



14 JANUARY 2018

**SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

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



THE NAMING OF NAMES

During the Rite of Baptism, the very first question the celebrant asks the parents is "What name have you given your child?" The giving of names is a serious business. All parents recognise this, indeed it is hard to find couples who easily decide upon a child's name. Genesis reminds us that it is a divine prerogative. God creates all that exists and names them. He calls the light Day and the darkness Night, the dry land Earth, the firmament Heaven, and the waters Sea. Then God allows human beings to share in this divine prerogative.

Occasionally, He gives people a new name. So Abram becomes Abraham, Sarai becomes Sarah and Jacob is renamed Israel. Both John the Baptist and Jesus are given their names by God, through an angel instructing their parents. God does so because only he knows who and what these people will be.

When Jesus gives names, He does not do so as though He were giving nicknames. He gives names as only God can, by making a new creation. He gives James and John the surname Boanerges, sons of thunder. Simon bar-Jonah is to be known by the Aramaic name Jesus gives him Cephas or in Greek, Peter. Impulsive, impetuous Simon is by grace made into Peter, the rock on which Jesus builds his Church.

The experience of being seen right through and loved, of being given a new name, provokes a response of faith in those who are willing to change. At the 7pm Mass last Sunday, we saw testimony of this as 10 women and men stepped forward to change their lives by baptism, full communion with the Church, and Confirmation.

Jesus is the Messiah (for Andrew), the One of whom Moses and the prophets wrote (for Philip), the Son of God, the King of Israel (for Nathanael), the Holy One of God who has the words of eternal life (for Peter), a man who told me all I ever did, the Christ (for the Samaritan woman at the well), and my Lord and my God (for Thomas).

The point of God-given names is communion with Christ. It is being known and loved. "Come and see", says Jesus to us.

Deacon Andy Philpott

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. How 'attentive' are you to 'the voice of God' (1st reading)?
2. Do you 'hear' God in prayer, worship, the Scriptures, others?
3. How do you use 'your body' for the glory of God (2nd reading)?
By reaching out to others? By treating it well (food, drink, exercise etc.)?
4. When have you 'spent time' with Jesus (Gospel)? In silence, prayer, reflection, pondering worship/Mass?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: 14 JANUARY 2018:

WELCOMING RITES: 9am, 10am and 11am Masses.

THE 51ST WORLD DAY FOR PEACE, with the title 'Migrants and Refugees - Seekers of Peace'. Please see prayer elsewhere in the newsletter.

WELCOME TO REV DR SARAH HALL, Group Minister, South-West Hants Group of URC Churches (and our 'neighbour' up the other-side of the Avenue at 'Avenue St Andrew') who will be speaking after the Gospel at the 7pm Mass.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH/RB

Tues to Tues: RB away (16—22 Jan)

Tues St George 'Steering Group': VH
Hospital on Call: VH

Wed Holy Land Group: VH

Thurs Libra (Romania) meeting: VH

Bishop's Council in Portsmouth: VH

Fri Hospital on Call: VH

Sat Bereavement Group: VH.

Quiz Night: VH

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY runs from **18—25 January**. We pray for the 'Unity of all Christians' so that we can more effectively proclaim the 'Good News' of Jesus Christ. Please pray in particular for the Churches in the City Centre that we continue to develop good, committed and faithful relationships for the sake of the Kingdom.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP St Michael's Church, Bugle Street every Tuesday from 6pm—6:45pm.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB is now being held in the Stella Maris Hall, 48 Bugle Street, SO14 2AH instead of St Edmund's Hall. Contact Anne Monaghan on 023 8017 0498 if you would like to join.

2018 PRE—HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE MEETING takes place at 7:45pm Wednesday 17 January in St Edmund's Hall.

SOUP LUNCH 1pm Thursday 18 January in Stella Maris Hall after Mass. All proceeds in aid of CAFOD.

RCIA GROUP continue to meet 7:30pm Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall for those interested in finding out about the Catholic faith.

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

YOUNG ADULT GROUP continue to meet at 8pm on Fridays in St Edmund's Hall.

NEXT WEEKEND

BETHANY GROUP next meeting being held at 9:45am on Saturday 20 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

QUIZ NIGHT 7:30pm Sat 20 January ... item follows ...

WELCOME TO FATHER MICHAEL CRONIN celebrating 10am Mass and **FATHER DES CONNOLLY** celebrating 7pm Mass next Sunday 21 January whilst Father Ross is on leave.



DON'T FORGET 7:30PM SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY IS OUR NEXT QUIZ EVENING this time in aid of Catholic Home Care.

Do consider forming your own team [6—8 people]. **Please buy your tickets £8pp after Mass this weekend so that we can plan the food** [ticket includes the meal—Chili Con Carne - both meat and veggie]. Bring your own refreshments/drinks.

Alternatively, tickets available from Anne Monaghan 023 8017 0498, Ros Peters 077 1768 1982, Helmy Duyvesteijn 023 8077 2110 or email southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk / call 023 8033 3589 (Parish Office). **Sadly, no tickets will be available at the door, either for sale or collection.**

NEXT WEEK

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TEAM MEETING 3:30pm Tuesday 23 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

FINANCE MEETING 5pm Tuesday 23 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

EST MEETING 7:45pm Wednesday 24 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

POETRY SHARE, 25 January 2018, 7pm in St Joseph's Church. Theme 'War Poetry'.

In 1918 it was hoped that the World War would be an end to conflict, but 20 years later the world was at war again. Since that time men and women around the globe have faced conflicts and terror. And poetry has been a uniting factor, helping people explain what happened to them or cope with personal anguish.

Join the group in an exploration of the poetry of war. Please bring a poem you have enjoyed over the years, or one you have written yourself, or you may want to just come and listen. But do come, you will be most welcome!



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 26 January**, theme "Beetle Drive/Games".

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.

GENERAL ITEMS



THE CRIB has been 'down-sized' at St Edmund's with just Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in front of the 'Lady Altar'. It will remain there until the 'Feast of the Presentation of the Lord' on the 2nd February. Crib Offerings are still being accepted and are for the Friends of the Holy Land who support various projects, primarily in the 'West Bank' (Bethlehem and surrounding area): day centres, orphanages etc. Thank you again to the 'Polish Community' for the Crib.

HEALING DAY WITH LITTLE WAY HEALING MINISTRIES

on Saturday 3 February 2018, 10am – 4.30pm, at the Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching and healing. Please invite relatives, friends and neighbours, no need to be a churchgoer or even a believer. Come all day or just pop in. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'... Come and see. Tea and coffee will be provided. Booking not required!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: 'We are all Witnesses'. Holy Family will be hosting a five week catechists course led by the Dominican sisters during Lent 2018 on Monday evenings from 19 February to 19 March. This is an excellent introduction and essential training for all catechists. Further info available on the Diocesan Website.

PALMS: ... from last Palm Sunday please bring in your palms from last year so that they can be burnt and used for the 'Imposition of Ashes' on Ash Wednesday.

PARISH THEME: 'Peace'. November 2018 will see the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. As the year progresses, without doubt society, civic and religious, will be focusing on world peace, maybe more needed now than ever in our world history! We in the Parish will pick up a different aspect/facet of peace each month. **January:** with other Christians (for understanding and knowledge of other Christian traditions, and to work closer together).

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS takes place in Liverpool on the 7, 8 & 9 September 2018 (Friday-Sunday). Friday will be a 'Theological Symposium'; Saturday the Congress itself (Keynote Speakers: Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Bishop Robert Barron); Sunday Mass and Eucharistic Procession. If you are interested in attending let one of the Clergy know, or contact the Parish Office.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JANUARY: Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION IDEA FROM CAFOD: Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)? They are currently looking for volunteers to help them in their work. There are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, in your Parish, or raising issues with your MP. For more info do attend one of the Lent Fast Day briefings being held:

° 10am—12noon, 27.1.18 Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge

° 7:15pm—9:15pm, 30.1.18 Sacred Heart Church, Fareham

° 10:30am—1pm, 3.2.18 St Bede's Church Basingstoke

° 7:15pm—9pm, 8.2.18 English Martyrs, Reading

For more info and to book please call Jo Lewry on 01252 329 385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

'A TIME OF PRAYER' after or before Sunday Mass once a month. Watch this space.

PRAYER FOR PEACE SUNDAY

O God, You are the source of human dignity and it is in your image that we are created. Pour out on us the spirit of love and compassion. Enable us to reverence each person, to reach out to anyone in need, to value and appreciate those who differ from us, to share the resources of our nation, to receive the gifts offered to us by people from other cultures. Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony. Help us to remember that we are one world and one family. Amen.

EU WELCOME has merged with CLEAR so as to continue to provide a much needed service to people from the EU. CLEAR has worked with Immigrants and Refugees for very many years. By merging it is hoped that the service provided under Dave Adcock's management the past 12 years will continue to benefit our European sisters and brothers. See <http://www.euwelcome.org.uk/about-us/into-the-future/> for more info.

We thank Dave, Anna and Adriana for their dedication to the work of EU Welcome over many years.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2018: THE POWER OF WORDS: The central event in this programme is the commemorative evening free event which will take place in the Jane Austen Lecture Theatre, The Spark, East Park Terrace, Southampton Solent University on **Thursday 25 January at 6pm (doors open at 5:30pm)**. The event is non-ticketed and all are welcome to attend

SIGN UP FOR BISHOP PHILIP'S WEEKLY E-NEWS: to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to register.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sophie Chapman, Pam Bradley (fall recovery), Padraig Murphy, Bobby Murphy, Father Vincent (full recovery), Kay Walshe (op. recovery), Dolina MacKinnon, Judy Brown, Karen Nugent, Andrea Reiter, Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Disshnayake, Himat Amlani, Francis Ponniah, Daham Koralage, Kushmi, 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 COMMENCING SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2018

*(Church 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	13 JANUARY 2018	VIGIL MASSES	6:15PM SJ	MRS MARY FINNERTY RIP (PMcA)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	14 JANUARY	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	LUIS MENDONCA & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS RIP (CM)
			10:00AM SJ	DUGGAN AND PIERCE FAMILIES INTENTIONS (MGD)
			11:00AM SE	GRETTA WARD RIP (MG)
			7:00PM SE	VINCENT ZHANG RIP (RX)
TUES	16 JANUARY	2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	PAUL FERRIS RIP (FO'L)
WED	17 JANUARY	ST ANTHONY OF EGYPT	7:00PM SE	DOMINIC ZHANG RIP(RX)
THURS	18 JANUARY	2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	ALFIE & SOPHIE BOWLES & FAMILY INTENTIONS (BM)
FRI	19 JANUARY	ST WULSTAN	7:00PM SE	GERARD HAUSCHILD RIP (HH)
SAT	20 JANUARY	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE	FRANK McGUIRE RIP (KB)
			6:15PM SJ	B & S MYLES RIP (F)
SUN	21 JANUARY	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	PJ PHELAN RIP (GC & HP)
			10:00AM SJ	TERRY CLARKE RIP (MC)
			11:00AM SE	PREMA DISSANAYAKE 100TH BIRTHDAY (ANUSHKA'S MUM) —GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING THROUGHOUT HER LIFE'S JOURNEY & GOOD DEEDS DONE (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM SE	ROSA ZHANG RIP (RX)

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 2

14 JANUARY 2018 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B:

Psalm Response:

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

READINGS 21 JANUARY 2018

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

1st Reading:	Jonah 3:1—5. 10
2nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 7:29—31
Gospel Reading:	Mark 1:14—20

2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY

COLLECTIONS	1st 7.1.2018	2nd HCPT
Total	£3,057.33	£1,288.96
Cash	1,486.57	1,052.08
S / O	1,256.61	189.50
Gift Aid	314.15	47.38

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

CONFESSION TIMES

St Joseph:	Thursdays 11:45am
	Saturdays 5:45pm
St Edmund:	Saturdays 11:30am