



## A GENEROSITY BEYOND COMPREHENSION

24 SEPTEMBER 2017  
**25th SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY  
TIME**



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

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STELLA MARIS DEANERY

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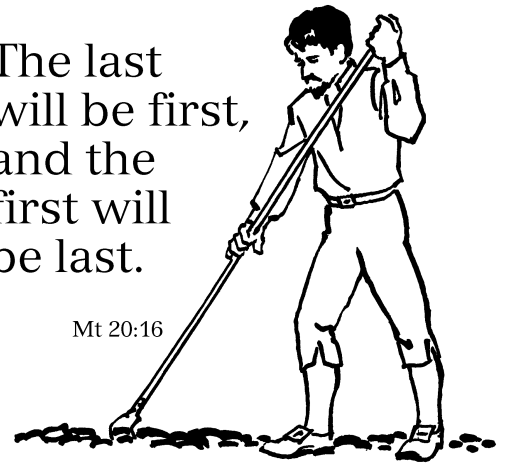
- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, LORDSWOOD
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PORTSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING & ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION, HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION, NETLEY ABBEY

Utang na loob, is a Tagalog term and concept. It literally means 'a sense of obligation to return a favour owed to someone', but its reality is far, far deeper. It is a debt of one's inner self and is therefore the part of the mortar which binds together Philippine village life of inter-connectedness and inter-dependence. I have no idea of its sociological origins, but like to feel that it was planted in Philippine society by God even before the Spanish arrived with Christianity.

The parable of the landowner hiring labourers for his vineyard is not a literal image of the kingdom of heaven. God has no need of labourers, nor even a need to plant and tend a vineyard. Unlike the landowner, God does not hire labourers because he needs their help to tend his vineyard. In love God desires all people to enter His vineyard and thus to receive the reward of eternal life.

The last  
will be first,  
and the  
first will  
be last.

Mt 20:16



To be hired for the vineyard is itself a gift, and once the labourers have been hired, God does not need them to work. He does, however, invite them to share in His work of salvation. This again is a gift, although the gift may be a difficult one for us to accept, especially for those of us who find ourselves working in the glare and heat of the sun. Through the gift of planting, tending and inviting us to labour in his vineyard, God establishes a relationship of love with us, which acknowledges our intrinsic worth as human beings and goes beyond this in offering us a share in His own life.

The goal of life is not to have more than everyone else. Neither is the primary goal absolute fairness. Nor is the goal material possessions. There is something more going on in the vision of Jesus Christ. One of the dangers in our lives as Christians is that we forget that our invitation to labour in God's vineyard is itself a gift.

*Deacon Andy Philpott*



## TODAY SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2017

**NEW STELLA MARIS SEAFARERS CENTRE—APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS** this weekend at 6:15pm, 9am, 11am & 7pm Masses. Deacon Roger Stone, Port Chaplain for the Apostleship of the Sea on the south coast of England, will be preaching about the new Stella Maris at St Bernard's Church, Holbury which will be opening to welcome seafarers from the tanker ships at the Oil Installation at Fawley.

*This is an exciting project between Caritas, Portsmouth and AoS and Roger will be asking for volunteers from City Centre parish to staff the centre on one evening each week from 6pm to 10pm. Contact Roger 07963 345 618 or Kevin Gallagher, Caritas Portsmouth 07955 586 460 if you would like to be involved.*

**'A TIME OF PRAYER'** tonight Saturday at 7pm at St Joseph's Church (30 minutes) (directly after Mass). This period of prayer just after Mass will involve Adoration, silence, prayer and singing, do come along.

**MASS FOR MIGRANT REFUGEES** today (Sunday 24.9.17) at 2pm at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. This Mass has been organised by Caritas Portsmouth and the Diocesan Refugee Working Group.



**SHOEBOXES** **\*\*Correction to last week's Newsletter. Sincere apologies. St Boniface Church in Shirley (not the Pastoral Area) have sent 8,000 shoeboxes in the past 17 years. \*\*** Our

parish joined in last year for the first time and sent approximately 300 boxes. Please return filled boxes by Sunday 8 October.

**2018 DIARIES** are now available in the porches for a £1 donation.

**READING OF THE BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER** for this weekend has been deferred to the weekend of 7/8 October to allow for Appeals over the next two weeks which were previously planned. Please find copies in the porches in the meantime. Bishop's video of it online at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/bishop/bop-pl-20170924-vision.php>



**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our faith community **Anthony Knop**, son of Maciej and Joanna, who was baptised at 12:30pm last Sunday 17 September in St Edmund's Church.

**FAREWELL TO FATHER KENNETH.** This weekend we say farewell to Father Kenneth. After visiting his brother this coming week, he will return to his ongoing studies in Rome. We thank him for his support, his real evidence of faith, his sermons and humour. We wish him well in Rome and look forward to, maybe, seeing him again.

### THIS WEEK

**FOR INFORMATION:** Mon: RB/VH day off  
VH at Chapter Mass in Arundel Cathedral

Fr Ross away Tuesday to Friday

Thurs Black History Month: Solent: VH  
Fri Meeting with Council Leader: VH  
Sat Celebrate 'Confessions': VH  
Polish Harvest Festival: VH  
Frogz Junior Group retreat at Ashurst: RB

**ST ELISABETH CONVENT (MINSK, BELARUS) MONASTIC CHOIR CONCERT** 7pm Monday 25 September at Holy Trinity Church, Millbrook Road.

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

**ST ANNE'S YEAR 7 VISITS TO ST EDMUND'S** from 9:15am—11:45am and 12:45pm—3:25pm Wednesday 27 September.

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

**PRINTS & PAINTINGS EXHIBITION** 28 Sept 10am—6pm in aid of dementia research, mental illness and cancer charities & **MCMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** 10am—12noon both events in Stella Maris Hall.

### TWO NEW CELL GROUPS/HOME GROUPS:

- The **Amoris Group** will be commencing on **Thursday 28 September from 7pm—8:30pm** in Woolston and will be meeting fortnightly thereafter (reflecting on excerpts from Amoris Laetitia)
- The **Richard Rhor** group will commence meeting in Rockstone Place on **Thursday 5 October from 3pm—4:30pm** to study excerpts from the writings of Richard Rhor

**If you would like to join one of these groups please add your name to the list in the porch.** The group size will be limited to eight people.

**RCIA GROUP** meet at 7:30pm on Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place for those enquiring about the Catholic Faith.

**MASS FOR PEACE & ROSARY** 7pm Friday 29 September at St Edmund's Church.

### NEXT WEEKEND

**BETHANY GROUP** meeting 9:45am Saturday 30 September in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**HEALING DAY** with Little Way Healing Ministries Saturday 30 September 10am—4:30pm at the Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ.

**MASS ACCORDING TO THE 'ORDINARIATE RITE'** to celebrate Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham taking place at St Agatha's Catholic Church, Market Way, Portsmouth, on Saturday 30 September at 11am. Homilist Fr John Saward.

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE** meet at 2pm Sunday 1 October at Bolderwood Car Park. See noticeboard.

**BAPTISM CELEBRATION SERVICE** 3pm Sunday 1 October in St Edmund's Church for those who were baptised in the parish in 2016. Volunteers needed to help with refreshments in the hall afterwards.

**DAY OUT FOR CHILDREN Aged 8 – 12 to St Joseph's Centre, Ashurst, Saturday 30 September, 10:30am – 3:30pm. Cost £5 per child.** This is a special day for fun, faith, food and friends, being run for the Frogz Junior Youth Group based at St Boniface and any other young people aged 8 - 12 in this pastoral area. *Children should bring with them a food contribution for a shared lunch, a musical instrument if they play one, a coat and suitable footwear for the weather on the day.* They are also invited to bring along a small donation of food – e.g. a tin of soup, bag of pasta, box of cereal etc - to give to Poitier Care as we will be learning about this during the day. Email: [FrogzJuniorYouthClub@gmail.com](mailto:FrogzJuniorYouthClub@gmail.com) or phone the City Centre Parish Office on 023 8033 3589 to book.

## **NEXT WEEK**

**HOSTING THE HOLY ROSARY IN YOUR HOME.** Thank you to all the volunteers. Co-ordinator will be in touch with you to make arrangements.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** 7pm—8:30pm Monday 2 October in St Edmund's Hall for parents who have arranged to have their children baptised.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY** Friday 6 October.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR PEGGY FREELAND** at St Edmund's Church at 11am Saturday 7 October followed by refreshments.

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

**MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP** (in Polish language) 7pm Monday 9 October in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ. The presentation will be given by Marta, an EU Welcome volunteer who is a fully trained professional counsellor in the UK.

**CAFOD SOUP LUNCH** takes place from 12noon—2pm Tuesday 10 October in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place. All funds go to CAFOD. Please support this fundraising initiative if you can.

**CARITAS CELEBRATION EVENT.** The work and development of Caritas in the diocese will be celebrated at an event on **Friday 13 October at 10:30am in the Louis Suite, Holy Family Church in Southampton.** Bishop Philip will be joining in at this event and will offer the opening prayer. A simple lunch will be provided. **For catering purposes book online at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caritas-celebration-tickets-37125163363>** or email [kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**THE 'DOMESTIC CHURCH'** or how can we live out our faith in our busy and chaotic home lives? Workshop and discussion led by Lucy and Paul Docherty. Saturday 14 October from 4pm—5:45pm followed by Mass at 6pm. St Peter's, Winchester.

## **DEMENTIA WORKING PARTY GROUP ACTIONS**

The group has nominated a dementia champion for the parish. Jude Maleski has kindly agreed. The champion will be responsible for running dementia friends sessions.

- ° We are planning to run a series of dementia friends sessions, before and after masses on nominated weekends. If you are not aware of the dementia friends sessions please watch the following link/trailer [alzheimers.org.uk](http://alzheimers.org.uk)
- ° The group will be looking at the buildings and environment to implement dementia friendly signage and make changes where necessary
- ° When sufficient numbers of parishioners have accessed the training and when the environmental changes have been made we will apply for dementia friendly status for the parish.
- ° The group will explore dementia friendly projects that children can be involved in. These will be communicated to the leaders of Children's liturgy, First Holy Communion and Frogz

As a group, we will link in with local services and providers and invite the manager of Communicare to our next meeting.

**The group meet again on 10 October in St Edmunds Hall at 7pm.** If you are interested in joining the group. Please contact Tina or the parish office.

**INTERNATIONAL MASS** 7pm Sunday 22 October ... wearing of traditional outfits, flag display etc. Join us in St Edmund's Hall afterwards for bring and share food from around the world. Contact Tina Quinn [tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) if you can help.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL: Thank you** to all involved in the planning and execution of the 'Flower Festival': organisers, designers, volunteers to show visitors around etc. Without doubt it was a huge success and saw many people coming into St Joseph's for the first time. It was a real 'reaching out' in faith to the wider community, using flowers to portray different aspects and images of Our Blessed Lady.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Helmy Duyvesteijn (fall recovery), Andrea Reiter, Karen Nugent, Abbas Akperally, Lucky Sujatha (stroke recovery), 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 on the prayer list who are ill, having surgery or treatment at this time.

**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 24 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	23 SEPTEMBER	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	LAURENCE & MARIE CRAWLEY RIP (F) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	24 SEPTEMBER	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	LEO VARGESE—15th BIRTHDAY GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (SV)
TUES	26 SEPTEMBER	<b>SS COSMAS &amp; DAMIAN</b>	10:00AM SJ	RAY GODDARD RIP (SB)
WED	27 SEPTEMBER	<b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL</b>	11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	EILEEN FRANCES KINGWELL RIP (NK) MARIE SWEENEY RIP (DMcD)
THURS	28 SEPTEMBER	<b>ST WENCESLAUS</b>	10:00AM SE	TONY MCCALL RIP (BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY) (SMcC)
FRI	29 SEPTEMBER	<b>THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL</b>	7:00PM SE	KITTY CUMMINS RIP (F)
SAT	30 SEPTEMBER	<b>ST JEROME</b>	12:15PM SJ	MADELEINE WARBURG RIP (F)
SUN	1 OCTOBER	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:00PM SE	JULIETTE WHITE RIP (F)
			11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	OLIVIA HOLLAND INTENTIONS (AR) 25th ANNIVERSARY OF ADORATION IN THE PARISH MASS IN POLISH
			9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	25th ANNIVERSARY OF ADORATION IN THE PARISH 25th ANNIVERSARY OF ADORATION IN THE PARISH 25th ANNIVERSARY OF ADORATION IN THE PARISH 25th ANNIVERSARY OF ADORATION IN THE PARISH

**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, Lordwood 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/](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vocation/)

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

**24 SEPTEMBER 2017**  
**25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### Psalm Response:

The Lord is close to all who call him.

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

**Alleluia!**

## READINGS SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2017

### 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading:	Ezekiel 18:25—28
2nd Reading:	Philippians 2:1—11
Gospel:	Matthew 21:28—32

<b>2ND COLLECTION TODAY</b>	<b>2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</b>
<b>CATHEDRAL</b>	<b>CATHOLIC HOME CARE</b>

COLLECTIONS	1st	2nd
<b>17. 9.17</b>		<b>HOME MISSION SUNDAY</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,493.78</b>	<b>£179.57</b>
Cash	923.02	142.69
S / O	1,256.61	29.50
Gift Aid Rebate	314.15	7.38

*Thank you for your generous contributions and gift aiding. 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