



24 JUNE 2018

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



**ST JOSEPH'S &
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- 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



WHAT WILL THIS CHILD TURN OUT TO BE?

The people in this week's Gospel are frightened and amazed by the mysterious events surrounding the birth of John. Only his mother and father, Elizabeth and Zechariah, know what this child will be. John the Baptist was fashioned in secret, knit by God in his mother's womb, as we sing in this Sunday's Psalm. From the womb he was set apart, formed to be God's servant, as Isaiah declares in this week's First Reading.

The whole story of John's birth is thick with Old Testament echoes, especially echoes of the story of Abraham. God appeared to Abraham and promised that his wife would bear him a son; he announced the son's name and the role Isaac would play in salvation history. The same thing happened to Zechariah and Elizabeth. Through His angel, God announced John's birth to this righteous yet barren couple. He made them call John a special name—and told them the special part John would play in fulfilling His plan for history.

As Paul says in today's Second Reading, John was to herald the fulfilment of all God's promises to the children of Abraham. John was to bring the word of salvation to all the people of Israel. More than that, he was to be a light to the nations—to all those groping in the dark for God.

We often associate John with his fiery preaching. But there was a deep humility at the heart of his mission. Paul alludes to that when he quotes John's words about not being worthy to unfasten the sandals of Christ's feet. John said, "Christ must increase. I must decrease" (*John* 3:30). We must have that same attitude as we seek to follow Jesus. The repentance John preached was a turning away from sin and selfishness and a turning of our whole hearts to the Father. We must decrease so that, like John, we can grow strong in the Spirit until Christ is made manifest in each of us. *By Dr Scott Hahn*

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TODAY: SUNDAY 24 JUNE 2018

PARISH THEME—BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST: St John the Baptist announced the coming of Jesus. Our vocation is to announce the love of God in word and deed among people. Do we show this love to our brothers and sisters in the wider world? How can we actively participate in creating a better place for those living in distress? We pray for all those working to bring peace to all the areas of conflict in our world.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



- **Marcel Kryn**, son of Artur & Sandra
- **Georgia Sebastian**, daughter of Finu & Soni who are being baptised in St Edmund Church at 12:30pm today.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Monday: Day off: VH/RB

Tuesday: Various Appointments

Weds: Hospital On-Call and Yr6 RE at Springhill

Thursday: New Yr. 7 intake at St George & Springhill Chaplaincy

Friday: Mass St. George (St Peter & St Paul)

Saturday: Westminster Cathedral for Priestly Ordinations

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

WELCOMERS GROUP meeting 7:30pm Tuesday 26 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.

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, 10am (Springhill) and 7:30pm at St Edmund Church and 12:15pm at St Joseph Church.

WELCOME TO FATHER KENNETH who arrives from Rome on Friday 29 June to spend July and August in the parish.

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

NEXT WEEKEND

'A TIME OF PRAYER' takes place at St Edmund at 12noon Sunday 1 July directly after Mass; please stay if you can.

NEXT WEEK

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

21st ANNUAL PEACE WALK – Sunday 1st 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, Judaism, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Baha'i and many more! The Southampton Council of Faith's is celebrating its 21st 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

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

MISSION TEAM meeting 7:45pm Wednesday 4 July in St Edmund Presbytery.



WEDDING BELLS—Congratulations to **Charlie Haynes & Emma Richards** who are getting married at 1pm Friday 6 July and **Francesco Morelli & Marta Romaniuk** who are getting married at 2pm Saturday 7 July, both in St Edmund Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.



FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP meet Friday 6 July, 5:45pm—7:30pm Theme "Family BBQ and Talent Show"

"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.

NIGHT FEVER Friday 6 July at 8pm (until 10:30pm) in St Edmund Church. Come along and join the Team (briefing in St Edmund Hall at 7:45pm). Team members 'invite' passers-by to 'pop in' and light a candle, write a prayer intention. A great way to 'reach out' beyond the faith community. You are also invited just to pop in and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the altar. See you Friday

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE 4pm Sunday 8 July in St Edmund Church followed by refreshments in the hall for couples who were married in the parish during 2017.

GENERAL ITEMS

GDPR is now in force. As a Parish we have to make some changes to the way we operate, though generally we are compliant. 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 will also be in the sacristy in a box file, removing names from public view.

NEW CLERGY MOVES/APPOINTMENTS: It is with sad news that we have to announce that Father Ross has been reappointed by the Bishop to another parish! For Father Ross it is, in a sense, good news, as he has been appointed as Assistant Priest to Jersey! *Congratulations Father Ross.*

To replace Father Ross, the Bishop has appointed Father Jaya Praveen as Assistant Priest in the City Centre Parish, as well as 'priest chaplain' to Southampton University. Also Father Elijah Fru Nde will join us as Assistant Priest in City Centre, combining it with studies at Southampton University.

We also welcome to the City Father Joe McNerney who had been appointed Hospital Chaplain (not living at St Edmund!!). Usually appointments are taken up the first or second week of September. The exact date has yet to be decided.

THE PROPHETS: This excellent course finished last night looking at the ultimate prophet, Jesus Christ, who has commissioned each one of us to be prophets in our own time and place. This course has been a fascinating and informative introduction to the message and lives of Old and New Testament prophets whose message is as relevant today as it was thousands of years ago. *There is enthusiasm and interest for running further Bible study courses. If you missed out this time and would be interested in taking part in future studies please contact Tina Quinn.*

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 in the Sacristy/Inner Sacristy, 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

THANK YOU FROM VICKI MUNDAY: *"Heartfelt thanks for all the prayers and support offered to my parents (and to me) following my Mum's fall and subsequent emergency hip replacement operation while they were on holiday in Italy. Mum was permitted to fly 10 days after the operation and is now at home with Dad looking after her - thanks be to God. Vicki M (7pm)."*



CELEBRATE FAMILY WEEKEND 29/30 September at St George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, SO16 3DQ. Book online or phone 023 8029 2058.

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

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 15th/16th 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 or Father Ross 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 31st October 2018**

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

EST (the Evangelisation Strategy Team) met last week and are continuing to work on welcoming and hospitality, dementia awareness, mental health initiatives and Mission 2019 planning:

- This team is in place to act as a bridge to be a voice for the parish and to support the evangelisation efforts and initiatives of the parish.
- It has a duty to be creative and responsive and needs to hear from you.
- Please do speak to any of the team, or contact them via the Parish Office, if you would like anything raised or discussed.
- Next meet 23.7.18.

Your team are: *Tina Quinn, Vicky Munday, Fran Morley, Judy Brown, Sue McCall, Bernard Duggan, Rosanna Orlando, Lalin Kumarajeewa, Aidan Brady, Stephen Iduculla, Deacon Andy, Fr Ross, Fr Vincent.*

FLAME—2 March 2019. Booking for Flame is now open! This is a highlight national event for Catholic young people in Wembley Arena, featuring inspirational international speakers, award winning music and celebrating faith and the young Church. Last year 350 people attended from Portsmouth Diocese, joining over 8000 people from all over the UK. Ages 14 - 25. Please speak to [parish organiser/parish priest] to register. NB: under 18s must attend as part of a group. Over 18s may register as an individual if their parish is not organising a group. See noticeboards.

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 24 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	23 JUNE	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
			9:00AM SE	KAREN NUGENT RIP (RH & SH)
SUN	24 JUNE	THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	10:00AM SJ	NEVILLE DICKENSON RIP (F)
			11:00AM SE	BABY CLAIRE WASTALL, 1ST BIRTHDAY—GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM SE	SINNATHAMBY MUNIYANDY RIP (SM)
TUES	26 JUNE	12TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	VICTORIA—HEALTH & WELLBEING (RB)
WED	27 JUNE	ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA	7:00PM SE	ROBERT FEERICK RIP (MF)
THURS	28 JUNE	ST IRENAEUS	12:15PM SJ	TONY MCCARTHY RIP (DN)
FRI	29 JUNE	SS PETER & PAUL	7:00AM SE	JOANNA OSIPACZ—BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (BN)
			12:15PM SJ	PATRICIA PYM—INTENTIONS (GD)
			7:30PM SE	REGINA DOBOSZ RIP (BM)
SAT	30 JUNE	FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME	11:00AM SE	MARIA CARDOSA RIP (DS)
			6:15PM SJ	PAUL GODDARD RIP (NW&AW)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	1 JULY	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	VERA MORRIS RIP (HP&GC)
			10:00AM SJ	TERRY CLARKE RIP (MC)
			11:00AM SE	THEOS ELOHIM—THANKSGIVING (F)
			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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 Father Ross Tel. No. 023 8017 2104
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Deacon: Andy Philpott
Email: aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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 Parish Website: www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk

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PA Property Admin.: Chris Barber Tel 023 8017 0499
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Polish Chaplaincy: Father Vladimir. Tel 023 8178 6316
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 Sister Valentina Stilo—Mob. 07983 883 377

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

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(Vigil Mass) Psalm Response:

From my mother's womb you have been my help.

(Sunday Mass) Psalm Response:

I thank you for the wonder of my being.

(Vigil Mass) Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, preparing for the Lord a people fit for him.

(Sunday Mass): As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him.

Alleluia!

READINGS 1 JULY 2018

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Wisdom 1:13—15; 2: 23—24

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 7.9.13—15

Gospel: Mark 5: 21—43

NO 2ND COLLECTION

TODAY

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

PETER'S PENCE

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CONFESSIONS TIMES

St Joseph: Thurs 11:45am • Sat 5:45pm

St Edmund: Saturdays 11:30am

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Springhill Primary 023 8033 3954

St Anne's School 023 8032 8200

St George College 023 8032 2603