

**2ND AUGUST  
2009**

**18TH SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY  
TIME**



**CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC PARISH, SOUTHAMPTON**

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

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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**



## **OUR MANY HUNGERS**

**Fr. John writes:**

The Gospel today begins with a frenzied scene. The crowd had free bread yesterday and they are on the hunt for more. They are like the crowds waiting at the doors of the department stores in West Quay for the post-Christmas sales to open. They are hungry and want more, however they are looking for something that cannot last. We hunger for lots of things, some are appetites that could destroy us.

We hunger for a feeling of importance, we all want to matter, if only to one person.

We hunger for acceptance among our family and friends.

We hunger for relationships, without them we will be lonely like a lone tree on a hill top.

We hunger for faith—for a set of positive beliefs to guide us, otherwise we are like a ship without a compass or a chart.

We hunger for God, for eternal life, this is not a misfortune, but a great blessing.

Sometimes we can name this, other times we are not sure as to what is this deep yearning in our heart. Sometimes we ignore and don't recognise this hunger or even settle for an aimless life—the flesh pots of Egypt'. Other times with the grace of God, we are like the people who say to Jesus 'what must we do if we are to do the works that God wants? Jesus proposes an extraordinary answer 'This is working for God: You must believe in the one He has sent' and here is where we are called to live differently, Jesus comes to our support with the promise—'He who eats this bread that I give will live forever'. Who would not want to eat this bread?

### **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 ôPeace be with youö.
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 2nd AUGUST

**WELCOME RITES** Sunday 9am Mass



**BAPTISMS**—We welcome into our faith community Oliver Watson, son of Richard and Krysia; Bo Lily, daughter of Jason and Rebekah; Colen Voller, son of Colin and Rebecca; Cian Voller, son of Stephen and Mandy; Daniel Yorke, son of Christopher and Rebecca; Megan

Vieira Lopes, daughter of Antonio and Desiree who are to be baptised at 12.30pm in St. Edmund's Church.

**"PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE"**—August edition now available please take a copy—free.

**ROAD WORKS** thank you for your patience and understanding during the current road works outside St. Edmund's Church. The work should be completed by next Sunday.

### RECENTLY DIED:

**Pamela Eelsey** of Shirley Road, Southampton. Funeral service at 1.30pm in Hollybrook Chapel on Friday 7th August. Burial to follow afterwards in Hollybrook Cemetery. Our sympathy to her two sons, Mark and Lee and their families.



### THIS WEEK

**HALF PINTS SUMMER PICNIC** Thurs. 6 Aug. 11 am Ichen Valley Country Park. Meet at the little play area (nr. Café & toilets). Tel. Ruth 077 5250 8592.

**AN EVENING WITH DEACON PHIL HARRIS**— At 7.30pm on Wed. 5th Aug. In St. Edmund's Hall. Phil was recently ordained a deacon in Rome. Fr. John and other priests and people in the Diocese were there for this special event. Each year Phil has given our parish a report on his time and studies at the English College in Rome. We will start with some light refreshments, everyone is welcome. Phil will be ordained a priest for our diocese next year. Don't miss this evening!

**JUSTICE AND PEACE / CAFOD GROUP** to meet at 7.30pm on Thurs. 6th Aug. In St. Edmund's Pres. The group offers a special welcome to those who may be interested in exploring issues of Justice and Peace.

### GENERAL ITEMS

#### WEDDING BELLS:

- Matt Ward and Kathryn Kubinski to be married on Sat. 15th Aug. at 12.30pm in St. Edmund's Church.
- Stephen McGillion & Joanna Wright to be married on Fri. 21st Aug. at 1.00pm in St. Edmund's Church.

**LENA HEWLETT RIP - A THANK YOU.** Noreen Beaumont and friends would like to express their thanks to all those who participated in the celebration of the funeral Mass for Lena Hewlett. It was very touching to know that Lena was so well loved.

**VISIT OF RELICS OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX: 1 6th Sep. 2009, St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.**

**Brochure Issue No. 2 now available at the back of the church**

#### Programme:

9.30am: Bishop Crispian welcomes the Relics of St. Thérèse to the Cathedral

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

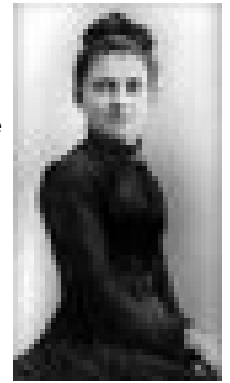
2.00pm: Mass with Anointing of the Sick. One person from each parish is invited to receive the Sacrament of the Sick accompanied by 3 others. If interested please give your names to the parish office.

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. Also, booklets now on sale in the CTS rack.



### 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.



CAN YOU HELP OUT FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS ON A TUESDAY AND / OR FRIDAY MORNING:



We urgently need help with polishing the church brasses



and / or flower arranging. Please contact Fr. John, Fr. Gerry or the parish office.

**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. See Notice Board.

**WANTED A VOLUNTEER** with financial skills to help with accounts / bookkeeping for Martha's Gift Shop. Offers to Fr. John or Mary Clarke Tel. 8033 3400.

**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.

**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.

**HAVE YOU BORROWED A HYMN BOOK?** Please check you may have got one for a wedding or a funeral. Please return it.

**STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE—14** Rockstone Place. From £59 per week. Please contact the parish office.

**RANDOM ACTS OF STEWARDSHIP YOU CAN DO AT HOME:**



- Commit to doing one good act each week that will benefit someone without his/her knowing it. At the end of the week, share what you did with your family.
- Think carefully about alternative uses of the money before purchasing luxury items.

**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.



**200 CLUB WINNERS**

**1st Prize - Angela & Frank Capocci £30**  
**2nd prize—Martin Reid £15.00**

**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 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

**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.

**Stewardship Group**

Thought for the week:

Drive Courteously



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR  
WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 2009**

SAT	VIGIL MASS 1ST AUGUST	ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI	6.15PM SJ 7.00PM SE	LAURENCE CRAWLEY RIP (MC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	2ND AUGUST	<b>18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00AM SE 10.00AM SJ 11.00AM SE 7.00PM SE	PJ & GRETA PHELAN WELLBEING (MS) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH ANDREW WASTALL 30TH BIRTHDAY (AP) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUES	4TH AUGUST	ST. JOHN VIANNEY	10.00AM SE	JOHN P. KELLEHER RIP (BD)
WED	5TH AUGUST	18TH WEEK OF O.T.	7.00PM SE	WELFARE OF SHEENA & MICK DAVIES (MD)
THUR	6TH AUGUST	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	12.15PM SJ	JIM MALONEY RIP (BD)
FRI	7TH AUGUST	18TH WEEK OF O.T.	7.00PM SE	JULIA SCANLAN RIP (BD)
SAT	8TH AUGUST	ST. DOMINIC	11.00AM SE 6.15PM SJ 7.00PM SE	MCEWING FAMILY INTENTIONS (K M) IAIN KERR RIP (CK) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	9TH AUGUST	<b>19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00AM SE 10.00AM SJ 11.00AM SE 7.00PM SE	AGOSTINHA GONSALVES RIP (MG) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH CÉCILE BEAUSOLEIL (CH) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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

**18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

**Psalm Response**

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

**Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Church Week 2**

**SECOND COLLECTION  
TODAY  
CHURCH BUILDING FUND**

**SECOND COLLECTION  
NEXT WEEK  
NONE**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 9th AUGUST  
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

First reading: Kings 19:4-8

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30—5:2

Gospel Reading: John 6:41-51

26/7/09	1st Collection	2nd Coll. Church Building Fund
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2386</b>	<b>435</b>
Cash	794	208
S/O (estimated)	1228	174
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	364	53

Thank You For your Generous Contributions. Please note, the Gift Aid tax rebate on the second collection is retained by the Parish.