



29 JULY 2018
**SEVENTEENTH
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



THE FOOD BEYOND FULL COMPREHENSION

With the exception of our second reading, this Sunday's scripture tells of food, and prolific food at that. No, the Church has not lost sight of its social teaching, nor has gluttony been expunged from the list of sins. Elisha, infused with God's power, fed a hundred men with 20 loaves and then some leftovers. Jesus, who is the Son of God feeds five thousand men, saying nothing of the uncounted women and children, adds Matthew. The psalmist writes, *'you open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.'*

Jesus is the Word of God become flesh. Because He is the Word, we live from Him. Because He is the Word become flesh, He places himself at our disposal, subject to the vulnerabilities of all flesh. This sign, first given on the shores of Tiberias, continues to be given in the Eucharist. The bread of life is offered to us as the Word is proclaimed. The living bread nourishes us as we eat His body and drink His blood.

It is a sign, in the first place, of generosity and limitless love. The little boy making his brief appearance in this gospel story is eternally remembered for his willingness to share what he had brought. The Son of God is eternally remembered for His great act of love when He opened wide His hands on the cross, gave up His spirit and granted the desires of all who live.

It is easy for us to understand and admire the imagery, the symbolism, involved in this talk of bread. It is more difficult to realise the mystery it makes present, that we become one with Him as we eat His flesh and drink His blood. And of this mystery, St Paul writes to the people of Ephesus saying *'there is one Body'*, as there is just one Lord and one Spirit. By living in that Body, which is His Church, we experience the generous love of God, we are drawn to live in charity and selflessness, in gentleness and patience.

Deacon Andy Philpott

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Peter, Philip and the other disciples trusted in Jesus (Gospel: feeding of the 5000) and experienced the result. When have you 'trusted' in Jesus? When have you 'experienced' the result of trust?
2. 'Lead a life worthy of your vocation' St Paul writes (2nd reading). Do you? Have you? How can you be more true to your particular vocation?
3. 'Give to the people to eat' Elisha says (1st reading). Do you 'feed' others: their bodies, minds, and spirits? How? When?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 29 JULY 2018

SECOND COLLECTION at all Masses this weekend. *Welcome to Father Jimmy Swale C.Ss.R. who is making the Redemptorist Mission Appeal.* The community in Zimbabwe is flourishing but short of funds. There will be a retiring collection for the Redemptorist community in Zimbabwe.

WELCOMING LAUNCH WEEKEND. Thank you to the forty or so people who have agreed to continue to be, or to become, 'Welcomers' at our weekend Masses. They will wear badges, to be obvious to visitors, introduce the Mass and invite quiet prayer **Please do stay for refreshments afterwards.**

PARISH THEME: JULY: 'Specific individuals': we pray for particular people who are struggling with health, faith or even life.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Father RB helping in Alderney until Wednesday

Mon Day off: VH

Thurs Hospital on call: RB/VH

Fri Housebound visits: VH

Sat Hospital on call: RB/VH

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

LUNCH CLUB meet Wednesday 1 August for their away day lunch before their summer break and commence meeting again in September.

MARTHA'S MANAGEMENT TEAM meeting 7:45pm Wednesday 1 August in St Edmund Presbytery.

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

NEXT WEEKEND



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Martyn Scott** and **Catherine Allan** who are getting married at 1pm on Saturday 4 August in St Edmund Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

NEXT WEEK

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

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.

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.

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



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.

GENERAL ITEMS

MASS OF ANOINTING: Saturday 18 August at 11am following 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.



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.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 3—10 October 2018. Cost £589 for 7 nights (1/2 board). Single room supplement £130 (Insurance £30). For further details please email: wey.medi@gmail.com or contact John Hoskins (07956 297 503).



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.

A PARISH MISSION—update: A team of ten parishioners and clergy met to continue plans for the mission from Ascension to Pentecost 2019 (30 May – 9 June 2019) around the theme of 'Discipleship': To Encounter, To Follow, To Abide and to Evangelise. A team has been 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.* All parish groups will be invited to prepare the Parish for the mission, and to be active during it and beyond it.

THANK YOU to Julie Jack for £100 donated from the sale of her cards in aid of the Church Maintenance Fund.

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.

JULY 200 CLUB WINNERS

Cecily Head	1st Prize	£20
Father Vincent	2nd prize	£10

FIRE DRILLS: There is a Diocesan requirement for us to carry out fire drills in all Churches at least once a year and this will take place at some point during weekend Masses in the month of August. *When the alarm sounds please follow instructions from the fire wardens, evacuate the Church as quickly and safely as possible using all available exit routes and go to the Fire Assembly Area outside the Church.* The whole process should take a maximum of 10 minutes to complete and your cooperation in this important exercise will be very much appreciated. *Chris Barber, Area Property Administrator.*

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.

St John Paul II Pilgrimage

Bury St Edmunds - Walsingham 2nd-5th August 2018



Join the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph walking 50 miles for the New Evangelisation!

£90 for individuals
 £60 for students/unemployed
 £50 for families

To book: www.dominicansistersofstjoseph.org/JPII

For more information: megan@dominicansistersofstjoseph.org/
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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 **TUESDAY 31 JULY 2018**

FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB—HELP NEEDED! They are looking for new volunteers, to help on a rota basis with the Frogz Junior Youth Group for the pastoral area, based at St Boniface Church Hall. Frogz is run on Friday evenings on a fortnightly basis during term time only, for children aged 8 – 12. It is an informal group where the children have free time to play table tennis and a choice of other various other games. There is a tuck shop and a short activity is planned as a focus for each session. Time commitment per volunteer would normally require two Friday evenings per term from 5:30pm—7:30 pm.

As there is a natural turnover of volunteers, the club can only survive with ongoing new support. You might be looking for some experience of working with children, you might be a parent or grandparent of a child who would like to come to Frogz, or just generally enjoy working with children. 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 29 JULY 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	28 JULY	VIGIL MASS		6:15PM SJ	JAMES TORLEY RIP (JH)
				7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
		SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		9:00AM SE	VERA MORRIS RIP (GP & DP)
SUN	29 JULY			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
				11:00AM SE	JAMES McCONNELL RIP (KB)
				7:00PM SE	JEAN KAYE RIP (TQ)
TUES	31 JULY	ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA		10:00AM SE	KIRSTEN MARINEL RIP (GACA FAMILY & FRIENDS)
WED	1 AUGUST	ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI		7:00PM SE	BARBARA PAWLISZ—WELLBEING (WN)
THURS	2 AUGUST	ST EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI		12:15PM SJ	CLAIRE—GET WELL PRAYERS (DB)
FRI	3 AUGUST	17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME		7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	4 AUGUST	ST JOHN VIANNEY		11:00AM SE	VINCENT & ANNETTE—EVERY BLESSING FOR MARRIAGE (TQ)
				6:15PM SJ	PAUL GODDARD RIP (NC)
				7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	5 AUGUST	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		9:00AM SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
				10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
				11:00AM SE	PASTOR YEMI (SPAIN) 60TH BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING & BLESSINGS. ALAN WEST RIP (14.7.18) (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
				7:00PM SE	PAST MEMBERS OF FERNANDES FAMILY TREE (MF)

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/

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 1

29 JULY 2018—SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response:

You open wide your hand,
 O Lord, and grant our desires.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
 you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

READINGS 5 AUGUST 2018

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2—4, 12—15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17. 20—24

Gospel: John 6: 24—35

2ND COLLECTION 29.7.18

REDEMPTORISTS ZIMBABWE

2ND COLLECTION 5.8.18

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

COLLEC-TIONS	1st 8.7.18	2nd 8.7.18 AOS	1st 16.7.18 (no 2nd)	1st 22.7.18	2nd 22.7 Catholic
Total	£2,721.1	£904.31	£2,952.81	£2,898.36	£497.11
Cash	1,113.60	793.68	1,345.31	1,290.86	347.73
S / O	1,286.00	88.50	1,286.00	1,286.00	119.50
Gift Aid Rebate	321.50	22.13	321.50	321.50	29.88

CONFESSIONS TIMES

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