

SERVING JESUS BY BEING HIS VOICE

The Gospel of John's opening verses include the two affirmations, "In the beginning was the Word" ... "The Word was made flesh, and lived among us." Jesus is the embodied voice of God. One of the characteristics of Mark's Gospel is that not only does Jesus make great statements that are profound in their impact, but that Jesus draws out from others great sayings, including from this scribe with whom he enters into dialogue.

In conversation with Jesus the scribe not only asks a question, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' but shows his willingness to speak of his own conviction, that the two commandments forming Jesus' response are greater than any sacrifice and holocaust.

Of course, most of these questions are asked not with a view to finding answers but with a view to avoiding answers. The high priests, Sadducees, and scribes etc., voice their questions as an expression of their fear of Jesus' teaching. They ask Him about His authority, they try to trap Him in regard to the question of paying taxes to the Romans, and the Sadducees seek to show the impossibility of the Resurrection (which they did not believe in) through a question about marriage. However, often the question damages the questioner and not Jesus.

In the UK we have a judicial system with a significant complexity and heavy cost, which is in part a product of the pursuit of truth. Ultimately however, we cannot force the truth out of others, but we can choose to speak the truth ourselves, just as we can choose to love others, but not choose to be loved by others. Yet in speaking truth, we make it possible for the truth to come to us. In giving we receive and this is especially true of truth itself.

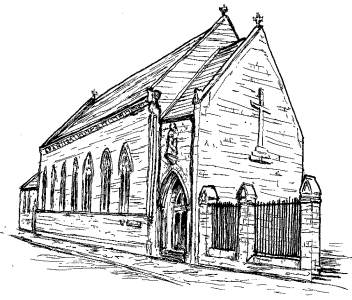
The voice or Word of God becoming flesh, the incarnation, surely means, in part at least, that the truth of God will be spoken in dialogue with humankind. In Jesus, we hear the voice of God, and as His followers we are charged with speaking His truth.

Deacon Andy Philpott

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength ... and your neighbour as yourself' Jesus says in today's Gospel. When have you done this? What have you failed to do this? How can you better do this?
2. The 'widow' gave all she had and more to Elijah (1st reading). When have you 'given' all you had to another? Why? Could you have done more?

Vincent Harvey



4 NOVEMBER 2018
**THIRTY-FIRST
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



TODAY: SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2018

BAMENDA SUNDAY when we pray for our twin diocese of Bamenda: for Archbishop Cornelius, Bishop Bibi, the clergy and all its people. We pray for the projects and people we have supported over the years, and pray especially for the political situation Cameroon now finds itself in (people driven from their homes, villages destroyed, people killed remembering especially the seminarian killed by Cameroonian troops recently). As we pray for them, we also support them and their projects through our retiring collection today. See prayer elsewhere ... please take home a Bamenda newsletter.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE today. Meet at 2pm at Bolton's Beach.

BLESSING OF PRE-MARRIAGE COUPLES at the 7pm Mass. We pray for, and bless, the 8 couples who are currently attending the Parish 'pre-marriage' course.

PARISH THEME NOVEMBER—World Peace: During the Angelus on the 1st September 2013 Pope Francis said: *"There is a judgement of God and of history upon our actions which are inescapable! Never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence..."*

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: In the Service of Peace. That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

A month long celebration of remembrance and prayer for those who have gone before us. Please take the opportunity to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends in the *Book of the Dead* near the water font in St Edmund Church and near the altar in St Joseph Church available from 1 November.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

- Mon JP/VH Day off
Tues Team Meeting: VH/JP/EN/AP
Chapter Meeting: VH
Mass for Deceased clergy: VH
Birthday celebration again!: VH
Wed St Anne Mass: VH
Catholic Association, London: VH
Thurs Hospital on call: VH
Fri Jesu Caritas, B'stoke: VH
Sat Bereavement Mass: VH
Sun Cenotaph: VH

FATHER VINCENT'S 70TH! *"Thank you to all for your best wishes, cards, gifts and prayers for my 70th (5th November). As we go to press I know that things are being organised for 'The Party' on Friday evening. Thank you to those who initiated the event, planned it and for all who have contributed and turned up I hope!*

I had a lovely family gathering with my sister and her family, my 3 brothers & wives (from Guernsey), and all my nephews and nieces who live in the UK....together with all their children a great gathering. I am so blessed" VH

PRAYER FOR BAMENDA

Heavenly Father,

Bless the Bamendan priests serving us.

Pour out your Spirit on the people of Cameroon to fill the hearts and minds of all parties so that peace and justice may be restored to the region and all peoples live in harmony with each other.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP meet at St Michael's Church, Bugle Street, Tuesdays 6pm—6:45pm. Entry through the North door.

WINCHESTER CATHOLIC HISTORY GROUP LECTURE 'St Philip Neri—Apostle of Rome' 7:30pm Monday 5 November at The Milner Hall, St Peter Street, Winchester, SO23 8BW.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 7:30pm continues Tuesdays 6 and 13 November in St Edmund Hall for those who have registered.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB 12 noon Wednesdays in Stella Maris Centre. Please contact Anne Monaghan in the Parish Office if you would like to join.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) continue to meet every Wednesday from 7:30pm in St Edmund Hall. For those wishing to find out more about the Catholic Faith.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY—ANNUAL MEETING Thursday 8 November in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Mass commences at 12:15pm followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary at the Altar of Our Lady. Meeting starts at 2pm in the Cathedral Centre.

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

EIGHT HOURS OF PRAYER AND ADORATION in front of the Blessed Sacrament (followed by Mass) is organised for your prayer intentions and the conversion of souls every second Friday of the month at Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Lordswood. Please join them Friday 9 November from 9pm. Contact Fr Tomy on 07480 730 503, 07915 869 166 or 07533 805 459.

NEXT WEEKEND

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED 11am Saturday 10 November in St Edmund Church when we remember those who have died in the parish over the past year and all who have died. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. ***There will be no confessions after Mass.***

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION for all candidates 2pm—4:30pm Sunday 11 November in St Boniface Hall.

NEXT WEEK

ST ANNE'S YEAR 9 MASS 2:15pm Wednesday 14 November in St Edmund Church.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP meet from 11am—12 noon Thursday 15 November in Stella Maris Centre.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet at 4:30pm Thursday 15 November in St Edmund Presbytery.

EST GROUP meet at 7pm Thursday 15 November in St Edmund Presbytery.

DEMENTIA SINGING CAFÉ—"THE FORGETMENOT" next meet from 11am—12:30pm Thursday 15 November in St Edmund Hall. Please place donations of knitting wool to be made into twiddle muffs in the box in St Edmund Church foyer. Any queries contact Tina 023 8033 3589.

ST ANNE'S YEAR 8 MASS 2:15pm Friday 16 November in St Edmund Church.

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm—8pm Friday 16 November in St Edmund Lodge.

INTERFAITH 'STEPS FOR PEACE' Sunday 18 November beginning at the Peace Fountain at 12:30pm in East Park. Visiting: Medina Mosque, Nanaksar Gurdwara, Synagogue, St Edmunds Church, and Friends House.

GENERAL ITEMS

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK 1—7 November. In order to raise awareness of legacy giving in the Catholic Church, Your Catholic Legacy runs Catholic Legacy Week. This takes place during the first week of November each year. The initiative highlights the importance of leaving a gift in your Will to a Catholic cause: a parish, diocese, national Church or charities. See leaflets for more details email www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk / 020 7095 5370.

POETRY SHARE 7:15pm Thursday 22 November St Joseph Church, Bugle Street. The theme is **Peace and New Life**. As we begin to look towards Christmas we will share a relaxed evening in the Stella Maris Centre with refreshments from the beginning. As usual, bring a poem on Peace or New Life or just come to listen and reflect.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE CANONISATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO: St John's Cathedral on Saturday 24 November at 2pm. To be celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan. The Mass will be followed by a keynote address in the Discovery Centre about the life and works of Saint Oscar Romero. For more info email or call Mugeni m.sumba@oaklandscatholicschool.org / 07843 514 376.



CONCERT & CAKES 3pm Sunday 25 November in St Joseph Church, 48 Bugle Street, Southampton, SO14 2AH. A fundraising event in aid of the School — of Joy, Special Needs School in Beit Sahour (near Bethlehem). Featuring:

- St Marys Independent School Musical Dept
 - Sarah Cooney McQuat
 - Dan O'Farrell
 - Nick Guyer & Tim Patten
 - Hampshire Barbershop Quartet Drastic Measures
- Tickets £5pp will be for sale on the door/tea and cakes on sale too. Email Janek Codlin janekheath@gmail.com to book.

WELCOMERS GROUP MEETING 'Looking Back / Going Forward'. Father Vincent and Tina look forward to meeting with all the Parish Welcomers Groups at 7:45pm Friday 30 November in St Edmund Hall.

PARENTS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION EVENING 7pm Tuesday 4 December in St Anne's School Hall, Rockstone Place.

BISHOP'S VISITATION 8TH & 9TH DECEMBER. Bishop Philip will arrive Saturday afternoon to meet with the City Centre clergy. He will then 'be welcomed' into the Parish at the 6:15pm Mass (St Joseph) and meet after Mass with a representative group from the Parish. On the Sunday morning he will preach at most of the Masses (it may not be possible to attend 9, 10 & 11am Mass so we will have to 'rationalise' which Masses, as he also wishes to meet people and not just 'come and go' to preach! watch this space). In the afternoon probably a visit to the Confirmation session, Holy Hour at St Edmund's Church for vocations, and then, finally, the 7pm Mass. **Watch this space for specific details closer to the day.**

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 12:15pm Mass Saturday 8 December at St John's Cathedral. Candle-light Procession. Place your candles at the Altar of our Blessed Lady. Hymns/prayers and benediction. All welcome.

NATURAL FERTILITY TEACHER TRAINING beginning in January 2019. See posters, flyers for more information. Also visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/marriage

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY: Monday 29 April—Saturday 4 May 2019. Father Martin Plunkett is leading a pilgrimage to the Italian Veneto region, to include the shrine of Our Lady Queen of Love, the Convent of St Josephine Bakhita in Schio and the City of Verona. Details and bookings: Pax Travel, 102 Blundell Street, London N7 9BL, or visit www.paxtravel.co.uk ... see noticeboards.

THE PARISH MISSION IN 2019 watch this space ...

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA 2019: After a wonderful pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in June another one is planned for 8—15 October 2019 to Malta. For information please contact Godfrey Doyle by email godfreydoyle@gmail.com

PLEASE KEEP YOUR HANDBAGS/VALUABLES safe at all times whilst at Mass and in the halls. Handbags have been stolen in the past.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Margaret Hicks, Jean White, Colette Clarke, David Palmer, Brian Gardiner, Sheila Morris & family, 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, 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 4 NOVEMBER 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	3 NOV	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	FR VINCENT'S 70 TH BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (MF)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
			9:00AM SE	KAREN NUGENT RIP (RH&SH)
SUN	4 NOV	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SJ	MRS MARGARET GOLDING RIP (F)
			11:00AM SE	FR VINCENT'S 70 TH , MARTHA FERNANDEZ, MANO D, SHEILA MORRIS, MARLYN LEGGET 75 TH , DORIS LEGGET 100 TH BIRTHDAYS—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM SE	ADOLFO ANTONIO LONGO RIP (F)
TUES	6 NOV	31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE EARLEY FAMILY (F)
WED	7 NOV	ST WILLIBROD	7:00PM SE	TED HULME RIP (CH)
THURS	8 NOV	31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	RAYMOND AND RACHAEL PAYNE RIP (IK&ES)
FRI	9 NOV	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	7:00PM SE	CHRISTINA COMPLIN RIP (F)
SAT	10 NOV	ST LEO THE GREAT	11:00AM SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
			6:15PM SJ	SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	11 NOV	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	JOHN & MAUREEN WADE RIP (TW)
			11:00AM SE	HENDRY AROKIASAMY RIP, JOYCE RIP, STEVE PRESS RIP, FAUSTINA RIP, MARY SPRAGUE RIP (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM SE	FOSS (FRIENDS OF HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY) (CH)

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

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 St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
 St George College 023 8032 2603

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 3

4 NOVEMBER 2018
31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Psalm Response:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

READINGS 11 NOVEMBER 2018
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17: 10—16

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24—28

Gospel: Mark 12:38—44

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

BAMENDA SUNDAY

NO 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

COLLECTIONS 28.10.18	1st	2nd CATHOLIC HOME CARE
Total	£2,494.22	£380.43
Cash	886.72	223.55
S / O	1,286.00	125.50
Gift Aid	321.50	31.38

CONFESSIONS TIMES

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