THE DEAD

MARRIED COUPLES MINI-RETREAT 'Family, All Saints?' Sunday 1st Nov. 10.30am-2pm organised by the Verbum Dei Community, 425 Winchester Road, Southampton, SO16 7DE. With children's activities and shared lunch. Tel. 023 8067 9570 for more information.

NEXT WEEK

**FEAST OF ALL SOULS
MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER**
we commemorate the faithful departed.
Mass at St. Edmund's 10.00am

SING IT! Youth Gospel Choir Mon. 2nd Nov. 6.30pm—9pm Springhill School. All aged over 13 welcome.

MASS AT SOLENT UNIVERSITY—12noon Tues. 3rd Nov. in the Faith Room, HC206.

CHURCH CLOSED—ORGAN REPAIR—ADORATION CANCELLED FROM UNTIL 2PM Wed. 4th Nov.

PIZZA PREPARATION NIGHT—all young people are invited 6.30pm—8.00pm Wed. 4th Nov. St. Edmund's Hall. The aim is to plan a special youth Sunday Mass at 7pm on Sunday 22nd Nov.—Youth Sunday. Meetings to follow on 11th and 18th Nov.

YOUTH PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE meeting at 7.30pm on Wed. 4th Nov. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH meets at 7.30pm on Thurs. 5th Nov. in St. Edmund's Hall

FAITH ALIVE GROUP to meet on Fri. 6th Nov. in St. Edmund's Hall.

GENERAL ITEMS

MASS OF THE BEREAVED
11:00 am on Saturday 7th November in St. Edmund's Church. All those who have lost loved ones during the past year are especially invited. However, all who wish to pray for the dead are invited.



WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL SEEK A CHORISTER—do you know of a musically-gifted Roman Catholic boy who might consider becoming a chorister at Westminster Cathedral? Sat. 7th Nov. 1.30pm onwards they will be hosting **Chorister for a Day**—an event aimed principally at boys in Years 2 and 3, aged 6—8 years, who might be considering entry into Year 4 in September 2010 or 2011. Contact Madeline Wilson Tel. 020 7798 9081. See notice board.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
8th NOVEMBER**

We remember and pray for those who lost their lives in the two great World Wars and all subsequent wars and those who gave their lives in the course of peace and justice for all. **Fr. John to assist at the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph.**



restored to the Church and hall. (The Boiler in the Presbytery packed up on Tuesday but we are pleased to say that heat has now been restored!!!).

SOLENT CREDIT UNION—Thinking of a change, wanting to decorate your home? Save or borrow with your credit union. No early repayment charges, no arrangement fees, no hidden charges, free life insurance, affordable rates, flexible savings, safe & secure. E-mail solentcreditunion@phonecoop.coop or Tel. 023 8178 8007 for further details. Regulated by the FSA.

FISH 'N CHIP SUPPER with St. Michael's C of E church, Stella Maris Centre, Fri. 13th Nov. 7.45pm. Tickets £6. Quiz. Bring your own liquid refreshments.

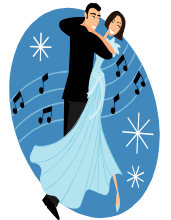
QUIET DAY FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT LOSS OR BEREAVEMENT Sat. 7 Nov. 10am for 10.30-4pm Wisdom House, Romsey SO51 8EL. A day for anyone who would like space & time to reflect on how they feel about a loss in their lives – whether 1 year ago or 10. Feel free to take things at your own pace – listening ears will be on hand if you would find that helpful. Refreshments will be available throughout the day with a light lunch and home-made cakes before departure. An offering of £15 is requested to cover costs. Contact Tel. 01794 830206.



JAZZ AT PARK PLACE—an evening of Jazz & Song with Frank Campbell & Kate Westbrook (charity show in aid of Park Place). Fri. 20th Nov. at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 includes light refreshments. Tel. 013 2983 3043. See notice board.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Phyllis Richmond, Tony Madden, Teddy Blake, Faith, Eileen Coles, Brian Cunio, Margaret Stobbart, Sheila Morris, Yvonne Robertson, Fr. John, Philip Taylor, Janine Day, Sheila Taylor and all parishioners who are sick or recovering. Please let parish office know if you would like to add someone to the list.

SOUTHAMPTON CATHOLIC DINNER + DANCE Saturday 28th November at the Novotel Hotel. Tickets reduced to £25. Now is the time to arrange and join a table of 8-10 people. Table bookings for tickets to St. Edmund's on Tel. No. 8033 3589. Don't leave it too late!!



URGENT - WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB drivers needed. If you could help on Wednesdays to transport a parishioner/s to the luncheon club please contact the Parish Office. This role is subject to an enhanced CRB check.



PARISH CENSUS: if you missed the passed 2 Sundays please complete the following:

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 E-mail: _____
 Tel. Nos. _____

POSITION VACANT—Diocesan Advisor for Marriage & Family Life, committed Catholic, passionate about all aspects of Marriage and Family Life. Salary £18,000 pa for a 21 hour week. Contact Eileen Stephenson 01329 835583 for application pack. Closing date Fri 30th Oct.

ST. EDMUND'S BOILERS we are pleased to say that the work has now been completed and the boiler was commissioned on Wed. 21st Oct. Heat has been

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME—YEAR 3 or above to join this year's Parish programme. PARENTS & CANDIDATES FIRST WORKSHOP SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 10.30AM AT ST. JOSEPH'S / STELLA MARIS CENTRE

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME—Year 9 or above. To join the Confirmation Preparation programme, please complete the form. Parents & candidates meeting today 1.30pm Sunday 25th October at St. Joseph's Church. Candidates to remain on until 6pm.

CONFIRMATION **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**
 Name:..... Tel. No.
 Address:

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2009**

SAT	VIGIL MASS 24 OCTOBER	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	6.15PM SJ	TERRY CARPENTER RIP (ANNIVERSARY) (BM)
			7.00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	25 OCTOBER	30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE	PATRICK CUMMINGS RIP (PC)
			10.00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11.00AM SE	DR. & MRS. BLACK & HOLY TRINITY GROUP (AP)
			7.00PM SE	SHALIMAR & THE SISTERS BIRTHDAYS & PRAYER GROUP (AP)
TUES	27 OCTOBER	30TH WEEK OF ORD. T.	10.00AM SE	KATIE COADY RIP (DC)
WED	28 OCTOBER	SS. SIMON & JUDE	7.00PM SE	MISS. KATHLEEN SULLIVAN'S INTENTIONS.
THUR	29 OCTOBER	30TH WEEK OF ORD. T.	12.15PM SJ	RUSS MYLES RIP (BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY (BM))
FRI	30 OCTOBER	30TH WEEK OF ORD. T.	10.30AM SE	FUNERAL MASS—MARIO CASSAR RIP
			1.00PM SE	FUNERAL MASS—JULIAN ZAMOJSKI RIP
			7.00PM SE	FRANK & JOSEPHINE MURPHY RIP (RM)
SAT	31 OCTOBER	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11.00AM SE	MRS. O'DRISCOLL RIP (DO'S)
			6.15PM SJ	SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7.00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	1 NOVEMBER	ALL SAINTS	9.00AM SE	ETHNA & BRIAN NUGENT
			10.00AM SJ	SINEAD MACALASTER RIP (KM)
			11.00AM SE	FOR ALL THE WAR DEAD WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR US ALL—AP'S PRAYERS
			7.00PM SE	JOHN HENRY & ELIZABETH DORLING RIP (JMD)

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 St Anne's Catholic School 023 8032 8200
 St George Catholic College 023 8032 2603

30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Psalm Response

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
 anyone who follows me will have light of life.

Alleluia!

SECOND COLLECTION

TODAY

CHURCH BUILDING FUND

SECOND COLLECTION

NEXT WEEK

BAMENDA

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

ALL SAINTS (YEAR B)

First reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Reading: Mark 5:1-12

18/10/09

1st Collection

2nd Mission Sunday

Total

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Gift Aid Tax Rebate

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.