



14 MAY 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**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



HAVING THE TEMERITY TO BE CHANGED

We have heard much of late of news, of the latest updates to the news, and of breaking news. Ours is a time that may be considered to have generated an ever increasing demand for moment by moment news and information. Ours is a world in which we are surrounded by fast changing news, perhaps even fake news.

Our deepest and truest sense of self-worth comes from being created and loved by God. The sacred dignity of each one of us is not determined by what we own, nor is material to who we are or where we come from. We are loved simply as we are. We *“are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God.”*

Jesus is constant in our lives. He is the same today, as he was yesterday and will be tomorrow. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus is not here today and gone tomorrow, offering us quick, or easy, or instant solutions to life's problems. Joyously, however, He promises to be with us, walking by our side every step of the way.

When we are lost, Jesus is our Way. Jesus is a road. A road is a journey. We are never the same at the end of a journey as we were at the beginning. It changes us. It is a pilgrimage. When we are confused, Jesus is our Truth. The Truth that meets us on the road. We Christians have not got the Truth. The Truth has got us. Our encounter with Truth is first of all a journey of change in us. Going the Way of Jesus tells us the Truth about who we really are, and the surprise of what we are becoming - icons of the light of Christ.

When we experience darkness, and fear, and anxiety, Jesus is our Life. The journey of Truth gives us Life. And so Jesus is the Truth in whom we can be confident, for we have allowed him change us.

Dcn Andy Philpott

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Jesus is “The Way, the Truth and the Life” (gospel). In what way do you follow Jesus ‘the Way’? How does following Him affect your attitudes, your way of life and your outlook?
2. How can you attain ‘the Life’ Jesus offers? Through prayer? The Sacraments? Way of living?
3. Stephen (1st reading) is called to serve. How do you serve others? The community? The Church?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 14 MAY 2017

MOTHER'S DAY: we remember all our Mothers on earth and in heaven as Mother's Day is celebrated in countries throughout the world today during this 'Month of Mary'.

REGINA COELI

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world, grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME: Failte! Witajcie! Willkommen! Merhba! Mabuhay! Nno! EnnaVishayam! Bienvenidos! स्वागत (Svāgat) ahlan wa sahlan أهلاً و سهلاً Selamat datang.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT (this weekend). Please pray for all the Confirmandi who are preparing to be **Confirmed by Bishop Philip on Saturday 27 May**. We pray for their families and the catechists.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP to be read at all Masses this weekend. Copies available from the porch.

WELCOME RITES at 11am Mass today in St Edmund's Church.

CHRISTIAN AID PLANT STALL St. Michael's Church, Bugle Street today (Sunday) at 11:30am.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH. Mon-Fri (26 May): RB break & retreat
Tues Citizens UK: VH. PA clergy: VH/AP
Wed Hospital on Call: VH. Mayor Making: VH
Thurs Advice Southampton: VH. St George Govnrs: VH
Fri Friday Group: VH
Sat FHC: VH. Springhill Fete: VH.
Teams of Our Lady: VH

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP meet at St Michael's Church, Bugle Street on Tuesdays from 6pm—6:45pm, all are welcome.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet 2:30pm—3:30pm on Tuesdays in St Edmund's Hall, all welcome.

LUNCH CLUB meet Wednesdays at 12noon in St Edmund's Hall. Contact Anne Monaghan at the Parish Office if you would like to join.

NEW SEEKERS meet Wednesdays up to and including 14 June at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall. An introductory DVD-based series for people interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith. Call Dudley Plunkett: 023 8067 9079 for more info.

POETRY SHARE meet at 7pm Thursday 18 May in St Joseph's Church. Theme: Ballads & Songs, see noticeboards.

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 19 May in St Edmund's Lodge.

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

NEXT WEEKEND

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: The Gift Box: a publicity device to spread awareness on human trafficking, let members of the public know what to look for and how to report suspicions to the police. It will be open to the public at Winchester Cathedral 13—14 May, Southampton Above Bar Church 16—17 May, Romsey Abbey 20—21 May from 9:30am—5:30pm. They are looking for volunteers too.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Session 6 from 10:30am Saturday 20 May for parents and children.

****11AM MASS & CONFESSIONS CANCELLED** Saturday 20 May in St Edmund's Church due to First Holy Communion candidates learning how to receive communion in church.

SPRINGHILL SCHOOL

School Fete: 12noon—3:30pm Saturday 20 May.

Summer half-term holiday: 29 May—2 June

Part-time Cleaner Vacancies: Two cleaners are needed. The hours are from 6:30am—8am and two hours between 3pm—6pm daily, 52 weeks per year. Rate of pay is £8.25 per hour. Closing date Tuesday 16 May.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy: Would you like to work term-time only? Can you spare time at lunchtime? There is a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to work daily in school, under the guidance of the senior supervisory assistant, (term time only). Rate of pay is £8.25 per hour. If you are interested in any of these vacancies, then please request an application pack, which includes a detailed job description, from the school office.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY—ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY Mass at 12:15pm Saturday 13 May in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. See noticeboard.

THANK YOU FROM:

CAFOD for £1029 collected for East Africa Crisis Appeal
Street Pastors for the £110 sent earlier in the year
LIFE Southampton for £323 donated (Ash Wednesday).

WELCOME TO FATHER ROY BENNETT celebrating 9am and 11am Masses at St Edmund's Sunday 21 May.

PRAISE & WORSHIP CHOIR 7pm Mass Sunday 21 May, rehearsals at 6pm.

NEXT WEEK

WELCOME TO FATHER DES celebrating 10am Mass Tuesday 23 May and 9am and 11am Masses Sunday 28 May in St Edmund's Church.

ELECTION HUSTINGS: Itchen Constituency Monday 22 May 7pm—8:30pm at Oasis Academy Mayfield, Ashley Crescent, Southampton, SO19 9NA. Email or phone your question/s to election@oasismayfield.org or 023 8042 5340.

TEST CONSTITUENCY: Wednesday 24 May 8pm at St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton, SO15 5HE. Email question/s to davy@stjamesbythepark.org

MASS FOR PEACE AND ROSARY 7pm Mass Friday 26 May in St Edmund's Church.

WELCOME TO FATHER MICHAEL CRONIN celebrating 11am Mass and confessions at St Edmund's Church Saturday 27 May.

GENERAL ITEMS

NEW ROTAS FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND EUCHARIST are being prepared, please let the Parish Office know of any changes to your contact details (*not holidays*) by close of business on Wednesday 17 May.

'A TIME OF PRAYER', following the themes we used during the visit of 'Our Lady of Guadalupe' last August, are taking place once a month after a Sunday Mass. **The next ones take place at St Edmund's on:**

28 May 12noon—1pm (after Mass)

25 June 5:45pm—6:15pm (before Mass)

This period of prayer will involve Adoration, silence, prayer, singing. Stay if you can.



WEDDING BELLS—Congratulations to **Steven Hill and Jemma Johnson** getting married at 2pm Sunday 28 May in St Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

FILIPINO CHOIR 10th ANNIVERSARY—the Filipino choir will be singing at 7pm Mass Sunday 28 May to celebrate their 10th anniversary. *Congratulations and thank you to you all!*

CONFIRMATION PARTY takes place after 7pm Mass on Sunday 28 May in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place for all those who will have celebrated their Confirmation at the Cathedral the day before.

DISCIPLESHIP IN A CHANGING CHURCH—Professor Werner G Jeanrond, Master of St Benet's Hall, University of Oxford, will be giving a talk at St Peter's Church, Winchester Sat 17 June 11am—12:30pm. Visit www.acalltoaction.org.uk

CAFOD GOLF DAY—organised by the Catenian Association in aid of CAFOD's work overseas **Friday 7 July at 12:30pm at Dummer Golf Course, Dummer Village, Basingstoke RG25 2AD.** For more info or to apply contact Dave McKenna on email dave.rose.mckenna@gmail.com or Mob 07931 564 064

MONGU JARS AND CAFOD BOXES: if you haven't yet returned your jars of coins please do so in the next 2 weeks so they can be counted. *Thank you for those returned.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ANNE WHEELER'S MOTHER, JOSIE FRANKLIN, who died in South Africa a week ago. May she rest in peace. We also pray for Anne and all the family during this difficult time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Bill Eastman, Christopher Tickell, Eileen Brennan, Shane Wing, Steve Norman (op. recovery), Janice Cummings, Sharon Carron, Bill Kearns, Andrew Cole, Kathryn Morley, Carol Butt, Sharon Carron, Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Judy Brown, Robert Rymill, Myra & Bosco Andrade, CA, Joachim Rodrigues, Ken Rouse, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Caroline Gailor, Rosa Santos, Lucky & Sujata, Mano, Nelum, 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARISH AWAY DAY. Saturday 3 June 10am-4pm "How we can become a more welcoming parish" for all who are involved with the life of the parish in any way. Come and see how together we can retain, welcome back and draw in those who knock on our door, how we can build community that speaks of belonging, fellowship and acceptance. To be held at St Joseph's House of Prayer, Ashurst, lunch provided, no charge. Please sign up in the porch or email the parish office.

CHURCH IN THE PARK IN HOUNDWELL PARK from 7—11 June: *live music, great stories and a powerful message and free!*
DAY FOR ALL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD. Saturday 24 June 10am-4pm at St Joseph's House of Prayer, Ashurst. An opportunity to be fed, updated and have time away with the Lord. £10 for the day including lunch. Please sign up at the back of church or with the parish office.

CALLED AND GIFTED Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 July at St Edmunds. The team are coming back to run another of these successful two day events. If you missed the last weekend please do consider coming this time. The weekend will have a slightly different feel: it will run over Saturday and Sunday and run in the context of a retreat. We are all Called and Gifted. If you are wondering where God is leading you, both in your personal and spiritual life, you will be blessed and surprised! Book through the Parish Office.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Sunday 11 – Monday 19 February 2018 ... still some places but book ... NOW. Flying with El Al: Cost: £1695 based on 2 sharing. All rooms have en-suites. Price includes full board accommodation, entrance fees, portage and tips to driver and courier. Full services of English speaking guide. Headsets and bottle of water supplied daily. *We will begin in Jerusalem (2 nights) then up to Bethlehem (3 nights) and end up in Galilee. During our time we will see the work being done by 'The Friends of the Holy Land' to support Christians in the Holy Land.*

Application forms NOW AVAILABLE: CONTACT PARISH OFFICE. **Deposit required by the end of May ...**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 18—25 August ... flying from Southampton Airport! From £849 (train) or £919 (flight from Southampton). Pick up a brochure from the back of the church, the Parish Office, Father John Cooke (lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or the Diocesan Website. Father Vincent will be joining the pilgrimage.

HAND HELD RADIO MICROPHONES: We need to replace the hand-held radio microphones at St Edmund (one is out of action and the other is intermittent) at a cost of around £2000! We hope to do so soon. If you wish to contribute to the costs please do contact the Parish Office or one of the clergy.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP REFUGEES? The Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members, planning events and creating a directory of people who wish to be kept informed. The diocese are looking especially for people with specific skills from administration to organisation, specialist knowledge, etc. Contact Fr. Peter Hollins on 01730 262290 or e-mail pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 14 MAY 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	13 MAY	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	GEORGE & SIGNE PLOMER RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	14 MAY	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	MICHAL SZYDAROWSKI RIP (MC)
			11:00AM SE	ADRIENNE H 40th, DAKSHI 60th, JUDY B, ROSELYN C, PAM O, MARY B, FR JOHN O'SHEA, SIMON L & ALL PAST MEMBERS OF MONDAY CLUB, RUKIE E AND JOSIE F RIP—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
			7:00PM SE	ALYSSA MEIS—FINAL VOWS (EC & NS)
TUES	16 MAY	OF THE 5th WEEK OF EASTER	10:00AM SE	KATHLEEN MARSH RIP (GM)
WED	17 MAY	ST DUNSTAN	7:00PM SE	GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ALL GCSE STUDENTS (SV)
THURS	18 MAY	ST JOHN 1	12:15PM SJ	SOPHIA & ALFIE BOWLES—GOD'S BLESSINGS (BM)
FRI	19 MAY	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN, PORTSMOUTH	7:00PM SE	JOZEF S—GOD'S BLESSINGS & RECOVERY (RF)
SAT	20 MAY	ST BERNARDINE OF SIENA	**11:00AM SE	MASS CANCELLED—DUE TO FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTISE
			6:15PM SJ	NICKY & JOSEPH MYLES—GOD'S BLESSINGS (BM)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	21 MAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM SE	EILEEN & ALEX AITKEN RIP (HP & GC)
			10:00AM SJ	SARAH KENNEDY-DONNELLY RIP (F)
			11:00AM SE	VICTOR MASCARENHAS RIP (VRM)
			7:00PM SE	CHRISTINE RAMPLIN'S HUSBAND RIP (DN)

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

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

Prayer of the Church Week 1

14 MAY 2017—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm Response:

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
 as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "I am the Way,
 the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the
 Father except through me." **Alleluia!**

READINGS SUNDAY 21 MAY 2017 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

First Reading: Acts 8:5—8, 14—17
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15—18
 Gospel Reading: John 14:15—21

2nd COLLECTION TODAY 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND CATHOLIC HOME CARE

Collection 7.5.17	1st	2nd—Clergy Training Fund
Total	£2,834.85	£241.75
Cash	1,264.09	118.00
S / O	1,256.61	99.00
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	24.75

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