



**5 AUGUST 2018
EIGHTEENTH
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



A SIGN WITHIN

In those times of hardship and despair the most natural reaction is to ask God to respond, and respond with a sign, something tangible that we can grasp in the midst of uncertainty. Whether this may be an answer to particular challenges and crossroads in our lives or at those times when God feels very distant? This can also happen when we are physically present in a church, at Mass or trying, trying ... to pray. God is seemingly very near but we feel nothing and we hear nothing.

The Israelites were dissatisfied and wanted to return to Egypt to find the physical food that once was theirs. This was an easier option than trusting in the way to freedom through the wilderness. Likewise, the crowd in today's gospel were following the instructions of their stomachs and wanted the food that had been provided when Jesus fed the five thousand. The crowd were hungry again and were asking for a similar physical sign. Jesus reminds them that their pursuit is in the temporary satisfaction that is found in physical food. He wants to lead them to a greater fulfilment and one that will last.

This is surely the lesson that God is wishing to teach each one of us as we try to grasp the physical, short lived reassurances that all will be well. The true and eternal sign is the presence of God living and abiding in each one of us. As Deacon Andy reminded us last week ... the mystery makes it present, as by eating His flesh and drinking His blood we become one with Him. The sign is no longer external, it is internal. We do not need to look or ask any further.

But the challenge is in the conviction. Even in those most challenging times we need something tangible. I have just finished reading a moving novel* about a young girl's longing and search for her mother's love. (Her mother dies when she was just four years old and she is desperate to know and understand the truth about her mother). She looks for clues, an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary leads her not only to the truth about her mother but to a deeper understanding of her Heavenly Mother, the one who leads us to her Beloved Son if we invite her into our hearts and homes. Mary is our greatest intercessor and one who helps us in our struggles to reach and identify with the Father.

We do not need to look or ask, our hunger and need will be satisfied in the Body that was broken for us. Our 'yes', and Our Lady's 'yes' will bring eternal fulfilment and peace.

Tina Quinn

**The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd.*

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. 'I am the bread of life' Jesus says in today's Gospel. How do you 'allow' Jesus to 'feed' you? Through prayer? In Scripture? At Mass / Eucharist?
2. When have you 'complained' to God (1st reading)? Why? Did you think God responded? What was the end result in terms of prayer, faith etc.?
3. 'Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution' Paul says (2nd reading) so that we can put on 'the new self' (Christ). How do you do that? What do you need to change spiritually to enable this to happen?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 5 AUGUST 2018

SECOND COLLECTION Church Maintenance Fund.

9AM CHOIR: We are blessed to have so many choirs, singers and musicians to enhance our liturgies. The 9am Choir are going to have break on the 12 and 19 August. We thank them, and all involved at the different Masses.

PARISH THEME AUGUST—'Peace with God': how can I be reconciled to God? What steps must I take? Who can help me?

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR AUGUST— *Universal: The treasure of Families.* That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

RECENTLY DIED:



Kate Dicksee late of Lymington. Funeral service 2:30pm Friday 10 August at the Southampton Crematorium.

Annie Jenkins late of Countess Mountbatten Hospice. Funeral Service 12noon Tuesday 14 August in St Edmund Church followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Mary Sprague late of Greensleeves Care Home (and Wilton Road, Southampton). Reception into the Church 4pm on Sunday 19 August; Requiem Mass 10am Monday 20 August followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery.

May they rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH. Visit to Jersey: RB Mon & Tues.

Tues Supervision: VH. Hospital on Call: VH

Fri RB away for summer holiday until 18.8.18

Sat Wedding: VH.

Sun Hospital on Call: VH

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION TWO from 7pm—8pm Tuesday 7 August in St Edmund Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ for those already booked.

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

MISSION TEAM meet at 7:45pm Wednesday 8 August in St Edmund Presbytery.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet at 4:30pm Thursday 9 August in St Edmund Presbytery.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH—ADORATION: takes place again from 9pm Friday 10th August. Eight Hours of prayer and adoration followed by Mass has been organised for your prayer intentions and the conversion of souls every second Friday of the month at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Lordswood. Please join them if you can. Contact Father Tomy on 07480 730 503 or call 07915 869 166 / 07533 805 459 for more info.

NEXT WEEKEND



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Kate Murelli** and **Simon Lewis** who are getting married at 1pm on Saturday 11 August in St Edmund Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

MASS & CONFESSIONS CANCELLED on Saturday 11 August at St Edmund Church.

WALKING 'PILGRIMAGE' to St Mary's in South Stoneham ... leaving at 12:5pm from St Edmund ... see all the details elsewhere in the Newsletter

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE & PICNIC from 1pm Sunday 12 August at Forest of Bere (West Walk). Meeting point West Walk Car Park (Grid Ref 595123). Costs £3.50 to park for 2—4 hours, toilets and refreshments are available. See notice boards.

NEXT WEEK

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY:

Wednesday 15 August. Masses in the Parish: St Edmund 7am & 7:30pm; St Joseph 12:15pm. The Assumption is a Holy day of Obligation.

To celebrate 'The Assumption' in a different way, a group are walking from St Edmund to St Mary's Church, South Stoneham (near Wessex Halls of Residence) via Bevois Valley, The Boardwalk, Riverside Park etc. Come along and join us.

⇒ When: **Sunday 12 August** after 11am Mass (approx. 12:15pm)

⇒ Where: Meet at St Edmund Church, The Avenue

⇒ Bring: Packed lunch and soft drink

On arrival at St Mary's we will be shown around the church, pray and have our picnic!

MASS OF ANOINTING: Saturday 18 August at 11am in St Edmund Church followed by refreshments in the hall. If you feel that you need the 'grace of the healing Sacrament' then come along. Invite others who maybe frail or ill. **Confessions will be cancelled at 11:30am.**

GENERAL ITEMS



CAFOD invite you to their Harvest Fast Day briefing meeting from 10:30am—1pm Saturday 8 September at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX to hear about their work. Please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call Jo Lewry on Mobile No. 01252 329 385.

SAINT PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA REFLECTION DAY:

Father Des Connolly SMM invites you to join Padre Pio prayer groups and other devotees to celebrate Padre Pio's birthday/Feast day on **Sunday 23 September** on the 50th Anniversary of his death. The day will be held in Saint Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU. The day begins at **10am for 10:30am and finish at 4pm and will include Mass.** A donation of £22.50 per person would be very much appreciated. Please bring a packed lunch.

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME AS PART OF THE WORSHIPPING FAITH COMMUNITY. As someone once said, 'God put the wiggle in children'!! So never be anxious about those wiggles. Here are a few tips that may help:

- ◇ Pick up a children's 'Sunday Mass' worksheet and pencil. Consider sitting near the front. It is easier for children to see and engage you can quietly explain what is happening during Mass: the actions of the priest, readers, servers, musicians etc.
- ◇ Try to join in the singing, especially the responses, and also the prayers children learn by example.
- ◇ If your child needs 'time out of the pews', feel free to take them into the foyer (but choose an 'appropriate time': not in the middle of a homily or the consecration!)
- ◇ Why not have a 'church bag' into which they can put what they wish to bring to church on a Sunday (not noisy toys though ...!): some favourite items, prayer/story books.

NEW WEBSITE TO HELP TACKLE HOMELESSNESS in Southampton www.streetsupport.net/southampton The website gives organisations and individuals the opportunity to get help or to give help. If you're involved in supporting those who are homeless, please consider uploading current needs onto the website.

CITY CENTRE CLERGY MOVES ... update:

Father Ross moving to Jersey the first week of September
Father Jaya arriving in the Parish the 1st week of Sept.
Father Elijah, we are awaiting more news/information.

EST ... EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAM ... what is this all about? Some have asked what is this 'EST'? Umm ... !

Basically the EST does the work of the CCPG (City Centre Pastoral Group) which is about identifying and responding to the pastoral needs of the Parish and beyond.

So why change? The Bishop was/is keen that Parish Councils not get involved in 'bricks and mortar' or 'maintenance issues' but in the proclamation of the Gospel: the Good News. Some Parish Councils, sadly, did get involved in issues that were really the remit of the Finance or Fabrics Committees. thankfully, due to Canon Nick France and Canon John O'Shea's leadership this never happened in City Centre, and I (Vincent Harvey) inherited a Council who was/is concerned with the living out of the Gospel message. But to emphasise that the Parish Council should be concerned with the spiritual and human development (proclamation, response, outreach, social action etc.) the Bishop has encouraged all parishes to create EST's.

Does that answer the question?

WE ARE HOPING TO LAUNCH A DEMENTIA 'SINGING FOR FUN' group monthly on a Thursday morning from 11am—12:30pm starting on 6 September in St Edmund Hall. If you are interested in helping or know of someone who would benefit from this please do contact Tina Quinn via the Parish Office.

BISHOP PHILIP'S VISITATION: Throughout the year the Bishop formally visits parishes around the Diocese. His secretary, Father Phil Carroll, has written to Father Vincent to announce a 'Visitation' over the weekend of 8/9 December 2018. This will involve presiding at one Mass, attending and preaching at most other Masses (not every Mass), meeting various groups etc. Watch this space!

THE PARISH MISSION IN 2019 ... watch this space
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CONFIRMATION 2019: The list has closed. I hope you have applied? If not then contact Father Vincent urgently!!

WELCOMING AT MASS: Thank you to all who have welcomed people to Mass, week in and week out. This 'first contact' is so important. Thank you for pursuing this ministry despite the weekly demands.

It is great that now we have more 'Welcomers' we can create weekly teams and have a rota system. This means that when not on the rota one can relax BUT keep an eye out for visitors!!!! That is the responsibility of all of us! The banners and badges highlight to those visiting that we take this ministry seriously, as does making an announcement at the beginning of Mass to welcome everyone, especially the casual visitor. Such a welcome, followed by the priest's welcome 10 minutes later will emphasise the importance we place in all those who come and join us.



CAN YOU HELP WITH THE FLOWERS AT ST EDMUND CHURCH? Please speak to Father Vincent, Father Ross or Judy Brown if you would like to volunteer to assist with the flowers at St Edmund.



FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB—HELP NEEDED! 5:30pm—7:30 pm on Friday evenings on a fortnightly basis during term time only, for children aged 8 – 12. Takes place at St Boniface Church Hall. If you are interested contact Rachel Brady, Tel: 023 80511275 or email rachelvbrady@hotmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR Pat O'Neill, Dolina MacKinnon, Judy Brown, Valerie Summerton, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Basma Azad, Eloise Chessman, Wasanti, Albert Tan, Christopher Browne, Pdraig Murphy, Bobby Murphy, Andrea Reiter, Abid & Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Disshnayake, Daham Koralage, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Doris Leggett, John O'Reilly, Bill Eastman, Shane Wing, Kathryn Morley, Carol Butt, Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Joachim Rodrigues, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Noreen Kealy, Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan, Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle, Janette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, O'Hanlon family, 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 5 AUGUST 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	4 AUG	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	PAUL GODDARD RIP (NC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	5 AUG	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM SE	PASTOR YEMI BALOGUN (SPAIN) 60TH BIRTHDAY. DR LAURA & ANDREW WASTALL'S BIRTHDAYS & MEMBERS & FAMILIES OF REVELATION TV—GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
			7:00PM SE	PAST MEMBERS OF FERNANDES FAMILY TREE (MF)
TUES	7 AUG	ST SIXTUS II & COMPANIONS	10:00AM SE	MRS CATHERINE (KITTY) CUMMINS RIP (F)
WED	8 AUG	ST DOMINIC	7:00PM SE	PATER NOSTER—THANKSGIVING & BLESSINGS (NW)
THURS	9 AUG	ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS	12:15PM SJ	KATHLEEN (PADDY) CHANDLER RIP (F)
FRI	10 AUG	ST LAURENCE	7:00PM SE	JACOB & ALICE BANKS INTENTIONS (MATTHEW)
SAT	11 AUG	ST CLARE	11:00AM SE	MASS & CONFESSIONS CANCELLED
			6:15PM SJ	PAUL DORAN RIP (JB)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	12 AUG	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	TONY O'DONNELL RIP (GC & HP)
			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM SE	JOAN DOWDING RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	THEODRE D'SOUZA RIP (CD)

DEANERY 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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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 2

5 AUGUST 2018—EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,
 says the Lord; no one can come to
 the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

READINGS 12 AUGUST 2018

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Kings 19. 4—8

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30—5:2

Gospel: John 6: 41—51

2ND COLLECTION 5.8.18 CHURCH MAINTENANCE

2ND COLLECTION 12.8.18 CATHOLIC HOME CARE

COLLECTIONS 29.7.18	1st	2nd—MISSION APPEAL REDEMPTORISTS (ZIMBABWE)
Total	£2,623.89	£1,537.49
Cash	1,016.39	1,299.99
S / O	1,286.00	—
Gift Aid Rebate	321.50	£307.50

CONFESSIONS TIMES

St Joseph: Thurs 11:45am • Sat 5:45pm

St Edmund: Saturdays 11:30am (**not 11.8.18**)