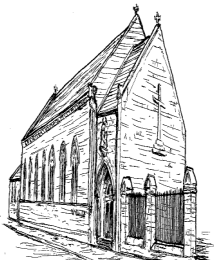


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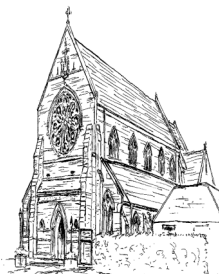
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# TRULY CATHOLIC

## Fr. Paul writes:

Of all the writings in the New Testament, the letter of St. James is among the most practical and full of commonsense. For instance, to those who say that only faith is necessary for salvation (a common belief amongst some of our brothers and sisters of other Christian traditions), James replies that both faith and good works are necessary. For our faith must have an active dimension; the love and concern we show to others is a proof of the faith we profess.

In today's 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, James considers a practical consequence of being a follower of Jesus. For him, to be a follower of Jesus means that there is no place for 'the making of distinctions between classes of people'. Does that imply that, in the early church, the Christians somehow thought they were better than others? Perhaps! In truth, this sense of superiority is an attitude that has been held by some Catholic Christians throughout the centuries and, dare I say, still today. However much we believe that, in the Catholic Church, we possess the fullness of the faith and the truth of life, we need to do so with a profound humility and no sense of triumphalism.



Similarly, the letter of James cautions us against thinking that, just because we dress and behave in a certain way when we come to church, we are any better than those who come into our churches dressed 'in shabby clothes'. Here is the challenging logic of the Gospel: 'It was those who are poor according to the world that God chose'. This truth is enshrined in the Church's teaching. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) refers to it as 'the preferential option for the poor'. Perhaps our churches should be full and overflowing with those who are shabby and smelly and, in the eyes of the world, consigned to the margins. In our eyes, such brothers and sisters deserve to be shown to the best seats.

## TODAY - SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Catholic Care

**WELCOME RITES** Sunday 9am Mass



**BAPTISM** We welcome into our faith community Tatiana Gil, daughter of Piotr and Zuzanna, who is to be baptised in St. Edmund's Church at 12.30pm.

**STUDENT CHOIR**—Sun. 6th Sep.

**RECENTLY DIED:** Charles Kuitenbrouwer of James Street, St. Mary's. Funeral Mass on Thurs. 10th September in St. Joseph's Church, Bugle Street at **1.15pm**. Cremation to follow. Our sympathy to his wife Iris and family. **May he rest in peace.**



## THIS WEEK

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** for 11am Mass with Ian Richardson on Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm. New members are welcome.

**SOUTHAMPTON COUNCIL OF FAITHS** to meet at 7.30pm on Tues. 8th Sept. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.  
**ECUMENICAL PRAYER EVENING TO PRAY FOR BEVOIS TOWN & INNER AVENUE AREA**—Bevois Town Church, Ancasta Road, SO14 6SA on Wed. 9th Sep. 6pm—8pm, invite all Christians to meet, share food (curry), fellowship & pray for the neighbourhood. Children welcome. Suggested contribution £2 per adult. Tel. Tim Savage on 023 8063 9279. (See Notice Board).

**STEWARDSHIP GROUP** to meet at 7.30pm on Wed. 9th Sept. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

**HALF PINTS (BABY & TODDLER GROUP)** starts again on Thurs. 10th Sept at 10am in St Edmund's Hall.

**COMMUNITY WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE**—starts again on Thurs. 10th September at 6:30pm in the Stella Maris Centre. Cost £39 for 13 weeks of healthy eating, talks & weekly weigh-ins with cash prizes for the biggest weight losses. Places limited – Contact Catherine on 8033 4464.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP** to meet at 9.45am on Sat. 12th Sep. in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**—13th Sep.

**GOSPEL CHOIR**—Sun. 13th Sep. 7pm Mass, rehearsal 6pm all welcome.

**SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR**—Mayflower Theatre Sun. 13th Sep. 7.30pm. Ticket prices £18—£24. Tel. 8071 1811 or on-line: mayflower.org.uk. See Notice Board.

## NEXT WEEK

**SPRINGHILL SCHOOL** beginning of school year Mass in Springhill 2pm Tues. 15th Sep. Presider Fr. John.



**VISIT OF RELICS OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX:** 16th Sep. 2009, St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth - Programme: 9.30am: Bishop Crispian welcomes the Relics of St. Thérèse to the Cathedral (continued...)

11.00am Bishop Crispian celebrates Liturgy with schools of the Diocese.

2.00pm: Mass with Anointing of the Sick. One person from each parish is invited to receive the Sacrament of the Sick accompanied by 3 others. If interested please give your names to the parish office.

7.30pm Mass of Thanksgiving, Canon John Udris (Dean of Northampton Cathedral) to preach. Four parishioners from each parish to be invited. If interested please give your name to the parish office.

10.00pm Night prayers

10.30pm—6.30am: Night Vigil with the Relics of St. Thérèse. The night vigil will focus on the stations of the cross. **Our pastoral area has been invited to lead the half hour slot from 3.00am—3.30am.**

If interested, again please contact the parish office  
Leaflets available at the back of the Church.



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** Or knowing more about our faith? If so, please come and join us on Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm in St. Edmund's Hall. A warm welcome assured.

## PARISH GET TOGETHER

Sunday 20th Sep.

12pm—4pm at Springhill School

*A day of celebration, reflection, fun and sharing, for all ages.*

## PROGRAMME

12.30pm—Shared Buffet Lunch

**everyone brings some food to share** (e.g. sandwiches, filled wraps, sausage rolls, spring rolls, samosas, mini potatoes, quiche, pizza, snack eggs, cheese pieces, cherry tomatoes, crudités or anything else that can be eaten without a knife or fork!).

1:00-3:30pm —choice of activities

**Sample as many as you want!**

(Gospel Singers, Flower Arranging, Art Workshops for all ages, Tango & Salsa Dancing, Music with Babies, Story time for Children, African Drummers, Rounders and other games, Italian Speaking, Musical Corner and Sing Along. Parish Photo Gallery).

**Please note in your diary / calendar not to be missed! Great plans are being made for this day.**





**WEDDING BELLS:** Richard Harris and Beverley Agullana to be married at 1.00pm in St. Edmund's Church on Fri. 18th Sep. May God bless them both all the days of their lives.

**RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH** – Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Sep. 9.30am-1.00pm. Venue: St Peter's Primary School, Olivers Battery Road North, Winchester, SO22 4JB. A half-day for confirmation catechists, youth leaders and anyone working with young people to look at the new resources for Confirmation produced by CAFOD. Contact Dave Hill [dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/](mailto:dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/), or to book a place visit the website [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) , or e-mail [estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/](mailto:estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/)

**LITURGY & PRAYER FOR LOSS & BEREAVEMENT:** Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009 (10 for 10.30am-3.00pm) Venue: St Margaret Mary Church, Middle Road, Park Gate SO31 7GH. The day will benefit anyone dealing with people who need support in loss and bereavement e.g. clergy and laity working in chaplaincy and bereavement support, ministers of communion, visitors to the sick and housebound, catechists & pastoral council members. Cost : Free. Tea & coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch. For further information or to book a place, visit the website [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or e-mail: [estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/](mailto:estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/).

**CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2009:** At St Mary's College, 26-27 Sep. Contact Lynda & Peter Szymanski Tel. 023 8029 2058.

**ST. MARY'S COLLEGE**—open evening Monday 28th Sep. 6.30pm—9pm. 57 Midanbury Lane, Bitterne Park. Tel. 023 8067 1267. Entry points for boys and girls 3—11 yrs (Charlton House) and 11—16 yrs (Senior House). Entrance exam Sat. 16th Jan 2010 for Sep. 2010 entry. See Notice Board.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED HCPT SOUTHAMPTON—GROUP 170** for Easter 2010. Contact Roxy Tel. 07590312407 .

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Teddy Blake (2 yrs), Faith (15 months), Kitty Cummings, Anthony Whelan, Brian Cunio, Maria Mascarenhas, Sheila Morris and all parishioners who are sick or recovering. Please let parish office know if you would like to add someone to the list.

**GIFT AID:** do you need information on your Gift Aid contributions to complete your tax return for the Tax Year April 2008-09? Contact the parish office.

**11 AM MASS CO-ORDINATORS ROTA** now available in the Sacristy for collection.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**— can you give up a couple of hours once a quarter to assist with preparing parents for the baptism of their

children. Our team is now down to one person who really needs your help. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to join the team.

**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.

## CONFESSION TIMES:

Sat. 11.30am St. Edmund's

Sat. 6.00pm St. Joseph's

Thursday 12.00 noon St. Joseph's

and by appointment

**NO MORE JAM JARS NEEDED** – many thanks for your generous response to this appeal.

**REMINDER TO EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS** please go to the Sacristy before Mass to sign in and advise that you are present.

### SELF CONTAINED FURNISHED OFFICE ACCOMMODATION TO RENT IN BUGLE STREET , IMMEDIATE OCCUPATION:

- Prime location, just a few minutes walk from Southampton City Centre
- Individual entrance accessed via security door
- Main office size approx. 25ft 6ins X 13ft 9ins = **350 square feet**
- Office furniture, chairs, storage facilities and kitchen area
- Gas central heating
- Separate toilet at rear
- Quiet position
- On-site parking for 1 car subject to negotiation if required

### STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Father, all that we are and everything we have are your gifts to us. We thank you for this abundance of blessings. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and help us to serve you as generous stewards of all that you have given us.



Help us to share all we have in our homes, our parishes and our schools, in our places of work and in our wider communities.

Help us to work together in recognising your gifts and your love in those with whom we share our lives. Together, may we bear much fruit as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

### Stewardship Group

Say 'thank you' to someone.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR  
WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2009**

<b>SAT</b>	<b>VIGIL MASS 5 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b>	6.15PM SJ 7.00PM SE	<b>ESMÉ RALPHS 86TH BIRTHDAY INT. (AW) MASS IN POLISH</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>6 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00AM SE 10.00AM SJ 11.00AM SE 7.00PM SE	<b>SEBASTIAN MONTEIRO RIP (F) CONNOR GRIFFITHS BIRTHDAY INTS. (AW) ANUSHKA PEACE PRAYER—WORLD PEACE (AP) GARETH WHEELER BIRTHDAY INTS. (AW)</b>
<b>TUES</b>	<b>8 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY</b>	10.00AM SE	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>9 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>23RD WEEK OF O.T.</b>	7.00PM SE	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
<b>THUR</b>	<b>10 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>23RD WEEK OF O.T.</b>	1.15PM SJ	<b>FUNERAL MASS—CHARLES KUITENBROUWER RIP</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>11 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>23RD WEEK OF O.T.</b>	7.00PM SE	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>12 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>THE HOLY NAME OF MARY</b>	11.00AM SE 6.15PM SJ 7.00PM SE	<b>DOMINIC PARRY RIP (JPD) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH MASS IN POLISH</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>13 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00AM SE 10.00AM SJ 11.00AM SE 7.00PM SE	<b>AGOSTINHA GONSALVES RIP (MG) MIEKE VAN DEN BERG-KUITENBROUWER RIP (IK) MICHAEL HAYWOOD &amp; DR. SHANIKA BIRTHDAY INTS. (AP) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>

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**23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

**Psalm Response**

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
 You have the message of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Church Week 3**

**SECOND COLLECTION**

**TODAY  
CATHOLIC CARE**

**SECOND COLLECTION**

**NEXT WEEK  
RACIAL JUSTICE**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER**

**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

First reading: Isaiah 50:5-9  
 Second Reading: James 2:14-18  
 Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-35

30/8/09	1st Collection	2nd Collection Church Building Fund
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2408</b>	<b>293</b>
Cash	813	-
S/O (estimated)	1224	229
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	371	64

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.