

LEARN A LESSON FROM THE FIG TREE

Today's readings are indeed frightening at the first instance, where the focus is on Great Tribulation and the End of the world. But do we really need to worry and be sad in these days of constant anxiety and insecurity? No. We need not be fearful because of God's unending love for us.

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church urges us to focus on the fact that there is an END to this world.

In the first reading, which was taken from the book of Daniel, we read about the great tribulation in the days of Antichrist. Then of the two resurrections - one to everlasting life and one to disgrace and shame.

But those who are wise in this world are assured that they will shine as bright as the noonday sun on the final day and those who turn many to righteousness in the world will shine as the stars forever. This is surely a reward worth waiting for.

Jesus explains the same to His disciples, in today's gospel of Mark, when they were fascinated about the Temple of Jerusalem. He says that not a single stone would stand on the other. He further talks of the signs mentioned by Daniel. We need to accept this fact that the beautiful creations and buildings on this earth are NOT everlasting. They all will come to an end one day.

Hence this Second Coming of Jesus would not be a secret anymore. So what do we need to do?

We need to look for these signs and be ever ready for His Coming. How can we be ever ready?

We need to repent of our sins and have complete faith in His offering for us, as this one offering which He has made perfect forever for those who are being consecrated. And as further elaborated in the letter to Hebrews, God will then make a new covenant with the faithful by putting His laws in their hearts and He will write them in their minds. He will remember their sins no more.

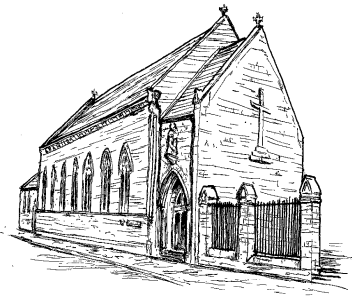
Hence, we need no reason to be fearful despite these incidents happening in our days, as we now have Hope. *Amen*

Rev Fr Jaya Praveen Yenubari

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. When everything passes away 'My words will not pass away' Jesus says (Gospel). Which 'words' of Christ, or in the Bible in general, do you 'hang' onto? Why? How do they help you?
2. 'The learned will shine brightly' Daniel writes (1st reading). Who do you look to in terms of faith, or wisdom, or advice? Does anyone look towards you? Who? Why?
3. Jesus won redemption for us. What part do we have in it? Does God ask you for sacrifices? How can your sacrifices help anything?

Vincent Harvey



18 NOVEMBER 2018
**THIRTY-THIRD
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 18 NOVEMBER 2018

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:
Isabella Lynch, daughter of Gavin & Ashlin
Vera Fantozzi, daughter of Fabio & Veronica
Leila Smakowska, daughter of Gracjan & Monika, who are being baptised in St Edmund Church today at 12:30pm.



CONFIRMATION 'COMMITMENT': Our Confirmation candidates will make a 'commitment' of involvement and participation in the Preparation Process; and we will pray for them at all Masses.

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.

PARISH THEME NOVEMBER—World Peace: *"If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner."* - Nelson Mandela.

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.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ANDREA REITER who died on Thursday evening after a long illness. Please pray also for her husband, Bill, and their daughters, Esther and Lydia. Details of Andrea's funeral to be confirmed next week. May Andrea rest in peace.



THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon JP/VH Day off
Tues Team Meeting: VH/JP/EN/AP
Diocesan Interfaith Group: VH
St George Governors: VH
Wed St Anne Mass: VH. Hospital on call: VH
Thurs Bevois Valley School visit: VH
Newman Partnership Mass: VH
Fri Diocesan Schools Day: B'stoke: VH/JP
Friday Group: VH
Sat 'Young Life' St Mary's Stadium: VH
Sun 'School of Joy' concert: VH

ORGAN TUNING Monday 19 November from 9am to 4pm. In St Edmund Church. There will be no Adoration during this time.

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

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.

BEVOIS VALLEY SCHOOL VISIT 11:30am Thursday 22 November in St Edmund Church.

NEWMAN PARTNERSHIP MASS 4:15pm Thursday 22 November in St Edmund Church.

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.

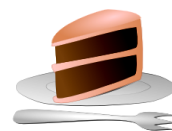
BEAUFORT SCHOOL VISIT 12noon—1:30pm Friday 23 November in St Edmund Church.

NEXT WEEKEND



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).**

The School of Joy was founded to enable Palestinian children who have various disabilities, with an education and preparation for an independent adulthood through greater self-sufficiency. The school is dependent on the generosity of others, in order to provide an academic foundation, physical training and vocational instruction.



The concert features:

- St Marys Independent School Musical Department
- Sarah Cooney McQuat
- Dan O'Farrell
- Nick Guyer & Tim Patten
- Hampshire Barbershop Quartet Drastic Measures

Concert tickets £5pp will be available on the door. Tea and cakes will be on sale in the hall afterwards.

NEXT WEEK

RICHARD ROHR GROUP 4:30pm Thursday 29 November in St Edmund Presbytery.

MISSION TEAM meeting 7pm Thursday 29 November in St Edmund Presbytery.

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.

ADVENT TEA AT AVENUE ST ANDREW'S Sunday 2 December at 5pm. An afternoon with members from the URC community, the Baptist community, St Joseph & St Edmund community and anyone else!!! *An opportunity to gather together over tea and cake to reflect upon Advent and its meaning/impact on us. Let us gather together and reflect upon and discuss our concerns as we 'wait together for God's coming'.* Bring cakes or similar with you!! If you are coming ... yes please do ... then contact Avenue St Andrews centralbaptistchurch@tiscali.co.uk or City Centre Parish Office so that we can cater for you by 27 November if possible.

GENERAL ITEMS

SOUTHAMPTON & WINCHESTER VISITORS GROUP (SWVG) AGM Monday 3 December at 7pm at Avenue St Andrew's. Speaker: Jo Renshaw: 'Brexit and the Hostile Environment – What's in Store?' Come along. Email secretary@swvg-refugees.org.uk

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

CAFE DVD 'GLOBAL HEALING' will be shown at 7:30pm for 7:45pm on Thursday 6 December in St Edmunds Hall. More details to follow. (Date for diary).

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 12:15pm Mass Saturday 8 December at St John's Cathedral.

BISHOP'S VISITATION UPDATED 8TH & 9TH DECEMBER
Bishop Philip will arrive Saturday afternoon to meet with Father Vincent. He will hear Confessions, then 'be welcomed' into the Parish at the 6:15pm Mass and meet after Mass with an invited representative group from the Parish. *On the Sunday morning he will preach at 9am Mass and Preside & Preach at the 11am Mass (it has been decided, sadly, that he cannot 'appear' at the 10am Mass). In the afternoon he will meet the Confirmation Candidates. In the afternoon there will be a 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.*

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: Sunday 9 December in the afternoon. Keep this date watch this space for more details.

"JINGLING BELLS" Carols, tea and mince pies, Sunday 16 December 3pm—4:30pm in St Edmund Church, The Avenue, Southampton. All welcome. Please bring plate to share. Donations of clothing for homeless much appreciated (box in foyer). Enquiries: 07891 733939.

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

THE PARISH MISSION IN 2019 Parish Groups and Adorers are saying the 'Mission Prayer' when they meet.

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

MASS STIPENDS FATHER ELIJAH ... usually any Mass intention booked through the Parish Office will, at the appropriate day/time, be listed on the Newsletter. Due to his University studies Father Elijah often celebrates a Mass at another time (to fit in with his schedule). If anyone wishes to ask him for an 'intention' he is willing to do so. This will also help him to 'supplement' his income and help with his study expenses. Please contact the Parish Office who can pass such onto Father Elijah.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE ELDERLY:

As we approach Advent, once again we'd like to invite you to treat our elderly folk to a gift at Christmas. Previous years have been so successful with unwrapped gifts to suit an elderly person. The carers choose a gift to suit the individual; for some it's an extra treat, however we have some who have very little in their lives, for whom the gift needs to be practical – so no gift is too small. Baskets will be at the back of both churches after all Masses on 24/25 November, 1/2 & 8/9 December. Thanking you in advance for your support.

NEW WELCOMERS APPEAL: Our current welcoming teams are meeting at the end of this month to review this ministry. It has been well received and all those who have been part of the teams have enjoyed furthering our efforts to become an even more welcoming parish. But it would be good to have more people on board. If you enjoy meeting people and would like those who come through the door to feel a part of our City Centre Community do consider joining our teams. We needed extras for all Masses. Tina would love to hear from you. Call 023 8033 3589.

HOMELESS WELCOME BAGS This winter, we'd like to give everyone coming off the streets some essentials. Could you commit to sponsoring hostel beds with free 'Welcome Bags'? If so, please fill a 'unisex' drawstring bag with the following:

Toothbrush and toothpaste	Bar of chocolate
Shower gel / shampoo	Carton of orange juice
Spray deodorant	Socks
Baby wipes	Boxers (medium)
Razor	Tshirt
Towel	Trackshirt bottoms

Please don't gift wrap the items. To find out more about this or other ways we're supporting those who are homeless, please email Paul Woodman at paulw@citylife.org.uk



Gifts that make a difference

CAFOD WORLD

GIFTS – the true spirit of Christmas Giving. Give a

gift that will change a life. There are gifts for every budget from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to Help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available in the porches or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts



PLEASE PRAY FOR healing of all those on our prayer list who are ill, undergoing treatment or recovering from operations in the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18 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	17 NOV	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	FOSS (HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY) (CH)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	18 NOV	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	MARY BRASSIL RIP (GS&SS)
			10:00AM SJ	ETTA & TOM SLATER RIP (PL)
			11:00AM SE	OLIVIA GORDON—BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVING (MI)
			7:00PM SE	ROBERT AND FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)
TUES	20 NOV	33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	THERESA ECHIEH RIP & CAROLINE IRO (SPECIAL INT) (MI)
WED	21 NOV	THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	7:00PM SE	THERESA ECHIEH RIP & CAROLINE IRO (SPECIAL INTENTION) (MI)
THURS	22 NOV	ST CECILIA	12:15PM SJ	THERESA ECHIEH RIP & CAROLINE IRO (SPECIAL INT) (MI)
FRI	23 NOV	ST CLEMENT I	7:00PM SE	THERESA ECHIEH RIP & CAROLINE IRO (SPECIAL INT) (MI)
SAT	24 NOV	ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS	11:00AM SE	THERESA ECHIEH RIP & CAROLINE IRO (SPECIAL INT) (MI)
			6:15PM SJ	JOYCE CORNELIUS—OP. RECOVERY & HEALING (CT)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	25 NOV	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9:00AM SE	ANNIE RIP & FAMILY (MB&JB)
			10:00AM SJ	MARGUERITE DUGGAN RIP (BD&GD)
			11:00AM SE	THERESA ECHIEH RIP & CAROLINE IRO (SPECIAL INTENTION) (MI)
			7:00PM SE	FOSS (HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY) (CH)

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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 St Anne School 023 8032 8200 • St George College 023 8032 2603

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

18 NOVEMBER 2018
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B
Psalm Response:
 Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

READINGS 25 NOVEMBER 2018
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
 1st Reading: Daniel 7:13—14
 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:5—8
 Gospel: John 18:33—37

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

COLLECTIONS 11.11.18	1st
Total	£2,587.24
Cash	979.74
S / O	1,286.00
Gift Aid Rebate	321.50

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