



**23RD AUGUST
2009**

**21ST SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY
TIME**



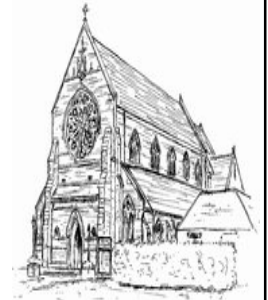
**CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC PARISH, SOUTHAMPTON
ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S**

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**



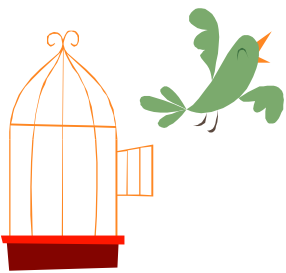
SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL AND WEST PASTORAL AREA
ALSO INCLUDES ST. BONIFACE, ST. VINCENT DE PAUL & HOLY FAMILY



FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Fr. Gerry writes:

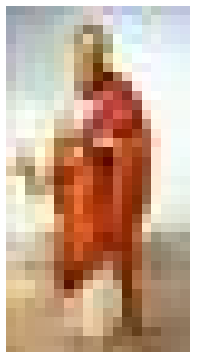
One of the great achievements of the World in the last days of the 20th Century in promoting human dignity is the freedom of worship that many democratic societies enjoy today. Though there are still some sections of the globe that fight against the West and Christianity, who think that unless you convert to their 'Religion', you have no right to life. But our Christian principles and civilisation teach us to cultivate virtues of love, tolerance and forgiveness rather than vengeance. God created us freely and He wants us to worship Him freely. He has given us the precious gift of freedom and yet, He doesn't interfere with it.



Parents and teachers of Religion have the huge and important task of instructing people properly in the way of the Lord without deception or exaggeration. When this is done, people should be left free to choose whether or not to follow the Way, provided they know the implications and consequences of any choice that they make. The best way to instruct people is by EXAMPLE.

MISSION AWARENESS AND APPEAL

Today we welcome Fr. Augustine Franklin, MSP, who has come to do a mission awareness and appeal in our parish this weekend on behalf of the Missionary Society of St. Paul of Nigeria.



FATHER GERRY FAREWELL

Next Sunday 30th August will be Fr. Gerry Onyejuluwa's last Sunday Masses with us as our Assistant Parish Priest. Fr. Gerry, MSP, finally leaves our parish on 31st August for 3 weeks holiday before he takes up his new missionary assignment at Our Lady Queen of Peace & Blessed Margaret Pole Catholic Church in Bournemouth. Our thanks and prayers go with him. A farewell has been arranged for Fr. Gerry on Saturday 3rd October, after Mass at St. Joseph's Hall at 7.30pm. A collection will be taken next weekend 29th/30th August.



TODAY - SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST

SECOND COLLECTION—Missionary Society of St. Paul of Nigeria MSP. Thank you for giving generously to this appeal. (Fr. Gerry's order).

WELCOME to Fr. Jack Padua presiding at 10am Mass.



BAPTISM—We welcome into our faith community Serena Forbes, daughter of Malcolm & Blessing also Henry Le Marquand, son of Andrew & Julie who are to be baptised at 12.30pm in St. Edmund's Church.

THIS WEEK

FR. PAUL LEONARD, newly ordained Priest returns from leave on 27th Aug. to take up his post as Assistant Priest at our parish.

NEXT WEEKEND

SECOND COLLECTION: Church Building Fund.

WEDDING BELLS:



- Liam Thomas and Hannah Evers to marry at 12.30pm on Sat. 29th Aug. in St. Edmund's Church.
- Billy Fernandez and Donna Harris to marry at 3pm on Sat. 29th Aug. in St. Edmund's Church.

- Chris Ball and Carly le Marchal to marry at 1.30pm on Sun. 30th Aug. in St. Edmund's Church.

May God bless them all the days of their lives.

NEXT WEEK

CHURCH CLOSED, PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Mon. 31st Aug. Bank Holiday.

SCHOOLS RE-OPEN Thursday 3rd September.

GENERAL ITEMS

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.

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.

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.

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

VISIT OF RELICS OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX: 16th Sep. 2009, St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

BOOKKEEPER REQUIRED—voluntary support worker familiar with SAGE required for the Southampton Seafarers Centre, one to two days per month, plus holiday cover would be the total commitment. Travel expenses will be reimbursed. Contact Colin Dorrington 023 8033 3106. See Notice Board.

PARISH GET TOGETHER Sun. 20th Sep. 12pm—4pm at Springhill School.

NEWS OF FR. PAUL SPELLMAN: Fr. Paul has moved the Care Home in Romsey and is now back home.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2009: St Mary's College, 26-27 Sep. Celebrate is a family conference organised by a team from Catholic Charismatic Renewal. See www.celebrateconference.org for full details & booking form (click on Southampton page). Contact Lynda & Peter Szymanski Tel. 023 8029 2058.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HCPT SOUTHAMPTON—GROUP 170 We are looking to expand the group for Easter 2010. The pilgrimage runs over Easter week, and involves working with very ill/disabled children. It is a hugely rewarding experience. We have a great 'full of fun and mischief' team who are raring to add more members. Contact Roxy Paterson Tel. 07590312407 or visit our website to find out more at www.group170.org.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST 2009

VIGIL MASS	THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY	6.15PM SJ	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR DMYTRO KUNDY (DK) MASS IN POLISH
22nd AUG		7.00PM SE	
23rd AUG	21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE 10.00AM SJ 11.00AM SE 7.00PM SE	PAUL ARCHER RIP (GC&HP) SPECIAL INTENTION (AA) HILDA FONSECA RIP (RC) PETER SMITH RIP (ES)
25th AUG	21ST WEEK OF O.T.	10.00AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
26th AUG	21ST WEEK OF O.T.	7.00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
27th AUG	ST. MONICA	12.15PM SJ	SPECIAL INTENTION & BIRTHDAY (AA)
28th AUG	ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO	7.00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
29th AUG	BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	11.00AM SE 6.15PM SJ 7.00PM SE	RUSS MYLES RIP (TG&PG) SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) MASS IN POLISH
30th AUG	22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE 10.00AM SJ 11.00AM SE 7.00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH PEOPLE OF THE PARISH FRANCESCO PISANI (SP) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Psalm Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

First reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

16/08/09	1 st Coll.	2 nd Coll. Catholic Care
Totals	2525	452
Cash	934	125
S / O	1230	252
Gift Aid	361	75