

## SMALL SEEDS AND SMALL DEEDS

God seems inclined toward the underdog. He chooses the seemingly insignificant to be the bearer of His proliferate goodwill. In today's Gospel, the insignificant seed is Jesus Himself. The seed grows to become the great shrub under which the birds can rest and shelter. Unfortunately for us, the images of the seed and the full-grown mustard plant are not snapshots from before and after the resurrection. Our entry into the spacious kingdom of God is through baptism, and into a conformity to Christ whose earthly life and death form the pattern of our true humanity.

So Christ is the mustard seed whose exemplary humility we make our own. We might talk glibly enough about the 'great and the good', but can we be great and good in a world full of enticements? There are powerful temptations to climb the greasy pole or stay at the top by less than honourable means. The rewards of high office easily become an end in themselves, false gods of wealth and prestige. Perhaps the challenge of the parable is to think small enough, to be willing to shed our delusions of grandeur. That is what it is to think of others with due regard for their dignity as well as our own.

St Therese of Lisieux, she of The Little Way, wrote in her *Story of a Soul*; "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

We rarely become holy overnight. That may be where the other of our two Gospel parables comes in to our consciousness. The kingdom is in some way like a man who sows seed which then grows unseen of its own accord. All the man should do is wait for the harvest. But that takes faith, constant faith, not passive faith, but active faith. What is sown so small grows unseen. And yet, for those who labour faithfully the harvest will be rich.

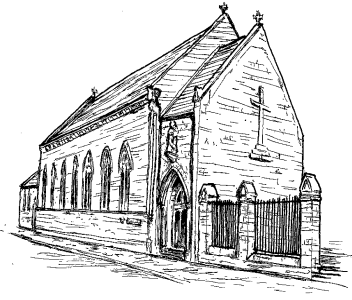
*Deacon Andy*

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### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. If the 'Word of God is like a mustard seed' says Jesus, and grows and grows (Gospel). How do you allow the 'Word of God' to grow in you? Do you listen attentively to the Scriptures at Mass? Do you read them at home?
2. 'From the top of the cedar' God has taken a shoot (1st reading). For us this is Christ. How do you enable/allow Christ to 'grow' in you? To shine through you?

*Vincent Harvey*



17 JUNE 2018  
**ELEVENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME**



**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



## TODAY: SUNDAY 17 JUNE 2018

**RETIRING COLLECTION—DAY FOR LIFE.** This year the focus is on all those who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery. It provides an opportunity to pray, reflect, and to choose the ways in which action, as well as practical and emotional support can ensure the dignity of human life is upheld at every stage of a person's life.

Pope Francis said: *"The trade in human beings violates the God-given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters, and constitutes a true crime against humanity"*. Jesus also tells us *"I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full"* (John 10:10 NJB).

Many people do not have life to the full because they are traded as objects and not recognised as persons. They have fallen victim to the scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery which are an assault on a person's innate human dignity.

For more info see Santa Marta website [www.santamartagroup.com](http://www.santamartagroup.com) **Do pick up a postcard with reflection in the porches.** To donate online go to [www.dayforlife.org/donate](http://www.dayforlife.org/donate) or by cheque made payable to CATEW and post to 39 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1BX (marked 'Day for Life' on envelope).

**PARISH THEME—'the wider world': 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time.** As children of God we are called to be peacemakers within our family, community and the wider world. How do we respond to this challenge? Do we actively participate in helping our brothers and sisters who are in distress as a result of famine, war, natural disasters? The Mustard seed parable tells us that the smallest seed grows into the biggest shrub. Do we get involved in organisations, such as CAFOD, where even our small help over time can grow to make an enormous difference in the wider world?

**THANK YOU TO FATHER MICHAEL CRONIN** for presiding at the 9am and 11am Masses today whilst Father Vincent is on pilgrimage.

**WELCOME TO KEVIN CONMEE** who is studying for the priesthood in 'The Beda' in Rome. He is with us for a few weeks.

## THIS WEEK

### FOR INFORMATION:

VH on the Santiago de Compostela Pilgrimage until Saturday 23.6.18

Monday: Day off: RB  
Tuesday: Spiritual Direction in London  
Wednesday: Springhill with Year 6  
Thursday: Diocesan Supervision  
Friday: St George College Mass + walk around  
Saturday: Hospital On-Call

**PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO:** 40 people, together with Fr Vincent and Fr Des on pilgrimage this week. Follow their journey on our Parish Website.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP** St Michael's, Bugle Street, Tuesdays 6pm—6:45pm.

**'THE PROPHETS' BIBLE STUDY COURSE** *final session* at 7:30pm Tuesday 19 June in St Edmund Hall.

**LUNCH CLUB** meet Wednesdays at 12 noon in Stella Maris Centre. Please contact Anne Monaghan if you can help or if you would like to join call Tel 023 8017 0498.


**COURSE FOR NEW SEEKERS** (*based on the Sycamore Course*) for those interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith 7:30pm Wednesdays fortnightly, last two sessions 20 June and 4 July in St Edmund Hall, Rockstone Place, Southampton, SO15 2EQ. Contact Parish Office.

**GRANDPARENTS GROUP** meet 10:30am Thursday 21 June in Stella Maris Centre.

**SOUP LUNCH** 1pm Thursday 21 June in Stella Maris Centre. All proceeds in aid of CAFOD and ACN.

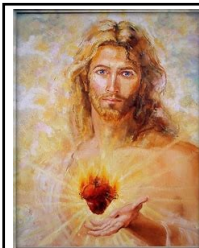
**PILATES WITH HILARY** 10am Fridays in St Edmund's Hall. Text Hilary 07786 617 302 to join.

**EU WELCOME INFO EVENING** 6pm Friday 22 June in St Edmund Lodge.

 **FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** meet Friday 22 June, 5:45pm—7:30pm Theme "Charity Evening".

**"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.

## NEXT WEEKEND



**REFLECTIONS ON THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** from the French School of Spirituality. A day of reflection will take place on Sunday 24 June 10am—4pm at St Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU. Includes Holy Mass and a simple lunch. Suggested donation of £22.50 to support their missionary activity. To book contact Father Des on [fatherdes@icloud.com](mailto:fatherdes@icloud.com) or leave a message on Tel. No. 023 8029 2337.

## NEXT WEEK

**WELCOMERS GROUP** meeting 7:30pm Tuesday 26 June in St Edmund Hall.

**RICHARD ROHR GROUP** meet at 4:30pm Thursday 28 June in St Edmund Presbytery.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING** 7:30pm Thursday 28 June in Stella Maris Centre.

**SAINTS PETER & PAUL FEAST DAY** Friday 29 June, a Holy day of obligation. Mass times: 7am and 7:30pm at St Edmund and 12:15pm at St Joseph.

**IN THE PRESENCE OF ETERNAL LOVE ~ SILENT RETREAT SPACE:** Verbum Dei Centre, Nunnery Lane, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight from 7:30pm Friday Evening to 4:15pm Saturday afternoon 29/30 June. Silent overnight retreat using the Northumbria Community Office and an input talk on Saturday morning. To book contact Patricia Yandell [patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk) / 07835 948 435 / 019 8352 9554.

**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** at St Bede's Church on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 11 am. **Please note if anyone has registered but not received a formal invitation** email: [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call St. Bede's Parish Office 012 5646 5214.

**NEW READERS & MINISTERS ROTAS NOW AVAILABLE** in the Inner Sacristy (SE)/Sacristy (SJ) from this weekend.

**21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL PEACE WALK – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July starting at 12:15pm at the Peace Fountain in East Park.** Did you know that Southampton has one of the most diverse communities in the country? Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Baha'i and many more! The Southampton Council of Faith's is celebrating its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Peace Walk. The event has been growing in popularity and there are expectations that there could be more than 250 people walking this year, visiting a Mosque, a Gurdwara, Vedic Temple and Greek Orthodox church. Many people of different faiths (and of no particular faith) have enjoyed visiting these faith centres. All welcome to express their support for Peace in the city (and the world). For more info [www.southampton-faiths.org](http://www.southampton-faiths.org)

**Final Route 2018:**

- 12:30pm Leave Peace Fountain
- 12:45pm Nanaksar Gurdwara (for lunch) leave 2pm
- 2:15pm Abu Bakr Mosque leave 2:45pm (30 mins)
- 3pm Vedic Temple (45 mins + Buddhists) leave 3:45pm
- 4:15pm Greek Orthodox Church (Bernard St) 30mins, ends at 4:45pm

**GENERAL ITEMS**



**FAREWELL TO HECTOR & BEATRIZ, AND THEIR DAUGHTERS, MARIA & SARA WHO RETURN TO MEXICO THIS WEEK.**

We said a 'formal' farewell to them after the 11am Mass last Sunday and then gathered socially in the Hall. *The family only arrived from Mexico a 'couple' of years ago and immediately got involved in the life of the Parish: 11am 'coordinator' (family), Reader (Beatriz), Altar Serving (Maria) and generally being 'around' for whatever Parish functions were taking place. Beatriz & Hector also joined our 'Pre-Marriage Prep Team' and Hector was on the 'Baptism Prep Team'. On top of all this is their obvious 'lived faith'. They will be missed by many of us ..... adios .....*

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT WORKSHOP:** from 10am—12:30pm Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Venue: Milner Hall, next to the Winchester Parish Centre. Book via Philippa Foster, Leader of Diocese Pastoral Care team [pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**MADONNA AND CHILD STATUE IN ST JOSEPH** has now been restored. The Restorer is now going to work on the St Joseph statue. *To our donor: thank you.*

**SHARE THE JOURNEY—WALK AT SOUTHAMPTON COMMON, SUNDAY 8 JULY:** Join CAFOD for the Southampton 'lap' of Pope Francis' initiative to show your support for refugees. Gather on the grass to the right of the Cowherds by 3pm. Walk 1 mile on paths around the Common. Each person walking counts as 1 mile towards the grand total. You can walk further if you wish. Go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey>

**TWO HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS JUNE 2018**

- P & G Gibbs 1st prize £20.00
- Shirley Doyle 2nd prize £10.00

**CONFIRMATION 2019:** The Sacrament of Confirmation for our Parish (together with St Boniface and St Vincent de Paul) will next be celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan in June next year (exact date to be decided) in **St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.** It is for those aged 13 by 31 August 2018, i.e. mostly school Year 9, but also older. Those eligible must be attending one of the Parish Masses at St Joseph or St Edmund (6:15pm, 9am, 10am, 11am or 7pm). **The first session of the programme is on Sunday 14 October 2018, and thereafter on the 2nd Sunday of the month (with a retreat weekend 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June 2019). Each session is from 2pm-4.30 pm in St. Boniface Hall, Shirley.**

Candidates who wish to be considered for participation need to send a short letter or e-mail to Father Vincent [vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or Father Ross [rbullock@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rbullock@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) applying to join the programme and saying why they would like to be confirmed. The candidate will then be invited to meet with Father Vincent or Father Ross to discuss the application further, and to be introduced to the programme of preparation. **Closing date to apply is 31 July 2018.**

**MESSAGE FROM ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE—**

**admissions 2019:** One of the main reasons many children were not able to get a place last year was because the **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** was not completed. To apply to St George, two things must be done:

- ⇒ Parents must apply to the Southampton City Council (Local Authority) between 1st September and 31st October 2018
- ⇒ **Parents must complete and return a SIF (with evidence if necessary) to St George by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

SIF Forms can be downloaded electronically from the school's website and emailed to [info@stgcc.co.uk](mailto:info@stgcc.co.uk) Also available on the Southampton Admissions website.

**MAJOR INCIDENTS:** The Grenfell Tower disastrous fire taught many things. One is that churches need to be ready to come to the aid of fellow citizens. Would you be free, possibly at night, to come to either St Edmund Hall or Stella Maris/St Joseph Halls to give succour (*a friendly smile, a cup of tea, a listening ear*), if there is a major incident in the city centre and people need to be sheltered in one of our halls? *The chances of this happening are of course limited, but we have agreed to support the local authority in their aid to citizens, should the worst happen.* Guidance will be given. There is a sign up list available, or speak to Deacon Andy, Fr Vincent or Fr Ross.

**A PARISH MISSION IN 2019—update:** A team of ten parishioners and clergy met last Wednesday to discuss the mission from Ascension to Pentecost 2019 (30 May— 9 June) around the theme of 'Discipleship': *To Encounter, To Follow, To Abide and to Evangelise.* A team is being set up to plan the Mission/Retreat so that as a Parish we can deepen our faith and recommit ourselves to our discipleship. **2019 is also Father Vincent's 40th Anniversary of Ordination: a reason, if one needs it, to celebrate and deepen that discipleship we all are called to.** Watch this space .....

**GDPR** is now in force. As a Parish we have to make some changes to the way we operate, though generally we are compliant. *From now on all master rotas (Coordinating, Reading, Eucharistic Ministry etc.) will not be on public view but kept in a file in the Inner Sacristy at St Edmund and Sacristy at St Joseph.* Hard copies of rotas will also be in the sacristy in a file box. This removes names etc. from public view.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all those in the parish who are ill, in hospital or receiving treatment at this time.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17 JUNE 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	16 JUNE	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM SJ	PAST & PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE HOPKINS & FACCHINO FAMILIES (F)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
			9:00AM SE	STOY & JESSIE—WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—GOD'S BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVING (ST)
SUN	17 JUNE	<b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10:00AM SJ	ALISON ROUSE RIP (DC)
			11:00AM SE	OLIVE FRIEL RIP (SMW)
			7:00PM SE	JOHN MORS—HEALING & WELLBEING (BM)
TUES	19 JUNE	<b>11TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10:00AM SE	PAUL GODDARD RIP (10AM ROSARY GROUP)
WED	20 JUNE	<b>ST ALBAN</b>	7:00PM SE	PRIVATE INTENTIONS (TQ)
THURS	21 JUNE	<b>ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA</b>	12:15PM SJ	SISTER MADELEINE RIP (REDCOTE CONVENT) (FR)
FRI	22 JUNE	<b>SS JOHN FISHER &amp; THOMAS MORE</b>	7:00PM SE	NINA ZANELLOTTI RIP (SB)
SAT	23 JUNE	<b>ST ETHELDREDA</b>	11:00AM SE	PAULINE ANGLIS—THANKSGIVING & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (MB)
			6:15PM SJ	SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	24 JUNE	<b>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	9:00AM SE	KAREN NUGENT RIP (RH & SH)
			10:00AM SJ	NEVILLE DICKENSON RIP (F)
			11:00AM SE	BABY CLAIRE WASTALL, 1ST BIRTHDAY—GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA)
			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/](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vocation/)

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 3

#### 17 JUNE 2018—11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

##### Psalm Response:

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

##### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

**Alleluia!**

### READINGS 24 JUNE 2018

#### 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Job 3: 1.8—11

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 14—17

Gospel: Mark 4: 35—41

#### 2ND COLLECTION TODAY NO 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK DAY FOR LIFE

COLLECTIONS 10 .6.18	1st	2nd Catholic Homecare
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,782.08</b>	<b>£518.19</b>
Cash	1,174.58	361.31
S / O	1,286.00	125.50
Gift Aid Rebate	321.50	31.38

### CONFESSIONS TIMES

**St Joseph:** Thurs 11:45am • Sat 5:45pm  
**St Edmund:** Saturdays 11:30am

### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Springhill Primary 023 8033 3954  
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