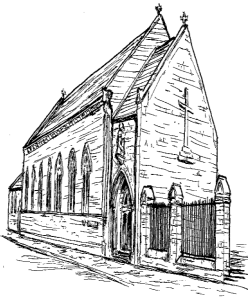


27TH
SEPTEMBER
2009

26TH 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



JEALOUSY IS OFTEN QUICKER OFF THE MARK THAN GENEROSITY

Fr. John writes:



We often have strict conditions for who can belong or not. If you join a health club or a fitness group, regular subscriptions must be paid. In this Sunday's gospel John is bringing to Jesus' attention that someone who is not of their group is "driving out demons". Someone who "does not belong" is doing what Jesus did. Jesus lays down a simple clear rule that anyone who is doing good no matter how small or great cannot also speak ill of Jesus. Criticising someone who is doing good is like telling the Holy Spirit whom He may work, that would be arrogance of a high order. Jesus has a simple rule and it is "**whoever is not against us is for us**". Jealousy and pettiness can often thwart the advancement of God's kingdom, such attitudes are not worthy and must be eliminated.

Each day we are faced with choices, to be for or against Christ. This is both as easy as it sounds and as profound. **To be a disciple of Jesus means losing something, cutting some things out. Strangely enough, when we do this we gain life in abundance.** It seems a contradiction, but it is true.

Today's readings challenge us as to how often we give thanks to God for the fine things that others do—especially if they seem to be muscling in to my turf. Jealousy is often quicker off the mark than generosity.

Living Our Faith 
The people of the Diocese of Portsmouth

After much prayer and consultation the "**Living Our Faith**" campaign was launched in our Diocese. Some of you will know that Eastleigh, Chandlers Ford, Romsey, Winchester are well into this. Considerable financial resources are needed to implement the **Diocesan Pastoral Plan** which offers us a vision, a road map, for building up the faith communities in our parishes. Investment in "**Living our Faith**" will address the following needs:

- Investment in Clergy and encouraging vocations
- Assisting lay formation and the training of catechists in our parishes
- Renewal of parish facilities providing loans and grants
- Provision for specific local parish needs

Bishop Crispian has written asking the 5 parishes in our pastoral area to be part of this campaign. At present we are in the early stages and I will update you as it progresses. As a first step over the next 2 weekends, we will be conducting a full parish census of each household.

TODAY - SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

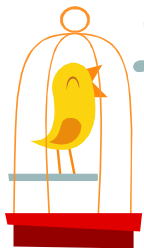
SECOND COLLECTION: Upkeep of the Cathedral
WELCOME RITE Sunday 11am Mass



BAPTISM We welcome into our faith community Natalia Korska, daughter of Przemyslaw and Edyta who is to be baptised in St. Edmund's Church 12.30pm.

GOSPEL CHOIR— 7pm Mass. Rehearsal 6pm.

THIS WEEK



SING IT! Youth Gospel Choir invites young people of 13+ to join in singing with this vibrant, modern Gospel choir. Due to begin again on **Monday 28th September in Springhill School 6.30pm—9pm.** All welcome. Professional tutors to lead the singing.

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

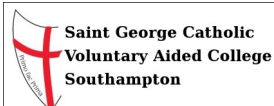
ST. MARY'S COLLEGE—open evening Monday 28th Sep. 6.30pm—9pm. 57 Midanbury Lane, Bitterne Park. Tel. 023 8067 1267. See Notice Board.

BAPTISM PREPARATION—All parents who have planned a baptism are invited to attend a special meeting on Mon. 28th Sep. 7pm—8pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for 11am Choir, Tues. 28th 7.30pm in St. Edmund's Church. Please do come and join the choir, all welcome.

HEALING PRAYER EVENING

The Wellspring prayer meeting in St Edmund's Hall on Tues. 29th Sep. at 8.00 pm will focus on healing. This will be an opportunity to receive prayer for healing. All are welcome.



ST. GEORGE OPEN EVENING

on Wed. 30th Sep. from 6.00pm. We encourage all parents with boys entering secondary education next year to explore the opportunities at St. George for quality Catholic education.

STEWARDSHIP GROUP to meet at 7.45pm Wed. 30th Sep. St. Edmund's Presbytery.

OPEN EVENING—ST. ANNE'S for entry into Year 7, 1st Oct. 5.30pm—8pm. Entry into Lower 6th, 6th Oct. 6pm-8pm. See Notice Board.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Or knowing more about our faith? If so, please come and join us on Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm in St. Edmund's Hall. A warm welcome assured.

CAFOD—HARVEST FAST

DAY Friday 2nd October.



CAFOD is appealing for urgent help to support millions of people who are being pushed deeper and deeper into poverty. The financial crisis is having a devastating impact on poor people. CAFOD is working hard to help but the need is great and its funds are stretched to the limit. Please be generous in your contribution.

NEXT WEEKEND



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to Peter Hart and Mia Caruana due to be married in St. Edmund's Church at 3pm on Sat. 3rd October. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

GREEN LIVING CONFERENCE Sat. 3rd Oct. 10am—3.30pm, Avenue St. Andrews Church. Speaker Chris Packham BBC Spring Watch.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR FR. GERRY at 7.30pm on Sat. 3rd Oct. in St. Joseph's Hall. All welcome, please come along to wish Fr. Gerry well in his new parish. Please bring a plate of finger food.

STUDENT CHOIR 7pm Sun. 4 Oct. Rehearsal 6pm



WELCOME & RECEPTION FOR STUDENT'S
8pm after Mass
on Sun. 4th Oct.
in St. Edmund's Hall.
Student choir to lead singing at this Mass.

PARISH CENSUS: 4th and 11th October 2009. On this Sun. at all Masses we are asking **all our regular Mass goers** to complete a short census form. It doesn't matter whether you think we have your contact details or not. We would ask every household to complete one form. This information is needed solely for parish purposes and will be stored securely in accordance with Diocesan and Civil Data Protection laws and will not be made known to other people.

NEXT WEEK

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.

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.



HUNGARIAN PHD. STUDENT attending Southampton University requires accommodation for the coming academic year. Please contact the parish office.

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. Further information from St. Edmund's on Tel. No. 8033 3589.



BARN DANCE Sat. 10th Oct. 7pm—10.45pm Colbury Hall, A27 Lyndhurst. See Notice Board.



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 this weekend & next.

FOLLOWING ROTAS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY:

- 11AM MASS CO-ORDINATORS
- 11AM MASS WELCOMERS
- READERS
- EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

GENERAL ITEMS

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

SOUP LUNCHEAS Thursdays 15th Oct. and 19th Nov. £2 per person at 1.05pm in St. Michael's Church (after 12.15pm Mass). All proceeds to CAFOD & Christian Aid. All welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Teddy Blake (2 yrs), Faith (15 months), Anthony Whelan, Joseph Smartt, Eileen Coles, Brian Cunio, Margaret Stobbart, Maria Mascarenhas, Sheila Morris, Yvonne Robertson, Fr. John and all parishioners who are sick or recovering. Please let parish office know if you would like to add someone to the list.

INVITATION TO JOIN the City Centre Pastoral Group (CCPG). We meet once a month to co-ordinate the various activities and initiatives within our parish. We need 1 volunteer (we've already had 1 offer). Offers to Fr. John, Fr. Paul or the parish office.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN When seeking a visit from Fr. Michael Cronin at the General Hospital please telephone the Chaplaincy Office 023 8079 8517.

POSITIONS VACANT—Solent Credit Union are looking for an Admin. Officer and a Development Worker. No formal application form required - please post your CV by 9 October to:- Solent Credit Union (Job application), Unit 3, 1-16 Hollybrook Road, Shirley, Southampton, SO16 6RB. See Notice Board for Job Description and Person Specification.

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.

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

BEFORE MASS — Talk to God
DURING MASS — Listen to God
AFTER MASS — Talk to your friends

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME—**YEAR 3** or above to join this year's Parish programme please complete by **Monday 12th October**.

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 27th SEPTEMBER 2009**

SAT	VIGIL MASS 26 SEPTEMBER	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	6.15PM SJ	MARY JANE & JIM MCATEER RIP ANNIVERSARY (BM)
			7.00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	27 SEPTEMBER	26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE	PETER TURNER RIP (M&S)
			10.00AM SJ	RAY GODDARD RIP (SB)
			11.00AM SE	BIRTHDAY INTENTION (SF)
			7.00PM SE	LEO LEEGY 7 YEARS BIRTHDAY INTENTION (LV)
TUES	29 SEPTEMBER	THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL	10.00AM SE	JULIETTE WHITE RIP (F))
WED	30 SEPTEMBER	ST. JEROME	7.00PM SE	TESS DESMOND GET WELL (JS)
THUR	1 OCTOBER	ST. TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS	12.15PM SJ	LAURENCE & MARIE ELIZABETH CRAWLEY RIP (F)
FRI	2 OCTOBER	HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS	7.00PM SE	JOHN JAMES MURPHY RIP (F)
SAT	3 OCTOBER	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11.00AM SE	MICHAEL & PATRICK SULLIVAN'S INTS. (JS)
			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 ANNI- VERSARY 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)

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Our Catholic Schools:

Springhill Catholic Primary	023 8033 3954
St Anne's Catholic School	023 8032 8200
St George Catholic College	023 8032 2603

26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Psalm Response

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

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
CATHEDRAL**

SECOND COLLECTION

**NEXT WEEK
CAFOD (HARVEST FAST)**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

First reading: Genesis 2:18-24
Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

20/09/09	1 st Collection	2 nd CASE
Total	2446	436
Cash	854	232
S / O	1224	157
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	368	47

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.