

25 FEBRUARY 2018  
**SECOND  
 SUNDAY OF  
 LENT**

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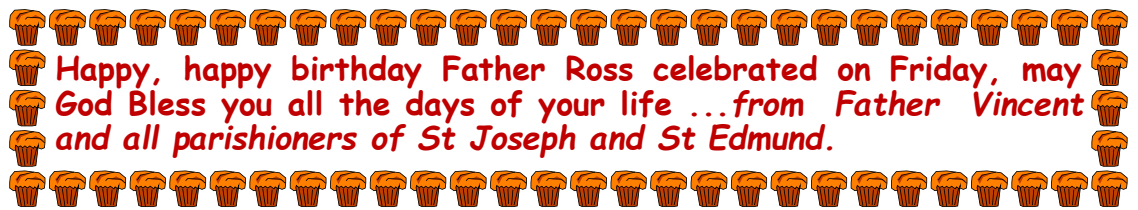
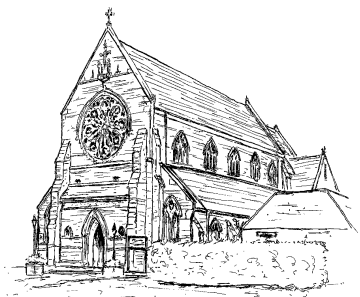
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INCLUDES:

- 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



## 'IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE'

'It is good to be here' These words will resonate with those of us who have just returned from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Every day there were sites and experiences where we stood in awe finding it hard to comprehend that we were standing on the very place where Jesus was born, baptised, healed the blind man, changed water into wine, was tempted by the devil, walked the way of the cross and was laid to rest.

We so wanted just to stay, to be able to take the experience home, to pause and freeze the event, and we could identify completely with Peter, James and John who asked for tents to be built around Elijah, Moses and Jesus.

But we too have to realise that these experiences are not for our own preoccupation or keeping. They are ones that should instruct us on our pilgrimage of life and ones that we should bring back and share with those back home.

As we prepared for our week away we joined in praying a Novena, and part of that prayer of preparation set our 8 days in the context of the pilgrimage of life, of faith, of our relationship with the Lord.

A number of our group asked when visiting Mount Tabor how did the disciples know that it was Moses and Elijah? We don't know, the scholars do not clarify this for us, but what matters is the significance of the experience; the recognition that Moses presented the law of life that Elijah reminds us and brings us back to the covenant relationship with Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. And it is that life that we return to in its fullness having tasted and seen.

On the Mount of the Transfiguration Jesus took with him His trusted friends Peter, James and John, the one who later denied him, and the two who argued over their position in heaven! And Jesus invites each one of us with all our imperfections to offer who we are and let Him do the miracle .... the possibility of changed lives, transfigured lives when God-willing we shall all meet Him in eternity.

The challenges and responsibility for each one of us is not to leave that event on the mountain, but to embrace it, share it and live it. This is also true of our Lenten preparation and the fulfilment of the Paschal mystery.

*Tina Quinn*

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Abraham clings to God's promise (that his descendants will be plentiful) as he raises the knife to kill his son (1st reading). Where do you fall on the continuum when blind trust is required of you, with '1' being low and '10' being high? Why?
2. The Old Testament describes "Emmanuel," as God with us. Our second reading says God is not only with us, but for us. Do you/have you experienced this?
3. It took a blinding light for Peter, James and John to begin to see some hint of who Jesus was. What 'problems' in Britain need such illumination (for instance, immigration, human trafficking, environment). What needs to happen in these areas before you would be able to see something divine in them?

*Vincent Harvey*

## TODAY: 25 FEBRUARY 2018

**RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY—CAFOD.**

**'MINISTRY OF WELCOME' APPEAL** after all Masses this weekend by Tina Quinn.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** 6:10pm Sunday at St Edmund is led by the RCIA group today.

**BLESSING OF COUPLES FOR MARRIAGE** who are currently attending the pre-marriage course in preparation for marriage this year.



**RECENTLY DIED: Umberto Colella**, late of Woolston. Funeral service 1pm Monday 5 March in St Edmund Church followed by burial at St Mary Extra Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace. Please keep his son Salvatore and the family in your prayers.

Please pray for **Catherine Hill**, a teacher at St Patrick's, who died unexpectedly 2 weeks ago. May she rest in peace. Pray for her husband David and their two young children.

Pray also for **Jenny McGregor**, a member of staff at St George College, who was taken suddenly ill at the end of half-term and died within hours. May she rest in peace. Pray also for her husband and the family.

## THIS WEEK

**FOR INFORMATION:** Mon: Day off VH/RB

Tues: Hospital on-call 24hrs: RB/VH  
'Love Southampton' Ref Group: VH  
Meditation Group: VH. Pre-Marriage Course: VH

Wed: St Anne's Mass & Year 6 RE, Springhill: RB  
Hospital on call: RB/VH. Team Mtg: VH/RB/AP  
Mental Health meeting: VH

Thur: Chaplaincy meeting, Springhill: RB.  
Heads of Diocese Dept Meeting: VH  
Confirmation: VH

Fri: Diocesan supervision followed by Spiritual  
Direction, London: RB. Supervision meeting: VH  
Requiem for Father Terry Healy: VH  
Housebound visits: VH

Sat: Various meetings: RB

**PARISH THEME:** In this month of February as a parish we are reflecting on Peace with Family and Friends. Jesus had three trusted friends namely Peter, James and John whom He kept by His side for support during important moments in His ministry. Sometimes they misunderstood Jesus and this caused friction in the friendship. Good friends are hard to find and so we pray at this time for peace in our friendships and for reconciliation where conflict or upset has occurred through a genuine misunderstanding of motive or action.

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

**LUNCH CLUB** 12 noon Wednesdays in Stella Maris Hall. Contact Anne Monaghan on 023 8017 0498 if you would like to join.

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

## 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.

### 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: MANY THANKS** to everyone who has joined the Parish Lenten Rosary Prayer Chain. We have 4 crown rosaries (80 decades) being said each day for the people of Southampton.

**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.

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

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

**7PM MASS CANCELLED FRIDAY 2 MARCH** in St Edmund Church due to the Polish Confirmations taking place.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**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](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to book.

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE** 2:15pm Sunday 4 March at Hound. Starting point St Mary's Church, Hound. Tel. 023 8076 6684. See noticeboard.

## NEXT WEEK

**EARLIER START—MASS AT ST EDMUND ON TUESDAY 6 MARCH** will start at 9:30am instead of 10am due to a meeting that Father Vincent is attending in Portsmouth.

**RICHARD ROHR GROUP** meet 4pm Thursday 8 March in St Edmund Presbytery.

**BAMENDA COMMITTEE MEETING** at 7pm on Thursday 8 March in St Edmund Presbytery.

**11AM MASS & CONFESSIONS CANCELLED** Saturday 10 March due to First Holy Communion Reconciliations and Mass taking place in St Edmund Church.

## GENERAL ITEMS

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** All 45 of us had a great pilgrimage. The weather was mixed, but generally good so enabled us to do all that had been planned. Not only was it an 'across parish' event, it was also 'ecumenical' as it included members of other 'Communities', which was a great blessing for all of us. Whilst in the Holy Land we visited some of the projects that the 'Friends of the Holy Land' support. **The FHL's objectives are:**

- To raise awareness of the challenges facing the Christians of the Holy Land.
- To encourage prayers for our Christian brothers and sisters.
- To generate financial resources to give them a sustainable future.
- To encourage visits to the Holy Land to meet local Christians.

Whilst there we visited an Orphanage and School for disabled children, and also met the President of the first Catenian Circle in the Middle East.

If you would like to know more about the Friends of the Holy Land please pick up a newsletter in the church porch or access [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

**NEW READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ROTAS** now available in the Sacristy at St Edmund and porch at St Joseph.

**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!

**KAREN NUGENT:** "I would like to create a book of happy and funny memories that we have of Karen that put a smile on our face when we remember her. If you would be happy to share and contribute could you please either leave in the box at the back of the church or email them to me at [karensmemories@yahoo.com](mailto:karensmemories@yahoo.com). Many thanks in advance for your contributions." Janina Ray (a friend).

**BABY ITEMS AVAILABLE:** 2 x flat cot sheets, 2 fitted cot sheets, 1 x blanket and 1 x changing mat. Please contact the Parish Office (023 8033 3589).

**JINGLING BELLS—POITIER:** a belated but massive THANK YOU to all who contributed. Bags of warm clothing and over £100 was given to Father Des for this project. *Jenepher*.

**CELEBRATE FAMILY WEEKEND** 29/30 September at St George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, SO16 3DQ. Speakers Geoff & Gina Poulter, Matt & Lucy Gwyn and David & Gio Payne. Book online at [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or phone 023 8029 2058.

**DIVINE MERCY DAY OF REFLECTION** led by Father Des focusing on the Divine Mercy of God in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday at Saint Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU on **Saturday 7 April from 10:30am—4pm**. Will include the celebration of the Mass and a homemade vegetarian soup lunch. Cost of the day £20pp. To book email: [fatherdes@icloud.com](mailto:fatherdes@icloud.com) or leave a message on the centre's answering phone: 023 8029 2337.



**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.

**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 in the porches. For more info contact Tina or the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589.

**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 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 who are ill.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 25 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	24 FEBRUARY	VIGIL MASSES	6:15PM SJ	SÉAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	25 FEBRUARY	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	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)
TUES	27 FEBRUARY	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	10:00AM SE	STELLA & FRED WINTER RIP (F)
WED	28 FEBRUARY	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	6:30AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM SE	ELDA CIAPETTI RIP
THURS	1 MARCH	ST DAVID	12:15PM SJ	HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY (RK)
FRI	2 MARCH	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	**7:00PM SE	<u>MASS CANCELLED DUE TO POLISH CONFIRMATIONS</u>
SAT	3 MARCH	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	11:00AM SE	PARISH OFFICE STAFF & FAMILIES—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING
			6:15PM SJ	AINSLEY ADAMS RIP & STRENGTH FOR HIS MUM MARIE & ALL THE FAMILY (BM, PG&TG)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	4 MARCH	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9:00AM SE	ANTONY D'SOUZA RIP (AR)
			10:00AM SJ	PATRICIA LIVETT—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS
			11:00AM SE	JUDY & MERVYN BROWN—50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (PARISH OFFICE)
			7:00PM SE	SANDRA PREITE 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, Lordwood Sun 09:15; Holy Day 10:00. Christ the King & St Colman Sun 11:00; Holy Day 19:00. Immaculate Conception, Portsmouth 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

### 25 FEBRUARY 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

#### Psalm Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Glory and Praise to you, O Christ!**

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." **Glory and Praise to you, O Christ!**

### READINGS 4 MARCH 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1—17  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22—25  
 Gospel: John 2:13—25

### 2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

	CAFOD	CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND	
<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	14.2.18 LIFE	1st 18.2.2018	2nd Cath. Home Care
<b>Total</b>	<b>£174.35</b>	<b>£2,734.33</b>	<b>£459.12</b>
Cash	76.85	1,163.57	314.12
S / O	78.00	1,256.61	116.00
Gift Aid	19.50	314.15	29.00

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