



18 MARCH 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT



**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

NOW THE HOUR HAS COME FOR THE SON OF MAN TO BE GLORIFIED

As I read my way through the book each of us was given at Christmas 'Rediscover Jesus' by Matthew Kelly, as part of my Lenten reading, I was struck by the story he narrates about two twins in the womb of their mother. One turns to the other and says, "I wonder if there is life after birth?" People may well turn to us as Christians and ask, "Is there life after death?" One of the great truths of our faith is that we know there is life after death, because Jesus was resurrected from the dead and later ascended into heaven. The Catechism tells us in paragraph 654 "The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by His death, Christ liberates us from sin; by His Resurrection, He opens for us the way to a new life."

In Lent we focus on the first aspect, Jesus' suffering and death and at Easter we will celebrate His glorious resurrection for fifty days up to Pentecost! The Gospel reading from John used for this fifth Sunday of Lent is of Jesus foretelling His death and glorification, laying open the path that leads before us liturgically and spiritually as we contemplate the approach of Holy Week which comes ever closer. What we get from all of Jesus' passion predictions is that He tells his disciples of these events before they happen and makes it clear that He will suffer freely for the salvation of the world.

The passion narrative from John wants us to appreciate that it is through Jesus' death that the separation between God and humanity caused by sin is about to be bridged. This is the great gift of God's love for us, the freely offered sacrifice of God himself, in the person of Jesus Christ. For 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' Jesus' death and resurrection did indeed yield a rich harvest and shows us that human life does not cease with death, but death is a doorway into new and eternal life.

Father Ross

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Jeremiah (1st reading) says that God will plant, 'deep within them' His Law, 'writing it on their hearts'. Have you allowed "God's Laws" into your mind, heart and soul? How do they affect you? Which do you struggle with? Why?
2. Jesus says in the Gospel, that through what he has to face, he will "glorify" God's name! How do you glorify God's name? Through your prayer, worship, way of life, response to the world?

Vincent Harvey

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER VINCENT who celebrates the 39th Anniversary of his Ordination to Priesthood (tomorrow) Monday 19 March 2018. May God continue to bless your ministry among us Father Vincent, we are blessed to have you as our Parish Priest. From Father Ross, Deacon Andy and all parishioners of St Joseph and St Edmund.

TODAY: 18 MARCH 2018

RETIRING COLLECTION—Easter Flowers.

EASTER MASS TIMES LEAFLETS AVAILABLE in the porches. Please take one home for all the Mass times.

SCRUTINY at 6:15pm Mass (Saturday) for those soon to be Baptised and Received into Full Communion.

APPEAL AT 9AM MASS TODAY 18 MARCH BY JORDAN KIBUUKA (a 16 year old parishioner currently studying at Peter Symonds College).

In July, Jordan will be travelling to a village in southern Uganda with a group of 15 other 16—18 year olds with a charity called **Project Embabazi**, where they hope to work with the local people to implement projects that encourage sustainable development.

He is currently fundraising to raise money to cover both the cost of the expedition and the community development projects. **Each team member needs to raise £2,255 for their own costs.** He will be appealing for our help and support in making this a possibility. Jordan will be running some events in the parish in the near future to raise funds. Or visit the website justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jordan2uganda for more info/to make a donation. Thank you!

STATUES AND CANDLE STANDS are covered as we enter into Passiontide and begin, as a Church, to focus more onto the Passion of Christ.

'A TIME OF PRAYER AND ADORATION' after 10am Mass today at St Joseph Church. Do stay if you can.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:10pm Sunday at St Edmund is led by members of the Bethany Group.



RECENTLY DIED: Kathleen Watts, late of Wilton Manor Nursing Home and South Front, Southampton. Reception into St Joseph Church 4pm Tuesday 20 March; funeral service 10:30am Wednesday 21 March. *May her soul rest in peace. Please keep her family in your prayers.*

Brigid Weaver, late of Wilton Manor Nursing Home, Southampton. Reception into St Edmund Church at 4pm on Wednesday 21 March; Requiem Mass 11am Thursday 22 March followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. *May her soul rest in peace. Please keep her family in your prayers.*

Moyra Clearkin, late of Cobbett Road, Bitterne. Reception into St Joseph Church 4pm Monday 26 March; Requiem Mass 12 noon Tuesday 27 March followed by burial at South Stoneham Cemetery. *May she rest in peace. Please keep her daughter, Christine, and son Ronald in your prayers.*

Vera Morris died early last Wednesday morning at the Wilton Manor Nursing Home. Reception into St Edmund Church 4pm Monday 16 April; Requiem Mass 10am Tuesday 17 April followed by cremation at the Southampton Crematorium. *May she rest in peace. Please pray for her son, John and daughter, Joan.*

BOXED ENVELOPE SETS ready for collection in the porches for those who have chosen to contribute in this way.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off VH/RB.

Tues Meeting in Basingstoke: RB. St George Govs: VH

Wed CA Spirituality Team, London: VH

Thurs Funeral Mass: RB. Spiritual Direction in London: RB

Fri Supervision: VH/RB. Teams of Our Lady: VH

Sat Various meetings: RB.

Engaged Couples Breakfast Bishop's House: VH

PARISH THEME—MARCH: This month we consider and reflect upon 'peace in/with the Faith community': are we at peace with one another? Do we genuinely seek reconciliation with each other? Do we reach out to others in the Faith/Parish community? Do we support the development of the Parish? Do we encourage one another to deepen our faith?

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH—MASS IN POLISH 7pm Monday 19 March in St Joseph Church, Bugle Street.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE meeting 4pm Tuesday 20 March in St Edmund Presbytery.

BAPTISM PREPARATION 7pm Tuesday 20 March in St Edmund's Hall only for parents who have booked to have their children baptised in the Parish already.

LUNCH CLUB 12 noon Wednesdays in Stella Maris Hall. Contact Anne Monaghan on 023 8017 0498 to join.

SOUP LUNCH 1pm in Stella Maris Hall Thursday 22 March in aid of CAFOD/ Christian Aid.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet 4pm Thursday 22 March in St Edmund Presbytery.

PASSOVER MEAL' takes place at **St Joseph on Thursday, 22nd March at 7:15pm (for prompt start at 7.30pm).** Come along and experience a 'Seder Meal', and enjoy the company of others, and learn a little more of our Jewish faith roots. Tickets £10 (meal and wine). Tickets available after all Masses.

FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP meet again Friday 23 March, 5:45pm—7:30pm theme 'A Trip to Cambodia'.

"FRASSATI SENIOR GROUP" Year 8 & above also meet Friday 23 March 7:30—9:15pm, Games, formation, friendship, prayer, mission/service project.

Both events take place at St Boniface Church Hall.

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm Friday 23 March in St Edmund Lodge.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:10pm on Fridays in St Edmund Church during Lent, led by the Young Adult Group in the Parish.

NEXT WEEKEND

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VULNERABLE ADULTS from 10am—12:30pm Saturday 24 March in the Stella Maris Centre, 48 Bugle Street, SO14 2AH. Please contact Soraya Tel: (Direct Dial) 023 9283 6511/023 9281 6396/023 9282 5430 or email: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book.

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

BRITISH SUMMERTIME clocks go forward an hour at 1am
Sunday 25 March!

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY—palms will be blessed and distributed at the beginning of all Masses on Saturday/Sunday. Please arrive on time as Mass begins with the 'First Gospel' and blessing of palms at the back of the church.

10am Mass at St Joseph: after collecting your palm and order of service, make your way to the West Gate to join our friends from St Michael's at 10:15am for the blessing of palms and procession (via St Michael's Square) to our respective churches.

ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSAL FOR HOLY WEEK: On Sunday 25 March at 4:30pm in St Edmund Church a rehearsal for all servers who intend to serve at the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). We are blessed to have so many keen servers who come week in and week out. Holy Week is the 'climax' of our worshipping lives so please put your name on the 'serving list' for Holy Week, and come along to the practice.

NEXT WEEK (HOLY WEEK)

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: please note that our Holy Week Penitential Service (the last opportunity for Confession before Easter) will be on Monday 26 March, at 7:30pm in St Edmund. Make a note in your diary!

10AM TUESDAY MASS CANCELLED AT ST EDMUND DUE TO CHRISM MASS taking place at 11am Tuesday 27 March at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

ST EDMUND CHURCH BIG CLEAN 2pm—4pm Tuesday 27 March. Please add your name to the list in the porch.

FROM ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE: Jenny McGregor RIP. Mass will be offered for the repose of Jenny's soul on Tuesday 27 March at 3:30pm in the school hall. All welcome. Please let us know if you are able to join us. info@stgcc.co.uk or 023 8032 2603.

TRIDUUM BIG CHOIR PRACTICE takes place 7:30pm Wednesday 28 March in St Edmund Church. All choir members throughout the parish are welcome to join in.

FAMILY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (ST JOSEPH) & MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (ST EDMUND) Thursday 29 March: 6:15pm at St Joseph and 8pm at St Edmund followed by Adoration at St Edmund after Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY 30 March:

9am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at St Edmund

10am Stations of the Cross at St Edmund

11:30am Family Liturgy of the Cross at St Joseph

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Edmund

8pm Prayer around the cross at St Edmund

HOLY SATURDAY 31 March:

9am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at St Edmund

12 noon—2pm Polish Blessing of Easter Food at St Edmund

9pm Celebrating the Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY 1 April: Masses at St Edmund:

6am Mass in Polish; 9am, 11am and 7pm

Mass at St Joseph 10am.

GENERAL ITEMS

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE from 9:30am—5pm Saturday 5 May at the New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth. Keynote speakers Fr Stephen Wang, Pippa Baker (Catholic missionary) and Bishop Philip. Includes Adoration and Mass. Booking essential via congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LENT/EASTER 2018

ALTAR SERVERS, WELCOMERS, STEWARDS, needed for Lenten Reconciliation and Triduum/Easter Masses in St Joseph and St Edmund.

BIG CLEAN & DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER helpers also needed. *Please add your name to the lists in the porches (Altar Servers list is in the Sacristy).*

MASS LEAFLET STAPLERS please call at the Parish Office from Tuesday 20.3.18 if you would like to help.

PASTORAL ASSISTANT: SOME NEWS Tina Quinn has been offered and accepted a new post at Oakhaven Hospice as a Nurse Specialist/Prescriber to extend the provision of palliative care services into Totton. This is an exciting development and opportunity both for the Hospice and for Tina; her decision to apply was not one that was taken lightly.

Tina will step down from her paid role as Pastoral Assistant on April 1st but will remain as Pastoral Assistant in a voluntary capacity, working remotely and being available evenings and weekends. She will keep her office base at the City Centre, together with her email address. The good work begun by Tina in the Parish will continue and she will continue to work with group leaders empowering and encouraging.

Thank you to Tina for what she has achieved the past few years, both at Parish and Diocesan level. She has been involved in many new initiatives and created groups and developed areas of Parish life which will continue to develop. She will continue to be involved with these developments.

Tina thanks everyone for their support, especially in the Parish Office and all the volunteers.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: *Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Diary Saint Maria Faustina No: 300).* The Hour of Divine Mercy will take place on the first Sunday after Easter Sunday **8 April beginning at 2:45pm at Saint Edmund Catholic Church, The Avenue, Southampton.** Those who have previously participated know that this is an incredibly moving moment of prayer when we entrust ourselves, our families, those we care for and those suffering in our world to the tender Mercy of God. If you have not been before ... then come!

URGENT, TEMPORARY SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED for a father and his 12 year old son due to a fire at their residence. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: If your child was baptised at St Joseph or St Edmund Church in 2017 you will be invited to a celebration of Baptism on Sunday **22 April at 4pm at St Edmund Church.** A short service of thanksgiving followed by tea and cake. Please pray for our families and newly baptised.

SPRINGHILL CATHOLIC PRIMARY CURRENTLY HAS CLEANER VACANCIES. For further information please see the school website www.springhillcatholic.co.uk/staff-vacancies/

PLEASE KEEP ALL THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LISTS in your prayers, those recovering from operations and treatment and those who are sick.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18 MARCH 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 MARCH	VIGIL MASSES	6:15PM SJ SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	18 MARCH	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE GEO 17 TH BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (SL) 10:00AM SJ VALERIE SALMON—HEALING & WELLBEING (PO'N) 11:00AM SE FATHER EMMANUEL RIVARA—FOUNDER OF ST EDMUND CHURCH (F) 7:00PM SE MR & MRS CUMMINGS INTENTION (F)
MON	19 MARCH	ST JOSEPH	7:00PM SJ MASS IN POLISH—FEAST OF ST JOSEPH
TUES	20 MARCH	OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT	10:00AM SE KEITH SMALL RIP (MC)
WED	21 MARCH	OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT	6:30AM SE JOE SANCHEZ RIP (CH) 10:30AM SJ FUNERAL SERVICE: KATHLEEN WATTS RIP 7:00PM SE FOR OUR LADY'S INTENTIONS (CH)
THURS	22 MARCH	OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT	11:00AM SE REQUIEM MASS: BRIGID WEAVER RIP 12:15PM SJ JOHN ROGERS RIP (RB)
FRI	23 MARCH	OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT	7:00PM SE ALL HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY (JK)
SAT	24 MARCH	OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT	11:00AM SE RAY GLASCODINE—60 TH BIRTHDAY GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (CH) 6:15PM SJ ROBERT & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	25 MARCH	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	9:00AM SE KAREN NUGENT RIP (RH&SH) 10:00AM SJ DECEASED MEMBERS OF LA SAINTE UNION COMMUNITY, SOUTHAMPTON (F) 11:00AM SE ANUSHKA'S DAD RIP & AUNT RIP & FRANCIS PONNIAH'S BIRTHDAYS—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA) 7:00PM SE ROBERT & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)

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

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B**

Psalm Response:

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
 If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

READINGS 25 MARCH 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, YEAR B

1st Reading:	Isaiah 50: 4—7
2nd Reading:	Philippians 2: 6—11
Gospel:	Mark 14: 1—15:47

2ND COLLECTION TODAY	2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
EASTER FLOWERS	CATHOLIC HOME CARE

COLLECTIONS 11.3.18	1st	2nd CLERGY ASSISTANT FUND
Total	£2,842.74	£405.69
Cash	£1,271.98	219.44
S / O	1,256.61	149.00
Gift Aid	314.15	37.25

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