



12 AUGUST 2018
**NINETEENTH
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



I AM THE LIVING BREAD WHICH COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures—that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us. We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to “murmur” against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert.

The Gospel today uses the same word, “murmur,” to describe the crowds, who re-enact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert. Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the “son” of Joseph and Mary. Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm.

At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord Himself, touches us. He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world. This taste of the heavenly gift comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the Bread of Life, the strength and grace we need—as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert.

So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle in another reference to Israel in the desert. Let us say to God as Elijah did, “Take my life.” Not in the sense of wanting to die, but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving Him as He has loved us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.

By Dr Scott Hahn

Taken from: <https://stpaulcenter.com/take-and-eat-scott-hahn-reflects-on-the-nineteenth-sunday-in-ordinary-time/>

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. The people ‘*complained to each other about Jesus*’ (Gospel). When have you complained about God? Complained to God? Why? How did it end up?
2. Because of his situation, Elijah ‘*wished he were dead*’ (1st reading). When have you felt like that? What moved you into a ‘better space’? Did prayer or faith help? If ‘yes’, why? If ‘no’, why?
3. Try ‘*to imitate God*’ St Paul writes (2nd reading). Do you? How do you? Is it an impossible task? What helps or hinders you?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 12 AUGUST 2018

SECOND COLLECTION Catholic Home Care.

WELCOME RITES: at 9am Mass today.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:

- **Adriana D'Souza**, daughter of Armando & Guirgolin
- **Zara Katsande**, daughter of Remigio & Caroline
- **Maria Dalgedaite Castro**, daughter of Eduardo & Monika
- **Albert Jakobik**, son of Marcin & Magdalena

who are being baptised in St Edmund Church at 12:30pm today.

TO CELEBRATE 'THE ASSUMPTION' IN A DIFFERENT WAY a group are walking from St Edmund to St Mary's, South Stoneham (near Wessex Halls of Residence) via Bevois Valley, The Boardwalk, Riverside Park ... etc. **Come along and join us today after the 11am Mass (approx. 12:15pm). We meet at St Edmund Church.**

Please bring a packed lunch and a soft drink. On arrival at St Mary's we will be shown around the church, pray and have our picnic!

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.

PARISH THEME AUGUST—'Peace with God': how would you describe your relationship with God? Do you need to develop it? How?

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.

PLEASE KEEP FATHER ANTONY GATT AND FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS. Sadly his brother, Phillip, died last Friday in Ireland. We pray for the repose of Phillip's soul. May he rest in peace. Father Antony was able to be there at the end for his brother which is a great comfort to him and the family.

RECENTLY DIED:



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

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:

Sat: Wedding St Edmund. Annual Leave till 17.8.18: RB
Mon Day off: VH
Wed: Holy Day of Obligation: VH/KN
Sat: Hospital on call: VH. Mass of Anointing: VH/KN
Sun Wedding: VH

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

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm—8pm Friday 17 August in St Edmund Lodge.

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.

VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY: V-J Day 15th August 1945: We remember all those who perished in WWII in the Far East as we recall VJ Day this coming Wednesday. Leila Barratt's (a parishioner) grandfather, Patrick Nolan (father of Theresa) was in Singapore when it fell to the Japanese. 600 service personnel were taken to Rabaul and only 18 survived (Patrick was one of them). Many thousands died in what is often known as the 'forgotten war'. We remember them this Wednesday.

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA REUNION 7:45pm Friday 17 August in St Edmund Hall.

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

NEXT WEEKEND

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.**

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT led by Marian Fathers. 11am—4:30pm Saturday 18 August at St John's RC Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3HG. All Welcome, bring a packed lunch. See noticeboards for the full programme.

WEDDING BELLS: Our congratulations to:



Tenemaga & Amenan Coulibaly who are getting married at 1:30pm Saturday 18 August in St Edmund Church.

Samuel Guyer & Elina Berzina who are getting married in Lyndhurst on Sunday 19 August. *May God bless them all the days of their lives.*

NEXT WEEK

FAREWELLS TO FATHER ROSS after 6:15pm Mass Saturday 25 August and 10am Mass Sunday 26 August in Stella Maris Hall. A bring and share event.

GENERAL ITEMS

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day briefing 10:30am—1pm Saturday 8 September at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX to hear about their work. Please book by email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

HOUSE-SHARE: "I am moving to a house in Bitterne, 3 miles from St. Edmund Church. There is an extra room to rent. If you are interested in a house-share with another single, female, Catholic parishioner of St. Edmund Church, please contact Claire via the Parish Office. Thank you."

HEALING DAY with Little Way Healing Ministries: on **Saturday 1 September 2018, 10am – 4.30pm**, Please note the new venue: Third Age Centre 3AC, 11 Cranbury Terrace, Southampton SO14 0LH. Father Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching and healing. Please invite relatives, friends and neighbours, no need to be a churchgoer or even a believer. Come all day or just pop in. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'... **Come and see.** Tea and coffee will be provided. Booking not required!

NEW WEBSITE TO HELP TACKLE HOMELESSNESS in Southampton www.streetssupport.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.

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 leave a message for Tina Quinn via the Parish Office.

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.

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: The Team met on Wednesday to discuss the timeline, group involvement, 'Mission Prayer'. Mr Paul Inwood has produced a Parish hymn on the theme of the Mission. Watch/listen out for it!!

CONFIRMATION 2019: The list has closed. I hope you have applied? If not then contact Father Vincent urgently!!

PLEASE KEEP VALUABLES SAFE AT ALL TIMES DURING MASS handbags have been stolen in the past.

200 CLUB WINNERS—AUGUST 2018

1st prize Father Vincent Harvey £20.00
2nd prize Linda Ralph £10.00

THE SVP IS SEEKING TO RECRUIT A YOUNG VINCENTIANS PROGRAMME MANAGER, and a Mini Vinnies Officer as part of the expansion of their youth programme.

Young Vincentians Programme Manager: £30kpa; full time permanent contract. Closing date: 3pm Thursday 23rd August. Interviews: Thursday 30th August. Start date: ASAP.

Mini Vinnies Officer: £23k pro rata; 2 days/wk; one year contract. Closing date: 10am Monday 20th August. Interviews: Friday 24th August. Start date: ASAP.

Both roles based at national office. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/>

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?



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.

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, Padraig 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 12 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	11 AUG	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	PAUL DORAN RIP (JB)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
		NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	TONY O'DONNELL RIP (GC & HP)
SUN	12 AUG		10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM SE	JOAN DOWDING RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	THEODRE D'SOUZA RIP (CD)
TUES	14 AUG	ST MAXIMILIAN MARIA KOLBE	10:00AM SE	JOAN DOWDING RIP (F)
			12:00PM SE	REQUIEM SERVICE: ANNIE JENKINS RIP
WED	15 AUG	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	7:00AM SE	JOAN DOWDING RIP (F)
			12:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:30PM SE	ANNA AYLES RIP (GP)
THURS	16 AUG	ST STEPHEN	12:15PM SJ	KATE DICKSEE RIP (SB & IK)
FRI	17 AUG	19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	18 AUG	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE	MASS OF ANOINTING (CONFESSIONS CANCELLED)
			6:15PM SJ	SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	19 AUG	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM SE	EVELYN ROSE NOLAN RIP (2ND ANNIVERSARY— (REMEMBERING HER FIGHT FOR LIFE & THE FAMILY SHE LEFT BEHIND) (JS)
			4:00PM SE	RECEPTION INTO CHURCH OF THE LATE MARY SPRAGUE
			7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Springhill Primary 023 8033 3954
 St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
 St George College 023 8032 2603

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 3

12 AUGUST 2018

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

READINGS 19 AUGUST 2018

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Proverbs 9: 1—6
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 15—20
 Gospel: John 6: 51—58

2ND COLLECTION TODAY CATHOLIC HOME CARE

NO 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

COLLECTIONS 5.8.18	1st	2nd—CHURCH MAINT. FUND
Total	£2,830.79	£301.53
Cash	1,223.29	195.90
S / O	1,286.00	84.50
Gift Aid Rebate	321.50	21.13

CONFESSIONS TIMES

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