



23 SEPTEMBER 2018
TWENTY-FIFTH
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



BEING CHILDREN OF GOD IN JESUS' UPSIDE DOWN WORLD

Today we begin with the second of three predictions of the passion given by Jesus in Mark's Gospel. There is a biblical tradition that a threefold repetition gives emphasis and dignity to a pronouncement. These predictions are inserted with very little reference to the rest of the narrative and have the air of bell-tolling in the background. The predictions are each constructed in the same way with Jesus' teaching followed by misunderstanding, and today's prediction is contrasted starkly with the pettiness of the disciples' bickering.

Jesus responds to the disciples, perhaps in a style similar to that of many parents correcting their children, *"If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all."* This basic Christian teaching, common to all the Gospels, is one that has not always been honoured. An attitude of servanthood is not one which permits a triumphal attitude, yet much of our history sadly, has been about seeing ourselves as religiously better than others. Internal conflict about who 'is better than', is compounded when it spills into the wider community distorting the message of Jesus.

Jesus' teaching about the attitude of the disciple, that's us of course, is extended. In the first part, the disciples are told that a measure of their discipleship is their attitude to power. In the second part, discipleship can be judged on the disciple's attitude to children; this includes those who occupy the same vulnerable position of children in the community. Service to the weak, those who society calls insignificant, is the concern of those who would be Christian.

This is what our Christian vocation is about. It is allowing Jesus to call us into what might be seen by others to be His upside world where weak means strong, leader means servant, death means glory, child means God. It is saying that obedience to Christ sets you free, and that not having control over your life, through such things as wealth, makes you fully human.

Deacon Andy Philpott

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. The disciples were arguing 'Which of them was the greatest?' and missed the point of 'service' (Gospel). When have you been more concerned about your 'position' rather than what you can offer others?
2. When do you try to 'destroy' the reputation of others because they 'oppose your way of life'? (1st reading). Why?
3. What 'desires' are 'fighting within yourself' (2nd reading) and affect your relationship with others or your outlook on life?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2018

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Church Maintenance.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY to St Mary's, South Stoneham today leaving St Edmund Church at 12:25pm (weather permitting).

PARISH THEME SEPTEMBER—PEACE IN AND THROUGH EDUCATION: We pray for all those who are denied access to education. We pray for those who are unable to attend school because of war, disaster or lack of resources. We pray for those who are denied education by oppressive regimes. We pray for all those who are working to bring education to children and young people in difficult circumstances, in refugee camps, in war torn countries and places suffering extreme poverty.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: Universal: Young People in Africa. That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

ANNUAL MASS COUNTS will take place this weekend, 30 September and 7/14 October.



RECENTLY DIED: Dolina (Dolly) MacKinnon, late of Devonshire Road, Southampton. Please pray for Dolly who died last Tuesday after a long illness. May she rest in peace. Pray also for her daughters, Catherine and Marion and the family.

William (Liam) Ward, late of Peartree Avenue, Southampton. Requiem Mass 11:45am Thursday 11 October in St Edmund Church followed by committal at the East Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon JP day off. Mon-Thurs VH away
Thurs: Springhill Chaplaincy: VH/JP
Fri Springhill Mass: VH
Sat Wedding: VH
Sun Baptism: VH

PLANNING MEETING: PARISH PARTY FOR FATHER VINCENT'S 70TH BIRTHDAY. We are hosting a bring and share food and refreshments party at St Anne's School Hall at 7:30pm on Friday 2 November to celebrate Father Vincent's 70th birthday (5.11.1948). ****A planning meeting is being held at 7pm Monday 24 September in St Edmund Hall (tomorrow night) for all who wish to help in any way.****

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP meet at St Michael's Church, Bugle Street, Tuesdays 5:45pm—6:45pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION for parents who have booked to have their children baptised in the parish; from 7pm—8pm Tuesday 25 September in St Edmund Hall.

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL 'Day of Reflection' from 9am to 3pm Wednesday 26 September in St Edmund Church. There will be no Adoration during this time.

POETRY SHARE—THEME 'JOY'! 7:15pm Thursday 27 September in St Joseph Church, Bugle Street. Please bring a poem on the theme of 'joy'; one of your favourites or one you have written yourself, or just come and listen.

INTERESTED IN FINDING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Come along to the parish Journey in Faith group. Meet Wednesdays at 7:30pm in St Edmund Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ. They look forward to welcoming you. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

MISSION TEAM meeting 7pm Thursday 27 September in St Edmund Presbytery.

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

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE: The 7pm evening mass on the last Friday of each month from the end of September will be offered for Priests and vocations to the religious life. The Mass will be followed by half an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and will include a Rosary for the same intention. *"There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist"* Pope John Paul II 2004. All welcome.

NEXT WEEKEND



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Tom Bell & Tara Anglim** who are getting married at 1pm Saturday 29 September in St Edmund Church. God bless them all the days of their lives.

CAFOD appeal at Masses for 'Family Fast Day' next weekend.

NEXT WEEK

MARRIAGE PREPARATION TEAM MEETING 6pm Monday 1 October in St Edmund Hall.

MARTHA'S MANAGEMENT MEETING 7:45pm Wednesday 3 October in St Edmund Presbytery.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet 4:30pm Thursday 4 October in St Edmund Presbytery.

ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN EVENING Thursday 4 October, starting at 6pm. The college is celebrating its best ever results this year, with a fantastic 78% of students achieving grades 4—9 and 61% grades 5—9 (including English and Maths). The Open Evening offers an excellent opportunity to have a look around the college, hear from the Head of School, meet staff, students and a chance to find out about how to apply for a place at St George for your child to start in September 2019. There's also an Open Morning 9am—10:30am Wednesday 10 October, allowing families to visit the college on a regular working day. See website www.stgcc.co.uk or call 023 8032 2603.

CATHOLIC SINGLES: an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one-to-one or through social events. See www.catholicingles.org.uk or call 0161 941 3498.

RETHINK—MENTAL HEALTH CARERS SUPPORT GROUP will start to meet on a monthly basis from 6:30pm—8:30pm on Thursdays. The first meeting will take place on 4 October in St Edmund Hall.



CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY 5th October. On Family Fast day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer.

LGBT+ CHRISTIANS SOUTHAMPTON AND AROUND invite you to an evening with Revd Steve Chalke Baptist Minister, Broadcaster, Author, Activist, Evangelist, Educationalist. 'What's Love got to do with it? – LGBT+ Inclusion, the Bible and the Church' 6:30pm for 6:45pm Friday 5 October at St Albans Church, Tulip Road, Swaythling, SO16 3BB.

NIGHT FEVER from 8pm Friday 5 October in St Edmund Church. Meet in the church hall beforehand.

ROSARY UNDER THE CROSS: 3pm Sunday 7 October (Feast of the Most Holy Rosary) in St Edmund Church as a follow up to the Rosary on the Coast which we held last April 29th. *The intention is to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries in Penance and Reparation for the sins committed within the Church and the nation against faith, life and love.* Please support this international initiative if you can.

GENERAL ITEMS

A DAY WITH MARY AT THE CATHEDRAL has become an annual event being held on Saturday 13 October from 9:30am—5pm this year.

ROSARY PRAYER CHAIN DURING OCTOBER, Month of the Holy Rosary. We are inviting you to join the Parish Decade Rosary Prayer Chain again during the month of October. Same format as during Lent. You undertake to say a particular decade of the Rosary each day of October at home in union with the rest of the Parish for our intention. *Names will be collected at the end Sunday Masses on the last weekend of September. Please join us in this powerful devotion.*

NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS 2:30pm Saturday 6 October at Westminster Cathedral. Principal celebrant Bishop John Sherrington. Servers to bring their vestments to the Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue (entrance by the rear door) and be ready to process into the Cathedral by 2pm. See noticeboards for more info.

DAY FOR ADULTS WHO HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM, RCIA: Saturday 20 October, 10am to 4pm at Portsmouth Cathedral, led by the Formation for Mission Team (mainly Dominican Sisters from Sway). Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for all Diocesan catechists and Children's Liturgy teams. **Book online at:** <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters: 015 9068 1874.

THE PARISH MISSION IN 2019: Watch this space.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: Throughout October we are inviting registration for First Holy Communion 2019. Children should be baptised Catholics, in year 3 or above and regularly attending Mass with their family in the City Centre Parish of St Joseph & St Edmund. Sessions will involve the attendance of children together with their parent/s. Registration for the programme will take place after 9am, 10am and 11am Sunday Masses throughout October (last registration date Sunday 28 October). Please come with your child to St Edmund Hall or the Stella Maris Centre on any of these Sundays where Catechists will be available to sign you up, give you the full programme details and answer any questions. The cost per child will be £35 to cover materials etc. Please bring both the fee and your child's baptism certificate with you to register.

SLEEP OUT 2018 takes place from 7:30pm on Friday 19 October at the Guildhall Square, Southampton to raise awareness of the devastating impact homelessness has on people's lives. *They are encouraging 150 people to take part to raise funds to support the work of The Society of St James charity and to give a taste of how difficult it really is to have to sleep on the street.* See noticeboards. To take part or make a donation visit www.ssj.org.uk/sleep-out

ANNUAL 'INTERNATIONAL MASS' when we celebrate the universality of the Church which is reflected very much in our City Centre Parish. This will take place on Sunday, 21 October at 7pm. **Please make a note** bring your 'national food dish' to share; dress in your 'national costume', be prepared to carry your 'national flag' in procession, some people will be approached to read in their native language WATCH THIS SPACE.

CONFIRMATION 2019: Thank you to all who contacted and came to see Father Vincent and have returned their forms/permission etc. Sadly we have had to turn down people who have ONLY NOW made contact (7 weeks after the cut-off date!!). Sorry!

SCIENCE – OR – RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM: Saturday 3 November 10am – 4pm in The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's Church) To book go to website <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>

PLEASE PRAY FOR Margot Lagerwall, Dianne Franklin, Karen Bell, John Hennessy, Aruni Panabokke, Biddie Gooding (treatment recovery), Pat O'Neill, Judy Brown, Valerie Summerton, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Anushka Ponniah, Kushmi De'Saram, Keiran Wastall, Eloise Chessman, Albert Tan, Christopher Browne, Padraig Murphy, Bobby Murphy, Andrea Reiter, Abid & Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Disshnayake, Daham Korlage, 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 23 SEPTEMBER 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)

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| SAT | 22 SEP | VIGIL MASS | 6:15PM SJ | JOHN LEONARD RIP (JH&CH) |
| | | | 7:00PM SE | MASS IN POLISH |
| | | | 9:00AM SE | DEPARTED SOULS OF THE GOMES FAMILY (AG&PG) |
| SUN | 23 SEP | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 10:00AM SJ | DERRY DONOVAN RIP (DONOVAN FAMILY) |
| | | | 11:00AM SE | BEATRIZ FERNANDEZ VÁZQUEZ (RV) |
| | | | 7:00PM SE | ALESSANDRO COSTA—BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (EE) |
| TUES | 25 SEP | 25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | 10:00AM SE | EILEEN FRANCES KINGWELL RIP (NK) |
| WED | 26 SEP | SS COSMAS & DAMIAN | 7:00PM SE | JOSE FERRAO RIP (GF) |
| THURS | 27 SEP | ST VINCENT DE PAUL | 12:15PM SJ | MADELEINE WARBURG RIP (F) |
| FRI | 28 SEP | ST WENCESLAUS | 7:00PM SE | ANNIE RIP (ALICE O'DONNELL & FAMILY) |
| SAT | 29 SEP | THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL | 11:00AM SE | JULIETTE WHITE RIP (PW) |
| | | | 6:15PM SJ | LAURENCE & MARIE ELIZABETH CRAWLEY RIP (F) |
| | | | 7:00PM SE | MASS IN POLISH |
| SUN | 30 SEP | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9:00AM SE | LEO 16TH BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (SL) |
| | | | 10:00AM SJ | RAY GODDARD RIP (SAB) |
| | | | 11:00AM SE | MARGARET HICKS—RETIREMENT—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (PRESBYTERY & PARISH OFFICE) |
| | | | 7:00PM SE | TINA (FAUSTINA) NANZIRI RIP (JC) |

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 1

23 SEPTEMBER 2018 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response:

The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will
have the light of life.

Alleluia!

READINGS 30 SEPTEMBER 2018 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25—29

2nd Reading: James 5: 1—6

Gospel: Mark 9:38—43. 45. 47—48

2ND COLLECTION TODAY CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC HOME CARE

| COLLECTIONS | 1st | 2nd |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 16.9.18 | | HOME MISSION SUNDAY |
| Total | £2,926.10 | £218.40 |
| Cash | 1,318.60 | 167.15 |
| S / O | 1,286.00 | 41.00 |
| Gift Aid | 321.50 | 10.25 |

CONFESSIONS TIMES

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