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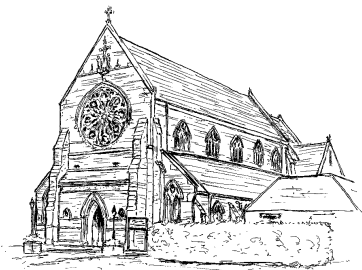
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INCLUDES:

- 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



A FRUIT BEARING TREE

Two weeks back we have read in the newspapers that a flight from Ethiopia to Kenya crashed six minutes after take-off killing all 157 people aboard. It is indeed very frightening to think of such incidents. One question that arises in mind when we read such news is “Why?” Why do such man-made or natural disasters take place? What did these people do that they have to undergo such sufferings?

These are the same questions the people had in their mind, when they informed Jesus about the incidents that had happened in Jerusalem. In today’s gospel, Jesus explains to them that the 18 people who died when the tower in Siloam fell were no more guilty than anyone else. Such things can happen to anyone and could be a warning to others.

During this period of Lent, let us take time to note such warnings and cry out to Lord to bring us out from such sufferings. Our God surely listens to such a prayer. As we read in the 1st reading, the Lord Yahweh, proclaiming Himself as I AM, heard the cry of the people and will bring them out of Egypt to a land flowing with milk and honey. However were all these Israelites delivered?

St. Paul, in the 2nd reading, answers it: ‘No’. He continues the same theme and warns believers from the example of the 600,000 Israelites who were redeemed by the blood of the lamb, but whom God was displeased with and did not permit to enter the land of Canaan. They perished in the wilderness. The same thing can happen to you, Paul says, because this was written as an example for us (I Cor 10:6).

Is God displeased with our lives too? Does our spiritual lives resemble the fig tree in today’s parable?

We read that the owner who planted the tree came in search of fruit for three years. Surely, the owner is merciful on the tree: a few more chances were given and he would not be wrong when he finally asks the gardener to cut it down. We too might have received new opportunities every time we sinned. Let us take the help of our spiritual gardener, the Holy Spirit, to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives by repentance and fasting so that our lives may bear fruit before the harvest season begins. May God bless you all. Amen.

Rev. Fr. Y. Jaya Praveen

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. ‘Leave it one more year’ the Gospel says, indicating the patience of God. Do you think you ‘try’ God’s patience? How? When? How would you describe your own patience?
2. ‘...the place on which you stand is holy ground’ Moses is told (1st reading). Where is your ‘holy’ ground? How do you treat God’s holy ground (the earth ... creation)?
3. ‘... our fathers were guided by a cloud ..’ ..God’s presence (2nd reading). What/who guides you? How?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2019

RETIRING COLLECTION—Catholic Home Care.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:10pm Sunday before Mass led by the RCIA group.

SCRUTINIES AT THE 7PM MASS for those to be Baptised, and Received into Full Communion at Easter. Please keep following candidates in your prayers:

Baptisms: Alex Rjasenko, Nick Green

Receptions into Full Communion: Tim Giddings, Caroline Katsande, Paul Cator, Neil Morley

Confirmations: Lina MacFarlane, Maria Sabatino, Gema Milla de le Fuente, Remi Katsande.

VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER 'MISSION LEAFLETS' IN MAY sign up today? See elsewhere for more info.

VOCATIONS: 3rd Sunday of Lent, 24 March. "I AM sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact Fr John Cooke, call 01329 318 869 or email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH: Evangelisation: for Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, may they feel they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

BISHOP'S VISITATION TO HOLY FAMILY PARISH this weekend. May it be a fruitful and blessed visit.



RECENTLY DIED:

Anne Le Flohic RIP late of Janson Road, Shirley. Requiem Mass 10am Wednesday 27 March in St Edmund Church followed by committal at the Test Valley Crematorium.

Margaret Girou RIP late of Wilton Manor Nursing Home. Funeral Service 10:30am Wednesday 3 April in St Edmund Church followed by interment at Hollybrook Cemetery.

May they rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH/JP

Tues Hate Crime Meeting + Office staff: VH
Meditation Group. CAFe Group

Wed Team Meeting: VH/AP/EN/JP. Funeral: VH
Senior Leadership Meeting: VH/AP/TQ/AW

Thurs Cathedral Chapter Portsmouth: VH
CA Trustees London: VH

Fri Confessions at Oaklands, Waterlooville: VH
Teams of Our Lady, Fareham: VH

Sat First Confessions: VH/JP/EN and others

LENTEN CAFÉ PRAYER COURSE 'Strength to Strength' continues at 7pm for 7:30pm in St Edmund Hall on Tuesdays for those booked.

LUNCH CLUB Wednesdays at 12noon in Stella Maris Centre. Contact Anne Monaghan in the Parish Office to join.

TOP UK (Triumph Over Phobia) for those suffering from OCD or phobias. Thursdays from 6:30pm in Stella Maris Hall. Email info@topuk.org if you need help.

LENT 2019

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St Edmund on Fridays and Sundays at 6:10pm, led by Parish groups.

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

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

THE LENTEN ROSARY PRAYER CHAIN started on Ash Wednesday and will continue during Lent, please keep them in your prayers.

PENITENTIAL RITE AT SUNDAY MASS to emphasise the penitential character of Lent we will, if able, kneel, as we confess our sins.

MASSES WEDNESDAYS IN LENT at St Edmund 6:30am and 7pm.

ADORATION 10am—5pm Monday to Friday in St Edmund.

MONGU ENVELOPE LABELS now available in the porch for our Parish Lenten project, in support of Father Pat Cashin's community in Zambia. Tote up what you've saved from whatever you gave up for Lent and put your donation in the envelope at the end of Lent for this worthy cause. ****(We are using envelopes instead of jars as due to the new method of banking imposed on us, we are unable to deposit copper coins as we used to).*

PASSOVER MEAL TICKETS now available after all Masses. Tickets £11 (adults) and £8 (children). Takes place 7pm for 7:30pm Thursday 11 April at St Joseph Church.

MISSION PRAYER: see elsewhere ... please say daily.....

CANCELLED: BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION ONE on Thursday 28 March has been cancelled. Next course takes place 23 May and 13 June for those booked to have their children baptised in the parish.

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

NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—FIRST CONFESSIONS take place from 9:30am—11:30am on Saturday 30 March in St Edmund Church. *****Please note the usual 11am Saturday Mass and Confessions have been cancelled.***

BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS midnight Saturday **30 March**, remember to put your clocks forward an hour!

SCRUTINIES AT THE 10AM MASS for those to be Baptised and Received into Full Communion at Easter next Sunday 31 March.

PRAISE & WORSHIP CHOIR 7pm Mass Sunday 31 March, rehearsals at 6pm *in St Edmund Hall* (due to Stations of the Cross taking place in St Edmund Church at 6:10pm).

NEXT WEEK

FATHER ELIJAH'S 6TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD Wednesday 3 April.

PREPARING FOR THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY: The Slipper Chapel status of Our Lady Of Walsingham is visiting every English Catholic Diocese and Cathedral between 2018—2020 and will be at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth from 4—7 April. Programme online www.dowrytour.org.uk see noticeboards.

MISSION TEAM meeting 7pm Thursday 4 April in St Edmund Presbytery.

NEW SEEKERS continue to meet 7:30pm Thursday 4 April in St Edmund Hall.

VOCATION SEEKER EVENING monthly group meeting 7pm—9pm Friday 5 April at the Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, 41—43 Portland Street, PO16 ONF.

NIGHT FEVER Friday 5 April at 8pm in St Edmund Church. Email Adrienne adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to help. (Meet in St Edmund Hall at 7:45pm for preparation).

RCIA CANDIDATES SCRUTINIES 11am Mass at St Edmund Church Sunday 7 April.

GENERAL ITEMS

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: *Thank you, thank you, thank you.* I was/am bowled over by your support of me on my 40th Anniversary last Tuesday: the Mass, the reception, the cards, gifts, messages of goodwill. I am so, so blessed to be part of City Centre Parish; and have been blessed in all the parishes and 'jobs' I have worked in as a priest: people's generosity and support is unbounded. Thank you. *It is almost impossible to thank you all in person (especially those who gave me gifts) but thank you. Thank you to all who planned the Mass, music, reception and for those who came along in support. My sister and brothers have been in contact to say 'thank you' for the welcome received. Onward and 'upward' as they say!! Vincent Harvey*

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 8—23 April.

HOSPITALITY GROUP first meeting 7pm Monday 8 April in the Stella Maris Hall.

MISSION PRAYER please take home and start praying for the Mission in May/June:

I thank you almighty and ever loving Father for you have created me in such a way that I am able to experience and become a source of your merciful presence to my neighbour. Give me a renewed desire and the courage to be still in your presence. Allow your Holy Spirit to renew my inner-life. As I grow ever more conscious of my vocation to be a Disciple of your Son Jesus, with Mary as my companion on this journey; may your Light shine more brightly within me, your Love be shared more widely through me and my Gospel Witness be profound. Amen

200 CLUB FEES NOW DUE FOR 2019: £12 per annum. Draws take place monthly. Do join this parish fundraising initiative if you can. Contact Anne Wheeler in the Parish Office for details.

THE PARISH OF 'OUR LADY' IN FLEET have reflections on the paintings which are highlighted on the parish website: http://www.htaol.org.uk/events/major_events Have a look ... use them during Lent

DELIVERING LEAFLETS FOR THE MISSION: All homes within our parish will receive a leaflet telling of the Parish Mission. All streets have been listed and half of the list will be displayed in both churches this week. Next week we swap them over.

The shortest route is less than a mile, the longest 2 miles, the average is just over 1 mile. Why not do in pairs or as a family? The lists will include the distances. We are invited to sign up to pop the leaflets through letterboxes at the start of May. Sign-up lists are only available at the end of Mass to protect personal data. Fresh air, exercise and valuable parish work all at the same time! Do sign-up.

CAMERON KERR IS RUNNING 10KM FOR FOOD BANKS: As a volunteer for Southampton City Mission, Cameron is running 10km (6.2 miles) for the city's Food Banks on 5th May. For info and donations please go to <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/cameronkerr>

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: *Thank you to all who responded to the appeal for nurses and helpers for the Catholic Association pilgrimage to Lourdes from 23—30 August. If anyone missed the appeal and is interested in going on this pilgrimage to support the sick please contact Tina on 02380 333589 or tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA 2019

The Pilgrimage to Malta is planned for 8 - 15 October 2019, led by Father Vincent and Godfrey. For information please contact Godfrey Doyle via the Parish Office, or see the brochures in the porch.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Mariano Mancini and Michela Vizziello from Castle Way intend to marry in Italy in July.

9AM PIANO PLAYER: We are seeking another piano player for the 9am Mass to work alongside Mary Berridge and the Choir. Music is an essential part of our Sunday celebration of Mass and enhances our liturgy in so many ways. Please think if you would be able to help/join in. It would be great if we had a few people. Or ... you may know someone we could approach! Please speak with Mary or Father Vincent.

PART-TIME CLEANER VACANCY AT SPRINGHILL. Hours are 3pm - 6pm daily, 52 weeks per year. Salary £8.45 per hour. *You will be required to ensure the designated areas of the school premises are kept in a clean and hygienic condition. Duties will vary between school term and closure periods.* To apply for this vacancy please phone Vicky or Catherine on 023 8033 3954 for more info or download the application form from the school website or you can collect a paper copy from the school office. Full job description and a Catholic Education Service support staff application form available from the school website www.springhillcatholic.co.uk/staff-vacancies e-mail: info@springhillcatholic.net Telephone 023 8033 3954. Closing date: 9am 29 March.

COMMUNICARE—PROJECTS LEADER 30—40 hours per week, salary £23,000—£25,000 pro rata. One year fixed term contract. Visit www.communicareinsouthampton.org.uk for more info. Please email a CV and covering letter to manager@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk Closing date for applications Monday 15 April. See noticeboards.

PLEASE KEEP THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING AND SURGERY RECOVERY IN YOUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 24 MARCH 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 MAR	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	STEVE STOBART RIP (BM)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
		THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
SUN	24 MAR		10:00AM SJ	DECEASED MEMBERS OF LA SAINTE UNION COMMUNITY, SOUTHAMPTON (F)
			11:00AM SE	FRANCIS PHILLIPS, AUBREY FERNANDES, GRACE—RIP (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)
TUES	26MAR	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT	10:00AM SE	IN THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED (HP)
WED	27 MAR	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT	6:30AM SE	ALL THOSE TRAVELLING—JOURNEY MERCY (THEOS)
			10:00AM SE	REQUIEM MASS—MRS ANNE LE FLOHIC RIP
			7:00PM SE	IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE GRACE OF GOD (THEOS)
THURS	28 MAR	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT	12:15PM SJ	CONVERSION OF SOULS (THEOS)
FRI	29 MAR	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT	7:00PM SE	PRIESTS & VOCATIONS TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE (HH)
SAT	30 MAR	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT	11:00AM SE	<i>NO MASS DUE TO FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RECONCILIATIONS</i>
			6:15PM SJ	MAUREEN KEOHAN RIP & COMFORT FOR THE FAMILY (HS)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	31 MAR	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE	HUBERT & DOROTHY LYONS RIP (F)
			10:00AM SJ	JENNY DONNARUMMA RIP (MC)
			11:00AM SE	DAD, AUNTS, UNCLÉS, FRIENDS, LEANNA, FLORENCE, & ALL THOSE DEPARTED RIP; TEACHERS & CIVIL SERVANTS— THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM SE	MOTHER MARY AND ALL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE MUMS INCLUDING PREMA (ANUSHKA)

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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Psalm Response:

The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Repent, says the Lord, for the

kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

READINGS 31 MARCH 2019

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1st Reading: Joshua 5: 9—12

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17—21

Gospel: Luke 15: 1—3, 11—32

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

CATHOLIC HOME CARE

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

COLLECTIONS 17.3.19	1st	2nd CAFOD
Totals	£2,368.22	£980.20
Cash	760.72	787.70
S / O	1,286.00	154.00
Gift Aid Rebate	321.50	38.50

CONFESSION TIMES

St Joseph: Thursdays 11:45am

Saturdays 5:45pm

St Edmund: Saturdays 11:30am