

COMING IN FROM THE OUTSIDE

Leprosy is almost never found in the UK, yet it is still so prevalent in our society. What is he on about, you ask. The medical condition is still rare, but the social phenomenon of people being ostracised continues to prevail. In curing the leper, Jesus comes to be on the outside, to be living outside the town, outside of society, in the places inhabited by no one but those such as the leper. But Jesus has in fact purposely come to live on the outside. This is how he brings us inside, by coming to live with a human race that lives outside what we read in Leviticus as the camp, and setting us free.

The human race has lived on the outside since we were expelled from the paradise in which we were created. On the inside there was a close communion with God's creation, and an intimate friendship with God himself, a friendship that was flouted. None of us is better than the other in the sight of God. Today we are called to look beyond our fallibilities and recognise that each of us is in need of healing which comes from Jesus Christ.

In the same way, rather than exclude those who may not be like us, we invite them in to share in the joys and in the life God gives us in Jesus. Jesus did not hesitate to heal the leper who came pleading for help. So too we receive that healing from our own failings.

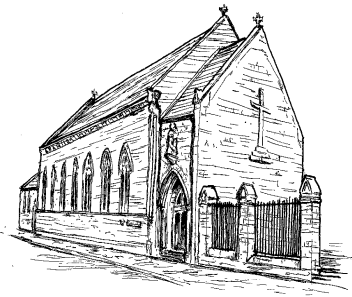
Our task today is to pray for, and work for, healing of those situations that continue to exclude people for one reason or another. Let us invite people to be part of God's human community, as Christ did with everyone He met. Jesus healed the leper and brought him back into the community, may we in our own way allow Jesus to bring healing to our lives so that we can bring healing to those who are in need, so that we can bring those on the outside to the inside.

Deacon Andy Philpott

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. In these days (1st Reading) ritual demanded that if you had the sore of leprosy you had to "tear your clothes, be excluded, live apart from those you loved, and announce your presence by shouting 'unclean'". Who are the 'modern' lepers in our society/world? Why?
2. In Paul's time, when Christians sat down to share meals, (2nd reading) there were a lot of problems, caused by different religious backgrounds and practices. How does the statement, "do it for the glory of God," work for you as a solution when there is a decision about how to act?
3. "Feeling sorry (moved with pity), he touched him and said to him, '....Be made clean.'" If you come to Jesus with a problem, do you think he will be moved with pity and touch you in some healing way? Can you help heal those who are ailing around you? How can your scars help in healing others?

Vincent Harvey



11 FEBRUARY 2018
6TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME



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- 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



TODAY: 11 FEBRUARY 2018

NO RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE please keep in your prayers Father Vincent and all the pilgrims who depart this morning (Sunday) for the Holy Land.

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

LENT BEGINS with Ash Wednesday on the 14th! See more info below.

HALF TERM 12—16 FEBRUARY: we wish our school families, children and teaching/non-teaching staff an enjoyable and relaxed break.

RITE OF ELECTION at the Cathedral: please pray for those in our parish who are planning to be Baptised or Received into the Church at Easter, and will be attending the 'Rite of Election' at the Cathedral this coming Saturday.

KAREN NUGENT RIP: Michael and David Nugent (Karen's brothers) would like to thank everyone involved in any way in her Requiem Mass last Tuesday: musicians/singers, readers, leaflets, stewarding, offertory, serving etc. Also the amazing spread in the Hall afterwards. There were many visitors: wider family members, friends, colleagues and parishioners, and everyone was fed, and still food left over. Thank you, thank you ... May Karen rest in peace.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFO: Sun 11.2—Mon 19.2 Holy Land VH

Mon: Day off: RB

Tues: Sick/Housebound visits. Marriage Prep Course: RB

Wed: Ash Wednesday Masses: RB

Thurs: Sick and Housebound Visits: RB

Fri: Various meetings: RB

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 hear the story of the leper who as a result of his skin condition was classed as unclean and an outcast. Jesus healed him and part of his joy was that he was now part of the community again and no longer an outcast. We pray for all those who are estranged from their family or a good friendship and for healing and peace within that situation and the circumstance that has led to it.

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.

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

NEXT WEEKEND

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

'A TIME OF PRAYER AND ADORATION' takes place after Sunday 11am Mass on 18 February at St Edmund Church. Do join us if you can.

LENT 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY 14 February: Masses in the Parish:

- 6:30am & 7:30pm St Edmund
- and 12:15pm St Joseph

Ash Wednesday is a 'Day of Fasting and Abstinence'.

RETIRING COLLECTION at all Masses for the work of LIFE.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS take place during Lent from **6:10pm on Friday and Sunday evenings** (led by Parish Groups) before 7pm Mass.

LENT BOOKLETS available in the porches:

- Calendar for children: 50p.
- Walk With Me booklet for adults: £1

SUNDAYS: We will kneel for the Penitential Rite Apostles Creed (instead of Nicene Creed)

WEDNESDAYS: Early 6.30am Mass followed by hot cross buns. Usual 7pm Mass also takes place.

LENT PARISH ROSARY PRAYER CHAIN: Do join us if you can. You will be given a specific decade of the Rosary that you commit to say each day in your own time for the duration of Lent, any time of day of your choosing. Cathryn will collect your name and give you details after Mass this weekend.

MONGU LENTEN PROJECT: Please take a Mongu label available in the porches for your jam jar collection during Lent in support of Father Pat Cashin's community in Zambia.

SIX WEEK COURSE FOR NEW SEEKERS (THE SYCAMORE COURSE): for those interested in learning about the Catholic faith. **Every Wednesday at 7:30pm in St Edmund Hall until 14.3.18.** Contact the Parish Office for info.

'WE ARE ALL WITNESSES': Holy Family are hosting a five week catechists course led by the Dominican Sisters during Lent from **6pm—7:30pm Mondays 19 February to 19 March.** An excellent introduction and essential training for all catechists. See noticeboards.

NEXT WEEK

PENITENTIAL PLANNING MEETING 7:45pm Wednesday 21 February in St Edmund's Presbytery.

SOUP LUNCH 1pm Thursday 22 February at the Stella Maris Centre in aid of CAFOD.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet at 4pm Thursday 22 February in St Edmund's Presbytery.

FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP meet again Friday 23 February at St Boniface Church Hall, theme 'Lent Quiz'.

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm Friday 23 February in St Edmund's Lodge.

HOLY MASS LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD followed by praying the Rosary to ask our Lady, Queen of Peace, to pray with us for the same intention. Pope Francis has asked if the Friday of the first full week of Lent (**Friday 23 February**) could be a day of prayer and fasting for peace given the many ongoing conflicts throughout the 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP for parents and candidates 10:30am Saturday 24 February at St Anne's School.

GENERAL ITEMS

PHONE NUMBERS: To make life easier, both for the Parish Office, the Priests and Parishioners, the Presbytery now has two numbers (both on the back of the newsletter): Father Vincent: 023 8033 4891 and Father Ross: 023 8017 2104. Hopefully when phoning in you will get the priest you are looking for!

LAST WORD: The final account for January's Quiz shows that together a net total of £984.38 was raised to pay into Catholic Home Care's account. *This could pay for 120 hours of Care or a whole year's incidental expenses for the service.* Thank you again to all who were involved in any way at all. *Quiz gross income £1095.20 [Tickets £736, Raffle £180, Gifts £179.20 less Expenses £110.82].*

BAPTISMS UPDATE: Every year we have between 80/90 baptisms in the Parish. This is a great blessing, not only for the children and families, but also for the Parish.

In order to make the most of Baptism, and to enable families to benefit as fully as possible from this 'major step' of bringing their child into Faith and into the Church, we are organising more frequent Baptism Preparation evenings.

From Easter onwards the process will be:

- Give notice of desire for baptism (at least 3 months' notice as a norm)
- Attend 2 one hour baptism preparation sessions
- Celebrate 'welcome and first anointing of baby/child' at one of the allocated Sunday Masses
- Baptism on one of the nominated days (11:30am at St Joseph and 12:30pm at St Edmund)

We highly recommend that you register your desire for baptism (and look at possible baptism dates) during the pregnancy. Just as one usually goes to pre-natal classes in preparation, so it is good to go to the 'Baptism Prep Sessions' in preparation. This is one of the biggest steps in faith that you may ever do, which has life-giving consequences for your child. Don't take it lightly! Prepare!

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.



Monstrance.

ADORERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS OF ADORATION at St Edmund Church to be able to keep the church open for those wishing to pray after work:

- Mondays 5pm—6pm
 - Wednesdays 6pm—7pm
 - Fridays 5pm—6pm and 6pm—7pm
- Contact the Parish Office (023 8033 3589) if you would like to be allocated one of these hours.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VULNERABLE ADULTS from 10am—12:30pm Saturday 3 March in St Edmund Hall. Please contact Soraya Tel: (Direct Dial) 023 9283 6511/023 9281 6396/023 9282 5430 or email: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book.

THE PROPHETS—MESSENGERS OF GOD'S MERCY: *New Bible course starting 17 April for 10 weeks on Tuesday evenings after Easter in St Edmund Hall. 'The prophets afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to a covenant relationship with God. They call us to repentance warn us of the dangers of sin and draw us closer to our Heavenly Father showing us how to share him with others.'* Our experience and evaluations of the last course, also from Ascension Press 'Unlocking the mystery of the Bible' were extremely positive and people asked for more! Here it is. Sign up sheets available from this weekend in the porches. For more information contact Tina or the Parish Office.

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE SOCIAL JUSTICE ASSEMBLY FOR LENT 2018 with Bishop Philip from 10am—3pm Saturday 3 March at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. 'Christian Choices in our Common Home'. Speakers Ellen Teague and Fairtrade Foundation. Book on Eventbrite or contact jpsr@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SOUTHAMPTON CHURCHES RENT DEPOSIT SCHEME: *Thank you all for your very generous response to the appeal for the Rent Deposit Scheme, which raised £1,283 with more still coming in. It is heart-warming to receive such great support for our work.* Frank Capocci

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR *Patty Hayes (fall recovers), 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 11 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	10 FEBRUARY	VIGIL MASSES	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)
TUES	13 FEBRUARY	6TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE THANKSGIVING (JA)
WED	14 FEBRUARY	BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT ASH WEDNESDAY	6:30AM SE MARY STACK RIP (DB) 12:15PM SJ ELLEN ROWLAND RIP (DB) 7:00PM SE JIM MCCONNELL RIP (DMCC)
THURS	15 FEBRUARY	AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	12:15PM SJ NORAH HERATY RIP (KM)
FRI	16 FEBRUARY	AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	7:00PM SE ELDA CIAPETTI RIP (EC)
SAT	17 FEBRUARY	AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	11:00AM SE SR RITA LSU—THANKSGIVING & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (RS) 6:15PM SJ MARY C. HUBBARD'S INTENTION (F) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	18 FEBRUARY	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE THANKSGIVING FOR 70TH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & CELEBRATIONS (HP) 10:00AM SJ MAUREEN KAVANAGH RIP (MM) 11:00AM SE JACOB & ALICE BANKS INTENTIONS (MATTHEW) 7:00PM SE AGNES MARY FALLON RIP (F)

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

11 FEBRUARY 2018

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Psalm Response:

You are my refuge, O Lord;
 You fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. **Alleluia!**

**READINGS 18 FEBRUARY 2018
 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B**

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8—15
 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18—22
 Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12—15

2ND COLLECTION TODAY: NONE
ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION 14.2.18: LIFE
2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK 18.2.18: CATHOLIC CARE

COLLECTIONS	1st 4.2.2018	2nd—CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND
Total	£2,637.25	£234.97
Cash	1,066.49	128.64
S / O	1,256.61	68.50
Gift Aid	314.15	37.83

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