

TO WHOM IS OUR ALLEGIANCE?

There has never been a more divided and confusing time in the leadership of our nation, our continent and indeed the world. Governments rise and fall, loyalties are divided and support waxes and wanes.

As Christians and Catholics we may also have divided loyalties and may find ourselves questioning the leadership styles of those we work with and those we serve. But there is a certainty and a consistency in the message of our readings today. The psalmist is very clear that all peoples should ascribe to the Lord; it is He who reigns, and despite the rising and falling of Governments, all ultimate authority is from above. Leaders may appear that are not 'home grown' and the sceptics among us may question their authority, and yet we see throughout salvation history that God chose and used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Cyrus was chosen to restore the Israelites from history and Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power. Jesus' words in the gospel remind the Israelites of their unfaithfulness which resulted in Roman occupation. 'Repay to Caesar' reminds them and us to keep our allegiances straight.

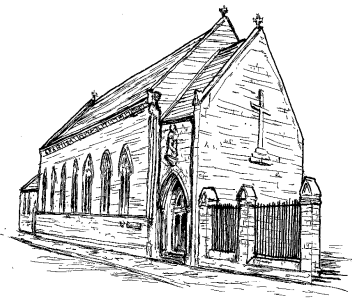
As I write this I am very fortunate to be at a two day conference in London led by James Mallon and his team on 'Divine Renovation', a theology and a model, the process of transforming a parish from maintenance to mission. James Mallon is a Canadian priest and interestingly there has been speculation about his teaching as he has been labelled American! But the message is very clear. His passion, his vision comes from the great commission 'Go out to all nations baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' Mallon writes in his introduction. The physical manifestation of this call should be the parish. James Mallon does not simply teach this, he leads by example and his parish in Halifax is living proof of this transformational theology.

As church we are called to be a light to the world, working in faith and labouring in love and enduring in hope. On this World Mission Sunday we are asked to forget our differences and to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas, and to pray for missionaries everywhere.

Mallon spoke today about the things that underpin passion and vision and one of these is hope. We need to pray for our governments, our leaders and not lose hope. Our hope is in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. One hope, One faith, One Lord. *Tina Quinn*

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. 'I am the Lord there is no other God' (1st reading). How do you reflect your belief in the 'one God' in your daily life? In your dealings with others? Your prayer life? Your involvement in the Church?
2. 'We always mention you in our prayers' St Paul says (2nd reading). Who do you pray for? Do you pray beyond your loved ones? Do you thank God for others?
3. Caesar or God (Gospel)? Do you reflect the 'image of God' in daily life? How?
Vincent Harvey



22 OCTOBER 2017

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

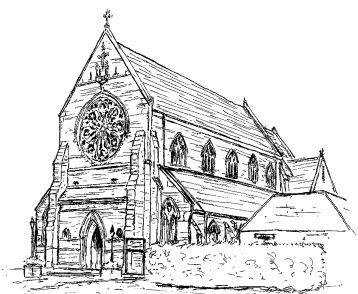


ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTHAMPTON

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



TODAY SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2017

MASS COUNTS AT ALL MASSES during October.

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR the work of Missio.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY today when we support missionaries and the Church both spiritually (with prayer) and materially (financially with a collection). Today we are asked to pray for and support with our collection, the people of South Sudan and elsewhere where there is war. If you wish to know more see missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755. Special envelopes available in the porch.

INTERNATIONAL MASS 7pm today. Join us in St Edmund's Hall afterwards for a bring and share food tasting from around the world.

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

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*

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.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER VINCENT: *"MY KNEE thank you to all for messages of sympathy and prayer on my recent disposition!! Background: when I was 17/18 yrs old (yes I was once) I was involved as a pillion in a serious motorcycle accident. My left knee was badly damaged (ligaments etc.) and I was in plaster for 10 weeks (still went to work!). Since then the left knee always had a weakness. Anyway last Saturday week (14th) I got the paper at 7am and realised something was amiss. By 10:30am, despite medication, my knee had swollen as never before. To cut a long day short, through conversations via 111 an ambulance came, I was examined and taken to RSH. I was back 2 ½ hours later after examinations, x-rays and given crutches, with promise of referral. I have already received my referral to orthopaedics and as we go to press will be in the hospital to find out what the next step is (no pun intended!).*

Thank you to Fr Ross for his care, the Office staff and Margaret for their help/support, Deacon Andy for stepping in for baptism/Liturgy of the Word, and Father Des for coming at short notice for the 9am & 11am Masses last Sunday. We (and me in particular at present) are blessed to have such people around." Vincent Harvey



RECENTLY DIED: Anne Dorey, late of Westwood Road, Southampton. Requiem Mass 9:15am Thursday 2 November at St Edmund's Church followed by burial at 10:30am at South Stoneham Cemetery. *May her dear soul rest in peace. Please keep her family in your prayers.*

NEXT WEEKEND

'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 11am (30 minutes) directly after 10am Mass at St Joseph's.** This period of prayer will involve Adoration, silence, prayer.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Mon Day off: VH/RB

Tues Dept for Voc, Leigh Park: VH
Huguenot Celebration St Michael: VH
Visiting the sick pm: RB

Wed Team Meeting: VH/RB/AP
'Safe Families for Children' meet: VH
Clergy gathering Fordingbridge: VH
Holy Land Pilgrimage meeting: VH

Thurs CA Trustees, London: VH. Visiting the sick: RB

Fri Wedding: VH. Various meetings and visits: RB

Sat Clocks change

HALF-TERM COMMENCES: wishing all our school staff, pupils and families a good and relaxing half-term.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT: A decision has been reached that the Prayer Group will no longer meet. It has been in existence for some 35 years. The last meeting was held on Tuesday 17 October.

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.*

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

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

WELCOMING GROUP meet 7:45pm Friday 27 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

1967 ABORTION ACT: 8.7 million abortions have taken place since the abortion act was passed in 1967. On Friday 27 October, the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act, please join the Good Counsel Network in praying and fasting for the end of abortion. For more information see website: www.goodcounselnetwork.com

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



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.*

NEXT WEEK

MARTHA'S MANAGEMENT MEETING 7pm Tuesday 31 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

ALL SAINTS FEAST DAY Wednesday 1 November. Holy Day of obligation. **Mass Times:** 7am & 7:30pm St Edmund; 12:15pm St Joseph.

NIGHT FEVER takes place after 7pm Mass Friday 3 November at St Edmund's Church. Contact Adrienne by email adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk if you can help.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK 5—11 November. Will you celebrate your faith with a gift in your Will to your favourite Catholic cause? The Catholic Legacy is a group of 27 Catholic causes working together to inspire and encourage you to leave a gift in your Will to a Catholic Charity. For more info call Hannah 020 7095 5370 or visit www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk, see noticeboards and leaflets in the porch.

GENERAL ITEMS

NEW READERS & EUCHARISTIC ROTAS NOW AVAILABLE in the Sacristy at St Edmund's and porch at St Joseph's.

REFUGEE RESPONSE DAY: 1pm—4pm Friday 10 November, St Edward the Confessor Church, 191 Winchester Road, Chandler's Road, SO53 2DU. Join the group to find out more about, and become involved in the local response to refugees. Speakers: Jesuit Refugee Service and Rural Refugee Network. Also to find out about the Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group and other local initiatives. Please email maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book.

DEMYSTIFYING NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING on Saturday 11 November from 9:45am—4pm. The Marriage and Family Life Team have organised a day of presentations and workshops on NFP: Theological Perspective, History & development of NFP, Understanding menopausal years, Improving fertility awareness, Achieving pregnancy, etc. Key speakers include Mgr. Jeremy Garrett, Dr Helen Whiting, Dr Olive Duddy and Christine Bergess. Venue St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park. Lunch, tea and coffee provided. Free event; donations only.

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

POETRY SHARE 7pm Thursday 23 November in St Josephs. The theme this month is **Creation**. Please bring along a favourite poem that explores Creation, maybe one you have written yourself. Or just come to listen. But do come! *During the evening, we will hear excerpts from Creation Song Cycle (a work in progress) written by Fran Morley, music by Tim Cain, presented by St Joseph's Choir.*

COME AND CELEBRATE YOUTH SUNDAY WITH BISHOP PHILIP. Bishop Philip would like to invite young adults from around Portsmouth Diocese to join him at **St John's Cathedral for 6pm Mass on Sunday 26 November the Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday. After Mass there will be a social with food, and talks** from inspiring guest speakers in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. *Isaac Withers from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales; former President of Birmingham University Cathsoc will speak on "Being a Catholic Student" and The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) will speak on "Discipleship on Campus"* This is a fantastic opportunity for young adults to network, connect to events locally and further afield, and communicate the things that they want to see happening in the Diocese. Register by contacting your University Catholic Chaplaincy, or email youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk The event costs £7 to attend and is open to ages 16+.

CONGRATULATIONS! OCTOBER 200 CLUB WINNERS

Arthur Monaghan	1st Prize	£20.00
K Batchelor	2nd Prize	£10.00

ALTAR SERVERS ALBS ... calling all 'Altar Server Families': would you be willing to keep an eye on the state of the altar servers' albs for washing and repair? We need dignity and reverence of the sanctuary and clean albs are part of that.



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.

PLEASE KEEP ALL THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LISTS who are sick, receiving treatment, recovering from falls, strokes or operations, in your prayers.

ST ANNE'S AND ST GEORGE TOP THE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES: Congratulations to staff and students at St Anne's and St George for achieving outstanding results in the summer of 2017, placing both schools at the top of the performance tables in Southampton and exceeding the standards set in Hampshire LA schools. Lyn Bourne, Executive Headteacher said 'We are extremely pleased with the achievements of both schools. Teachers, pupils and parents worked very effectively together to ensure our young people were given the best opportunity to make outstanding progress. Their record breaking achievement will help to put them on track for a successful future.'

St Anne's and St George rank 1st and 2nd in the tables locally and 226th and 290th of 3,104 nationally, putting both schools in the top 10% in England. 'This is excellent news, underlining the exceptional improvement in both attainment and progress of pupils. There is a great deal to celebrate in Catholic secondary education in Hampshire!'



APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA—CHRISTMAS

GIFTS: The new Stella Maris Seafarers Centre in St Bernard's Church, Holbury is now open to welcome seafarers working on tanker ships that come into Fawley. They have received their first visitors and look forward to welcoming many more.

To prepare to welcome seafarers at Christmas and also to enable the Port Chaplains and volunteers to make Christmas special for the seafarers, you are invited to donate the following items: woolly hats, fingerless gloves, bars of chocolate, packets of sweets, diaries, notebooks and Christmas cards. Rolls of Christmas paper will also be welcome.

During November and early December volunteers at Stella Maris will wrap the gifts you donate in Christmas paper ready for distribution in the run up to Christmas. Thank you for your generosity to seafarers who will be thousands of miles away from home and their loved ones at Christmas time.
Deacon Roger Stone—Chaplain.

FRUITFUL DISCIPLESHIP IN OUR DIOCESE Saturday 18 November, 9.30am – 5pm at Winchester Parish Centre. This is for everyone in the diocese who would like to know and serve the Lord more deeply, and move towards being an active disciple.

KERYGMA RETREAT 12noon—6pm Sunday 19 November, Winchester Parish Centre. This is a day that allows you to see, hear and respond to the story that Pope Francis reminds us we must hear and respond to "over and over" – the kerygma, the Great Story of Jesus. This is a reflective day, utilising the spoken word, art, quiet reflection and discussion. A fantastic chance to spend Sunday, the day of rest, with the Lord in a deep way.

TRAINING ON SHARING OUR FAITH WITH OTHERS IN OUR EVERYDAY LIFE AND THROUGH THE PARISH 9.30am—5pm Monday 20 November at St. Bede's Basingstoke. This is a day for those who would like to be trained in how to have conversations with those who are not yet active Catholics. This day will also talk about how to run the Kerygma Retreat in your parish. This day is very suited for members of a wide range of parish groups. *For more info please email Clare at csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Clare Simpson, Team Leader Called & Gifted.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 22 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	21 OCTOBER	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	SJ	LUIS CYPRIAN & ADELINA RODRIGUES RIP (SR)
SUN	22 OCTOBER	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	ANNIE—GOD'S BLESSINGS (J&MB)
			10:00AM	SJ	WILF WHITE RIP & CUNIO FAMILY INTENTIONS (CC)
			11:00AM	SE	PHELAN JORDAN RIP (JG)
			7:00PM	SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUES	24 OCTOBER	29th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM	SE	FRANK MAGUIRE RIP (TJL)
WED	25 OCTOBER	29th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM	SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
THURS	26 OCTOBER	SS CHAD & CEDD	12:15PM	SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	27 OCTOBER	29th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM	SE	IN REPARATION FOR 50 YEARS OF ABORTION (SMcC)
SAT	28 OCTOBER	SS SIMON & JUDE	11:00AM	SE	CONCETTA LONGO RIP (F)
			6:15PM	SJ	MARIE McBETTERICK RIP (C&J)
SUN	29 OCTOBER	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
			10:00AM	SJ	KATHLEEN SULLIVAN RIP (F)
			11:00AM	SE	GOD'S PROTECTION (PA)
			7:00PM	SE	PEOPLE OF 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, 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

22 OCTOBER 2017 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response:

Give the Lord Glory and Power.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

READINGS 29 OCTOBER 2017 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st reading: Exodus 22:20—26
2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5—10
Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 34—40

2nd COLLECTION 22.10.17 2nd COLLECTION 29.10.17 **WORLD MISSIONS** **CATHOLIC CARE**

COLLEC-TIONS	1st 1.10.17	2nd CCCC	1st 8.10.17	2nd CAFOD	1st 15.10.17	2nd CHURCH MAINT.
Total	£3004.89	£423.28	£2664.01	£1046.40	£2774.22	£262.82
Cash	1,434.13	280.78	1,093.25	800.15	1,203.46	185.94
S / O	1,256.61	114.00	1,256.61	197.00	1,256.61	61.50
Gift Aid	314.15	28.50	314.15	49.25	314.15	15.38

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