

**10 SEPTEMBER 2017**  
**23rd SUNDAY**  
**OF 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



## **CORRECTION IN LOVE**

It is never easy to correct or admonish particularly when we rightly live by the premise '*before you remove the plank from your brother's eye remove the plank from your own*'.

What the prophet Ezekiel and Jesus are urging us to do today in the Sunday readings is to correct one another in love. If we fail to apprehend, we bear the responsibility for another's failings. This is a harsh message but underpinned by St Paul's reminder that all the commandments have to be interpreted in love.

As a new Ward Sister in Bristol, I remember clearly a young student nurse who was half way through an eight-week placement on my ward. She was very bright, had enormous potential but repeatedly was absent from shift or turned up late. I spoke with the Sister of the ward she had worked on prior to mine and there had been a similar pattern but nothing was done about it, it was put down to laziness. I knew in my heart that I had to act (but also aware that I myself was never the best timekeeper). I called her into the office and challenged her about her performance. I reminded her that she was not only letting herself down but also the colleagues she worked with and most importantly the patients. She was very upset but she cried tears of relief. She lacked confidence, felt unappreciated, had worked long shifts on previous wards with no one saying thank you. She thought that no one would notice or care if she just didn't turn up or arrived late. She thanked me for pulling her up and from that conversation her performance changed dramatically and 3 years later she came back to work on my ward as a Qualified Staff Nurse.


In a similar way, the failings of others will not only reflect on their own life but will have implications for the wider community. Belonging to a community implies being involved in the life of its members. We are all aware of the proverb of the bad apple in the barrel. The refusal to confront can end up as the refusal to love.

Spirituality and religious faith is often considered a personal affair, and that we individually live our lives in our own way, and we should let others do the same. One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy, promoted by our Holy Father in the Year of Mercy is to '*admonish the sinner*'. Spiritual direction is an environment in which spiritual correction can and should happen in a safe and trusted space. Directors are also called '*soul friends*' and if we live our lives wishing to care for each other's soul, then both our correction and admission of failings, will not only deepen our relationships with one another but with the one who came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

*Tina Quinn*


## TODAY SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2017

**WELCOME RITES** 9am and 11am Masses.



**FLOWER FESTIVAL AT ST JOSEPH CHURCH** continues all week until 4pm Friday 15 September. Do go along and support this initiative in the parish if you can. Thank you to Sue, Judy and the team and all volunteers for your hard work.

**APPEAL FOR SHOEBOXES** ..... 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!



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Khuyen Le & Daniel Francis** who are getting married at 1:30pm today in St Edmund's Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**HOME MISSION SUNDAY** next Sunday 17 September. Often when we hear the word 'Mission' it is associated with valuable work of helping people in other countries. Whilst important, we also need to share our faith with those we love, know and meet—right here on home turf. **By donating to the second collection next Sunday** you will enable the Home Mission Office of the bishops' Conference for England and Wales to produce resources, help parishes and equip people to share their faith with others.

## THIS WEEK

**FOR INFORMATION:** Mon: RB/KN day off

VH on holiday until 25 September

Tues: St George College RB


Wed: St Anne's School Mass, RE Yr 6 at Springhill RB

Thurs: Meetings followed by PUB Ministry RB

Fri: Mass St. George College followed by meetings RB

Saturday: Various appointments RB

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** meet Tuesdays from 2:30pm—3:30pm in St Edmund's Hall.



**YOUTH CLUBS: Junior Group ('Frog')** for ages 8-12, meet **2nd & 4th Fridays of the month** during term-time from 6pm—7:15pm. Next meeting Friday 15 September, theme "St Boniface Parish Trail Quiz".

**Senior Group** for ages 12-18 meet **Fridays** 7:15pm-9pm. The group is led by Sister Mary Catherine OP from the Dominican convent in Sway and **will now be called the 'Frassati Society'**. It takes its name from Blessed Piergiorgio Frassati (1901-1925), patron of our diocesan youth. He came from Turin, the same Italian city that that another great inspiration of Christian youth came from, St. John Bosco. Both take place in St Boniface Church Hall.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP** meet Tuesdays 6pm—6:45pm at St Michael's Church, Bugle Street.

## NEXT WEEK

**POETRY SHARE AT ST JOSEPH'S at 7pm on Thursday 21 September.** The theme is **Childhood**. Please bring a poem that you associate with childhood, one you have enjoyed over the years, or one you have written yourself. Or, you may just want go along and listen, but do go, you will be most welcome. See noticeboard.

**RCIA GROUP** commence meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday 21 September in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place for those enquiring about the Catholic Faith.

**EU WELCOME INFO EVENING** 6pm Friday 22 September in St Edmund's Lodge.

**ST PADRE PIO FEAST DAY** 10am—4pm Saturday 23 September at St Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU. Join Fr Des Connolly SM, Padre Pio Prayer Groups and devotees for a retreat day to celebrate the Feast Day of this wonderful saint. Day includes Mass, Adoration, talk and confession. Please bring packed lunch. Cost £20pp includes tea and cake. **Contact Fr Des before Wednesday 20 September** on 023 8029 2337 or email [fatherdes@icloud.com](mailto:fatherdes@icloud.com)

'**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 weekend Mass. Next one: **Saturday 23 September at 7pm at St Joseph's Church (30 minutes)** (e.g. directly after Mass). This period of prayer just after Mass will involve Adoration, silence, prayer and singing, do come along.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA—APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS** at 6:15pm, 9am, 11am and 7pm Masses weekend of 23/24 September.

**TWO NEW CELL GROUPS/HOME GROUPS:** Both will be commencing on Thursday 28 September 7:30pm—9pm and will be meeting fortnightly thereafter.

◦ '**Amoris Group**' (reflecting on excerpts from Amoris Laetitia) meeting at Anne and Norman Wheeler's home

◦ **Richard Rhor Group** (studying excerpts from the writings of Richard Rhor) meeting at Lisa Manalong's home

If you would like to join one of these groups please contact either Tina or the parish office. The group size will be limited to eight people.

## GENERAL ITEMS

**ST ELISABETH CONVENT (MINSK, BELARUS) MONASTIC CHOIR CONCERT—Chants and Songs** from 7pm Monday 25 September at Holy Trinity Church, Millbrook Road, Southampton, SO15 0JZ. See poster on noticeboards. Admission: voluntary donation.

**VACANCY—PARISH ADMINISTRATOR AND OFFICE MANAGER** at Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood 10 hours per week. See noticeboard. Application forms available online at [www.catholic-portswood.org.uk](http://www.catholic-portswood.org.uk) or [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or email [ppc@catholic-portswood.org.uk](mailto:ppc@catholic-portswood.org.uk)

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER IS FOR PARISHES:**

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

**HEALING DAY** with Little Way Healing Ministries Saturday 30 September 10am—4:30pm at the Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA, Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of healing. There will be a time of praise, worship, teaching and healing prayer. Do you suffer from fear, sickness, loneliness, abuse, rejection, depression or is "something" holding you back? Jesus said: "Lay your hands on the sick and they will recover" Come and see. Tea and coffee will be provided. Booking not required!

**HOSTING THE HOLY ROSARY IN YOUR HOME.**

October is dedicated to the holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Would you be prepared to honour Our Blessed Mother, this October, by hosting the praying of the Holy Rosary in your home, for just half an hour one evening this October with other members of the parish? No refreshments necessary! From 6pm—6:30pm in a different parishioners home each day. Please volunteer sign up on the sheet in the porch.

**DATE FOR THE DIARY ... INTERNATIONAL MASS 7pm**

Sunday 22 October ... more to follow. Watch this space.

**PARENT SUPPORT LINK**

supporting and informing families and friends of people who use drugs and alcohol. Phone 023 8039 9764—support available 24/7. Open Day 12noon—4pm Wednesday 18 October at 48—50 Vespasian Road, Bitterne Manor, SO18 1PA. Pop in for a chat. See noticeboards.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY**

Friday 6 October. This Harvest fast day CAFOD are standing with Eldemira, a farmer in El Salvador as she works to provide for her family. With your help CAFOD has given her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. Please help them to give this support to other farmers by picking up a fast day envelope and giving whatever you can.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR PEGGY FREELAND AT ST EDMUND'S CHURCH**

at 11am Saturday 7 October followed by refreshments in St Edmund's Hall.

**PARISH DAY AWAY WORKING PARTIES**

During August the first of our working groups met to progress the work that was begun at our parish day away. Grateful thanks to those who attended and for the enthusiasm and ideas. For the next four weeks, there will be an inclusion in the newsletter a summary of the progress of the groups.

**Cell Groups/Small Groups/Home Groups.** The group acknowledged that we already have some very strong small groups who meet together, pray together and support one another and that these should be highlighted and promoted. Two new home groups will be commencing in September. These will be held in parishioners' homes and will focus on chosen material. (Please see separate article).

**Grandparents group.** This is another new group that will be commencing in the autumn. Helen Thomas has kindly agreed to coordinate and initiate this. (More details to follow).

**Family groups.** The Tuesday evening Rosary Group welcomes families and children. It is proposed that there will be a number of groups in the future suitable for parents and children.

Tina will compile a list of all the groups and contact details, and this will be made available both on the Parish website and in a Newcomers pack (which is to be designed and put together by the hospitality group).

Tina will take pastoral responsibility for the groups, contacting leaders and resourcing study material.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Karen Nugent, Sharon Carron, CA, Alan West, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Keiran Wastall, Doris Leggett, Marisa Tellegen (op. recovery), John O'Reilly (op. recovery), Albie Escorcio, Carmen Escorcio, Linda Seikus, Bill Eastman, Shane Wing, Janice Cummings, Kathryn Morley, Carol Butt, Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Judy Brown, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Joachim Rodrigues, Marie Adams, Ken Rouse, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Caroline Gailor, 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, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, Maria Annunziata, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, NW, Joe Sculley, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill, having surgery or treatment.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018:** We are inviting registration for First Holy Communion 2018. Applicants must be Catholic children in Year 3 or above, **who are worshipping regularly in the City Centre Parish (St Joseph & St Edmund), at one of the weekend Masses: 6:15pm or 10am (St Joseph); 9am, 11am or 7pm (St Edmund).** If you go to another church/parish, or to the Polish Mission Mass (7pm Saturday) then you must register and be prepared through them. Any exception must be supported by your local priest.

**PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME** for children in the parish in school Year 3 and above (to Year 6)

Name of child: ..... Date of birth: .....  
Name of Parent of Main Carer: .....  
Address: .....  
Mobile No. .... Email: .....  
School attending: ..... Year: .....

**Must be attending Mass at either St Joseph or St Edmund Church. Please state the time of Mass you attend: .....**

**PLEASE POST TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR GIVE TO FR ROSS OR FR KENNETH BY SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2017**

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 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	9 SEPTEMBER	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM SJ	TINA QUINN & FAMILY—IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER DEAR MOTHER JEAN KAYE RIP (BM)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	10 SEPTEMBER	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	SWANN FAMILY—PAST & PRESENT (LS)
			11:00AM SE	SHARP FAMILY RIP (RC)
			7:00PM SE	MATT 22nd BIRTHDAY—BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (BM)
TUES	12 SEPTEMBER	<b>THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY</b>	10:00AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
WED	13 SEPTEMBER	<b>ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM</b>	7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
THURS	14 SEPTEMBER	<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>	12:15PM SJ	SUSAN'S WELLBEING (IK)
FRI	15 SEPTEMBER	<b>OUR LADY OF SORROWS</b>	7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	16 SEPTEMBER	<b>SS CORNELIUS &amp; CYPRIAN</b>	11:00AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			6:15PM SJ	SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	17 SEPTEMBER	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	THERESA KENNY RIP (TL&GL)
			10:00AM SJ	ALBANO FREITAS RIP (1st ANNIVERSARY) (PF)
			11:00AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM SE	ANGUS MacKINNON RIP (GC&HP)

**PARISHES MASS TIMES:** *Holy Family, Millbrook Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 10:30am; 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 3

**10 SEPTEMBER 2017**

### 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Psalm Response:

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

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your word is truth, O Lord,  
 consecrate us in the truth.

**Alleluia!**

## READINGS SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2017

### 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27: 30—28:7  
 2nd Reading: Romans 14: 7—9  
 Gospel: Matthew 18: 21—35

#### 2ND COLLECTION TODAY

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

#### 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

<b>Collection 3.9.17</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd CHURCH MAINTENANCE</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,658.82</b>	<b>£313.19</b>
Cash	1,088.06	221.06
S / O	1,256.61	76.25
Gift Aid Rebate	314.15	15.88

*Thank you for your generous contributions and gift aiding. 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