



19 NOVEMBER 2017

33RD 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



NOW IS THE TIME!

This Sunday's gospel resonates with the call from Pope Francis and our bishops that we should be a people, a church, of mission and not simply maintenance.

We have all been given talents but there is the adage 'it's always the busy people who do all of the work', there is a risk of falling into the complacency that if others are doing it I can just keep quiet and do my own thing. This is the attitude of maintenance for which Jesus very firmly says ... you wicked and lazy servant!

Jesus, when He is addressing the Pharisees and Scribes, is making reference to their focus on keeping the law just as it is, in a perpetual state of paralysis or coma. It is given, and then ring-fenced with no sense or openness to the possibility of adapting it to the conditions of the times and needs of the people. Again there is a harsh but profound message for us here. We have all been entrusted with our faith and religious expression. But religion for the sake of others cannot exist without risk, vision or enterprise. A willingness to dare is an essential part of our faith.

God is the enterprising employer who entrusts us with His vision and plan. The Ten Commandments became the Beatitudes and we are called to be merciful, gentle of heart, peacemakers and hungry for righteousness. This new moral code is inviting and not prohibitive. It allows us to be part of God's new initiative.

Through our Baptism we have all been entrusted with a portion of His possessions, a share in His divine life. And He has called us to be trusted servants and fellow workers serving one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace.

We may wish to bury our heads when the appeal comes through for more volunteers, when there seems to be yet more demands on the time that we do not have. But the God that we serve wishes to trust us with His business enterprise, He will be the adventurer who is prepared to take a risk with each one of us because He has created us as talented and gifted people to be used in His service.

Just this week I was approached by someone in another parish who uses the church to practise her musical instrument. At the same time each week a small number of us are setting up for First Holy Communion. The parishioner popped her head into the hall and said I can't teach, I don't know much about FHC but I would love to help. Needless to say we have embraced the offer and God will honour the offer and attitude to this new challenge.

Many are called but few are chosen. May we respond to that call before it is too late!

Tina Quinn

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. What are your God given talents? Have you used them and developed them as much as you could? If yes, how? If no, why?
2. The Master (God) is lavish in His trusting of the talents. Are you lavish in using your talent? Are you lavish in giving?
3. 'A good wife', Wisdom talks about...! Are you a 'good person'? How is that evidenced? In what way is that 'goodness' used for others?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2017

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for the poor today.

RETIRING COLLECTION: Catholic Home Care.

SISTERS FROM BELARUS—Christmas gifts and Religious icons are available to buy in the porches after 6:15pm, 9am and 11am Masses this weekend at St Joseph's and St Edmund's. Please support the sisters if you can.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



◦ **Oliver Sanders**, son of Thomas & Iwona
◦ **Ruth Mirandela**, daughter of Delson & Elzbieta, being baptised at St Joseph's Church at 11:30am

◦ **Asa Howell**, son of Peter & Siobhan
◦ **Jacob Guyer**, son of Timothy & Claire
◦ **Evelyn Thompson**, daughter of Leon and Jenny, being baptised in St Edmund's Church at 12:30pm.

FILIPINO CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: Christians in Asia. That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



RECENTLY DIED: John Redhead, late of Ashridge Close, Southampton. Funeral 11am Tuesday 21 November at East Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. May his soul rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers.

NEXT WEEKEND

PRAYER & SILENCE 9:30am—1:30pm Saturday 25 November in St Michael's Church, Bugle Street, with Father David.

'A TIME OF PRAYER' 26 November at 12noon in St Edmund's Church (30 minutes) (i.e. directly after Mass). This period of prayer just after Mass involves Adoration, silence, prayer and singing ... do come along.

CONVALIDATION & BAPTISM:



Congratulations to **Malgorzata & Marceli Chiara** (convalidation) and **Nikodem** (baptism) which is taking place at 1pm Saturday 25 November in St Edmund's Church.



HCPT 170 GROUP: 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 at St Boniface Hall, Shirley. Tickets £10, children under 5 free. Pay for tickets online at <https://www.hcpt.org.uk/payment/> (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 for more info.

QUIZ APOLOGIES - to all who may have been looking forward to the event in aid of Asin'get School, scheduled for next Saturday 25 November. As various members of the organising committee have been overtaken by issues in their family lives, we have had to postpone for some weeks. Please watch this space for further information.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Mon: Day off: VH/RB.

Tues: 24 hr Hospital Call 24: RB. St George: RB. Funeral: VH.

Wed: St Anne's Mass RB/VH?; Year 6 Springhill: RB Vicariate for Vocation: VH

Thurs: Various meetings: RB

Fri: St Anne's Yr9 Mass St Edmund's: RB St George Mass: VH. Clergy Meeting: VH

FATHER VINCENT: "Thank you for your ongoing messages of support, and especially prayer. **An update:** the knee will not win a competition (because of the motorbike accident in the '60s) but doesn't require surgery at present. The blood tests and the MRI finding shows a thickened joint lining and fluid/blood in the joint, which raises the possibility of a rheumatologic cause ... an inflammatory arthritis. Further investigations and consultation with a Rheumatologist are needed to ascertain this ... this is probably not for a few weeks! Sadly this is 'slowing' me down!!"

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB meet at 12noon every Wednesday in St Edmund's Hall.



THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER: USA Thanksgiving Day is celebrated this coming Thursday. We wish all our North American Parishioners a happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving. Also **St Hilda of Whitby feast day** (transferred from the 17 November).

POETRY SHARE 7pm Thursday 23 November in St Joseph's. 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.



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 24 November, theme "Advent Crafts".

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.

FEAST CELEBRATION OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER, Goa's Patron Saint. Sunday 3 December 12:30pm—5:30pm at St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley, SO15 3JD. Ticket £10pp including full Goan buffet, snacks, dessert, drinks, spot prizes, Santa's Gifts to children, live music, games and dancing. Children under 12 years **FREE ENTRY**. Dress: Formal. All welcome. Raffle proceeds to Goan Orphanage. Call Roque 07816 195 002 and Dina 023 8078 0774 to book.

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

PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY at Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood; 10 hours per week. Closing date 12 noon on Friday 24 November. Email ppc@catholic-portswood.org.uk for application pack.

PILATES WITH HILARY 10am Fridays in St Edmund's Hall. Text Hilary 07786 617 302 to join.

ST ANNE'S YEAR 9 ANNUAL MASS 2:25pm Friday 24 November in St Edmund's Church.

MASS FOR THE CATENIANS 7pm Friday 24 November at St Edmund's Church.

NEXT WEEK

BAPTISM PREPARATION 7pm—8:30pm Tuesday 28 November in St Edmund's Hall for parents who have booked to have their children baptised in the parish. *Parents only.*

NIGHT FEVER takes place after 7pm Mass on Friday 1 December in St Edmund's Church. Come along to pray or, better still, to be part of the team; briefing 7:45pm. Contact Adrienne: adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP for parents and children 10:30am Saturday 2 December at St Anne's School.



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



CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Come and join us to sing carols for the Midnight Mass at St Edmund's on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals 7:30pm on Wednesdays 29 November, 13 and 20 December. For more information email Carla at carla.philips75@gmail.com

200 CLUB WINNERS—NOVEMBER 2017

MARGARET STEBBINGS	1ST PRIZE	£20
HILARY PARKER	2ND PRIZE	£10

INTERFAITH ITEMS

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY United Reformed Church, Avenue St Andrews. Hours 10am—2pm two days a week including Fridays (possibly extending to three). Rate £9.50 per hour. A good working knowledge of MS Word, Publisher, Powerpoint and Outlook is essential. Email: office@asaurc.org.uk or Tel: 023 8067 8787. See noticeboard for all the details.



"ADVENT ANTICIPATION AT AVENUE ST ANDREW'S: *Christmas is coming ... but how can we find time to prepare ourselves? Come to Avenue St Andrew's URC on Friday 8 December at 6pm. Bring and share food, friendship and a chance to reflect on what Christmas means to us today.* **Join Father Vincent and come along (let him know so he can inform Avenue St Andrew's).** See noticeboards.



GIFTS FOR CATHOLIC HOME CARE CLIENTS

2017 It's that time of the year again when we ask parishioners, while out shopping in the next two to three weeks, to please consider picking up a small gift or two for us to pass on to our elderly clients. Many of the Christmas offerings now in the shops would be suitable—toiletries, chocolates, biscuits, socks, scarves etc. Gifts should be new and **unwrapped** so that individual health and dietary requirements can be considered when our Carers select for their clients. **Baskets will be available in the porches weekends of 25/26 November and 2/3 December.**

GENERAL ITEMS



MESSY CHURCH—HELPERS/ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Contact Roxy if you would like to volunteer and join this friendly team, email: roxy.ashworth@live.co.uk

For info, sessions are for toddlers and older children up to 10 years. The children make crafts, decorate biscuits and enjoy a story based around the Advent/Lent story. Takes place in St Joseph's Hall. *Date and time tbc.*

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD for the harvest Fast Day amount of £1,024.15 received. See letter on noticeboard.

ADVANCE WARNING: Our Annual Advent Penitential Service will be on Tuesday 19 December (**not the Monday before Christmas as we usually have! This is for parking reasons, as St Anne's have their Christmas Concert on the 18 December**). **PENITENTIAL SERVICE ... please note**

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR *Judy Brown, 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 Walstall, 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, 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 19 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	18 NOVEMBER	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ MAURA & DONALD GORMAN RIP (GH) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	19 NOVEMBER	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE HILARY PARKER—70th BIRTHDAY, GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (GC) 10:00AM SJ ZARA FREE—HEALING & WELLBEING (RB) 11:00AM SE THE MURRAY FAMILY'S INTENTIONS (RB) 7:00PM SE ROBERT & FAMILY—PAST & PRESENT—THANKSGIVING
TUES	21 NOVEMBER	THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10:00AM SE ERIC CLARKE RIP (MC)
WED	22 NOVEMBER	ST CECILIA	7:00PM SE EDWARD HAUSCHILD—INTENTIONS (HH)
THURS	23 NOVEMBER	ST HILDA OF WHITBY (TRANSFERRED FROM THE 17TH NOVEMBER)	12:15PM SJ JOSIE FRANKLIN RIP—BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY (JCC)
FRI	24 NOVEMBER	33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE CATENIANS FROM SOUTHAMPTON—PAST & PRESENT—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (PF)
SAT	25 NOVEMBER	ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA	11:00AM SE KAREN BELL—THANKSGIVING (KB) 6:15PM SJ MAGDALENE—THANKSGIVING (CH)
SUN	26 NOVEMBER	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9:00AM SE STEPHANIE & ROGER HURST—THANKSGIVING (KN) 10:00AM SJ NADINE WARDEN—GET WELL (IK) 11:00AM SE GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING—LEON, LORINA & GAVIN (LR) 7:00PM SE CLAIRE WALSTALL, AARON WEERASINGE, JOELLE EGBERT—GOD'S BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVING FOR THESE AND ALL NEWBORN BABIES (ANUSHKA)

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Vocations to Priesthood: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vocation/

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

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Psalm Response:

○ blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.
Alleluia!

READINGS 26 NOVEMBER 2017

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

1st reading: Ezekiel 34:11—12, 15—17
2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20—26, 28
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31—46

2nd COLLECTION TODAY

CATHOLIC HOME CARE

NO 2nd COLLECTION

NEXT WEEK

COLLECTIONS	1st 12.11.17	2nd CHURCH MAINT.
Total	£2,819.18	£276.26
Cash	1,248.42	184.38
S / O	1,256.61	73.50
Gift Aid	314.15	18.38

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
St Edmund's: Saturdays 11:30am