

# PRAY ..... CONSTANTLY!

At the end of term assembly, that I attended, at the Fitrah Sips Islamic School the Headteacher, amongst other things, reminded the children to encourage their families to pray 5 times a day during the holiday period. Yes the standard 5 times! How often do you pray? How often do we pray?

As a Catholic community we have many ways of praying. Our Prayer Tradition is rich: from the Sacraments, Devotions (Marian and others), Rosary, Meditation and Contemplation, Charismatic, Divine Office ..... the list is endless.

Whatever form of prayer we use, and hopefully we use more than one, the aim is to be in a personal relationship with God through Christ and to constantly develop and deepen that relationship.

During the past three Sundays, including today, St Luke has given us good examples of how we need to make Christ the centre and focus of our prayer. The parable of the 'Good Samaritan' is very much about placing the man, and his needs, at the centre of any response: 'whatsoever you do to the least of these ..... you do to me': Christ is the person in need! Jesus' visit to his friends, Martha and Mary, highlights the need to focus in again on who/what is important: Jesus is the focus, both in terms of Mary's attention and of Martha's hospitality, welcome and preparation (sadly though Martha takes her 'eyes off' the reason for her busyness and gets distracted). Today we hear of the need to 'persevere' in our prayer, to never give up, to 'ask, seek and knock' in prayer and so be in honest and heartfelt dialogue with Christ.

As I get older I am becoming more aware of the need to use the forms of prayer that I have been weaned on as a stepping stone to a deeper relationship with God. They are not the relationship. They are not the end but the means to an end! What is important is my 'openness' in prayer, whatever form I use. Like Abraham I need to be 'free, honest and open' with God in prayer, willing to say what often lies unsaid deep within me.

Abraham remonstrated with God. Abraham, in a sense, pushed God, not that God needed pushing. It was Abraham who needed the openness with God in order that he knew God as God! We need the openness with God that Abraham had so that we can get to know God as God! Only then can we call God, 'Our Father'!

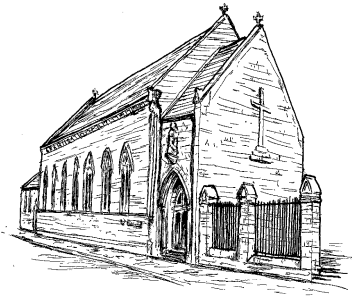
*Vincent Harvey*

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## TO PONDER:

- How often do I pray? How do I pray? When do I pray?
- Do I ask the Holy Spirit to help me pray? Seek, knock and ask!
- Do I let God see me as I am in prayer and not 'hide' behind words?

*Vincent Harvey*



24 JULY 2016

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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

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- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
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- 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



## TODAY SUNDAY 24 JULY 2016

**SUNDAY READINGS IN POLISH** available at back of the churches.

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9AM AND 10AM MASSES:** Thank you to all involved with providing refreshments after the 9am and 10am Masses at St Edmund and St Joseph. These are great opportunities for us to 'catch up' with each other and relax together. *There will be no refreshments during the summer holidays.*

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **FOR INFORMATION:**

Sun Mass in Basingstoke: TC

Mon Day off: TC.

VH visiting 'Casino' to look at pastoral issues!

Tues Hospital on call: VH

Our Lady of Guadalupe meeting: VH/TC

Wed Hospital on call: VH. Safe4Families meeting: VH

Thurs Day off: VH

Fri Advice Southampton meeting: VH

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** are on summer holidays and will resume meeting in St Edmund's Hall at 2pm on Tuesday 6 September.

**FINANCE GROUP** meeting 7:30pm Thursday 28 July in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**MASS & ROSARY FOR PEACE** 7pm Friday 29 July in St Edmund's Church. *July intention: Peace and Mercy for Unbelievers.*

### **NEXT WEEKEND:**

**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 Sunday 31 July in St Edmund's Church.

### **NEXT WEEK:**

**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.

**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.*



### **GENERAL ITEMS**

**MAJOR MAINTENANCE** around St Edmund's site. As you will see, the promised works have commenced around the whole site: St Edmunds Hall, 13 & 14 Rockstone Place and St Edmund's Church. No comprehensive external maintenance has been done to the site for over 20+ years. *So it is time! From tiles/slates to gutters, fascia boards and windows, to brick and stone work and lighting.* The team are not on site at weekends, but please take care around the mobile platform and scaffolding.

### **FR. VINCENT AT THE BIRMINGHAM CONVENTION:**

Some have asked me what I went to two weeks ago last Saturday in Birmingham. It was a Charismatic Conference that meets monthly and is organised by various communities within the Keralan community. A family asked me to join them. It was a lovely occasion, but as they say, there is no such thing as a 'free lunch'! Some time before the event I was asked to preside and preach at the Mass ..... with some 2,000+ people! My sister-in-law often accesses the Sehion Ministries Website and lo and behold saw and heard me preaching!! If you are interested (cannot sleep, suffer from insomnia) then access: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6p9YVb7js&app=desktop> or you can find it at: 'Vincent Harvey Birmingham Convention'. Vincent Harvey.

**A DAY FOR YOU AFTER BEREAVEMENT** 11am—3pm Tuesday 16 August at the Wisdom Centre, Romsey. Email [reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk](mailto:reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk) or 01794 830206 to book.

**SPONSOR A YEAR OF MERCY SKY DIVE** taking place on 18 August in Salisbury. Skydivers Fr. Claro, Barbara Reed and Patricia Rogers. Contact Chris Bick 07486 663 141 or email [cbick@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cbick@hotmail.co.uk). Donations to PRCDTR Netley Annunciation or <https://mydonate.bt.com/yearofmercyskydive/314750>. All for Pastoral Outreach Charities—Welfare of Seafarers, Migrants, Victims of Human Trafficking, typhoon and disasters appeals.

**ST ANNE'S IN ACTION:** A state funded 11-18 Catholic school for girls with a mixed sixth form. Places are open to all families seeking a school with a Christian ethos. **Open morning 5 October for Yr 4, 5 & 6.** Arrive between 9am and 10am for guided tours of the school in action and a presentation from the Head girls and Year 7 students.

At the **open evening Wednesday 5 October for Yr 4, 5 & 6** you will be able to visit all subject areas, tour the school and take part in activities that will be provided and talk to students and staff. At the **open evening Wednesday 12 October for Yr 9, 10 & 11** you will be able to explore the 'Outstanding 16 to 19 programmes' (Ofsted 2016) offered at St Anne's Sixth Form College. Staff and students will be on hand to talk about A level courses on offer and give you a glimpse of the exceptional sixth form experience. See website: [www.st-annes.uk.com](http://www.st-annes.uk.com).

**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.

**THANK YOU** to all who attended and contributed to the **'Music for a Change'** concert to raise funds for the **St Francis Community Integrated Care Project, based in Livingstone, Zambia** organised by Sarah Davies. An amount of £650 was raised. Well done Sarah!



**CAFOD** Just one world **Campaigning with CAFOD:** Could you support CAFOD and write to your MP on a range of global justice issues three or four times a year? For more info contact your local CAFOD Volunteer Centre on 01252 329385 or [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk).

**Message from Bishop Phillip:** 'We have recently witnessed major events worldwide including escalating violence in the world. As Christians we need to work harder to overcome this evil. We have a powerful protector and intercessor in the form of St Michael the Archangel. Please pray for those affected by the recent violence and terrorism in France, Turkey, Syria and the USA and ask St Michael for his protection every day against the forces of evil in the world.'

**Prayer to St Michael the Archangel:**

Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast down into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

**SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2016:** Peter and Lynda Szymanski welcome all to the new venue this year being held at St. George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Southampton. The weekend takes place **Saturday 24 September 9am—9pm and Sunday 25 September 9am—5:30pm.** Speakers **Ros Powell, Russ Parker, Emily Leakey and Michelle Moran** have been booked. To book online go to [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or call 023 8029 2058. Early booking recommended.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 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!!).

**CALLED AND GIFTED TEACHING AND RETREAT WEEKEND 1<sup>ST</sup>- 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2016:** There will be a special weekend at the Cold Ash Retreat Centre, near Newbury, for those who haven't yet had the chance to attend the Called and Gifted weekend. The time will be a mixture of teaching, discussion, praying, reflections, opportunity for Confession and Adoration. Starts at 11am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and finishes at 3:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is a cost of £70 to cover the accommodation and meal costs. Limited places so please book promptly, by contacting [csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**DAY FOR CATECHISTS** 10am to 4pm Saturday 15 October 2016 at Portsmouth Cathedral with Bishop Philip Egan. The day will include:

- Pilgrimage through the Holy Door
- Keynote speech by Bishop Philip
- Mass of thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Philip
- Lunch provided
- Practical workshops to discover/help the work of catechesis
- Times for sharing and discussion

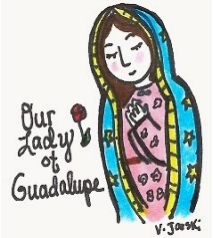
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**KRIS SLADEWSKI CYCLE RIDE UK TO POLAND** as a fundraiser for Youth 2000. Kris has cycled 1,250 miles from UK to Poland for World Youth Day. For info and to donate see website [www.krissladeski.com](http://www.krissladeski.com).



**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 Friday 12<sup>th</sup>—Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August. The relic will reside at St Edmund's for the 5 days (though a smaller image will be present in St Joseph's). Visit the website [www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk](http://www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk).



- a. Daily 10am & 7pm Masses (Sunday usual Masses)
  - b. Daily talks in the morning and the evening
  - c. Daily devotions in the afternoon
  - d. Daily opportunity to venerate the Image
  - e. Sunday 14 August, after 4pm devotions and talk by the Rev Dr Julian Davies, we process from St Edmund's with a small copy of the image to the site of the ruins of the Medieval Shrine to Our Lady on the banks of the Itchen.
  - f. Bishop Philip is joining us Tuesday afternoon 16 Aug
- All the above takes place in St Edmund's Church (sadly the image cannot be moved from church to church).

**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

**SHOE BOX APPEAL:** shoe boxes ..... do not throw them away! Please bring them to St Joseph & St Edmund so that we can collect them in readiness for 'the shoe box appeal' to provide gifts for children in deprived parts of the world. *More later .... but do bring in shoe boxes now!*

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

**BASICS BANK IS IN DESPERATE NEED** of the following:

- Tinned spaghetti
  - Tinned carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes
  - Tinned rice pudding/custard
  - Coffee
  - Tinned meat, spreads e.g. jam, marmite, sandwich spreads
- Please respond if you can ..... **plastic box at the back of St Joseph's and St Edmund's Churches.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** 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, Tony McCall, 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 24 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	23 JULY	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM	SJ	ALISON & KEN ROUSE—40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—THANKSGIVING (ROUSE FAMILY)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	24 JULY	<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM	SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM	SJ	ROBERT & ROBERT'S FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
			11:00AM	SE	LUCKY, MANO, SUJATHA, NELUM & ALL WHO ARE SICK—GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALING (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)
			7:00PM	SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUES	26 JULY	<b>SS JOACHIM &amp; ANNE</b>	10:00AM	SE	ALEX AITKEN RIP (HP&GC)
WED	27 JULY	<b>17th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:00PM	SE	GOD'S GUIDANCE & BLESSING FOR EWELINA K (RK)
THURS	28 JULY	<b>17th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	12:15PM	SJ	GOD'S GUIDANCE & BLESSING FOR PATRYK K (RK)
FRI	29 JULY	<b>ST MARTHA</b>	7:00PM	SE	FOR PEACE AND MERCY FOR UNBELIEVERS
SAT	30 JULY	<b>ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS</b>	11:00AM	SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			6:15PM	SJ	PAT SULLIVAN RIP (BK)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	31 JULY	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	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)

**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 1

#### SUNDAY 24 JULY 2016—17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

##### Psalm Response

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

##### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. **Alleluia!**

#### READINGS SUNDAY 31 JULY 2016

#### 18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21—23  
 Second Reading: Colossians 3:1—5, 9—11  
 Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13—21

<b><u>2ND COLLECTION TODAY</u></b>	<b><u>2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</u></b>
CATHOLIC HOMECARE	CATHOLIC HOMECARE

**Collections 17/7/16**

**1st**

<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,635.20</b>
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Cash	1,064.44
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Gift Aid Tax	314.15
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*Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.*

#### **CONFESSION TIMES**

<b>St Edmund's:</b>	Saturdays 11:30am
<b>St Joseph's:</b>	Thursdays 11:45am
	Saturdays 5:45pm