



12 FEBRUARY 2017
**SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF

STELLA MARIS 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



LET YOUR 'YES' BE 'YES' AND YOUR 'NO' BE 'NO'

Jesus is very clear in His teaching that our words have power, particularly in the area of oaths and our general conversations in everyday life. People like honesty, integrity and truthfulness. When we tell lies or act in a dishonest way we create problems and complications that in the end we cannot control. As the poet Sir Walter Scott wrote "Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when at first we practice to deceive!"

One of my favourite pop songs by Justin Bieber (yes I am a fan, but don't tell anyone) is 'What do you mean?' and the opening verse goes: "What do you mean Oh oh, when you nod your head Yes, but you wanna say No, what do you mean?" This song picks up on the confusion in our lives caused by our inability to say what we really mean, whether it be in our relationships, our friendships and with our colleagues in the work place.

Jesus is not only telling us that people should take us at our word, he is also giving us a crucial insight into our psychological well-being. Psychology literally means study of the soul and Jesus as the ultimate psychologist, being the incarnate Son of God, is telling us that our spiritual health is linked with our mental and bodily health. Jesus' teaching is much the content of modern psychology and life coaching skills which tell us that it is okay to say 'No' to things, or simply to say 'Yes I will' or 'No I won't'.

To follow Jesus' teaching is to live in the spirit of truth, not only for our own well-being but for the well-being of everyone around us and the world as a whole. Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No' be 'No'.
Father Ross

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Are you a person of 'virtue' (Gospel)? How do you live out your life in a virtuous way? Does your 'virtue' affect all areas of your life?
2. Are you a person who keeps his/her promises (Gospel)? When have you broken a promise? Why? How did you feel? Were you able to 'make amends'?
3. With God you can keep the commandments (1st reading). Do you genuinely ask God to help you? Do you desire deep down to be faithful to God and God's 'laws'?
4. Faith has 'a wisdom' inherent in it (2nd reading). Do you lean on your faith in times of trial? Times of temptation? Times of failure?
Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2017



BACON BUTTY & CAKE SALE
today after 9am Mass
in St Edmund's Hall. Cake donations
gratefully received. Proceeds for HCPT



TODAY FATHER TOMY begins his ministry in St Vincent de Paul Parish, Lordshill. We pray for him as he gets to know the parishioners. *He will, of course, continue his work with the Syro-Malabar Community both here in the City and around the Diocese.* Sadly no accommodation has yet been found for Father Tomy so he will still be here at 14 Rockstone Place until something is sorted out. **Please take home an envelope available in the porches for Father Tomy's farewell gift (collection to take place next weekend).**

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2pm—4pm today in St Boniface Church Hall. Theme: 'Jesus—more than a mere man'.

STUDENT CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm.



RECENTLY DIED: Michael Day RIP late of Fairhaven Nursing Home formerly of Hollybrook House, Bassett Heath Avenue, Chilworth. Reception into Our Lady Chapel, St Edmund's Church 5:30pm Wednesday 15 February. Requiem Mass 12:30pm Thursday 16 February followed by cremation at West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. May his soul rest in peace. Our sympathy to his family.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH/RB

Wed Clergy prep day: VH/RB/TC

Thurs Requiem Mass: VH

Fri St George: VH

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: Comfort for the afflicted. That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalised, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP MEET 2pm—3pm Tuesdays in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome.

START OF 'UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE' LENTEN COURSE for those who have signed up. Refreshments 7pm for 7:30pm Tuesday 14 February and every Tuesday thereafter until the 4 April in St Edmund's Hall. **Attendees please bring a bible to each session.** COURSE FULLY BOOKED.

LUNCH CLUB Wednesdays at 12noon in St Edmund's Hall. **Helpers and drivers needed.** Please contact Anne Monaghan at the Parish Office if you can help or would like to join.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) meet 7:30pm Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ for those interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith.

PILATES WITH HILARY Fridays at 10am in St Edmund's Hall. **Text Hilary on 07786 617302 if you are interested.**

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm Friday 17 February in St Edmund's Lodge.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP meet 8pm Fridays in St Edmund's Hall.

NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING 10am Saturday 18 February. Letters have gone out. *Parents please see if your daughter/son has a letter and respond accordingly.* **Please return the slip.**

NEXT WEEK

HOLY HOUR 12noon until 1pm in St Edmund's Church Sunday 26 February. Takes place directly after the 11am Mass at St Edmund's. *This is part of the program to follow up on the experience and blessings of the visit of the Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in August last year.*

GENERAL ITEMS



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL who supported Anna so generously at the **Marie Curie cake sale** held last weekend at St Joseph's Church. An amount of £403 was raised. Well done Anna!

SHROVE TUESDAY—PANCAKES will be served in St Edmund's Hall after the 10am Mass on Tuesday 28 February in aid of CAFOD.

ASH WEDNESDAY: 1 March ... still 2½ weeks to go but ***we need a few volunteers to organise Hot Cross buns/tea/coffee after the 6:30am Mass Wednesdays during Lent.*** The buns etc. will be provided but we need people to heat them etc. Please let us know if you can help.

NEW 11AM CO-ORDINATORS ROTAS now available in the Sacristy at St Edmund's.

FEBRUARY 2017 200 CLUB WINNERS

Linda Ralph	1st prize	£20.00
Stephanie Mercer	2nd prize	£10.00

CITY CENTRE PASTORAL GROUP (CCPG) met last Wednesday and discussed issues from Baptism/Marriage support to Mental Health issues and support. Also included a day for Readers/Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, a Flower Festival in September in St Joseph, development of the Parish Web site and other initiatives.

The CCPG, in line with the Bishop's general request, ***is changing its name to be called the 'Evangelisation Strategy Team' (EST).*** Why? ESTs whole emphasis is on 'outreach': reaching beyond ourselves into the community at all sorts of levels: spiritually, socially, care & support etc. This is something the CCPG in this Parish has always done (*not getting involved in 'bricks and mortar'*) but sadly this is not the case everywhere! So the term EST ensures a focus in the right direction.

SOUTHAMPTON MEDINA MOSQUE: The Chairman of the Mosque wrote to thank all those that visited during the open day last Sunday. There were over 400 visitors and some interesting Q&A sessions!

INTERESTED IN MEDICAL MISSION? Christian Medical Fellowship is running a day conference 'Who is my neighbour?' at Highfield Church, Southampton from 10am—4pm Saturday 4 March. Suitable for all healthcare workers or students. To find out more, contact Dionysia on email international@cmf.org.uk or Tim timjimpatten@gmail.com

QUIZ FUNDRAISER: The next fundraising Quiz in aid of Asin'get School will be held on **Saturday 4 March [1st Saturday of Lent] at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Hall.**

A simple meal in the form of a Ploughman's Supper is included. Please bring your own drinks [glasses will be provided]. **Tickets [£7pp] available after some Masses** or through Patty Hayes [02380 268 756/07812 957 456], Helmy Duyvesteijn [02380 772 110/07831 227 602] or the Parish Office. *No tickets for collection at the door this time.*



YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DIOCESE: "The Flame" at SSE Arena, Wembley March 11, with music from Matt Redman. Book through the Portsmouth diocese at youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07780 221 686.

MARRIAGE CARE COUNSELLING for couples experiencing relationship difficulties. Talking to a relationship counsellor can help. Married or not, call 0800 389 3801 to book a local appointment.

FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE IN IRELAND 13 March 2017. Cost £599pp sharing, includes flights with 15kg checked in bag, taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast and 4 course Dinner. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. *Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50.* Groups and individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 07740 175 557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

PASSOVER MEAL 7pm for 7:30pm on Thursday 30 March in St. Joseph's Church. Tickets £10pp available after all Masses from next weekend and from the Parish Office.

JOHN BOSCO BOYS CAMP being led again this year by Fr Mark Hogan for boys of secondary school age. Venue St. Cassian's, Kintbury, from Sunday 23 to Saturday 29 July. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £200 (though full and part bursaries may be available). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact c/o Mr and Mrs Mulkerns, 23 Pardown, East Oakley, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG23 7DY or email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

RETREATS PROGRAMME—ST JOSEPH'S, ASHURST 'INTO THE DESERT': Saturday 4 March 9:30am for 10am, ends at 3pm. Includes lunch and Mass. Donation £20 for the day.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Monday 6 March beginning at 7pm.

GREGORIAN CHANT FOR BEGINNERS: Saturday 18 March 9:30am for 10am ends 3pm includes lunch and Mass. Donation £20.

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD: Friday 7 April—Sunday 9 April 2017. The weekend begins with supper at 7pm Friday and closes after lunch on Sunday. Includes Holy Mass on Passion/Palm Sunday. Donation of £100 with a single room supplement of £20.

All retreats/events take place at St Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU. To book Tel 02380 292 337 (leave a message) or email stjosephscentre@mail.com

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: 10—18 February 2018. We are still waiting for flight prices from Heathrow. At present the cost is £1250 per person (sharing a room) plus the cost of the flight (£500?). More details soon. Watch this space. *Father Vincent.*

STREET PASTORS—Volunteers are urgently needed for Patrols and Prayer Pastors. **Patrols:** Over the last eight years, the church, through street pastors, has played an essential part in keeping people safe. Night-time patrols, evening community patrols and school patrols have provided opportunities to build a community in new years, offering reassurance, safety and support through listening, caring and helping. More people are urgently needed for these patrols.

Prayer Pastors: *Street pastors have only put patrols out if there is a prayer team at the base praying.* Every patrol, whenever it is, is supported by Pray-ers. At least ten Pray-ers are urgently needed in order to keep the patrols going. *Can you help? Could you give six hours a month? The training dates for patrols are March 3-5, March 17-19 and March 31-April 2. The training date for prayer pastors is March 4. Closing date for applications 17 February.* For info call 023 8033 3387 or email southampton@streetpastors.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR Tony McCall, Steve Norman (op. recovery), Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Judy Brown, Robert Rymill, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Josie Franklin, Mary Berridge, CA, Joachim Rodrigues, Ken Rouse, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Caroline Gailor, Rosa Santos, Fr David Hutton, Lucky & Sujata, Mano, Nelum, Felicity Singleton, Sheila & Clare Morris, Morris Penny, John Redhead, Jackie Duggan, Esther Pananwela, Noreen Kealy, Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan, Valerie Summerton, Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle, Janette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, Teresa Adams, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Joe Sculley, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill, having surgery or on our prayer list.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2017

*(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	11 FEB	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	SJ	JOAN & JOHN BOWLES 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (BM)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	12 FEB	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	ELLEN, GEORGE & TONY PATTERSON RIP & BERNADETTE KERR RIP (F)
			10:00AM	SJ	SARAH KENNEDY-DONNELLY RIP (F)
			11:00AM	SE	VICTOR MACHALICA RIP (DM)
			7:00PM	SE	LEEGY VARGHESE—THANKSGIVING (SV)
TUES	14 FEB	ST CYRIL & ST METHODIUS	10:00AM	SE	JENNY DONNARUMMA RIP (HP)
WED	15 FEB	6th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM	SE	ALL EUCHARISTIC ADORERS AT ST EDMUND'S (JO'R)
THURS	16 FEB	6th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM	SJ	MARY C HUBBARD'S INTENTIONS (F)
			12:30PM	SE	REQUIEM MASS: MICHAEL DAY RIP
FRI	17 FEB	6th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM	SE	THERESA DWYER—HEALING & WELLBEING (DB & EB)
SAT	18 FEB	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM	SE	AGNES MARY FALLON RIP (F)
			6:15PM	SJ	PATRICIA & PETER LIVETT & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (PG & TG & BM)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	19 FEB	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM	SJ	ROBERT & FAMILY—PAST & PRESENT—THANKSGIVING (RK)
			11:00AM	SE	ERIC CLARKE RIP (GC & HP)
			7:00PM	SE	LEONARDO ROSETTI RIP (LR)

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Vocations to Priesthood: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vocation/

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Springhill Primary 023 8033 3954
 St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
 St George College 023 8032 2603

Prayer of the Church Week 2

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2017 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Psalm Response:

They are happy who follow God's law!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

READINGS SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2017 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1—2, 17—18
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16—23
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38—48

2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE FATHER TOMY'S FAREWELL GIFT

Collections	1st	2nd—Church Maintenance
5.2.17		
Total	£2,669.53	£322.76
Cash	1,098.77	185.25
S / O	1,256.61	71.50
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	66.01

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