



25 MARCH 2018
PALM SUNDAY
OF THE LORD'S
PASSION

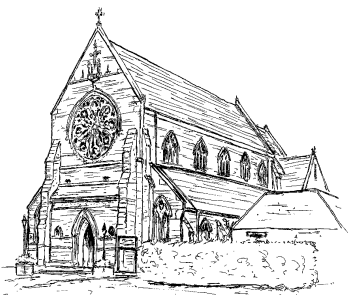


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ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE
CATHOLIC PARISH
SOUTHAMPTON

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
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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



HUMBLE PENANCE AND A FEAST OF RECONCILIATION

Tomorrow, Monday 26 March at 7:30pm in St Edmund's, we are invited to gather as a community in preparation for the great Easter Liturgy. Tomorrow, as a parish we hold our Lent Penitential Service. A Penitential Service is an important and welcome interlude between more comprehensive examinations of our lives within a full and personal confession eg one-on-one in the confessional, whilst allowing us to be refreshed through absolution.

This way of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is known in liturgical language and terminology as Form Two. If it is has been a long time since you have received this sacramental absolution, there is no need to be nervous!

In Form Two, we participate in the examination of conscience together as a community. We then make our confession and receive our penance and absolution individually, one-on-one, face to face with a priest. There will be a number of priests from neighbouring parishes. We do not need to memorise any words to receive Christ's healing gift, though we are welcome to use the prayers set out by the Church, if that makes us more comfortable.

At a Penitential Service, we focus on a single obstacle that intrudes in to our lives and prevents us being at one with God. If we feel a need to examine ourselves more closely, and we want to have a more thorough dialogue with a priest so as to realign our lives more comprehensively, then we might also want to go to individual confession on another occasion.

Most importantly, we remember that this is a sacrament of healing. It is not intended to cause shame, but to help us all to openly receive God's grace sacramentally. *Dcn Andy Philpott*

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. When have you had to 'take up a cross' in your life? For yourself or for others? How did you feel? How did you cope? Where you supported?
2. The crowds welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem (Opening Gospel) and within days wanted Him crucified (Passion Narrative). Have you ever 'turned on' someone very quickly? Why? Have you ever done that in terms of faith? Why?
3. Most of the disciples 'ran away' after Jesus' arrest. Have you ever run away from a friend in need? Run away from God? Why? How did you turn it around? *Vincent Harvey*

TODAY: 25 MARCH 2018—PALM SUNDAY

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY TODAY—PALMS will be blessed and distributed at the beginning of all Masses this weekend.

RETIRING COLLECTION—Catholic Home Care.

WE KNEEL FOR THE PENITENTIAL RITE and use the 'APOSTLES CREED' so that we can 'think' deeper about the words.

STATUES AND CANDLE STANDS remain covered to continue our focus more on the Passion of Christ.

ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSAL FOR HOLY WEEK TODAY 4:30pm at St Edmund Church 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.

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

RECENTLY DIED:



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 late of 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.*

THIS WEEK (HOLY WEEK)

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH/RB (Penitential Service)

Tues Funeral: VH. St George Mass: VH.

Hospital Call: RB

Wed Hospital Call: VH

Thursday-Saturday: The Sacred Triduum

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?

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: please note that our Holy Week Penitential Service (the last opportunity for Confession before Easter) will be **TOMORROW Monday 26 March, at 7:30pm in St Edmund. Do come along in preparation for the Sacred Triduum.**

10AM TUESDAY MASS CANCELLED AT ST EDMUND DUE TO CHRISM MASS 11am at the Cathedral, Portsmouth.

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

JENNY MCGREGOR RIP. Mass will be offered for the repose of Jenny's soul on Tuesday 27 March at 3:30pm in St George College Hall. All welcome. Please let Ruth know if you are able to join them by email info@stgcc.co.uk or Tel. 023 8032 2603.

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

THE SACRED TRIDUUM when we commemorate Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. These three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (evening) are the most important days in the Church's Year. During these days we are invited to walk with Jesus through His Passion into His Resurrection. Come and join us so that, as a Parish, we may together, pray and journey deeper into our Faith and our relationship with the Godhead.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM 2018

Holy Thursday—29 March

6.15pm	Family Mass of Lord's Supper	St. Joseph's
8.00pm	Mass of Lord's Supper & Adoration	St. Edmund's
11.30pm	Night Prayer	St. Edmund's

Good Friday—30 March

9am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	St. Edmund's
10.00am	Stations of the Cross	St. Edmund's
11.30am	Family Liturgy of the Cross	St. Joseph's
3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	St. Edmund's
8.00pm	Prayer around the Cross	St. Edmund's

Holy Saturday—31 March

9am	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	St. Edmund's
12:00pm—2:30pm	Blessing of Easter Food by Fr. Zbigniew— every 15 minutes	St. Edmund's
9pm	Celebrating the Easter Vigil	St. Edmund's

Easter Sunday—1 April

6.00am	Mass in Polish	St. Edmund's
9.00am	Sunday Mass	St. Edmund's
10.00am	Sunday Mass	St. Joseph's
11.00am	Sunday Mass	St. Edmund's
7.00pm	Sunday Mass	St. Edmund's

NEXT WEEK

EASTER MONDAY 2 APRIL Bank Holiday. St Edmund Church will be closed and there will be no Adoration.

WELCOMERS MEETING / TRAINING 7:45pm Wednesday 4 April in St Edmund Hall.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet 4pm Thursday 5 April in St Edmund Presbytery.

WELCOME RITES Sunday 8 April during 9am, 10am and 11am Masses

MARCH 2018—200 CLUB WINNERS

1st prize	Stephanie Mercer	£20
2nd prize	Canon Nicholas France	£10

NEXT WEEKEND

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 or leave a message on the centre's answering phone: 023 8029 2337.

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!

GENERAL ITEMS

'A TIME OF PRAYER' after or before Sunday Mass once a month. The next schedule one takes place on 15 April after the 9am St Edmund Mass.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: If your child was baptised at St Joseph's or St Edmunds in 2017 you will be invited to a Celebration of the Anniversary of their Baptism on **Sunday 22nd 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.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE takes place from 9:30am—5pm on Saturday 5 May at the New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth. Keynote speakers are Father Stephen Wang, Pippa Baker (Catholic missionary) and Bishop Philip. Youth 2000 Music Ministry will be in attendance. Includes Adoration and Mass. See noticeboards. Booking essential via congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA?

We are holding information sessions to help understand what it is like to live with dementia and the actions you can take. Hopefully after becoming more aware we can promote our whole church community to become 'dementia friends'. Sessions will be held on:

- **Sunday 15 April 12noon—1pm in St Edmunds Hall** (after the 11am Mass)
- **Thursday 26 April 6:30pm—7:30pm in the Stella Maris Centre**
- **Wednesday 2 May 7:45pm—8:45pm in St Edmund Hall** (after 7pm Mass). You only need to attend one

This initiative is part of our hospitality and welcoming project to provide an unconditional welcome to all.

CELEBRATE FAMILY WEEKEND 29/30 September at St George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, SO16 3DQ. Phone 023 8029 2058 to book.

LENT/EASTER 2018

ALTAR SERVERS, READERS, WELCOMERS, STEWARDS, EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS needed for Lenten Reconciliation and Triduum/Easter Masses in St Joseph and St Edmund.

BIG CLEAN & DECORATING THE CHURCH ROTA FOR EASTER helpers 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 between 9am—1pm and 2pm—5pm Monday—Wednesday if you would like to help.

BIBLE COURSE ON 'THE PROPHETS': there has been a great response to the course that begins in the Parish on Tuesday 17 April. Forty—five people have registered which means the waiting list is closed as this is the maximum we can practically manage. Sorry if you had wanted to participate. There will be a 'next time' in that we will be running other Scripture courses in the future. Watch this space!

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH: Evangelisation: Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

CAFOD / CARITAS CONFERENCE on our response to Refugees and Migrants 10am—4pm Saturday 12 May at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU. See noticeboards.

PLEASE PRAY FOR MARCUS BOULTON-SMITH

21 month old son of Emily (*ex-parishioner and student of Springhill and St Anne's*) and her husband Andrew; grandson to Geoffrey Boulton (*ex-music lecturer at La Sainte Union College*). The family now live in Australia. Marcus has had major surgery to remove a highly aggressive cancerous brain tumour and he has suffered a stroke after the surgery.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Jean Mooney, Eloise Chessman, Albert Tan, Christopher Browne, Jane Britt (op. recovery), Tivanka da Silva, Pdraig Murphy, Bobby Murphy, Dolina MacKinnon, Judy Brown, Andrea Reiter, Abid & Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Disshnayake, 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, 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, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, Maria Annunziata, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, NW, Joe Sculley, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 25 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	24 MARCH	VIGIL MASSES	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 & AUNTS RIP—BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES & FRANCIS PONNIAH'S BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)
MON	26 MARCH	OF HOLY WEEK	7:30PM SE	LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE
TUES	27 MARCH	OF HOLY WEEK	**10:00AM SE	MASS CANCELLED DUE TO CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL
			12 NOON SJ	REQUIEM MASS: MOYRA CLEARIN RIP
WED	28 MARCH	OF HOLY WEEK	6:30AM SE	IN THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (THEOS)
			7:00PM SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRANT & CONNOLLY FAMILIES (PG)
THURS	29 MARCH	MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	6:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			8:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	30 MARCH	GOOD FRIDAY	3:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	31 MARCH	HOLY SATURDAY	9:00PM SE	MATTHEW MORAN RIP (F)
SUN	1 APRIL	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	9:00AM SE	CECILIA (CISSY) COUTINHO RIP (ME)
			10:00AM SJ	PATRICK JOE HASTINGS RIP (MM)
			11:00AM SE	EASTER BLESSINGS, PRAYERS & THANKSGIVING TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, MOTHER MARY, ALL THE ANGELS & SAINTS & THE WHOLE UNIVERSE (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
			7:00PM SE	HUBERT & DOROTHY LYONS RIP (F)

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

25 MARCH 2018—PALM SUNDAY

Psalm Response:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

READINGS 1 APRIL 2018

EASTER SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37—43
2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1—4
Gospel: John 20:1—9

2ND COLLECTION TODAY GOOD FRIDAY ALL EASTER COLLECTIONS CATHOLIC HOME CARE HOLY PLACES FOR OUR TWO PRIESTS

COLLECTIONS	1st	2nd EASTER FLOWERS
18.3.18		
Total	£2,384.44	£321.52
Cash	813.68	180.89
S / O	1,256.61	112.50
Gift Aid	314.15	28.13

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**CONFESSIONS:
PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT 7:30PM MONDAY
26 MARCH 2018 IN ST EDMUND CHURCH**