



4 FEBRUARY 2018
5TH 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



HE TOOK HER BY THE HAND AND HELPED HER UP

One of my favourite books from the Old Testament is that of Job. It is well worth a read as indeed are all the five books classed as Wisdom Literature in the Bible that of Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Sirach and Wisdom. If you read these five books of Wisdom you need never read any of those awful modern self-help books again. The wisdom found in these books remains universally true, covering such topics as friendship, rules of conduct in life, ways of coping with what life throws at you. The goal of this Wisdom Literature is to help you live in the here and now.

Our first reading for this Sunday comes from Job. He gives us what is perhaps the best description of the life faced by many of us, living and working to make ends meet, with months of delusion and nights of grief and worry, all of this spent in hired drudgery. Job is describing the brokenness and despair many of us face as a daily reality. Stuck in jobs we may not like but with little other option when we need to put food on our family's plates and pay the mortgage for the house we live in.

The Gospel for this Sunday reassures us that this is the world that Jesus enters into and the world Jesus wants to heal. Jesus teaching and healing ministry as shown in the Gospel of Mark is one that enters broken and defeated lives and restores them to hope and meaning. Job for all his suffering and challenges never lost his faith in God. Job was honest with God and asked why is it humans suffer. Christ teaches us today that no one should be left to stumble alone or be left suffering in the dark, for he took Simon's mother-in-law by the hand and helped her up. We may not be able to perform healing miracles like Christ, but we can offer a helping hand to our neighbour when they are down, to restore hope and meaning to the broken of this world.

Father Ross

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Sometimes, do you feel like Job (1st reading)? Why do you think God allows suffering? Can you have faith in God, even if you don't understand why people suffer?
2. What drove Paul to the point that he would do anything for the sake of the gospel (2nd reading)? What drives you to do the things that you do?
3. "In the morning, long before dawn, Jesus got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there" (Gospel). Why would Jesus need to do this? When do you pray? Do you look for a 'lonely place' to pray?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: 4 FEBRUARY 2018

RETIRING COLLECTION—Church Maintenance Fund.

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

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



- **Thomas Crudge**, son of Andrew & Lindsay
- **Patience, Joshua, Emmanuel Arthur**, children of Anthony and Felicia, being baptised at 12:30pm today in St Edmund Church.

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 today (Sunday 4 February) in St Edmund Church.****

RECENTLY DIED:



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. Retiring Collection for MacMillan Nursing*

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Ainsley Adams** (Marie Adams' son; Alison Rouse's brother) who died suddenly 2 weeks ago. May he rest in peace. Please pray for Marie and all the family.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Mon Day off: VH/RB

Tues Southampton Council of Faiths: VH.

Various meetings in the Presbytery: RB.

Wed Team Meeting: VH/RB/AP

St Anne Mass: VH. Supervision: VH

SSSR: VH. Visit to Basingstoke: RB

Thurs Diocesan Heads of Departments: VH

Fri St George College and Frogz talk in evening: RB.

Sat Various meetings: RB

Sun Depart for Holy Land: VH

10AM MASS CANCELLED Tuesday 6 February in St Edmund.

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 7:30pm Tuesday 6 February and four following Tuesdays, in St Edmund Hall, Rockstone Place for those who have registered.

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 for more information.

PARISH THEME: In this month of February as a parish we are reflecting on Peace with Family and Friends. In our Gospel for this Sunday we discover that Simon (Peter) was married and that his extended family including his very ill mother-in-law lived under one roof. There are some in our society who still live in extended families under the same roof or who live in the same street or village or town. So this week we pray for peace in the extended family.

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

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.

FROM ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE: **Thursday 8 February** is the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, one of our house patrons and patron of victims of human trafficking and modern day slavery. We will be holding a time of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer on this day **from 11am—2pm.** Parishioners are welcome to join us in the College Chapel for a short time to pray for all those affected by these issues and those who work to combat them. Please sign in at reception before coming to the chapel. For more details, contact the Chaplain on email rcunio@stgcc.co.uk

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.



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 9 February**, theme "Lent with Father Ross".

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.

NEXT WEEKEND

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.

GOA CARNIVAL DANCE (FREE ENTRY): 7pm—11pm Saturday 10 February at the Holy Family Hall, Redbridge Hill, Southampton, SO16 4PL. DJ Richiee, non-stop music & special disco lights show, fancy dress, prizes, bingo, Goan food stall, licensed bar. Dress: red & black / carnival theme. Text or Whatsapp Roque 07816 195 002. Email : roquevaz@yahoo.co.in

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE please pray for the 46 participants who have begun spirituality for the Pilgrimage which commences next Sunday 11 February. Many of them have begun a 'Novena' in preparation.

WELCOME TO FATHER DES celebrating 9am and 11am Masses Sunday 11 February whilst Father Vincent is on pilgrimage.

NEXT WEEK (HALF TERM 12—16 FEBRUARY)

LENT 2018 BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY 14 February with 3 Masses in the Parish: 6:30am & 7:30pm St Edmund and 12:15pm St Joseph. Plan your day ... make a note. During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross from 6:10pm on Friday and Sunday evenings (led by Parish Groups) before 7pm Mass.

WELCOME TO FATHER DES celebrating 9am and 11am Masses Sunday 18 February whilst Father Vincent is on pilgrimage.

'A TIME OF PRAYER' ... after or before Sunday Mass once a month. The next scheduled 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

GENERAL ITEMS

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.

Palms will be burnt on Saturday 10 February.

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 or website: www.southamptonstreetpastors.org

VISIT A MOSQUE DAY 2018: You are invited to visit the Medina Mosque on Sunday 18 February any time between 11am and 4pm. Come along see how a mosque 'works', meet some of its members, learn a little more about Islam.

'WE ARE ALL WITNESSES': Holy Family will be hosting a five week catechists course led by the Dominican Sisters during Lent **6pm—7:30pm Mondays 19 February to 19 March.** An excellent introduction and essential training for all catechists. More info available on the Diocesan Website.

DISCOVER OR GO DEEPER INTO RICHARD ROHR'S WRITINGS. (Richard Rohr cell group). A number of us meet every two weeks on a Thursday afternoon to reflect on and discuss the writings of Rohr, an American Franciscan. Do come and join us if you are interested: A gentle opportunity to explore and contemplate. Speak to Father Vincent or Tina Quinn for more details or email Meditations@cac.org

ENGAGED COUPLES: If you are marrying in 2018, no matter where (here or abroad) Bishop Philip invites you to an Engaged Couples' Breakfast followed by a blessing service at the Cathedral on Saturday 17 March. It will begin at 9:15am prompt and finishes at 11:45am and will include a talk by a newly-married couple of the Reality of their Experience! If you are in contact with Father Vincent or Father Ross, then you should have received an email from the Parish Office ... please do come along. If you wish to attend but haven't received anything do contact Anne Wheeler in the Office who has a copy of the Bishop's invitation letter, and also a response slip which needs to be returned by March 5.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: 'Universal': Say 'No' to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

SCM BASICS BANK: they have had their busiest year ever. They have given away 5 days' worth of food 9,985 times during 2017, a 20% increase on the previous year. Hats off to their wonderful volunteers who were feeding 100+ people in the days leading up to Christmas and still managing to do it with compassion and a smile! Clothing bank has been warmly received by Ascension Church and the lovely team there clothed over 1,200 people during the year. It was also their privilege to support Oasis of Life Church to set up the Baby Equipment Bank which has become a valued additional service to families in hardship in the city. Thank you for your continued support.

ST EDMUND OVERHEAD PROJECTION: 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.

DYNAMIC CATHOLICS! Over Christmas you, and all visitors were given the book 'Rediscover Jesus' by Matthew Kelly. If you wish to access his website or receive a free daily meditation (usually just one sentence) then access: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/daily-reflections>

PLEASE PRAY FOR Albert Tan (Karen Brugger's father in Malaysia), Jane Britt (op. recovery), Tivanka da Silva, Sophie Chapman, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 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	3 FEBRUARY	VIGIL MASSES	6:15PM SJ	MARIANNE VAN DER LINDEN RIP (AMK)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	4 FEBRUARY	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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)
TUES	6 FEBRUARY	ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	**11:00AM SE	REQUIEM MASS: KAREN NUGENT RIP
WED	7 FEBRUARY	5TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	JOSEPH XUE RIP (RX)
THURS	8 FEBRUARY	ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA	12:15PM SJ	PAT POVEY—WELLBEING (IMF)
FRI	9 FEBRUARY	5TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY (RX)
SAT	10 FEBRUARY	ST SCHOLASTICA	11:00AM SE	CLARE WARD RIP (MR)
			6:15PM SJ	ANNE PATRICIA CARROLL RIP (MY)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	11 FEBRUARY	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	ELLEN, GEORGE & TONY PATTERSON & BERNADETTE KERR RIP
			10:00AM SJ	SARAH KENNEDY-DONNELLY RIP (F)
			11:00AM SE	LEEGY—THANKSGIVING (SL)
			7:00PM SE	JO BROWN RIP (SF)

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

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

4 FEBRUARY 2018

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Psalm Response:

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have
the light of life.

Alleluia!

READINGS 11 FEBRUARY 2018

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1—2. 44—46

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:40—45

2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

COLLECTIONS	1st 28.1.2018	2nd—CATHOLIC HOME CARE
Total	£2,673.87	£420.30
Cash	1,103.11	274.67
S / O	1,256.61	116.50
Gift Aid	314.15	29.13

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