



**9TH AUGUST  
2009**

**19TH SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME**



**CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC PARISH, SOUTHAMPTON**

**ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S**

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

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**A Stewardship Parish in  
a Stewardship Diocese**



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



# SHARING A MEAL

## Fr. John writes:

Some of us are old enough to remember when eating any place other than at the family dining room table or in a restaurant on very special occasions was unusual. Nowadays people eat out regularly, there are lots of sandwich bars, shops sell 'take-aways', so the whole arrangement for eating a meal has changed dramatically. In so many ways this is helpful to keep us on the move but we miss out on the whole experience of eating together.

It is a very special occasion every time you share a meal with family and friends. In so many ways we join together in conversation, we share food and build up a bond, a relationship with each other. It is our tradition to say a prayer before and after a meal to give thanks to the Lord for blessing and sustaining us.

The Eucharist is about coming together in communion with Christ and each other. We share a sacred meal at the table of the Lord. We are united with Christ himself and with those who gather with us to celebrate the Sunday Mass. Jesus becomes our food and drink and nourishes us for the week ahead. The bread is broken so all of us can take part. Though we are many, we are one body in Christ. We've come to feed on Christ's body and blood with respect, love and gratitude. We are nourished by God's Word and by the Eucharist. We are renewed and refreshed for the coming week. We take Christ to our world, we are Christ to others.

Today's Gospel continues the "BREAD OF LIFE THEME" as found in St. John's Gospel Chapter 6.

## Diocese of Portsmouthô Letter from Bishop Crispian CATHOLIC CHURCH REGULATIONS: SWINE FLU EPIDEMIC

During the current swine flu epidemic, in keeping with the latest guidelines that I have received, I recommend that the following measures be implemented in Catholic Churches throughout the diocese from this weekend:

1. The Sign of Peace during Mass. Instead of a handshake members of the congregation are asked to join their hands together, as in prayer, turn to their immediate neighbours, bowing slightly and saying "Peace be with you".
2. Holy Communion is to be given only on the hand, not on the tongue or from the chalice.
3. Ministers of the Sacred Host are asked to ensure their hands are washed with sanitizers (provided) before and after ministering communion.

These regulations will remain in place until further notice. It is hoped that the reasons for this temporary policy will be understood and appreciated. They have been made out of particular pastoral concern for the vulnerable, namely, the elderly, children and those with underlying health problems.

Bishop Crispian Hollis

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2009

## TODAY - SUNDAY 9th AUGUST

**WELCOME RITE** Sunday 9am Mass



**BAPTISMS**—We welcome into our faith community Alessio Destefanou, son of Antonio and Fiametta and Antony Radkiewicz, son of Rafal and Aneta who are to be baptised at 12.30pm in St. Edmund's Church.

## NEXT WEEKEND

### WEDDING BELLS:



Matthew Ward and Kathryn Kubinski to be married with Nuptial Mass on Sat. 15th Aug. at 12.30pm in St. Edmund's Church. Presider Fr. Tom Grufferty from Havant. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY** has transferred to next Sunday 16th August. Note the special readings for the Feast Day.

**WELCOME** to Fr. Jack Padua who is to preside at the 10.00 am Mass on Sunday 16th August.

## NEXT WEEK

### WEDDING BELLS:

Stephen McGillion & Joanna Wright to be married with Nuptial Mass on Fri. 21st Aug. at 1.00pm in St. Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.



**MISSIONARY APPEAL:** A priest from the Missionary Society of St. Paul—Fr. Gerry's community, will make an appeal at all Masses on the weekend of Saturday 22nd /23rd August. Each year we have an appeal from a Missionary Society. Because of Fr. Gerry's presence in our parish we have offered to support his Society Missionary appeal. Thank you for giving generously to this appeal.

## GENERAL ITEMS

**WELCOME**—If you are a visitor to the parish, we want you to know how welcome you are—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world or simply down the road.

**SUMMER'S HERE**—so reduction on singing at our Sunday Masses.

**NEW PARISH WEBSITE**—New address: <http://www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk/>. Please go online and have a look and vote or comment on it. You will be pleasantly surprised.

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?**—please complete the form at the back of the church and hand in to Fr. Gerry or the parish office 14 Rockstone Place.

**AVENUE MULTI-CULTURAL CENTRE**—based at Avenue St. Andrews URC Church. Meets every Friday morning with an average of over 100 people attending. Help to refugees and asylum seekers from

the Red Cross, City Life Education and CLEAR. Legal advice is available.

**SOUTHAMPTON STREET PASTORS**—night time patrols, working in teams of 4 or 5, patrolling the City Centre on Friday and Saturday nights. The aim is to offer basic welfare to members of the public by listening, caring and helping. To date 48 volunteers are in the project. If you would like to help as a Street Pastor or as a prayer group member, contact Richard Pitt Tel. 023 8099 9896. Mobile No. 079 2040 4010. e-mail:southampton.@streetpastors.org.uk

## NEW APPOINTMENT OF CATHOLIC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEADER FOR SOUTHAMPTON, EASTLEIGH & WINCHESTER PASTORAL AREAS:

Peter McGeady currently a school chaplain at St. Philip Howard Catholic High School in Bognor Regis has been appointed to this position. All the above areas have combined to fund this new post. This is an exciting new development in support of the younger members of our faith communities.

**SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR**—are coming to the Mayflower Theatre on Sunday 13th September at 7.30pm. Ticket prices from £18—£24. Aware of the spectacular success of the Gospel Music at Fr. Paul Leonard's ordination it is expected that many people would wish to hear this inspirational choir. To book Tel. 8071 1811 or on-line: [mayflower.org.uk](http://mayflower.org.uk). See Notice Board.

**GIFT AID IT!** Help us to make your contributions go further. If you pay UK income tax you can increase your contributions by 28% by Gift Aid. Please contact the Parish Office for the form.

## PARISH GET TOGETHER

Sunday 20th Sep.

12pm—4pm at Springhill School

We ate a meal together,  
we sang, we danced,  
we had a go on the drums,  
we watched, we talked, we listened,  
we played, we shared, we laughed,  
we spoke Polish, we had a go at some art &  
arranging flowers, we prayed,  
we had fun, we drank tea and ate cakes,  
we had a lovely time together.

Guess what?

We are going to do it all again!  
Please note in your diary / calendar not to be missed! Great plans are being made for this day.



**REMINDER TO EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS**

please go to the Sacristy before Mass to sign in and advise that you are present.

**GOING ON HOLIDAYS?** If you are on a rota for readers, ministers of Holy Communion or Welcomers, please arrange for a replacement.

**AFRICAN DISCO** Sat. 22nd Aug. 8.30pm, no charge, at the Honest Lawyer Pub, Lodge Road. All welcome.

**CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2009:** At St Mary's College, 26-27 September. Celebrate is a family conference organised by a team from Catholic Charismatic Renewal and is open to all. Full details and booking forms can be found at [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) (click on the Southampton page) or see poster in porch. Early booking is advised. Contact Lynda and Peter Szymanski on Tel. 023 8029 2058 or e-mail [southampton@celebrateconference.org.uk](mailto:southampton@celebrateconference.org.uk)

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

The message of St. Thérèse that stresses holiness as a way of life for ordinary people living in ordinary circumstances has proved immensely popular throughout the world.



**What about the relics—aren't they outdated and a sign of superstition?** The Catholic Church has always commended the veneration of relics for two main reasons. Firstly, God shows his approval by granting healings and/or other graces. This is a remarkable feature of the relics of St. Thérèse. Secondly, relics help us feel close to a holy person, thus making the communion of saints more real and fostering in us a desire for holiness.

Pope Benedict XVI: "By inviting us to venerate the mortal remains of the martyrs and saints, the Church does not forget that, in the end, these are indeed just human bones, but **they are bones that belonged to someone touched by the transcendent power of God**".

**I WISH TO JOIN THE 200 CLUB**  
Name: ..... Tel. No. ....  
Address: .....  
.....  
Method of payment: Cheque ..... (encl.) Cash.....encl. (payable to PRCDTR)  
Standing Order: ..... (start date) (please ✓ your choice)  
£12 / £24 / £36 (£12 per number). Please hand in to Fr. John, Fr. Gerry or the Parish Office.

**NO MORE SOUP**—The soup run is closing as St. James Homelessness structure is re-organising & expanding:



- 1. At Patrick House needs are assessed
  - 2. There are 4 larger hostels with different support specialities
  - 1. There is a Computer Workshop / training centre
  - 2. There are small houses for people ready to look after themselves as well as a Breakfast Club
- So, St. James is a huge success, they could not have got there without your help, and they say **"Thank you, Thank you, Thank you"**.

**JAM JARS**—do you have jam jars to donate to someone who makes jam as a living. If you can help, please drop off at the parish office.



**USEFUL WEBSITE:** [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie). Once you get onto it there are various associated useful links, such as a daily inspiration and prayer reflection for meditation, Living Space which gives commentaries on the daily gospel readings, and Chapel of Intentions where people place a prayer and cyber community prays for all those intentions. An excellent way to start your day!

**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.



**SWINE FLU PRECAUTIONS**—Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to go to the credence table and use the special antiseptic hand gel before distributing Holy Communion at Mass.

**STEWARDSHIP AT HOME:**

- Take your watch off when going into church for Mass—symbolising that this is God's time.
- Make arrangements to pick up a homebound person for Mass each week.

**CONFESSION TIMES:**  
Sat. 11.30am St. Edmund's  
Sat. 6.00pm St. Joseph's  
Thursday 12.00 noon St. Joseph's  
and by appointment

**Stewardship Group**  
Thought for the week:  
**Be grateful for the little things**



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR  
WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 9th AUGUST 2009**

<b>SAT</b>	<b>VIGIL MASS 8TH AUGUST</b>	<b>ST. DOMINIC</b>	6.15PM SJ IAIN KERR RIP (CK) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9TH AUGUST</b>	<b>19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00AM SE AGOSTINHA GONSALVES RIP (MG) 10.00AM SJ PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 11.00AM SE CÉCILE BEAUSOLEIL (CH) 7.00PM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
<b>TUES</b>	<b>11TH AUGUST</b>	<b>ST. CLARE</b>	10.00AM SE MRS. BAILEY RIP (BD)
<b>WED</b>	<b>12TH AUGUST</b>	<b>19TH WEEK OF O.T.</b>	7.00PM SE JOAN DOWDING RIP (F)
<b>THUR</b>	<b>13TH AUGUST</b>	<b>19TH WEEK OF O.T.</b>	12.15PM SJ JOAN DOWDING RIP (F)
<b>FRI</b>	<b>14TH AUGUST</b>	<b>ST. MAXIMILIAN MARIA KOLBE</b>	7.00PM SE JOAN DOWDING RIP (F)
<b>SAT</b>	<b>15TH AUGUST</b>	<b>OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b>	11.00AM SE PHYLLIS RICHMOND—SPECIAL INTS. (PR) 6.15PM SJ PAUL DORAN RIP ANNIVERSARY (JB) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
<b>SUN</b>	<b>16TH AUGUST</b>	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY</b>	9.00AM SE JOHN & MARY MOONEY (CM) 10.00AM SJ AGNES & RAMIRO RIP (CASSAR FAMILY) 11.00AM SE RICHARD FAMILY INTENTIONS (RC) 7.00PM SE ANEEZA AMER SPECIAL INTENTION (AA)

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**19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

**Psalm Response**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

If anyone loves me he will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and We shall come to him.

**Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Church Week 3**

**NO SECOND  
COLLECTION TODAY**

**SECOND COLLECTION  
NEXT WEEK  
CATHOLIC CARE**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 16th AUGUST  
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY (YEAR B)**

First reading: Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6,10

Second Reading: Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-56

2/8/09	1st Collection	No 2nd Collection
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2552</b>	
Cash	951	
S/O (estimated)	1228	
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	373	

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.

**Our Catholic Schools:**

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