



24 FEBRUARY 2019
SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
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ST JOSEPH'S &
ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE
CATHOLIC PARISH
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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



GENEROSITY SO AS TO BE RECKONED A FOOL IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD

It is easy to be kind and loving towards those whom we like, to our family and friends, to those who are good to us. All this comes naturally. But Jesus expects much more of us, his followers. In today's Gospel He tells us to love our enemies, to be good to those who harm us, to turn the other cheek when they strike us.

Our natural instinct is, perhaps, to hit back. Rightly, we think the aggressor must be stopped, otherwise they will think they can get away with harming us and other people. But experience tells us that retaliation tends to escalate. Each of us strikes back with a harder physical or verbal blow. The innocent victim is reduced to the tactics of the guilty aggressor. In the heat of anger we may well say or do things which we will later regret.

Retaliation doesn't work. Bitter, vengeful thoughts and actions destroy our peace of mind. Deep down we all long for the peace, which can only be achieved through reconciliation.

This is far from being deferentially submissive; the implementation of this teaching requires tremendous inner strength and a strong sense of security. It calls for an overwhelming awareness of the inalienable dignity, value and rights of every other person irrespective of how they behave. This teaching prevails both at the individual level, and when we feel wronged as a nation.

We are about to begin our Lenten preparations for the celebration of the death and resurrection of our Saviour. As we seek God's mercy by confessing our sins, we may want to remember the petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses [insofar] as we forgive those who trespass against us." What right have we to seek God's mercy, if we are not prepared to forgive those who harm us? Showing mercy is the greatest expression of love. It is the best way of doing good to those who harm us.

Deacon Andy Philpott

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. "Love your enemies and do good" Jesus says (Gospel). Do you? Can you? In what way does that challenge you?
2. "I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed" David announces (1st reading). When have you 'raised your hand' against someone else (physically, mentally, emotionally)? Why? How else could you have responded?
3. "The last Adam has become a life-giving spirit." St Paul writes (2nd reading). The 'last Adam' is, of course, Jesus. How are you 'life-giving' to others? Are you 'life-giving' to others or do you reject, condemn and destroy?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2019

HOME CARE APPEAL at all Masses this weekend.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP ON THE MINISTRY OF HEALING—copies available in the porch.

VOCATIONS: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 24 February. "Love one another as I have loved you." Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? To explore further, contact Father John Cooke by email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Mob. No. 01329 318 869.



RECENTLY DIED: Stephen Stobart RIP late of Hamble. Reception into St Edmund Church 4pm Monday 11 March; Requiem Mass 11:30am Tuesday 12 March followed by cremation at Wessex Vale Crematorium. *May his soul rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers.*

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH

Tues Hospital on Call: VH

Safe Families for Children meet: VH

Holiday at Home meet: VH

Wed Team Meeting: VH/AP/JP/EN

Ananias meet: VH/TQ

Senior Leadership Team: VH/AP/TQ/AW

Thurs Mental Health Network meet: VH

Fri Housebound visits: VH

WHILST ROADWORKS ARE ONGOING IN ROCKSTONE PLACE we would ask you to please park respectfully at all times. Thank you.

RCIA GROUP meet Wednesdays at 7:30pm in St Edmund Hall for those enquiring about the Catholic faith.

LITURGY GROUP meeting 7:30pm Thursday 28 February in St Edmund Presbytery.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2pm—5pm Friday 1 March at St Michael's Church, Bugle Street. Refreshments in Stella Maris Hall afterwards.

VOCATION SEEKER EVENING 7pm—9pm Friday 1 March at Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, PO16 0NF. Group meet 1st Friday for food, prayer, reflection and friendship. Contact Fr John Cooke 013 2931 8869.

NEXT WEEKEND

HEALING OUTREACH DAY 10am—4:30pm Saturday 2 March 3AC, 3rd Age Centre, 11 Cranbury Terrace, Southampton, SO14 0LH. A time of praise, worship, teaching and healing prayer. Do you suffer from fear, sickness, loneliness, abuse, rejection, depression or is 'something' holding you back? *Jesus said: "Lay your hands on the sick and they will recover"*. Come and see! Contact Bernadette bernadettebraybb@gmail.com /07941525702

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP 10:30am—12noon Saturday 2 March at St Anne's School, candidates and parents.

COMMISSIONING OF Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at all Masses 2/3 March.

APPEAL FOR MISSION 2019 funding by Dominic Tildesley and retiring collection towards the Mission and its 'outreach' at all Masses 2/3 March.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE 2pm Sunday 3 March at Bishops Waltham. Starting point Station Road, SO32 1DH. Tel 023 8022 3389. See noticeboards.

NEXT WEEK

PRIMARY CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP TEACHER TRAINING

INFORMATION EVENTS: Would you like to train as a primary teacher with an Ofsted Outstanding Catholic partnership? *Come along to find out more on Monday 4 March. You can attend an afternoon taster session from 12noon—2pm or an evening information session 5pm—7pm.* They offer personalised, school-led training, rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted and can arrange placements in schools across Hampshire as well as in Dorset and parts of Wiltshire. You will be taught by practising teachers and leaders in a high quality training centre with family-friendly hours. If you have an honours degree and you're keen to teach primary children, we would like to meet you. Call 023 8077 9753 or at www.pcp-scitt.org.uk for info.

LENT 2019...COMING UP....

Palms ... palms ... please begin to bring your palms from last year to the church so that we can collect them and burn them on Shrove Tuesday to provide the 'ashes' for Ash Wednesday (6 March).

ASH WEDNESDAY: 6 March Masses in St Edmund at 6.30am and 7.30pm AND in St Joseph at 12:15pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St Edmund on a Friday and Sunday at 6:10pm.

LENT COURSE: "Prayer is the key that opens the heart of God" (*Padre Pió*). Thank you to all who have signed up. THE COURSE IS NOW FULL. Starts 5.3.19 at 7:30pm.

SIX IDEAS FOR LENT ... SIX CHALLENGES ...

- o **Single Use Plastics** Could you give up single use plastics for Lent?
- o **Meat** Could you go meat-free, or even free of animal products all together, for Lent?
- o **Alternative Transport** Could you commit to finding alternative modes of transport this Lent?
- o **Energy Use** Could you give up electricity for an hour every day during Lent?
- o **Local Living** Could you commit to living locally this Lent (in terms of local produce)?
- o **Buy Nothing New** Could you buy nothing new for the whole of Lent? See website for more <https://livinglent.org/>

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE LENTEN ROSARY PRAYER CHAIN this year. *We will be collecting names next weekend to give you a specific decade to say every day during Lent. This is just done in union with everyone else saying it in the parish. You are NOT required to be anywhere and you can say it at anytime throughout your day. St Louis Marie De Montfort calls the Rosary "The mystical rose tree of Jesus and Mary in life, death and eternity."* He says "the roses of the Holy Rosary will never wilt or die, and they will be just as exquisite thousands of years from now as they are today."

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet at 4:30pm Thursday 7 March in St Edmund Presbytery.

BAMENDA MEETING 7pm Thursday 7 March in St Edmund Presbytery.

COURSE FOR NEW SEEKERS

Proclaim the Good News by telling your relatives and friends! Thursdays 7th March - 16th May, fortnightly at 7:30pm, at St Edmund Church Hall, Rockstone Place, for anyone who is interested to learn more about the Catholic Church and what Catholics believe. *For more info, contact the Parish Office (Tel. 023 8033 3589).*



YOUTH CLUBS: Frogz Junior Group for ages 8-12, meet **2nd & 4th Fridays of the month** during term-time from 6pm—7:15pm. Next meeting **Friday 8 March**, theme **“Lent, learning about the Stations of the Cross”**.

Frassati Society Senior Group for ages 12-18 meet **Fridays 7:15pm-9pm**. The group is led by Sister Mary Catherine OP from the Dominican convent in Sway. Both take place in St Boniface Church Hall.

LENT SILENT RETREAT “We Do Not Live On Bread Alone” 8—10 March at Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Isle of Wight. To book email verbumdei.iow@gmail.com or Call 019 8352 9554 see Notice Boards.

QUIZ NIGHT for Catholic Home Care, Saturday 9 March 7:30pm in St Joseph’s Hall, Bugle Street. Includes a ‘Posh Ploughman’s supper’. Please bring your own drinks [glasses provided]. There will be ‘lucky’ tickets and a raffle too. Tickets [£9] available from after Masses or Parish Office [023 8033 3589], Helmy Duyvesteijn [07831 227 602], Patti Hayes [07812 957 456] and Anne Monaghan 023 8017 0498. *NB: suggested lower age limit 13 years.*

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION for candidates continues 2pm—4:30pm Sunday 10 March in St Boniface Church Hall.

GENERAL ITEMS

POETRY SHARE: 7:15pm Tuesday 12 March in St Joseph Church. The focus this time is on *female poets*. As ever please bring a poem by a female poet you have enjoyed in the past or seek out a new one. Or simply just come to listen. All are welcome.

PRAYER GROUP FOR PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE: Next meeting Thursday 14 March in St Edmund Hall from 7pm—8:30pm. The group will be meeting once a month (*second Thursday of the month*).

INVITATION: TALK ON DEMENTIA ‘FROM THE INSIDE’ by Dr Jennifer Bute. Marie Louise Nursing Home, Newton Lane, Romsey 2pm—4pm Saturday 16 March. See noticeboards.

CANON DERMOT MACDERMOT-ROE: please pray for ‘Canon Mac’ who died at Marie Louise Nursing Home in Romsey, in the early hours of Wednesday last. May he rest in peace. Canon Mac had been a few years in Marie Louise and had begun to weaken over the past few months. No details yet of his Requiem Mass.

THE PARISH MISSION IN 2019 (30 May—9 June): 524 questionnaires returned. Thank you. Father Vincent has/is contacting those who wished to be contacted. The forms are being collated/analysed.

VISIT & TOUR OF AYLESFORD PRIORY for the Deaf Community. From 11am—4:30pm Saturday 10 August. To book call Shell Roca on Mob. 07779 341 136 or email: shellroca@rcdow.org.uk Cost £10pp. For those wanting to travel by minibus from Victoria the additional cost of travel is £20pp. Coach leaves Westminster Cathedral at 9am. Bookings by 31 July at the latest. See Notice Boards.

ANUSHKA’S MOTHER PREMA died on Friday 15 February. We pray for the repose of her soul, may she rest in peace. Please keep Anushka and her family in your prayers.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated/bought cakes at the cake sale held recently in aid of HCPT. The amount of £235 was raised.

*****NEW READERS & MINISTERS ROTAS** now available in the sacristy (St Joseph) and Inner Sacristy (St Edmund) (in a box file marked ‘Rotas’).

FATHER VINCENT CELEBRATES HIS 40TH YEAR OF ORDINATION on the Feast of St Joseph on Tuesday 19th March. CHANGE OF LOCATION.

He will preside at 7pm Mass in St Edmund Church followed by a bring and share gathering in the Drama Hall at St Anne’s School. Please make a note ... do come along....

“Sorry for the change: I was keen to celebrate the Feast in our Church of St Joseph, but we double booked (best laid plans and all that). St Anne has come to the rescue by allowing us to hold the reception in the School. “ Vincent Harvey

HOSPITALITY TEAM: We would like to form a hospitality team with a number of people who could be approached to support our various parish events and looking towards our mission. If you enjoy people, baking, serving (and washing up!) let Father Vincent or Tina tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk know if you can help. ‘Be not forgetful of hospitality; for by it some have unawares entertained angels.’ Hebrews 13:2.

VISIT MY MOSQUE day Sunday 3 March from 12noon—4pm at the Medina Mosque. All invited to visit, meet some of the Members and hear about Islam. See <http://www.medinamosque.org.uk/> for details. **If you wish to join Father Vincent he will be walking down from the Presbytery at 2:30pm**

WILBERFORCE DIALOGUE: Sex or Scripture? Does being gay mean losing your religion? Do join them! There will be refreshments after the event. Palmerston Lecture Theatre Thursday 7 March 5:30pm—8pm. Event is free but register for a ticket <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sex-or-scripture-tickets-55150093414>

LOURDES 2019, 24—30 July, £475 (youth price, by coach) **Applications are open! Young people aged 16 and over may assist pilgrims/push wheelchairs.** We are accepting applications from 14-15 year olds, who **may not** push wheelchairs, although may assist with liturgy, socials and non-contact hospitality. Places for 14-15 year olds are however **strictly limited** and should be reserved for young people who have demonstrated particular character and service in parish and school life. The number of 16+ should far outweigh under 16s. Bookings and enquiries are being handled by Sue Field, sfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Youth programme and content enquiries may be directed to youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR Janet P, Elvira & Rocky, Judy Brown, George Chesworth, Margaret Hicks, Jean White, Colette Clarke, David Palmer, Brian Gardiner, Sheila Morris & family, Karen Bell, John Hennessy, Aruni Panabokke, Pat O’Neill, Valerie Summerton, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Kushmi De’Saram, Eloise Chessman, Christopher Browne, Bobby Murphy, Abid & Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Disshnayake, Daham Korralage, 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 24 FEBRUARY 2019

*(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	23 FEB	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	24 FEB	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	ELIZABETH & JOHN WARD RIP (F) ERLINDA CRUZ FLORES & MARIE CRUZ RIP (MP) PAMELA'S FAMILY INTENTIONS (PA) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUES	26 FEB	7TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	EILEEN AND ALEX AITKEN RIP (HP & GC)
WED	27 FEB	ST GREGORY OF NAREK	7:00PM SE	OUR PRIESTS, PARISH OFFICE STAFF & THEIR FAMILIES— GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (RK)
THURS	28 FEB	7TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	JEANNETTE SMITH RIP (IK)
FRI	1 MAR	ST DAVID	7:00PM SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF JOLANTA'S FAMILY—(RK)
SAT	2 MAR	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	WILLIAM BURKE—WELLBEING (MB) ANTHONY HARGADEN RIP (KW) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	3 MAR	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	ROSY MONIZ RIP (AR&JR) PATRICIA LIVETT—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (F) ERIC CLARKE RIP (GC & HP) DONAL CRAWLEY RIP (MC)

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/

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 3

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Psalm Response:

The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

READINGS 3 MARCH 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4—7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:50—58

Gospel: Luke 6:39—45

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

CATHOLIC HOME CARE

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

MISSION APPEAL

COLLECTION 17.2.19	1st
Totals	£2,418.62
Cash	811.12
S / O	1,286.00
Gift Aid Rebate	321.50

CONFESSION TIMES

St Joseph: Thursdays 11:45am

Saturdays 5:45pm

St Edmund: Saturdays 11:30am