The Value of Little Things!

Fr. Gerry writes:

Today’s Gospel reading reminds us of the importance of little things. From the generosity of a lad who offered up his five barley loaves and a couple of fish, Our Lord Jesus showed us God’s magnanimity in the multiplication of loaves and fish; from which the multitudes of people ate to their satisfaction and yet, so much remained. It is an eternal lesson for us that the little things we do out of love for God produce great results. Now we know how to unlock God’s sympathy and blessings for ourselves. The Scripture says God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

Jesus seals this huge lesson for us by encouraging us to: ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that, nothing is wasted’. In other words, He is encouraging us to pay adequate attention to little and insignificant things that fill our everyday life.

Again, He shows us that the values of orderliness, cleanliness and finishing things properly; taking care of CREATION and our EARTHLY CITY. Here the theology and spirituality of STEWARDSHIP comes in. We must not forget that we are ‘A Stewardship Parish in a Stewardship Diocese’. We are from Creation and depend on it. Creation is good because it reflects to us God’s generosity and Majesty. Hence, taking care of Creation and the discipline of RECYCLING could be another way of PRAYING!

Diocese of Portsmouth—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 23rd July 2009
TODAY - SUNDAY 26th JULY  
NO MUSICIAN FOR 11AM MASS ON 26TH JULY. 
SECOND COLLECTION—Church Building Fund. 
WELCOME RITES Sunday 9am Mass 
BAPTISMS—We welcome into our faith community Henry Reed, son of Keith and Sarah; Oscar Sysak, son of Ernest and Jolanta, Sofia Stancheris daughter of Mark and Jane who are to be baptised at 12.30pm in St. Edmund’s Church and Angus Slattery, son of Ashley and Nadine who is to be baptised at 11.30am at St. Joseph’s Church. 

NO GOSPEL CHOIR TODAY. 

Lena Hewlett of New Forest Nursing Home (formerly of St. Basil’s). Funeral Mass Tues. 28th July at 10am in St. Edmund’s Church. Burial afterwards in St. Mary’s Extra. Our sympathy to Noreen and all her friends. May she rest in peace. 

GENERAL ITEMS 
ORGAN RECITAL—Sunday 16th Aug. St. Mary’s C of E Church, 3.30pm—Martin Hall and Tim Rogerson, Tickets £5.00. 
SUMMER CAMP ‘Fanning the Flame’ 17th - 21st Aug. in St Dominic’s Priory, Sway, for young people, 10—25 yrs - recommended. Tel: 01590 681874. See Notice Board. 
WELCOME FOR FR. PAUL LEONARD—Sun. 30th August in Stella Maris Centre after 10am Mass. 
PARISH GET TOGETHER - Sunday 20th Sep. 12pm—4pm Springhill School. 

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. 

FAREWELL FOR FR. GERRY— to take place after his holidays at 7.30pm on Saturday the 3rd October in St. Joseph’s Hall. 
MUSIC AT MASS DURING HOLIDAYS—It is customary for the choirs to step down during the summer holidays, so a limited number of musicians are available at this time. Our thanks to many volunteers who play and sing for us at our Masses. 
GIFT AID APPEAL—again we ask you to return the forms you have collected, my aim of 40 sign ups is looking a little shaky, please help me reach my target. Gift Aid forms are available in the Sacristy or from the Parish Office. 

THIS WEEK 
SALE OF ICON AND CHURCH ITEMS BY THE GREEK ORTHODOX SISTERS OF BELARUS—at the New Forest Show, Brockenhurst Tues. 28th July—Thurs. 30th July. See Notice Board. 
EU WELCOME GROUP to meet on Tues. 28th July at 7.00pm at St. Edmund’s Presbytery. 
WEDDING BELLS: Jose Monserrat & Katherine Moorhead to marry at 1.30pm on Friday 31st July in St. Edmund’s Church. 

SUMMER EVENT AT VERBUM DEI RETREAT CENTRE, CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT 
• ‘Silent Retreat’ 31st July-7th Aug. (option to do 31st-2nd) Tel. Retreat Centre 01983 529554 or 07811107046. www.fmverbumdei.com/uk/ 

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NEXT WEEKEND 
WEDDING BELLS: Keiron Hall & Jennifer Taylor to marry at 1.00pm on Sat. 1st August in St. Edmund’s Church. 

HALF PINTS SUMMER PICNIC Thurs. 6 Aug. 11am Itchen Valley Country Park. Meet at the little play area (nr. Café & toilets). Bring a picnic, something to sit on and play. Tel. Ruth 077 5250 8592. 

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

RANDOM ACTS OF STEWARDSHIP YOU CAN DO AT HOME:
- Take an inventory of your clothes, decide which items you don’t need and donate them to a charity.
- Set a prayer to come up on your computer screen when you start work in the morning and again at 3pm.

REPOSITORY: Lots of new religious items are now available in the Repository. Open before and after morning Masses.

CTS Booklets—lots of new publications for sale.

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

I WISH TO JOIN THE 200 CLUB
Name: .............................. Tel. No. .................................
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Method of payment: Cheque ...... (encl.) Cash.......encl.
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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE 200 CLUB?
The 200 Club is a fundraising venture for the Parish, half the amount paid in goes to the Church and the other half towards 2 monthly prizes. We are striving to have 200 members. At present we have 79. It costs £12 per number (equates to £1 a month). We have a monthly draw. The prize money at present:
- 1st prize £28.00
- 2nd prize £14.00.

If we fill our quota of 200 numbers the monthly prizes would increase to:
- 1st prize £70.00 and
- 2nd prize £35.00!!

Please fill in the slip at the bottom of the page if you are interested in joining. You can have more than one number.

ARE YOU ABLE TO SPEND AN HOUR IN ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT?
We have a few hour slots now available. Please contact Anne Wheeler at the Parish Office to discuss which hour would suit you.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA LONDON 10K RUN—Anne and Geraldine completed the race in 1 hour, 7 mins. if you sponsored, or would like to sponsor Anne, please give your donations into the Parish Office by July 31st 2009. Many thanks for your support & kind messages of encouragement. Anne’s hips and knees are still functioning!!

Stewardship Group
Thought for the week:
Make time to listen to someone.

New e-mail address: catholic14@btinternet.com
MASS INTENTIONS FOR
WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2009

**SAT** 25TH JULY
VIGIL MASS

**SUN** 26TH JULY
17TH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME
6.15PM SJ SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON
9.00AM SE PATRICK CUMMINGS RIP (PC)
10.00AM SJ RAYMOND BURROWS RIP (PB)
11.00AM SE OSCAR SYSAK 1ST BIRTHDAY & BAPTISM
7.00PM SE MARY WORROW RIP (DW)

**TUES** 28TH JULY
17TH WEEK OF O.T.
10.00AM SE FUNERAL MASS—LENA HEWLETT RIP

**WED** 29TH JULY
ST. MARTHA
7.00PM SE MICHAEL FOLEY RIP (AR)

**THUR** 30TH JULY
17TH WEEK OF O.T.
12.15PM SJ CLEMENTINA ADEBAYO RIP (AP)

**FRI** 31ST JULY
ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
1.30PM SE WEDDING SERVICE—JOSE MONSERRAT
7.00PM SE MICHAEL FOLEY RIP (AR)

**SAT** 1ST AUGUST
17TH WEEK OF O.T.

**SUN** 2ND AUGUST
18TH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME
9.00AM SE ENA WEST RIP (F)
10.00AM SE WEDDING SERVICE—KEIRON HALL &
11.00AM SE LAURENCE CRAWLEY RIP (MC)
7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH

**17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

**Psalm Response**
You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

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

**Prayer of the Church Week 2**

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