



1, 8, 15 OCTOBER 2017

**26th, 27th,
28th SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY
TIME**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF

STELLA MARIS DEANERY

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



ADORATION ... PRAYER IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

When I arrived in the Parish at the beginning of 2010, I was pleasantly surprised to discover that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament took place on a daily basis (Monday to Friday all day; Saturday during Confessions). This weekend we celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its implementation, an ideal opportunity to reflect on the value and importance of Adoration.

Prayer is at the centre of who we are as Catholic Christians, or at least it should be. Mass, especially Sunday Mass on the 'First Day of the Week', on the 'Day of Resurrection', is the source and summit of our Catholic lives. At Mass we 'enter into' the Paschal Mystery: the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Christ. Through our celebration we are drawn into the 'Cosmic Christ' and with Him into the life of the Godhead (the Most Holy Trinity). What a privilege, what an experience, how blessed we are to be invited into this intimate relationship with the Divine!

To benefit as fully as we can from these weekly gatherings and celebrations, we need to be rooted in lives of personal prayer. It is through our personal prayer life, be it the Rosary, Devotions, Lectio Divina, the Divine Office or simply 'quiet' in the presence of God, that we develop a relationship with God which stands us in good stead for life and its joys and sorrows. This relationship, developed through prayer, is brought into our celebration of Eucharist (Mass) and so deepened, expanded, challenged and made more profound. The Mass builds on what is there and takes it to a 'higher' and 'more profound' level, enabling us to enter the week at one with Christ and enabled to sanctify all that the week brings.

Adoration is a unique form of prayer which links us to the Sunday Eucharist and enables us to prepare to enter even deeper the mystery which is Christ! Join us if you can by either popping in, when you are able, or by joining the rota. Not only will you benefit, but also the Parish and the wider community.

Vincent Harvey

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Change can define Christian discipleship (First Reading & Gospel). When has 'change' been part of your spiritual life? Or when has your spiritual life motivated change?
2. 'Life in Christ' should unite us in conviction and love (Second Reading). Does 'life in Christ' determine what you say? Your actions? Who you are? How? When?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2017

25th ANNIVERSARY OF ADORATION IN THE PARISH

TODAY: there will be a short talk about Adoration after most Masses.

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



SHOEBOXES: Please return filled boxes by Sunday 8 October. Please only put a NEW £1 coin on the front of the box for postage as the old ones are no longer valid from 15 October.

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

BAPTISM CELEBRATION SERVICE 3pm today (Sunday) 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.*

1ST DAY OF OCTOBER: ROSARY will be prayed at 6pm in St Edmund's church.

OCTOBER ROSARY being said each day in parishioners homes. They are hoping you will join them. If you would like to join them please phone the Parish Office (023 8033 3589) for the address (different each day) and leave your name and how many of you will be going. The Rosary will be said between 6pm—6:30pm. Please be on time (not early). No refreshments just purely prayer! *Catheryn Hulme*

CAFOD ENVELOPES attached to all Newsletters this weekend in time for the CAFOD family fast day on Friday 6 October. Please return the envelopes next weekend.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR OCTOBER IS FOR WORKERS AND THE UNEMPLOYED that all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

VH annual retreat 2-6 October

Mon: RB day off

Tues: St George College: RB

Wed: Yr 6 Springhill for RE: RB

Thur: Housebound Visits and PUB Ministry: RB

Fri: Various meetings and appointments: RB

Parish Secretary annual leave 2.10.17—13.10.17.

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

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

ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN EVENING from 6pm Thursday 5 October, Leaside Way, Southampton, SO16 3DQ. See noticeboards. Outstanding Education for girls and boys aged 11—16.

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

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.*

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

RICHARD RHOR HOME CELL GROUP meet at Lisa Manalang's home in Rockstone Place **Thursday 5 October from 3pm—4:30pm** to study excerpts from the writings of Richard Rhor. The group is now fully booked.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 6 October when we are encouraged to fast and give what we save to CAFOD for their work. The retiring collection on the 7th/8th October will be for CAFOD.

PILATES WITH HILARY every Friday at 10am in St Edmund's Hall. *Text Hilary on 07786 617302 if you are interested in joining the group.*

NEXT WEEKEND (7/8 OCTOBER)

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

BABY LOSS MEMORIAL WEEK 7—15 October. *There will be a prayer/reflection memorial in the Our Lady Chapels at St Edmund's and St Joseph's churches to express compassion and to reach out to anyone who has been affected by the loss of a baby in any circumstances. This is about baby loss in all its forms: miscarriage, illness, stillbirth and abortion. This will be an expression of how we can reach out to all those affected in a non-judgemental way. Please feel free to visit this space, to pray and to reflect.*

NEXT WEEK (9.10.17—13.10.17)

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 12noon—2pm Tuesday 10 October in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place. All funds go to CAFOD.

DEMENTIA WORKING GROUP meet at 7pm Tuesday 10 October in St Edmund's Hall.

EST meeting 7:45pm Wednesday 11 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



◦ **George Monaghan**, son of David & Issy, being baptised at St Joseph's Church at 11:30am &

◦ **Michał Skarzycki**, son of Daniel & Marlena, being baptised at 12:30pm in St Edmund's Church. Both taking place on Sunday 15 October.

WEEK 16.10.17—22.10.17

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE group meeting 3:30pm Tuesday 17 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

FINANCE MEETING at the early time of *5pm Tuesday 17 October at St Edmund's Presbytery.

EU WELCOME PROJECT MEETING 7:30pm Tuesday 17 October at St Edmund's Presbytery.

LITURGY GROUP MEETING 7:45pm Wednesday 18 October at St Edmund's Presbytery.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' INTRODUCTORY EVENING: 7pm—8pm Thursday 19 October at St Anne's School, Carlton Road, Southampton, SO15 2WZ for parents who have registered their children on the First Holy Communion Programme.

ST ANNE'S YEAR 7 MASS: 2:15pm Friday 20 October in St Edmund's Church.

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING: 6pm Friday 20 October in St Edmund's Lodge.

DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMME: Creative Ministry Retreat, 20—22nd October, Cold Ash Centre. Youth Sunday with Bishop Philip 26 November, St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Call Tom Sellers 013 2931 8869 (ext 222) or email at youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

INTERNATIONAL MASS 7pm Sunday 22 October. We are encouraged to wear the traditional dress of the country you are from, flags procession etc. Join us in St Edmund's Hall afterwards for a bring and share food tasting from around the world. Email tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to help.

GENERAL ITEMS

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2018 MEETING 7:45pm Wednesday 25 October in St Edmund's Hall.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Robert Woodhouse** and **Emily Bryson** who are getting married at 12:30pm Friday 27 October in St Edmund's Church. *May God bless them all the days of their lives.*

MASS FOR PEACE & THE ROSARY Friday 27 October at 7pm Mass in St Edmund's Church.

'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. The next one is on Sunday 29 October at 6:15pm at St Edmund (30 minutes) before Mass. This period of prayer will involve Adoration, silence, prayer and singing. Do come along.

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2pm—4pm Saturday 18 November at Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood Road, Portswood. See noticeboards.

THANK YOU to the St Joseph's 10am Coffee Club for the £136.20 donated to the As'inget Charity.

THANK YOU from the LIFE Charity for the £81 received to support the work they do in helping others.

CERTIFICATE IN PARISH MISSION AND MINISTRY: a one year, distance-learning course for all those interested in formation for collaborative ministry in parishes, starting on 28 October. See noticeboards for more details or Tel. 015 9068 1874 or visit the Diocesan website ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



JINGLING BELLS Sunday 3 December 3pm—4:30pm. Carols in St Edmund's Church followed by tea in the hall afterwards. All welcome. Contact Jenepher Mobile No. 07891 733 939 if you can help.

WELCOMERS WORKING PARTY GROUP

The group met in August and are focusing on the following key areas:

- 0 To recruit and train more people to join the welcoming teams for the Sunday Masses. The aim would be to ensure that all masses are equally supported. The welcomers would be distinguished by sashes, or badges: 'My name is....'. The welcomers would be available after Mass to answer any questions, to signpost toward relevant materials, and to welcome newcomers to refreshments.
- 0 Over a couple of weekends, we will hold 'name badge Sundays' where everyone will be encouraged to wear a sticky badge with their name 'My name is....'. We will be encouraged to introduce ourselves to another parishioner at some point during or after Mass and name badges will be swapped. We will be asked to pray for the individual whose name badge we have been given during the week. This would be repeated for a number of Sundays in the month.
- 0 Welcome packs are to be put together for newcomers. The group are going to explore folders, which will contain registration forms, gift aid details, information regarding groups and activities in the parish.
- 0 The porch area is to be overhauled to tidy up the notices, to make it more accessible and attractive as an information and gathering point. The TV monitor is in place and the plan is to have information streamed on this to announce parish events and to advertise forthcoming activities.
- 0 **If you are interested in joining the group the next meeting is on 18 October at 7:45pm after Mass in St Edmunds Hall.**

PRAY FOR BAMENDA: Bishop Philip has asked us to pray for our sister diocese of Bamenda in Cameroon, especially Archbishop Cornelius, Auxiliary Bishop Bibi, the clergy, religious and faithful. There have been months of protests by Cameroon's Anglophone population against what they say is discrimination by the Francophone majority - see the story at BBC news website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-41094096>. Please pray for a speedy and fair resolution.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS 10am—4pm Saturday 14 October at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth for all involved or interested in Catechesis and Children's Liturgy of the Word. *Includes Mass of Thanksgiving for all Catechists. 'Scripture in Catechesis' by Fr Richard Ounsworth OP, 3 forums—scripture in children, youth and adult catechesis.* Lunch provided. For more details, call 015 9068 1874 or email ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Mike Hayes, Helmy Duyvesteijn (fall recovery), Andrea Reiter, Karen Nugent, Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Disshnayake, Himat Amlani, Trevor Lewis (op. recovery), Francis Ponniah, Daham Korralage, Kushmi, Sharon Carron, CA, Alan West, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Keiran Wastall, Doris Leggett, Marisa Tellegen (op. recovery), John O'Reilly, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEKS BEGINNING SUNDAYS 1, 8, 15 OCTOBER 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	30 SEPTEMBER	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	25th ANNIVERSARY OF ADORATION IN THE PARISH
SUN	1 OCTOBER	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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
TUES	3 OCTOBER	26th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	EUGENE COYLE RIP (7TH ANNIVERSARY) (RC)
WED	4 OCTOBER	ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	7:00PM SE	DANIEL DAVID & GRACE WACHIURI RIP (HN)
THURS	5 OCTOBER	26th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	PHYLLIS GRATTAN—89th BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING, GOD'S BLESSINGS, HEALING & WELLBEING (NW&AW)
FRI	6 OCTOBER	ST BRUNO	7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	7 OCTOBER	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ	PEGGY FREELAND RIP (HP) JOE & MAUREEN LEE 60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (BM&TG&PG)
SUN	8 OCTOBER	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK) CHRISTOPHER MOONEY RIP (ANNIVERSARY) (TD) JEAN RICKMAN RIP (F) CANON GERARD DWYER RIP (F)
TUES	10 OCTOBER	ST PAULINUS	10:00AM SE	KATE DOWNES RIP (PC)
WED	11 OCTOBER	ST JOHN XXIII	7:00PM SE	DAVID SPENCER—80th BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVING (RS)
THURS	12 OCTOBER	27th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	13 OCTOBER	ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR	7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	14 OCTOBER	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ	LAURA METCALF & JOCHEM SPARMANN—GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOUR MARRIAGE (CM) SEÁN, KATHLEEN AND STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
SUN	15 OCTOBER	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) FATHER PAUL BEAUMONT RIP (F) ROMEO MASCARENHAS RIP (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS P) PATRICK CAHILL RIP (GW)
TUES	17 OCTOBER	ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH	10:00AM SE	SPECIAL INTENTIONS (NW&AW)
WED	18 OCTOBER	ST LUKE	7:00PM SE	HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY (RK)
THURS	19 OCTOBER	28th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	20 OCTOBER	28th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	HELENA MASLANKA RIP & FRANCESCO CIAPA RIP (HN)
SAT	21 OCTOBER	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

1 OCTOBER 2017— 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response:

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. **Alleluia!**

8 OCTOBER 2017—27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

15 OCTOBER 2017: 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response:

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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!**

2ND COLLECTION 1.10.17

CATHOLIC HOME CARE

2nd COLLECTION 15.10.17

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

2nd COLLECTION 8.10.17

CAFOD

2nd COLLECTION 22.10.17

WORLD MISSIONS

READINGS SUNDAY 8 OCT 2017— 27th SUNDAY IN O.T.

1st Reading: Isaiah 5: 1—7
2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 6—9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33—43

READINGS SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER 2017 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st reading: Isaiah 25: 6—10
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12—14, 19—20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1—14

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COLLECTIONS

24. 9.17

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Gift Aid Rebate

314.15

23.25

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