



31 JULY 2016

**EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY
TIME**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL, WEST &
EAST DEANERY ALSO INCLUDES:

- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, LORDSWOOD
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PORTSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING & ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION, HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION, NETLEY ABBEY



THE VANITY THAT BELONGS TO FOOLS

Like the Israelites in this week's Psalm, we too have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, which freed us from a bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, with the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink.

But we must take care to guard against the folly that befell those Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God's goodness at Meribah and Massah.

In this week's Gospel, when Jesus tells a parable to the man in the crowd who is anxious about access to his inheritance, we might have expected the Lord to have affirmed the importance of sharing. We might have even expected the man to receive a lecture on economic justice. Instead he warns against greed, not the greediness of the rich (that comes elsewhere as we know, for the Lord demands much from those to whom he has given much) but the greediness of someone who wants to be rich, or at least richer.

Christians, and all people of good, must be active in promoting economic justice, by a more generous sharing of human and earthly treasures. Those with more, helping those with less, is a Christian duty. But measuring our giving in monetary values in place of our gospel values isn't going to ensure a comfortable retirement either.



**Guard
against
all kinds
of greed.**

Lk 12:15

St Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist of possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

Andy Philpott

TO PONDER:

1. 'Vanity of vanities' says Ecclesiastes. What is 'vain' (superficial, unimportant, useless) in your life? What can you do about it?
2. If you knew that 'this night the demand will be made for your soul' (gospel) what would you want to do?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 31 JULY 2016

SUNDAY READINGS IN POLISH available at back of the churches.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



- **Lena Socha**, daughter of Tomasz and Renata
- **Alexander Jakobik**, son of Marcin and Magdalena
- **Annabelle Fry**, daughter of Alec and Edyta, all being baptised at 12:30pm today in St Edmund's Church.

ST. EDMUND'S 9AM CHOIR MEMBERS are having their usual break in August and will return to singing on Sunday 28 August.

FATHER EZEKIEL: sadly due to circumstances outside of his control, Father Ezekiel cannot now come until the end of August! This creates some issues for us at this end as we had worked around him being here for July, August and September. We have managed so far but August creates problems re celebrants for Sunday Masses watch this space!

RECENTLY DIED: **James McConnell RIP** late of Linden Gardens, Hedge End. Requiem Mass 11:30am Tuesday 23 August in St Edmund's Church followed by burial at Beaulieu Cemetery. May his dear soul rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers.



THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: TC/VH

Wed Mass New Milton: TC

Thurs Requiem Bournemouth: VH

Fri Housebound visits: VH

Burial of ashes: VH. Hedge End: TC

Sat Mass Aldershot: TC. Wedding: VH

Sun Swindon: TC

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE info evening for all volunteers 7:45pm Wed 3 August in St Edmund's Hall.

SEEKERS' COURSE: an introduction to the Catholic faith and life. Topics: *The Gift of Faith; The Power of Prayer; The meaning of Love.* Meet at 7:30pm Thursday 4 August then alternate Thursdays ending on 1 September, in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome. To book or for more information Tel. 023 8033 3589.

NEXT WEEKEND:

WEDDING BELLS: Our congratulations to **Anthony Rouse and Mary Butterworth-Kenny** who are getting married at 2pm Saturday 6 August in St Joseph's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

THANK YOU TO FATHER DES celebrating Masses on Saturday at 6:15 pm and Sunday at 10am.

NEXT WEEK:

EU WELCOME WORKSHOP 7pm Tuesday 9 August in St Edmund's Hall.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Christian Crawley and Kirstie van Lieshout** who are getting married at 1pm Saturday 13 August in St Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The authorised copy of the Relic which resides in Northampton Diocese (consecrated and commissioned by St Pope John Paul II), is coming to the Parish from 12-17th (Friday to Wednesday) August. It will reside at St Edmund's for the 5 days (though a smaller image will be present in St Joseph's). See website www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk.



- Friday 12 August: 7pm '**Reception**' of the Relic Image; 7.30 pm Mass.
- Saturday 13th: '**A Catholic Vocation**': Mass at 10 am followed by talk, rosary; 4pm Eucharistic Devotions; Mass in Polish at 7pm followed by Rosary
- Sunday 14th: usual Sunday Masses for the **Assumption of Our Blessed Lady**; Devotions at 4pm (talk about Our Lady and Southampton) then 'prayer walk' to the site of the ruins of Medieval Chapel on the Itchen.
- Monday 15th: '**Healing**': Mass at 10am followed by talk and rosary; Eucharistic Devotions at 4pm; 'Healing Ministries Service' from 5pm; Syro-Malabar Mass at 7pm followed by talk and rosary
- Tuesday 16th: '**Conversion**': Mass at 10 am followed by talk and rosary; Bishop Philip joining us at 4pm for Eucharistic Devotions; Mass at 7pm followed by talk and rosary.
- Wednesday 17th '**Mary as Mother**': Mass at 10am followed by talk and rosary; Eucharistic Devotions at 4pm; Mass at 7pm followed by 'The Return' of the Relic Image.

All the above takes place in St Edmund's Church (sadly the image cannot be moved from church to church).

Come along for some of the events, or all of the events. Pop in to Mass, or devotions, or simply to say your own personal prayers. Join us for the 'pilgrimage' to the site of the Medieval Shrine.

Volunteers volunteers required:

- **volunteers** to be present in the church to welcome visitors
- **volunteers** to provide refreshments in the Hall
- **volunteers** to 'man' the Guadalupe repository in the Hall

Please sign up for days, times, tasks!

INFORMATION EVENING FOR VOLUNTEERS (DVD of Guadalupe story): Wednesday, 3 August at 7:45pm in St Edmund Hall.

FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP: Age: 10 to 25 years. Monday 15 – Friday 19 August 2016. **Registration:** Monday: 3pm **Departure:** We invite family and friends to join us in the Main Marquee at 3:15pm for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. **Departure Time:** 5pm. A few spaces left, contact: dominican.sisters@talk21.com.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 20—27 AUGUST 2016: **Prayer intentions:** if anyone wishes Father Vincent to take prayer intentions to leave at the Grotto, do leave them in the Parish Office or Presbytery (please no money with the intention gets burnt!!). **GET THEM TO HIM IN GOOD TIME.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Thank you to the excellent First Holy Communion Team for their dedication in preparing 57 children and families for FHC this year. Their dedication and commitment was, as usual, outstanding.

We thank in particular Ruth Cunio and Richard Ashworth for leading the team for many years (Ruth the past 4/5 and Rich almost beyond counting). They are both stepping down so as to become involved in other aspects of Parish Ministry.

The Team is reforming so that we can continue the same quality of service and dedication to the Parish, especially the children. Thank you to the members who are willing to continue. *If anyone has an interest in FHC preparation, and would like to be considered please do let Father Vincent or Tina Quinn know so that we can have a conversation.*

CASINO VISIT: many have asked what I (Vincent Harvey) was doing at a Casino last Monday! I was visiting, together with a Pastor colleague from Southampton, to look at 'chaplaincy' in terms of the Casino. All in preparation for the 'Super Casino' to be opened in Southampton in 2021 and how the Church can work with them to mitigate any gambling related issues that may arise.

VIOLENCE AND PRAYER. Please pray for all who have been victims of violence recently in France, Germany and especially:

- Fr. Jacques Hamel in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray (may he rest in peace), the others seriously injured and the local community.
 - The 19 people murdered at the Tsukui Yamayurien facility for the disabled outside Tokyo, the 25 who were injured and the other 105 residents and all their families
 - The on-going suicide attacks: Germany, Iraq, Syria
- Pray for all caught up in whatever way pray for calm and, above all, peace.

MAJOR MAINTENANCE around St Edmund's continuing. New external, porch and sanctuary lights installed.

CONGRATULATIONS! KRIS SLADEWSKI HAS COMPLETED HIS CYCLE RIDE FROM UK TO POLAND as a fundraiser for Youth 2000. *This huge challenge involved 1,337 miles which took 105 hours on the bike over 17 days from UK to Poland to attend World Youth Day. To donate please go to website www.krisladedewski.com.*



CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION: In the summer of 2016, we find ourselves in difficult times as a nation. The reverberating context of the economic crash of 2008 and the growth of terrorism, crisis and wars in recent years have resulted in a great movement of people, which has led to distant problems rippling into our local settings. The European Referendum campaign and its aftermath have served as a lightning rod, and the result is great concern about uncertainty and intolerance.

The **All-Party Parliamentary Group on Faith and Society** was formed to support and promote the work of faith organisations in the United Kingdom. Faith groups are often the very glue of society; they provide a place for people to come together, they seek out solutions, and they provide hope. We want to affirm these values of *community* and *hope* for the United Kingdom today. Today, we need to draw on this legacy for the whole of the United Kingdom.

We, the undersigned, agree...

- ✦ That the United Kingdom has been and will continue to be a place of *tolerance* and *sanctuary*;
- ✦ That this nation has been and will continue to be at the forefront of the development of *democracy*, *rights* and *freedom*, that we are proud of these traditions, and that they are our most lasting export;
- ✦ That we have been and will continue to be a dynamic nation where many settle and play an important part in our economy and cultural life;
- ✦ That we have a *hope* in our nation; that the United Kingdom continues to have a positive role to play in the world;

That we continue to have *purpose* to benefit not only the people of the United Kingdom, but also of Europe, the Commonwealth and the rest of the world.

Gary Streeter MP; Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP; Fiona Bruce MP; The Baroness Neuberger DBE; The Rt Hon the Lord Tyler; Rt Hon David Lammy MP; Steve Double MP.

CAR PARKING: A reminder that Park Centrale Estate is private and no parking is allowed.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 7 nights/8 days led by Father Claro Conde from 22—29 November 2016, cost £879. See noticeboards. Contact All Saints Travel on Tel. 01793 608 844 for booking form.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Tony McCall, Father David Hutton, Lucky & Sujata, Mano, Nelum, Karen Nugent (op recovery), Felicity Singleton (op. recovery), Albert Ratcliffe, Morris Penny, John Redhead, Jackie Duggan, Esther Pananwela, Noreen Kealy, Rachel Brady (op. recovery), Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan (heart surgery), Valerie Summerton (op recovery), Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle (op recovery), Janette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, Irene Cartledge, Teresa Adams (stroke recovery), Judy Brown, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Patricia Penny, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Bosco and Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Josie Franklin, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, Laura Pinson, Evelyn Nolan and all parishioners who are ill, having surgery or on our prayer list.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 31 JULY 2016

*(Key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

SAT	30 JULY	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	PAT SULLIVAN RIP (BK)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	31 JULY	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	TONY O'DONNELL RIP (JH)
			10:00AM SJ	JOHN KENNEDY RIP (BK)
			11:00AM SE	SPECIAL INTENTIONS (PERSONAL) (SR)
			7:00PM SE	ENA WEST RIP (F)
TUES	2 AUGUST	ST EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI	10:00AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
WED	3 AUGUST	18th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
THURS	4 AUGUST	ST JOHN VIANNEY	12:15PM SJ	BETTINA BYRD RIP (FS)
FRI	5 AUGUST	DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR, ROME	7:00PM SE	MARK & HIS WIFE—CONVERSION AND GOD'S GUIDANCE & BLESSING (RK)
SAT	6 AUGUST	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	11:00AM SE	MRS. CATHERINE (KITTY) CUMMINS RIP (F)
			6:15PM SJ	ALINA ALVARES RIP
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	7 AUGUST	NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	NOEL PHELAN RIP (GP&DP)
			10:00AM SJ	PATER NOSTER (NW)
			11:00AM SE	RATNA & YASMIN'S 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING; INDIRA'S 60th BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
			7:00PM SE	ROBERT & ROBERT'S FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)

PARISHES MASS TIMES: *Holy Family, Millbrook* Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00am; 1:00pm (Polish); Holy Day 19:00. *St. Boniface, Shirley* Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 20:00. *St. Vincent de Paul, Lordswood* Sun 09:15; Holy Day 10:00. *Christ the King & St Colman* Sun 11:00; Holy Day 19:00. *Immaculate Conception, Portswood* Recon: Sat 10:30 (After Mass); Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 19:30. *Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End* Sat Vigil 17.30; *St Brigid, West End* Sun 17:30; *St Patrick, Woolston* Sat Vigil 18:00; Sun 11:00; Holy Day 09:15 (term time); 10:00 (outside of term time). *The Annunciation, Netley Abbey* Sun 09:00, Holy Day 19:00.

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Prayer of the Church Week 2

SUNDAY 31 JULY 2016—18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Psalm Response

○ that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, ○ Lord,
consecrate us in the truth. **Alleluia!**

READINGS SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2016 19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6—9
 Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1—2, 8—19
 Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32—48

2ND COLLECTION TODAY CATHOLIC HOMECARE

NO 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Collections	1st	2nd—Catholic Homecare
Total	£2,548.79	£399.81
Cash	978.03	236.06
S / O	1,256.61	131.00
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	32.75

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.

CONFESSION TIMES

St Edmund's: Saturdays 11:30am
St Joseph's: Thursdays 11:45am
 Saturdays 5:45pm