

# WHAT OR WHO IS OUR AUTHORITY?

Who and what do we believe? In today's society we can easily be confused or misled by true and false prophecies. Society itself is often a false prophet with individuals claiming to speak the truth but at the same time promoting war and oppressing the vulnerable. The church has the right, the duty to proclaim justice and truth on all levels but we are the church and part of that responsibility too.

This Sunday's gospel passage follows on directly from the calling of the disciples last week. We were challenged last weekend by the call to be fishers of people. We have a responsibility to proudly profess who we are, to be confident Catholics and share the truth that has been given.

Jesus displayed power and authority both in the working of miracles and in His teaching Jesus taught from the scriptures and made a deep impression on them. Jesus taught with authority. We might be asking ourselves—what is our authority?

In professional life, those people who have made the greatest impression on me are those who lead by example, who practice what they preach. Some of the best clinicians are not those who have endless degrees and accolades but those who sit at the bedside or spend time caring. Some of the best educators are those who speak from experience and who live what they teach.

Earlier in the week, I was at a training session for carers/volunteers on 'Being Rock', how to be truly present, observant, responsive and empathetic to those who are falling apart or whose lives are ending. The person who delivered the course spoke with great authority and indeed left an impression on us all. What was her authority? It was that she had been there. She has lost two parents in quick succession in very different circumstances. When her mother died a 'soul midwife' sat with her mother; her father died alone. The speaker now volunteers at a Macmillan unit 'being rock to those who need it'. She teaches by who she is.

We may not be in the caring profession or working with people but each one of us has an authority. What is our authority as a Christian as a Catholic. It is to live the person that we profess.

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's first reading. Though He has authority over heaven and earth He becomes one of our own kinsmen. Christ became our humanity in order that we can share in His divinity.

Richard Rhor reminds us in his daily reflections: *'The final and full word of God is that spiritual authority lies not just in ancient texts but in the living Christ in history, church, community and our own experience confirming its truth'*.

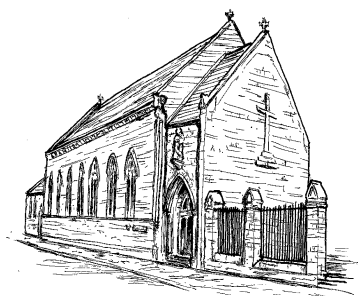
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## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Moses says: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet' (1st reading). What 'prophets' have you known? What effect did they have on you?
2. St Paul writes: 'I would like to see you free from all worry' (2nd reading). What causes you worry? Why? Do you share them with God? Do you allow Christ into the worry?
3. Jesus 'taught with authority' (Gospel). Where do you 'see' authority in today's world: government, parents, officials, Church, clergy ....? Why? Is this positive or negative for you?

Vincent Harvey



28 JANUARY 2018  
4TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY  
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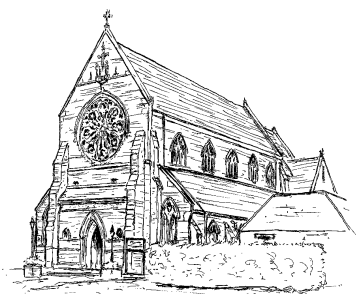
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- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,  
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- CHRIST THE KING &  
ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION,  
HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,  
NETLEY ABBEY



## TODAY: 28 JANUARY 2018

**TODAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY.** As Catholics we are called to treat all humans with dignity, regardless of their background or circumstance. There are many stories of alienation through the Bible, with clear calls to "Love the stranger". That the Church is a place where all belong is clearly seen in the recent Feast of the Epiphany, when Christ is revealed not only to the Israelites, but to all God's people.

The theme this year is "Belonging", emphasising that we are called not only to ensure our parishes welcome newcomers, strangers, and those from different backgrounds, but also that all people will know that they will find a welcome in our parishes.

*"Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age"* Pope Francis World Day of Migrants and Refugees Message 2018. Please take a prayer card in the porch and see noticeboards.

**RETIRING COLLECTION**—Catholic Home Care.

### RECENTLY DIED:

**Edward Lodge**, late of Manor Farm Road, Bitterne Park. Reception into St Edmund Church 4pm Tuesday 30 January; Requiem Mass 10am Wednesday 31 January followed by burial at South Stoneham Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers.



**Karen Nugent**, late of The Avenue, Southampton. Requiem Mass 11am Tuesday 6 February in St Edmund Church followed by cremation at West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. (Karen will be received into the church at 4:30pm the night before). May she rest in peace. Please also pray for her brothers Mike and Dave and their families. Light refreshments are being organised by parishioners in St Edmund Hall afterwards.

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Ainsley Adams** (Marie Adams son; the late Alison Rouse's brother) who died suddenly a week ago. May he rest in peace. Please pray for Marie and all the family.



**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our faith community, **Victoria Wolinska**, daughter of Tomasz and Dorota, being baptised at 12:30pm today in St Edmund Church.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB** ... this is the last weekend to 'visit the crib' as it will be dismantled after the 'Feast of the Presentation of the Lord', which takes place this coming Friday. All monies at the Crib towards the work of 'The Friends of the Holy Land'.

### THIS WEEK

#### FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH/RB

Tues Hospital on Call: RB/VH. Diocesan Interfaith: VH

PA clergy meeting: VH/RB/AP

SCOF 'New Year' gathering: VH

Various meetings & Pastoral Area Meeting: RB

Wed Vicariate for Vocations: VH

AM Requiem Mass: RB. PM Springhill Yr6: RB,

Various meetings with couples for marriage: RB

Thurs University Oversight Committee: VH.

St George: VH

PM Spiritual Direction, London & visit to Allen Hall Seminary: RB

Fri St Anne Mass: VH. Housebound: VH

Night Fever: VH/RB

Springhill Mass, Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas): RB.

Sat Various meetings with couples for marriage

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

**LUNCH CLUB** 12 noon Wednesdays in Stella Maris Hall, 48 Bugle Street, SO14 2AH. Contact Anne Monaghan on 023 8017 0498 if you would like to join.

**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.

**ST ANNE'S YEAR 10 MASS** 2:25pm Friday 2 February in St Edmund Church.

**NIGHT FEVER** from 7:30pm Friday 2 February in St Edmund Church. Please contact Adrienne if you can to help [adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk)

**'A TIME OF PRAYER'** ... after or before Sunday Mass once a month. The next schedule ones take place on:

18 February after the 11am St Edmund Mass

18 March after the 10am St Joseph Mass

15 April after the 9am St Edmund Mass

### NEXT WEEKEND

**HEALING DAY WITH LITTLE WAY HEALING MINISTRIES** 10am—4:30pm Saturday 3 February at the Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ.

Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA, Mrs Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching and healing. Invite relatives, friends and neighbours, no need to be a churchgoer or 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.

**DO SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY: Are you willing to be a Minister of the Eucharist or Reader at one of our Sunday Masses?** Our loyal and longstanding volunteers would welcome others to help with these essential ministries. Commitment: approximately once a month on a rota basis. Training given, you could try the training and then decide if it is for you. Please give your name, contact details and preferred Mass time to the Parish Office ASAP. **\*\*Training for Ministers of the Eucharist is planned for 4pm Sunday 4 February in St Edmund Church.**

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE** 2pm Sunday 4 February at Winchester. Starting point St Catherine's Park and Ride. Tel. 023 80222 3389. See noticeboard.

## **NEXT WEEK**

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** commences 7:30pm Tuesday 6 February and four following Tuesdays, in St Edmund Hall, Rockstone Place. The course is fully booked by couples who have registered.

**SCOF** meeting takes place 7:30pm Tuesday 6 February in Stella Maris Centre, 48 Bugle Street, SO14 2AH.

**SIX WEEK COURSE FOR NEW SEEKERS (THE SYCAMORE COURSE):** The parish is offering an introductory course to help people to begin learning about the Catholic faith and decide if they want to enter the Church. Please help by encouraging family, friends and others to come forward and by praying for this work. Let the Parish Office have the names and addresses of possible enquirers. *The course starts Wednesday 7 February at 7:30pm in St Edmund Hall and following Wednesdays 14.2, 21.2, 28.2, 7.3 and 14.3.18.* Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested or would like more information.

## **ECUMENICAL QUIET DAYS RETREATS—'PRAYING WITH THE WORD OF GOD':**

- **Saturday 10 February: 10:30am—5pm at Verbum Dei Retreat Centre Carisbrook, PO30 1YR, Isle of Wight** (cost - donation plus the ferry fare of £12)
- **Saturday 17 February: 9:30am—4pm at Wisdom House, Romsey, SO51 8EL** (cost £29 payable by cheque to Wisdom House or Patricia Yandell)

For more info or to book contact: Patricia Yandell on 07835 948 435 or email [patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk)

**QUIET MORNING IN PREPARATION FOR LENT** (led by Father David from St Michael's Church) from 9:30am to 1pm Saturday 10 February in St Joseph's and Stella Maris Halls, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH.

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE** .... please pray for the 46 participants who begin spirituality for the Pilgrimage which commences on Sunday 11 February.

**LENT 2018—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 on Monday evenings 19 February to 19 March. An excellent introduction and essential training for all catechists. More 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'. January: with other Christians (for understanding and knowledge of other Christian traditions, and to work closer together). This week we pray for all the Christian communities in the City.

**NEW HYMN BOOKS:** We made an appeal via the Bishop's Office for unused 'Laudate' Hymnbooks (used at St Edmund ... but decreasing in number due to people not returning them!). Father PJ Smith in Fareham and Portchester has given us around 100 that they no longer use. So we are now fully stocked. Thank you Father PJ and Parish. We are hoping eventually to use projection and screens, but need to look at the technicalities (have been helped in that regard), and the need for operators for each Mass. If you are interested let us know

**CAFOD**

*Just one world*

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** this

Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23 February family fast day can you give up a meal or eat a simple meal and then put what you saved in the CAFOD family fast day envelope? This Lent your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate the UK Government will donate a pound up to a total of £5 million. Twice the number of lives can be transformed. Please give generously.

**A BIG THANK YOU!** Many, many thanks to all who supported the parish quiz in aid of the Catholic Home Care. To those who donated so generously, the cooks and helpers—Ros, Myra, Jeanne, Marta, Karina and Romany; Maddie for running the raffle and Helmy for organising the whole event. A fantastic total of £959.38 was raised, much needed funds for the Home Care Service—what a fun way to raise money!

**STREET PASTORS:** Are you interested in knowing more about 'Street/Response/Prayer Pastors'? Find out more on 023 8033 3387 or [southampton@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:southampton@streetpastors.org.uk) or website: [www.southamptonstreetpastors.org](http://www.southamptonstreetpastors.org)

**JESUIT MISSIONARIES:** Chris Lane, a school teacher in Bournemouth and a member of Corpus Christi Parish is entering the London Marathon to raise funds for the 'Jesuit Missions', visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/ChrisLane> to sponsor him.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Jane Britt (op. recovery), Tivanka da Silva, Sophie Chapman, Pam Bradley, Pdraig Murphy, Bobby Murphy, Kay Walshe (op. recovery), Dolina MacKinnon, Judy Brown, Andrea Reiter, Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Disshnayake, Himat Amlani, Francis Ponniah, Daham Korlage, Kushmi, CA, Alan West, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Doris Leggett, 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 28 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	27 JANUARY	<b>VIGIL MASSES</b>	6:15PM SJ	TESSA & PAUL GODDARD AND FAMILY INTENTIONS (BM)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	28 JANUARY	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	TERRY CLARKE RIP (GC&HP)
			10:00AM SJ	AGNIESZKA BANKS INTENTIONS (MATTHEW)
			11:00AM SE	JEAN & JOHN BOWLES & FAMILY INTENTIONS (BM)
			7:00PM SE	CLARKE & CUMMINS FAMILIES—PAST & PRESENT (F)
TUES	30 JANUARY	4TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	JIM & JOANNE McATEER & FAMILY (BM)
WED	31 JANUARY	ST JOHN BOSCO	10:00AM SE	REQUIEM MASS: EDWARD LODGE RIP
			7:00PM SE	GEORGE & PADDY (KATHLEEN) CHANDLER RIP (F)
THURS	1 FEBRUARY	4TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	NADINE WARDEN RIP (SMcC)
FRI	2 FEBRUARY	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	7:00PM SE	ELLEN BROPHY INTENTIONS (F)
SAT	3 FEBRUARY	<b>OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b>	11:00AM SE	ELIZABETH DAWTRY RIP (MF)
			6:15PM SJ	MARIANNE VAN DER LINDEN RIP (AMK)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	4 FEBRUARY	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	OUSEPH TRISSOKKARAN RIP (ST)
			10:00AM SJ	AUDREY CAMPBELL RIP & IN SUPPORT OF FRANK & THE FAMILY (FM)
			11:00AM SE	ERIC CLARKE RIP (MC)
			7:00PM SE	MARIA HE 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 4

### 28 JANUARY 2018 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

#### Psalm Response:

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. **Alleluia!**

### READINGS 4 FEBRUARY 2018

#### 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

1st Reading: Job 7:1—4, 6—7  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16—19.22—23  
 Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29—39

#### 2ND COLLECTION TODAY    2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC HOME CARE    CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

COLLECTIONS	1st 21.1.2018	2nd—RENT DEPOSIT SCHEME
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,799.76</b>	<b>£1,283.57</b>
Cash	1,229.00	1,126.69
S / O	1,256.61	125.50
Gift Aid	314.15	31.38

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