

5 NOVEMBER 2017

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



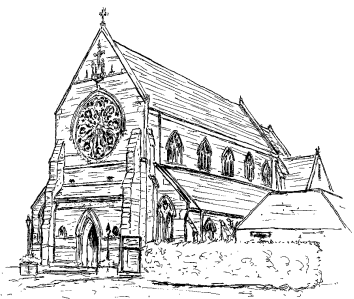
**ST JOSEPH'S &
ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE
CATHOLIC PARISH
SOUTHAMPTON**

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



A CALL TO BE HUMBLE ROLE MODELS



















In Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland," Alice found a mushroom. When she ate one side of the mushroom, she found herself getting smaller. When she ate the other side, she got taller. Of the two situations, Alice decided smaller was better. For, as she was reduced in size, all things and people about her looked more wonderful. Less, she discovered, can be more. Small can be beautiful.



Jesus' scathing attacks on ostentation and hypocrisy make for a difficult read in the Gospel this week. It is tempting to avoid it or tone it down. Nevertheless, to think that Jesus was only addressing himself to the Pharisees and scribes of His time, would mean we fall into the same errors ourselves.



Catholic Social Teaching affirms the principle of solidarity or to put it simply, we believe that we are all brothers and sisters. The waters of my baptism were no wetter nor drier than that of anyone else. In the words of today's first reading we were all created by the same God. We have one common parent. We are called not to rule over nor dominate one another, but rather to be of service to one another, and to live in loving solidarity with each other. Jesus was upset with those in authority who sought honours, or prestige, or control over others.



We will not have missed, however, that words of Jesus are for us all, leaders and followers alike. Jesus was critical of those who focused on themselves and not the common good. Jesus was about service to others as an expression of our love. 'The greatest among you must be your servant', He says to us. In a society that at times seems to crave pre-eminence, we must assume humility as He was humble and let God do the exalting for us.



Deacon Andy Philpott

























HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER VINCENT.



God's Blessings



in all you do



from Father Ross,



Parish Office and Presbytery staff and all



parishioners of St Joseph & St Edmund's.


We pray for the speedy recovery of your knee and that you'll be back on your feet in no time.

TODAY SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2017

TODAY IS BAMENDA SUNDAY. Please remember in your prayers our sister diocese of Bamenda, 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 - the story is available on the BBC news website. Let us pray for a speedy and fair resolution of these difficulties. *Newsletters available in the porch, please take a copy.*

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



Niesha & Kaisha Asabar, children of Luke & Jodie, being baptised at 11:30am in St Joseph's

Amelie Maunsell, daughter of James & Kirsten, being baptised at 12:30pm in St Edmund's.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE 2pm Sunday 5 November at Bursledon. Meet at viewpoint overlooking the Hamble River. Tel. No. 023 8076 6684. See noticeboard.



RECENTLY DIED: **Janet Ward** late of Grosvenor Close, Southampton. Funeral Service 1:30pm Wednesday 8 November in St Edmund's Church followed by cremation at the West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium.

John Redhead, late of Ashridge Close, Southampton. Funeral arrangements to be advised.

May their dear souls rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

NEXT WEEKEND

DEMYSTIFYING NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING Saturday 11 November from 9:45am—4pm at St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park. Lunch, tea and coffee provided. Free event, donations only.

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED 11am Saturday 11 November in St Edmund's Church. (*Confessions next Saturday 11 November at 11am in St Edmund's have been cancelled*).

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12 November.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Monday: Day off: VH/RB.

Father Vincent off sick for the week ahead.

Tuesday: Spiritual Direction in London: RB

Wednes: St George College AM:RB

Thursday: Various Meetings: RB

Friday: Diocesan Schools Day in Basingstoke: RB

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.*

EST MEETING 7:45pm Wednesday 8 November in St Edmund's Presbytery.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY ANNUAL MEETING AND MASS at 12:15pm Thursday 9 November at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, includes recitation of the rosary at the Altar of Our Lady. Packed lunch in the Cathedral Centre before the meeting which starts at 2pm.

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



YOUTH CLUBS: Frogz Junior Group for ages 8-12, *meet 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month* during term-time from 6pm—7:15pm. Next meeting Friday 10 November, theme "Remembrance Day".

Frassati Society 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. Both take place in St Boniface Church Hall.

REFUGEE RESPONSE DAY: 1pm—4pm Friday 10 November, St Edward the Confessor Church, 191 Winchester Road, Chandler's Road, SO53 2DU. Please email maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book.

NEXT WEEK

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING for our catechists across the pastoral area, 7pm—9:30pm Monday 13 November in St Edmunds Hall with Maureen Wiltshire. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to attend this training session.

SOUP LUNCH 1:05pm Thursday 16 November in Stella Maris Hall after Mass in aid of CAFOD.

ST ANNE'S YEAR 8 ANNUAL MASS 2:25pm Friday 17 November in St Edmund's Church.

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm Friday 17 November in St Edmund's Lodge.

SISTERS FROM BELARUS—Christmas and Religious items will be available to buy after all Masses weekend 18/19 November at St Joseph's and St Edmund's.

CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS: A mass of remembrance for all CAFOD supporters, family and friends who have died will be held on Sunday 19 November at 10am at St Michael & All Angels Church, Leigh Park. All welcome.

STEPS FOR PEACE—meet at Queens Peace Fountain in East Park at 12:15pm—4:30pm Sunday 19 November for a walking tour around Southampton, visiting different places of worship including a Gurdwara, Mosque, Church, Vedic Temple and learning about some of the many faiths of the city. Experience the culture and food from different communities. See noticeboard.



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.

GENERAL ITEMS

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.*

YOUTH SUNDAY—JOIN BISHOP PHILIP Sunday 26 November at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth for **6pm Mass on 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. Contact Tom Sellers: youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 01329 318 869.

ANNUAL WILBERFORCE DIALOGUE: 'Doubting Dawkins' Can the Scientific Claims for Atheism be Believed? Thursday 16 November 5:30pm—8pm; Palmerston Lecture Theatre, The Spark Building, Southampton Solent University, East Park Terrace, Southampton SO14 0YN. All are welcome. Refreshments available 7:30pm—8pm.

PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY at Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood; 10 hours per week. Email ppc@catholic-portswood.org.uk with the word 'Confidential' as the subject title for a personal reply. Closing date Friday 24 November (12 noon). See noticeboard for all the details.

FLOWER ARRANGING AND DECORATION IN ST EDMUND'S CHURCH: volunteers are being sought to assist and be trained up to create flower displays for weddings and the Seasons of the Church's Year. If you would like to know more please contact the Parish Office or have a word with Judy Brown.

SOLENTCATHSOC

Solent Catholic Society are looking for new members to join us. If you're looking to meet people in a nurturing faith environment then this is a great way to do so and make new friends. We do regular activities such as bowling and trip as well as a weekly meeting every Tuesday at 3:30pm in RM124A. Feel free to join in so we can grow in faith together. If you would like some more info please email: josephanrahan@hotmail.co.uk



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.

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.

ALERT! QUIZ EVENING & CHILI CON CARNE MEAL at 7:30pm on Saturday 25 November in St Joseph's Hall. Tickets available from Helmy 023 8077 2110. All proceeds in aid of the Asinget School.



LUXURY CREAM TEA, SANDWICHES AND CAKE, with raffle, good company, bubbles and as much tea as you can drink! All to raise money to send our lovely children to Lourdes at Easter. Sunday 26 November, 3pm—5pm, St Boniface Hall, Shirley. Tickets £10, children under 5 free.

Physical tickets not yet printed but you can pay for yours now at <https://www.hcpt.org.uk/payment/> (Please put 170 as the group number and select Sundry for the account. If your name is not the same as the account please message us to let us know you've paid! Thank you!). Email nick@group170.org.uk

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: on Thursday 14 December at 7pm. If you feel you would benefit from this simple but profound encounter with the Christ then you are welcome to St Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU.

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN! A day of reflection in preparation for Christmas will take place at St Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU on Saturday 16 December from 10:30am—after Mass at 3:30pm. Please bring a packed lunch. A suggested donation of £20 would be gratefully received.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, SAN GIOVANNI AND ASSISI IN HONOUR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SAINT PADRE PIO 30 Oct – 6 Nov 2018 led by Father Des Connolly SMM. Price: £875pp includes estimation of flight cost – half board. For more info please contact Gill 017 3288 6666 or Father Des: 023 8029 2337 or fatherdes@icloud.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR Father Vincent's speedy recovery, Andrea Reiter, Karen Nugent, Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Disshnayake, Himat Amlani, Trevor Lewis (op. recovery), Francis Ponniah, Daham Korlage, 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, 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 WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 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	4 NOVEMBER	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	MAGDALENE KENNEDY—WELLBEING & HEALING (J+MCH)
SUN	5 NOVEMBER	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE	HEALING & WELLBEING OF FAMILY MEMBER MRS MARGARET GOLDING RIP (F) ALL THOSE WHO SACRIFICED FOR OUR SAFER FUTURE & ALL SOULS RIP—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS PONNIAH)
TUES	7 NOVEMBER	31st WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	KATHLEEN BRENNAN RIP (JB)
WED	8 NOVEMBER	31st WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF TH EARLEY FAMILY (F)
THURS	9 NOVEMBER	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	1:30PM SE 7:00PM SE	FUNERAL SERVICE: THE LATE JANET WARD ANGAFOR FAMILY—BABY DEATH (BAMENDA) (VH)
FRI	10 NOVEMBER	ST LEO THE GREAT	12:15PM SJ	CHRISTINA COMPLIN RIP (F)
SAT	11 NOVEMBER	ST MARTIN OF TOURS	7:00PM SE	EILEEN WALSH RIP (JB)
SUN	12 NOVEMBER	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ	ROBERT & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSING (RK) MARIE—THANKSGIVING (CH)
			9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) JEREMY WARBURG (TW) EUGENE COYLE RIP—7th ANNIVERSARY (RC) EILEEN WALSH RIP (JB)

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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St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
St George College 023 8032 2603

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 3

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Psalm Response:

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

READINGS 12 NOVEMBER 2017

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1st reading: Wisdom 6:12—16

2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13—18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1—13

2nd COLLECTION TODAY	2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
BAMENDA	CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

COLLECTIONS	1st 29.10.17	2nd—CATHOLIC HOME CARE
Total	£2,785.04	£353.45
Cash	1,214.28	207.20
S / O	1,256.61	117.00
Gift Aid	314.15	29.25

Thank you for your generous contributions and gift aiding. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.

CONFESSION TIMES

St Joseph's: Thursdays 11:45am
Saturdays 5:45pm