



15 APRIL 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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



CHRIST WOULD SUFFER AND ON THE THIRD DAY RISE FROM THE DEAD

In the Gospel for this Sunday we have another resurrection appearance of Christ to His disciples. At first the disciples think they are seeing a ghost. So Jesus remonstrates with them, asking 'Why are you so frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?' The disciples continue to doubt so Jesus asks for a piece of grilled fish, which He eats in their presence. This eating of the fish proves to the disciples that Jesus is not a ghost and that He has risen as He said He would.

What is common in all of the ten resurrection appearances of Jesus before His ascension is that He is somehow changed. Why for example did the two disciples who walked on the road to Emmaus with Jesus not recognise Him? Why did Mary Magdalene mistake Jesus for the gardener when He appeared to her near the tomb? The disciples don't always recognise Jesus immediately by sight, but often recognise Him through the breaking of bread, by the things that He says, or by means of touch.

The Catechism (CCC 643-646) tells us that Jesus' resurrected body now possesses the new properties of a glorious body: one that is not limited by time and space and Jesus is able to appear how and when He wants. Christ's humanity is no longer confined to earth and belongs now to His Father's heavenly realm.

We as Christians continue to experience the risen Christ through the breaking of bread, through the things that Jesus says to us through prayer, through others, through the Church's teachings, through Eucharistic Adoration, or by the touching of our heart through the faith of another person or a felt presence that Jesus is somehow walking with us or watching over us. The Lord's supper is where we as the Lord's faithful gather as a community to encounter the risen Lord who invites each of us to His heavenly banquet – the Eucharist.

Father Ross

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. 'We are witnesses' Peter says, 'to the resurrection' (1st reading). How do you 'witness' to the resurrection? By word, deed or attitude?
2. St John (2nd reading) says that if we do not 'keep his commandments' we are liars!! Which commandments do you find difficult? Why?
3. 'Why are these doubts rising in your hearts' Jesus says in the Gospel!! What doubts of faith do you have? Why? How can you face them?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2018

RETIRING COLLECTION—Catholic Home Care



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 start this weekend:**

- **Saturday 14 April 7:30pm—8:30pm Stella Maris Hall**
- **Sunday 15 April 12noon—1pm St Edmunds Hall**
- **Thursday 26 April 6:30pm—7:30pm Stella Maris Hall**
- **Wednesday 2 May 7:45pm—8:45pm St Edmund Hall**

You only need to attend one session. *This initiative is part of our hospitality and welcoming project to provide an unconditional welcome to all.*

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP PHILIP THIS WEEKEND—copies available in the porches and "**Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church**" booklet for all parishioners from Bishop Philip available in the porches.

WE WELCOME FATHER NELSON SMM PRESIDING at 9am & 11am Masses in Fr Vincent's absence.

PERIOD OF PRAYER AFTER THE 9AM MASS today, starts at 10am immediately after Mass.

RECENTLY DIED: 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 keep John and Joan in your prayers.*

Message from John and the family: "a big thank you to everyone for their kind messages of condolence and prayers on Mum's death, it is very much appreciated"

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

- Mon: Day off: VH/RB
Fri: Young Adult's Group: VH
Tues: PA Clergy meeting: VH/RB
Wed: Hospital Call: VH. Mtg Council Leader: VH
Meeting in Basingstoke: RB
Thurs: Various appointments: RB
Fri: Young Adults Group: VH
St George College Mass: RB
Sat: Meetings with couples for marriage: RB

PARISH THEME—APRIL: This month as a parish we are reflecting upon peace with society as a whole. We make peace before we receive communion, we share the sign of peace with one another, but do we truly share that peace with those we meet on a daily basis? Do we smile and acknowledge with warmth the shopkeeper, the road sweeper, the homeless? Do we recognise the dignity of every human being? We are called to be the visible face of the invisible Christ to those we meet. *'Let there be peace in our world and let it begin with me!'*

'THE PROPHETS' BIBLE STUDY COURSE starts at 7:30pm on Tuesday 17 April in St Edmund Hall. Course is now fully subscribed.

EST MEETING 7:45pm Wednesday 18 April in St Edmund Presbytery.

SOUP LUNCH 1pm Thursday 19 April in Stella Maris Centre. All proceeds in aid of CAFOD and Christian Aid.

BAMENDA SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING (scheduled for Friday 20 April) has now been postponed to 25 May at 12:30pm in St Edmund Presbytery.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet 4:30pm Thursday 19 April in St Edmund Presbytery.

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

EU WELCOME INFORMATION EVENING 6pm—8pm Friday 20 April in St Edmund Lodge.

NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP for parents and candidates continues at 10:30am Saturday 21 April at St Anne's School.

ROAD CLOSURE: Advance warning that access to The Avenue will be prohibited on Sunday 22 April from 9am to 3:30pm due to the Half-Marathon. Rockstone Place will be open but no to exit onto The Avenue.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at 9am Mass will recommence on Sunday 22 April. Thank you to the team. Volunteers always needed!!!

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

NEXT WEEK



FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP meet again Friday 27 April, 5:45pm—7:30pm theme 'Treasure Trail'.

"FRASSATI SENIOR GROUP" now Year 8 & above 7:30—9:15pm, Games, formation, friendship, prayer, mission/service project. *Both events take place at St Boniface Church Hall.*

ROSARY ON THE COAST FOR FAITH, LIFE AND PEACE IN THE BRITISH ISLES Sunday 29 April 2018 (see all the details further on in the Newsletter ...)

GENERAL ITEMS

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE 9:30am—5pm 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 All welcome!

YOU ARE INVITED TO HOST THE ROSARY IN YOUR HOME AGAIN THIS MAY: it only takes half an hour to pray a Mystery of the Rosary (5 decades). Please sign up after Mass to volunteer. Please ring Catheryn on 078534 110 228 for more info or e-mail catherynhulme1@hotmail.com

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.

FATHER ANDREW MWESIGWA: An email Father Vincent received from Uganda: "Dear Monsignor Harvey, thank you very much for the message of condolences. The death of Father Andrew shocked us. We prayed for him and his family. Thank you for all the help and hospitality you used to give him. We continue praying that God grants him Eternal rest. Yours in Christ, +Vincent Kirabo Amooti, Bishop of Hoima."

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR APRIL: Universal: For those who have responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

'ABLAZE IN THE TRUTH' SUMMER CAMP 2018 for ages 10—25 years takes place from 20—24 August 2018 in the New Forest. Email ffcm1995@gmail.com or book online at www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk See noticeboards.



CAN YOU HELP THE FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM AT ST JOSEPH CHURCH? Chris McDaid needs help on an alternating rota now that Marcia's retired. Please contact Father Vincent, Father Ross or the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589 if you can help.

CAR PARKING: Please note that car parking along the access road to the estate behind St Edmund Church (where the Parish Office is) is now forbidden. You will be booked if you park there ... beware!

MESSAGE FROM SISTER HYACINTHE FORMATION FOR MISSION

We'll be running our **Essential Training for Catechists** in **Southampton**, in St Patrick's Church, Woolston, every Thursday evening, from the 14 June to the 12 July, from 7:30pm—9 pm. These sessions, spanning 5 Thursdays, will present the essential foundations for all catechesis (and children's Liturgy). The course is certified by the diocese. See poster on noticeboards.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS TRAINING DAY from 9:30am to 3pm Saturday 12 May in St Bede Church, Basingstoke for anyone interested in having a look at the new programme published by Redemptorist Publications recently. See programme online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzNYAL8sZPY&list=PLAxn1pJuKMKpVNsJalBMOKnv4zUoy7uVf>

DIOCESAN DAY FOR READERS 9:30am to 3pm Saturday 16 June at St Bede Church, Basingstoke. See poster on noticeboard. More details about the day on the web at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers> To book on any of the courses please email Sr Hyacinthe at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



ROSARY ON THE COAST FOR FAITH, LIFE AND PEACE IN THE BRITISH ISLES SUNDAY 29 APRIL

2018: The Southampton venue will be Mayflower Park. **We will start at 2:30pm from St Joseph Church, Bugle Street and walk to Mayflower Park** to join our prayers with parishes all around the country that will encircle our British Isles with prayer. Please join us for this important event and be part of something really special.

So why Rosary on the Coast?

There is a great unease in peoples hearts as helplessly they watch daily the news channels and their incessant litany of bad news and horrors unthought-of ... degeneration, disaster and war everywhere. We live in times of unprecedented global upheaval with millions of peoples being displaced. The human suffering is everywhere. How are we all to respond with both generosity and compassion? The contemporary culture seems to be devoid of hope and our initiative seeks through prayer to awaken HOPE.

Recently the faithful of Poland and Ireland have responded to what they sense as a movement of the Holy Spirit to gather around the coasts of their nations and pray to Jesus, the Divine Mercy, for a renewal of faith and respect for human life through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. Having witnessed this, a number of the lay faithful in the British Isles - England, Scotland, Wales and their Isles - have felt the same inspiration and urge to respond.

The Rosary has been given to us as a powerful weapon to fight the darkness of our times and to pray for Peace in our world.

Please come and add your prayers to the voices of our brothers and sisters in faith all across our nation.

CELEBRATE FAMILY WEEKEND 29/30 September at St George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, SO16 3DQ. Book online or phone 023 8029 2058. Speakers Geoff & Gina Poulter, Matt & Lucy Gwyn and David & Gio Payne.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO CAFOD'S LENT FAST DAY APPEAL. Donations until 12 May are doubled by the UK Government. They have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition—and with it they hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But they need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help them reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. They still have some way to go yet! If you haven't managed to donate yet and would like to do so go to their website cafod.org.uk/lenf

THANK YOU FROM NOREEN BEAUMONT for her birthday cards and wishes on her 90th birthday last week.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED for 2 people for 3 days (27—29 April). Contact Rosa 07448 942 566 to help.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST who are ill, receiving treatment or undergoing surgery.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 15 APRIL 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	14 APRIL	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	SJ	FOR THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEA (F)
SUN	15 APRIL	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM	SE	OSCAR SOHNA SOHNA RIP (F)
			10:00AM	SJ	FINBAR A'HERNE RIP (PB)
			11:00AM	SE	ERIC CLARKE RIP (GC&HP)
			7:00PM	SE	NELUM (AUSTRALIA) BIRTHDAY & FAMILY INTENTIONS; JUDY & MERVYN (50TH); BERNIE & EMON (40TH); JOE & MAUREEN (60TH); BERNARD & GERALDINE (40TH) - GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA)
TUES	17 APRIL	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER	10:00AM	SE	REQUIEM MASS: VERA MORRIS RIP
WED	18 APRIL	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM	SE	REG FARRINGTON RIP (F)
THURS	19 APRIL	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER	12:15PM	SJ	BOB & SONIA WARREN RIP & DOYLE FAMILY (SD)
FRI	20 APRIL	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM	SE	MAX BACON RIP (F)
SAT	21 APRIL	ST ANSELM	11:00AM	SE	PATRICK McGOWAN & BILLY KYNE—SICKNESS (MMcG)
			6:15PM	SJ	SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	22 APRIL	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM	SE	KAREN NUGENT RIP (GP&DP)
			10:00AM	SJ	WEBBER FAMILY—PAST & PRESENT (F)
			11:00AM	SE	HELENA & STANLEY HOUSTON RIP (PO)
			7:00PM	SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)

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

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 3

15 APRIL 2018—THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm Response:

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
 Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

READINGS 22 APRIL 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

1st Reading: Acts 4: 8—12
 2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1—2
 Gospel: John 10: 11—18

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

CATHOLIC HOME CARE

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

CLERGY TRAINING FUND

COLLECTION 8.4.18	1st	2nd CHURCH MAINT	HOLY PLACES 30.3.18	BALANCE 1.4.18 OUR PRIESTS
Total	£1,961.52	£348.63	£649.19	£2,575.00
Cash	1,051.52	259.25	594.81	2,575.00
S / O	728.00	71.50	43.50	-
Gift Aid Rebate	182.00	17.88	10.88	-

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