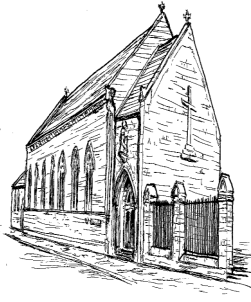


4TH OCTOBER
2009

27TH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY
TIME



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



THE QUESTION OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Fr. Paul writes:

Some people are more interested in the letter of the law than the spirit of the law. The Pharisees, the conservative religious leaders of his day, tried to test Jesus by asking him a loaded question – did he agree with the Law of Moses regarding divorce? No matter which way Jesus answered, some of them would be angered. Jesus however drew their attention to the true meaning of marriage. He reminds the Pharisees of the teaching from Genesis about the man and the woman becoming one flesh. Jesus is focusing on God's loving plan for those who are married. However, marriage is, and always has been, a fragile institution. We have to acknowledge that, for some married people, the ideal turns sour and love can turn to conflict and bitterness. Experience teaches us that things do go terribly wrong and marriages do collapse. When Jesus upheld the permanence of marriage he was going against the popular opinion of his time. To the disciples it appeared a hard teaching and it is no less difficult for us today.



PARISH CENSUS - TODAY

Last week we notified you of the 'Living Our Faith' campaign, in which our parish and pastoral area has been asked to take part. As a first step in this process we are conducting a **parish census** today. This is an important effort that we should really undertake on a more frequent basis to keep up-to-date parish records. The census is collecting basic information including name, address, telephone and e-mail.

So, during every Mass this weekend, after the homily:

- Census cards will be distributed by Stewards / Welcomers
- At this point, please fill out **one card per household** (pens provided in pews)
- Only basic information is required including name, address, telephone and e-mail
- Completed cards will be then be collected from you before continuing with Mass.

Be assured that census information will be used for church-related activities only.

Everyone's participation is needed to make our census a success.

TODAY - SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD Harvest Fast



BAPTISM We welcome into our faith community Gisele Finlay, daughter of Ian and Laura who is to be baptised in St. Edmund's Church 12.30pm.

STUDENT CHOIR 7pm Mass. Rehearsal 6pm

**WELCOME & RECEPTION
FOR STUDENT'S**
8pm after Mass
in St. Edmund's Hall.



RECENTLY DIED: Maria Mascarenhas of Sandhurst Road, Southampton. Funeral Mass at 10am Fri. 9th Oct, followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. Reception of her body into the Church at 4pm on Thurs. 8th Oct. Maria has been a parishioner in our parish for very many years and will be sadly missed. Our sympathy to Romeo, her husband, and family.



THIS WEEK

MONDAY CLUB — Bingo, prizes, tea and cake. Please come and join us 2pm - 3.30pm every Monday in St. Edmund's Hall.

OPEN EVENING—ST. ANNE'S for entry into Lower 6th Tuesday 6th Oct. 6pm-8pm. See Notice Board.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for 11am Choir, Tues. 6th Oct 7.30pm in St. Edmund's Church. Please do come and join the choir, all welcome.

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

BELIEVE - REFLECTIONS ON THE CREED - come and join us for an inspiring 6 part video series 7.15pm - 9.00pm, 7th, 14th, 21st Oct. and 4th, 11th, 18th Nov. in St. Boniface Church Hall, Shirley. All welcome!

PLANNING GROUP FOR ADVENT RECONCILIATION 7.45pm Wed. 7th Oct. St. Edmund's Presbytery.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Or knowing more about our faith? If so, please come and join us on Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm in St. Edmund's Hall. A warm welcome assured.



OUR CLIMATE IS IN OUR HANDS.

We all have a responsibility as Christians to care for our world. Come and join us at our **Climate Change Awareness** evening on Fri. 9th Oct. at 7.45pm St Edmunds Hall. Help us renew the face of the Earth.



NEXT WEEKEND

PARISH ROAST LUNCH 12.30pm on Sun. 11th Oct. in St. Edmund's Hall. Two course lunch, tickets £7.50pp will be on sale after Mass.



INVITATION to explore mission and message of St. Louis Marie De Montford at 3pm Sun. 11 Oct. at St. Joseph's Mission Centre, Ashurst, SO40 7DU
GOSPEL CHOIR Sun. 11 Oct 7pm Mass, rehearsal 6pm

NEXT WEEK

SING IT! Mon. 12th Oct. 6.30pm - 9pm at Springhill School.

PASTORAL AREA SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL & WEST Pastoral Council meeting 7.30pm Tues. 13th Oct. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

CITY CENTRE PASTORAL GROUP meets at 7.45pm Wed. 14th Oct. in St. Edmund's Presbytery

CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC CARE meets at 7.45pm on Wed. 14th Oct. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

EU WELCOME PROJECT meets at 7pm on Thurs. 15th Oct. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

LITURGY GROUP PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS 7.30pm Thurs. 15th St. Edmund's Presbytery.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY 10.30am - 4pm Sat. 17th Oct. at St. Joseph's Centre, Ashurst. (Fully booked).

DAY FOR HEALING in Highfield House Hotel, 10am - 4.30pm Sat. 17th Oct. led by Fr. Laurence and Pauline Edwards. Open invitation to all seeking spiritual healing of body, mind and soul.



WEDDING BELLS congratulations to Natalie Eastman and Jeff Hilton to be married at 1pm in St. Joseph's on Sat. 17th Oct. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

THE LAUNCH OF SANCTUARY SOUTHAMPTON

Catholic Youth Event
Sat. 17th Oct. 7pm - 10pm
in St. Joseph's Church, Southampton
Games, Reflection, Mass

The Sancturay provides a networking opportunity and a forum for faith development for young people post-confirmation (15-18) in the Southampton area. Website www.sanctuary-southampton.co.uk Contact Fr. Paul Leonard for further information.



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



NEW BOILERS - ST. EDMUND'S are being fitted at the moment at an approx. cost of £18,000 and should be up and running in a couple of weeks' time. The old ones have been decommissioned after serving us faithfully for many years. We are using state of the art technology which will result in improved heating for the church and a greater fuel efficiency. This has been made possible due to a generous loan from the Diocese.

URGENT - WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB - drivers needed. If you could help out even once a month on a Wednesday to transport an elderly person/s to the luncheon club and home again, please contact the Parish Office.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING 7.45pm on Wed. 21st Oct. in St. Edmund's Hall.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN: 49 people led by Fr. John, departure Sat. 24th Oct, return Sat. 31st Oct. Fully booked.

MASS OF THE BEREAVED 11am St. Edmund's Church Sat. 7th November.

KEEPING THEM SAFE! An evening for youth leaders, catechists and anyone working with young people to look at models of good practice for Safeguarding. Thurs. 22nd Oct. 7pm - 9pm St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Porchester Road, Woolston, SO19 9BD. See Notice Board.

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 to reserve your table and tickets!!

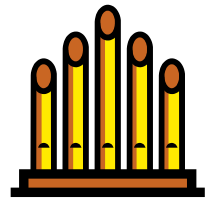


CONGRATULATIONS!! TO THE 200 CLUB WINNERS FOR OCTOBER 2009

1st prize £30 Catherine Berridge

2nd prize £15.00 Fr. John

WELCOME to Ignacio Brasa who is to be the new musician for the 10.00 am Mass at St Joseph's Church. Ignacio is from the North of Spain and is here to do a Doctorate in Music at the University of Southampton



NEW PARISH WEBSITE: nearly 1,000 people have read the Newsletter on the new website since it started on 26th July!! Really worth a visit. Website address: <http://www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk/>.

SAVE THE DATE—HCPT GROUP 170 will be running another silhouette concert & dinner on Sat. 21 Nov. It was a great success last year! Not to be missed. More information to follow nearer the time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME—YEAR 3 or above to join this year's Parish programme. Please complete by Monday 12th October. **Parents information evening Wednesday 21st October 2009**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME—Year 9 or above. To join the Confirmation Preparation programme, please complete the form by Monday 26th October .

CONFIRMATION **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Name:..... Tel. No.

Address:

..... Post Code.....

E-mail: School attending:

Please return to Fr. John, Fr. Paul or Parish Office

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 2009**

SAT	VIGIL MASS 3 OCTOBER	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	6.15PM SJ	ANGELA MCKILLEN RIP & LYNN MCLEAN RIP (D & R)
			7.00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	4 OCTOBER	27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE	SR. MAGDALEN'S INTS. 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION
			10.00AM SJ	HAROLD & NELLIE PAYNE RIP (BD & GMD)
			11.00AM SE	VI McCONNELL RIP (JP)
			7.00PM SE	MARIA BRECI RIP 1ST ANNIVERSARY (CS)
TUES	6 OCTOBER	27TH WEEK OF O.T.	10.00AM SE	BREADY DENNEHY—GET WELL (BD)
WED	7 OCTOBER	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	7.00PM SE	JOE AND NORAH DENNEHY'S INTS, (BD)
THUR	8 OCTOBER	27TH WEEK OF O.T.	12.15PM SJ	CANON GERARD DWYER RIP (F)
FRI	9 OCTOBER	27TH WEEK OF O.T.	7.00PM SE	DAVID O'RIORDAN GET WELL (BD)
SAT	10 OCTOBER	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11.00AM SE	EMMA DENNEHY INTS. (BD)
			6.15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7.00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	11 OCTOBER	28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE	AGOSTINHA GONSALVES RIP
			10.00AM SJ	JEREMY WARBURG RIP (CW)
			11.00AM SE	IN THANKSGIVING (PR)
			7.00PM SE	CAROL REILLY WELL BEING (PR)

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

27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Psalm Response

May the Lord bless us,
all the days of our life

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord
Consecrate us in the truth
Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church Week 3

SECOND COLLECTION
TODAY
CAFOD (HARVEST FAST)

SECOND COLLECTION
NEXT WEEK
CATHOLIC CARE

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

First reading: Wisdom 7 : 7-11
 Second Reading: Hebrews 4 : 12-13
 Gospel Reading: Mark 10 : 17-30

27/09/09	1 st Collection	2 nd Cathedral
Total	2567	433
Cash	968	204
S / O	1224	175
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	375	54

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.