

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, near Mexico City, is one of the most celebrated places of pilgrimage in North America.

On December 9, 1531, when walking through the Tepayac hill country area in Central Mexico, an Indian convert, Juan Diego encountered 'a beautiful woman'. Speaking in his native tongue, she told him that she loved him and that she desired that he would know who she was. She revealed that she was "*Mary, mother of the true God who gives life and maintains its existence*". In the vision she requested a church to be built so that "*people may experience my compassion*". To enable this to happen he had to go to the Bishop of Tenochtitlan.



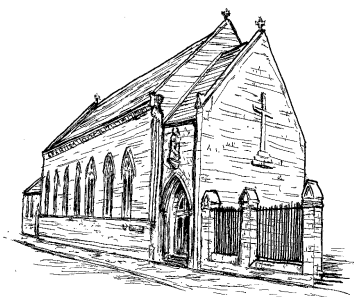
Needless to say, the Bishop didn't react immediately, and Juan Diego returned to the hill where he had met 'Mary the mother of God' and asked her to send someone else. But she replied, "You are the one I have chosen". As the Bishop wanted a sign Mary instructed him to go up the mountain and pick the flowers he finds there. Although it was freezing on the hillside he found Castilian roses, picked them and put them in his tilma (a poncho-like cape made of cactus fibre) and carried them to the Bishop. The Bishop, and those with him, were astounded when Juan Diego tipped out the roses, but astounded not because of the roses but that on his tilma was an image of the Virgin Mary.

The image has been examined many times, even using infra-red photography and digital enhancement techniques. The image shows no signs of sketching permitting an artist to produce a painting. The method used to produce the image is still unknown.

The image shows a pregnant Mary, and as child sacrifice was common during this period, Our Lady of Guadalupe became *protectress of the unborn*. She also was designated Patroness of the Americas because of the nine million people who, in just seven years, became Catholic Christians because of this event. She is also Patroness of the Philippines.

The Relic Image coming to St Edmund's is a digital copy consecrated by St Pope John Paul II and residing in the Diocese of Northampton.

Vincent Harvey



7 AUGUST 2016

**NINETEENTH
SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY
TIME**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
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SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL, WEST &
EAST DEANERY ALSO INCLUDES:

- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
LORDSWOOD
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
PORTSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING &
ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION,
HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,
NETLEY ABBEY



TODAY SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2016

SUNDAY READINGS IN POLISH available at back of the churches.

THANK YOU TO FATHER DES celebrating 6:15pm and Sunday 10am Masses this weekend.

BAPTISM: We welcome into our faith community:



Naomi Bella, daughter of Anthony & Anne-Mary, being baptised at 12:30pm today in St Edmund's Church.



RECENTLY DIED: James McConnell RIP late of Linden Gardens, Hedge End. Funeral 11:30am Tuesday 23 August in St Edmund's Church followed by burial at Beaulieu Cemetery. May his dear soul rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Sun Swindon: TC

Mon Day off: TC/VH

Tues Department for Vocations: VH

Wed Health & Safety meeting Winchester: VH

Thurs Winchester Meeting: VH

Sat Mass Bournemouth: TC

Sun Mass Southampton: TC

EU WELCOME WORKSHOP 7pm Tuesday 9 August in St Edmund's Hall.

FATHER ROSS BULLOCK visiting briefly on Friday 12 August to 'look around' and meet the clergy.

ARRIVAL OF THE MIRACULOUS RELIC OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 7pm Friday 12 August and she will be with us until Wednesday 17 August (see next column for all the details).

NEXT WEEKEND:

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Christian Crawley and Kirstie van Lieshout** who are getting married at 1pm Saturday 13 August in St Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.



WELCOME RITES: 9am, 10am and 11am Masses Sunday 14 August.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



Clemency Krol, daughter of Robartus & Rachel

Bronte Blissett, daughter of Matthew & Ann

Alicia Azzoparki, daughter of David & Anna

Cian Thorne, son of Matthew & Stephanie, all

being baptised at 11:30am in St Joseph's Church next Sunday 14 August.

NEXT WEEK:

A DAY FOR YOU AFTER BEREAVEMENT 11am—3pm Tuesday 16 August at the Wisdom Centre, Romsey. Email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk or 01794 830206 to book.

SEEKERS' COURSE: continues with an introduction to the Catholic faith and life. Topics for the last 2 meetings are *The Power of Prayer*; *The meaning of Love*. Next meetings at 7:30pm Thursdays 18 August and 1 September, in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome. To book or for more information Tel. 023 8033 3589.

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The authorised copy of the Relic which resides in Northampton Diocese (consecrated and commissioned by St Pope John Paul II), is coming to the Parish from 12-17th (Friday to Wednesday) August. It will reside at St Edmund's for the 5 days (though a smaller image will be present in St Joseph's). See website www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk.



- Friday 12 August: 7pm 'Reception' of the Relic Image; 7.30 pm Mass.
- **Saturday 13th: 'A Catholic Vocation': **Mass at 10am** (not 11am as usual) followed by talk, rosary; 4pm Eucharistic Devotions; Mass in Polish at 7pm followed by Rosary
- Sunday 14th: usual Sunday Masses for the **Assumption of Our Blessed Lady**; Devotions at 4pm (talk about Our Lady and Southampton) then 'prayer walk' to the site of the ruins of Medieval Chapel on the Itchen.
- Monday 15th: 'Healing': Mass at 10am followed by talk and rosary; Eucharistic Devotions at 4pm; 'Healing Ministries Service' from 5pm; Syro-Malabar Mass at 7pm followed by talk and rosary
- Tuesday 16th: 'Conversion': Mass at 10am followed by talk and rosary; Bishop Philip joining us at 4pm for Eucharistic Devotions; Mass at 7pm followed by talk and rosary.
- Wednesday 17th 'Mary as Mother': Mass at 10am followed by talk and rosary; Eucharistic Devotions at 4pm; Mass at 7pm followed by 'The Return' of the Relic Image.

All the above takes place in St Edmund's Church (sadly the image cannot be moved from church to church).

Come along for some of the events, or all of the events. Pop in to Mass, or devotions, or simply to say your own personal prayers. Join us for the 'pilgrimage' to the site of the Medieval Shrine.

Volunteers volunteers required:

- **volunteers** to be present in the church to welcome visitors
- **volunteers** to provide refreshments in the Hall
- **volunteers** to 'man' the Guadalupe repository in the Hall

Please sign up for days ... times ... tasks!

EU WELCOME INFORMATION EVENING 6pm—8pm Friday 19 August in St Edmund's Lodge.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Agnieszka Flach and Andrzej Potyszka** who are getting married at 2pm Saturday 20 August in St Joseph's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.



JUDE MALESKI'S 60th 'bring and share' Birthday celebration takes place in St Edmund's Hall from 6pm—9pm on Saturday 20 August. All welcome!

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE—TRIP TO IOW 9:45am Sunday 21 August from Lymington Ferry Terminal. See noticeboards for all information. Tel. 023 8022 3389.

GENERAL ITEMS:

TINA QUINN, PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Tina's three year appointment came to an end on 31 July 2016. *I/We are delighted to say that Tina is able and willing to stay on but in a re-structured role.* She will work as a pastoral assistant for the City Centre for three days a week and will combine this with a nursing position at Oakhaven Hospice as a clinical practice educator for two days a week. Tina would like to express her sincere thanks to 'Living our Faith' and you, as parishioners, who have made this role possible over the last three years which enabled her to stay. We as a parish should also be grateful to 'Living our Faith' which, in a sense, kick-started us having a Pastoral Assistant. *Vincent Harvey*

GETTING MARRIED? Congratulations if you are planning to get married. If it is in the Church then you need:

- To give 12 months' notice (minimum)
- If a Catholic and not yet Confirmed to attend 'Journey in Faith' in order to celebrate Confirmation at Easter
- Participate in the Pre-Marriage Course
- See a priest/deacon for all the necessary paperwork Contact the Parish Office to find out more.

THANK YOU to all who donated to charities in memory of the late **Tony O'Donnell RIP**. Amounts received were £1,275 for Clinicare and £415 towards Catholic Home Care. Alice is most appreciative of the generosity shown.

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING Saturday 10 September from 10am until 1:30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX) where they will explore their Harvest resources and hear more about CAFOD's work in Bolivia. To book call 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk by 5 September.

CALLED AND GIFTED TEACHING AND RETREAT WEEKEND 1ST– 2ND OCTOBER 2016: There will be a special weekend at the Cold Ash Retreat Centre, near Newbury, for those who haven't yet had the chance to attend the Called and Gifted weekend. The time will be a mixture of teaching, discussion, praying, reflections, opportunity for Confession and Adoration. Starts at 11am on the 1st and finishes at 3:30pm on the 2nd. There is a cost of £70 to cover the accommodation and meal costs. Limited places so please book promptly, by contacting csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

MAJOR MAINTENANCE around St Edmund's continuing. New external, porch and sanctuary lights installed.

CAR PARKING: A reminder that Park Centrale Estate is private and no parking is allowed.

VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD? Have you ever considered that God might be calling you to be a Priest? We need more Priests. Why not watch the video on YouTube at website <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FbLZeFJGdQ> and pray about it? *Bishop Philip.*

Prayer: *Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to enter the priesthood or the religious life may have the generosity to answer your call, so that those who need your help may always find it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

DOES YOUR FAMILY ORIGINALLY COME FROM KERALA, SOUTH INDIA OR THE WEST INDIES?

If so, the Kathakali-Carnival Heritage Project would love to hear from you to learn more about your family and heritage. To find out more and get involved, please contact Barbara Vijayakumar: by calling 023 8042 0114 or 07740 123 070 or email barbaravijayakumar@yahoo.co.uk

DAY FOR CATECHISTS 10am to 4pm Saturday 15 October 2016 at Portsmouth Cathedral with Bishop Philip Egan. The day will include:

- Pilgrimage through the Holy Door
- Keynote speech by Bishop Philip
- Mass of thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Philip
- Lunch provided
- Practical workshops to discover/help the work of catechesis
- Times for sharing and discussion

Register by calling 01590 681 875 or online at website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation or email: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



ADORATION: In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Holy Father, Pope Francis has invited us to deepen our relationship with the Lord. Among the many ways to do so, please join us for a quiet time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. All people of goodwill are invited to come to **St Vincent de Paul Church in Lordswood every Saturday, 9pm to 12 midnight, with immediate effect**, for a moment of Adoration with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome. *"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest"* Mt.11:28. Personal prayer intentions will be placed at the altar during the three hours Adoration. Contact *Felicia 07915 869 166/email: felicia_aline@hotmail.com*

PLEASE PRAY FOR Tony McCall, Father David Hutton, Lucky & Sujata, Mano, Nelum, Karen Nugent (op recovery), Felicity Singleton (op. recovery), Albert Ratcliffe, Morris Penny, John Redhead, Jackie Duggan, Esther Pananwela, Noreen Kealy, Rachel Brady (op. recovery), Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan (heart surgery), Valerie Summerton (op recovery), Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle (op recovery), Janette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, Irene Cartledge, Teresa Adams (stroke recovery), Judy Brown, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Patricia Penny, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Bosco and Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Josie Franklin, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, Laura Pinson, Evelyn Nolan and all parishioners who are ill, having surgery or on our prayer list.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2016

*(Key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

SAT	6 AUGUST	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	*SJ	ALINA ALVARES RIP (SR)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	7 AUGUST	NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	NOEL PHELAN RIP (GP&DP)
			10:00AM	SJ	PATER NOSTER (NW)
			11:00AM	SE	RATNA & YASMIN'S 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING; INDIRA'S 60th BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
			7:00PM	SE	ROBERT & ROBERT'S FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
TUES	9 AUGUST	ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS	10:00AM	SE	KATHLEEN (PADDY) CHANDLER RIP (F)
WED	10 AUGUST	ST LAURENCE	7:00PM	SE	UNITY & CONVERSION—ROBERT'S FAMILY (RK)
THURS	11 AUGUST	ST CLARE	12:15PM	SJ	DECEASED MEMBERS OF ROBERT'S FAMILY (RK)
FRI	12 AUGUST	ST JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL	*7:00PM	SE	*RECEPTION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE RELIC
			<u>7:30PM</u>	SE	JOAN DOWDING RIP (F)
SAT	13 AUGUST	ST PONTIAN & ST HIPPOLYTUS	* <u>10:00AM</u>	SE	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS JOAN DOWDING RIP (F)
			6:15PM	SJ	PAUL DORAN RIP (JB)
			7:00PM	SE	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	14 AUGUST	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY	9:00AM	SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM	SJ	TONY McCALL—HEALING (PARISH OFFICE)
			11:00AM	SE	ADRIENNE HENDRY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (ED)
			7:00PM	SE	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

PARISHES MASS TIMES: *Holy Family, Millbrook* Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00am; 1:00pm (Polish); 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, Lordwood* Sun 09:15; Holy Day 10:00. *Christ the King & St Colman* Sun 11:00; Holy Day 19:00. *Immaculate Conception, Portswood* Recon: Sat 10:30 (After Mass); Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 19:30. *Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End* Sat Vigil 17.30; *St Brigid, West End* Sun 17:30; *St Patrick, Woolston* Sat Vigil 18:00; Sun 11:00; Holy Day 09:15 (term time); 10:00 (outside of term time). *The Annunciation, Netley Abbey* Sun 09:00, Holy Day 19:00.

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Prayer of the Church Week 3

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2016—19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Psalm Response

Happy are the people the
Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. **Alleluia!**

READINGS SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 2016 THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

First Reading: Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20—26
 Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39—56

NO 2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

Collections	1st	2nd—Catholic Home Care
31.7.16		
Total	£2,661.73	£532.88
Cash	1,090.97	361.63
S / O	1,256.61	137.00
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	34.25

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.

CONFESSION TIMES

St Edmund's: Saturdays 11:30am
St Joseph's: Thursdays 11:45am
 Saturdays 5:45pm