

REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS

So here we are at the first Sunday of Lent and on the Wednesday just gone, which was Ash Wednesday, people came to church to receive ashes on their foreheads as a reminder that without God we are simply dust.

During this time of Lent Christians are called to enter into a more solemn and reflective period of prayer and action to prepare spiritually for the mysteries of Easter to unfold. All of us are called to renew ourselves during Lent by fasting, prayer and almsgiving; by giving something up or taking something on that will help us spiritually to prepare for Easter. That might be some spiritual reading, some extra time in prayer or donating the money you have saved from giving something up to a Catholic Charity.

Lent always last for 40 days, excluding Sundays which are feast days. This mirrors the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by the devil before starting his public ministry and journey towards Jerusalem and ultimately the cross, His death and His resurrection. These forty days that Jesus spent in the desert reflect the forty years of wandering in the desert by the Jewish people before entering the Promised Land that God had promised them.

For us our promised land is in Heaven, a state of eternal life and union with God, in which we experience full happiness and the satisfaction of our deepest longings. Our journey on earth is the same journey the Israelites travelled to the land God had promised them. We are in our earthly life journeying towards our homeland – Heaven.

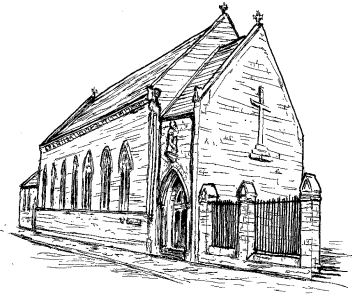
All of us are called to renew ourselves during Lent by fasting, prayer and almsgiving. What are you going to give up or take on for Lent to prepare you to meet the risen Lord at Easter?

Father Ross Bullock

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Why do you think God chose a rainbow to be a sign of the covenant (1st reading)? Was it a sign for future generations, us included, as well as Noah's family?
2. Baptism (2nd reading) is about dying and rising. Do you have any Lenten plans that might impact your dying to self or figuratively/metaphorically speaking, rising from the dead?
3. "He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him." (Gospel). What are the "wild beasts" in your life? What angels look after you? Who do you 'look after'?

Vincent Harvey



18 FEBRUARY 2018
FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT

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ST EDMUND'S
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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: 18 FEBRUARY 2018

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY—Catholic Home Care.

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

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

CAFOD APPEAL AFTER ALL MASSES this weekend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:10pm Sunday at St Edmund; this week led by the Plunketts & Capoccis.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon: Return from Pilgrimage: VH. Lunch/meeting with Bishop Philip at Bishop's House: RB

Tues: Various meetings: RB. Solent Inter Faith Forum: VH

Wed: Penitential Service Planning meeting: VH

Mass at St. Anne's School: RB

RE with Yr6 at Springhill School: RB

Thu: Richard Rohr Group: VH

Fri: Mass at St George College: RB

Sat: Meetings with couples for marriage: RB

FHC talk with parents/candidates: VH.

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 that Jesus remained in the wilderness for forty days and was tempted by Satan. We pray particularly at this time for all teenagers and young adults that they be protected from those temptations that lead them away from the safety of their family and friends to a life of harmful addiction, crime and violence.

'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.

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 23 February. For every pound donated the UK Government will donate a pound up to a total of £5 million.

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.

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 / Christian Aid.

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

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

LENT 2018

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

◦ Use the Apostles Creed (instead of Nicene Creed) so that we can 'think' deeper about the words:

APOSTLES CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.*

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

LENT PARISH ROSARY PRAYER CHAIN: parishioners have committed to praying specific decades of the Rosary each day during Lent for the wellbeing of all in Southampton. Keep them all in your prayers.

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

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.

7PM MASS FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD followed by praying the Rosary to ask our Lady, Queen of Peace takes place Friday 23 February.

NEXT WEEKEND

LENT SILENT RETREAT 23—25 February at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Isle of Wight. Email verbumdei.iow@gmail.com or phone 019 8352 9554 to book. See noticeboards for more information.

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

'MINISTRY OF WELCOME' TALK at all Masses next weekend 24/25 February.

BLESSING OF COUPLES FOR MARRIAGE during 7pm Mass Sunday 25 February.

NEXT WEEK

SPRINGHILL SCHOOL joining 10am Mass Tuesday 27 February at St Edmund Church.

EST MEETING 7:45pm Wednesday 28 February in St Edmund Presbytery.

SOUP LUNCH 1pm in Stella Maris Hall Thursday 1 March in aid of CAFOD/ Christian Aid.

7PM MASS CANCELLED Friday 2 March in St Edmund Church due to the Polish Community's Confirmations.

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.

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

GENERAL ITEMS

NEW READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ROTAS now available in the Sacristy at St Edmund and porch at St Joseph. Those on the distribution list have been sent an email copy too.



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ADORER NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOUR OF ADORATION at St Edmund Church: **Wednesdays 6pm—7pm**. Contact the Parish Office (023 8033 3589) if you would like to be allocated this hour.

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!

POETRY GROUP—'PEACE' is the theme for the parish for this year, so why not come to listen to some poems about peace in St Joseph Church, 7:15pm Thursday 15 March? You can bring a favourite of your own to read, or one you have composed, or just listen. Please come!

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.

FEBRUARY 200 CLUB WINNERS

1st prize	Lorrain Swann	£20
2nd prize	Shirley Doyle	£10



MUSIC AT MASS: We are blessed to have a good cross-section of musical ability and styles in the Parish (9am, 10am, 11am and 7pm). Music and singing add a much needed quality to the Mass in order to 'lift'

it up, to draw people together and to 'give glory to God' in the best way possible.

Thank you to all involved. It is always important that we continue to not only sustain what we have, but to develop it, and to constantly look to the future.

If you play an instrument, or are happy to be involved in a singing group, please do let us know so that you can use your talent/skill for the sake of the Parish, the Church and the worship of God in Christ. Come and speak with the choir/musician/singers' leader to take this further. Don't 'hide' your talent under a tub!! use it for the glory of God and the enhancement of our liturgies.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Marisa Tellegen (op. recovery), Patty Hayes (fall recovery), Albert Tan, Christopher Browne, Jane Britt (op. recovery), Tivanka da Silva, Sophie Chapman, Pdraig Murphy, Bobby Murphy, Dolina MacKinnon, Judy Brown, Andrea Reiter, Abid & Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Disshnayake, Himat Amlani, Francis Ponniah, Daham Koralage, 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 18 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	17 FEBRUARY	VIGIL MASSES	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)
TUES	20 FEBRUARY	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	10:00AM SE NORA FINLAY RIP (G&DP)
WED	21 FEBRUARY	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	6:30AM SE AIDEN WHELAN RIP (GP&DP) 7:00PM SE ROBERT & ANCESTORS—HEALING OF FAMILY TREE (RK)
THURS	22 FEBRUARY	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER	12:15PM SJ JOLANTA S—HEALING, WELLBEING & GOD'S WILL (RK)
FRI	23 FEBRUARY	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	7:00PM SE KAREN NUGENT RIP (RH&SH)
SAT	24 FEBRUARY	AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	11:00AM SE ROBERT & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK) 6:15PM SJ SÉAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	25 FEBRUARY	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE ELIZABETH & JOHN WARD RIP (F) 10:00AM SJ ERLINDA CRUZ FLORES RIP (MP) 11:00AM SE RUKIE EHELIYAGODA RIP BIRTHDAY ANNIV., LOURDES MARIA MASCARENHAS RIP & ALL DEPARTED (ANUSHKA) 7:00PM SE ADA MAGGIO RIP (RO)

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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St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
St George College 023 8032 2603

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

18 FEBRUARY 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

Psalm Response:

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

READINGS 25 FEBRUARY 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1—2. 9—13. 15—18
2nd Reading: Romans 8:31—34
Gospel: Mark 9:2—10

2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

CATHOLIC HOME CARE	CAFOD
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COLLECTIONS	1st 11.2.2018
Total	£2,765.59
Cash	1,194.83
S / O	1,256.61
Gift Aid	314.15

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