



8 MAY 2016

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



**ST JOSEPH'S &  
ST EDMUND'S  
CITY CENTRE  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
SOUTHAMPTON**

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL, WEST &  
EAST DEANERY ALSO 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



**YOU COME TO US ..... TO TRANSFIGURE THE WORLD .....**

O Son of God resurrected,  
Why do we seek your face  
In the skies?  
You come to us on every shore  
Of humanity.

Heaven is where you descend,  
You give living water to your people,  
Living Love,  
And you draw us like a stream  
Into your current.

The joy promised to our thirst,  
How shall we seize it in both hands  
Before the evening?  
In partaking of your Supper  
And of your cross.

You will return to transfigure  
The world eager to be reborn  
In your light.  
You are the glory of your Father,  
God revealed.

*Hymne pour l'Office du soir le jour de l'Ascension*



### TO PONDER:

- What does 'witness to the ends of the earth' mean to you (1<sup>st</sup> reading)? What kind of 'witnesses' (saints, declared or undeclared) do you like to think about? Do you yourself 'witness' in any way? How? When? Where?
- We do not yet experience Christ's coming completely (2<sup>nd</sup> reading) even though he comes to us in the sacraments and word. Think of some times or instances in your life where an appropriate plea to God would be, "Come, Lord Jesus".
- What was the Father's promise that Jesus spoke of (Gospel)? Who brings Jesus' message and mission to completion in us and in the world? Do you listen for the Spirit's message to you personally? How do you validate it as genuine? Do you act on it?

*Anne Osdieck adapted by Vincent Harvey*

## TODAY SUNDAY 8 MAY 2016

### 2ND COLLECTION—WORLD COMMUNICATIONS

**SUNDAY:** On this feast of the Ascension of Our Lord we reflect on the mandate 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news'. On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all professionals working in the field of communications. The prayer intention is for those who communicate on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network. The CCN is the Communications Office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. *It seeks to support the Bishops in their key national priorities in education; combatting human trafficking, life issues, safeguarding, prisons, interfaith relations and vocations, to name but a few.* CCN is responsible for developing the public profile of the Church in the press, radio and TV, digitally and across social media platforms. Please help CCN continue this work by contributing to the 2nd collection today. Prayer cards available in the porch. Donations can also be made online at <http://catholicnews.org.uk/donations>.

**MONTH OF MAY—MONTH OF OUR LADY ...** make the most of the month by including Marian devotions into your day ... the Rosary ... Angelus .... other devotions

**The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.**

*And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.*

**Hail Mary, ...**

**Behold the handmaid of the Lord.**

*Be it done unto me according to Thy word.*

**Hail Mary, ...**

**And the Word was made Flesh.**

*And dwelt among us.*

**Hail Mary, ...**

**Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.**

*That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Let Us Pray*

*Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord.*

*Amen.*

### RECENTLY DIED:



**Rique Jima-Otero** late of Friars Way, Swaythling. Requiem Mass 10am Tuesday 17 May in St Edmund's Church followed by committal at East Chapel, Southampton Crematorium.

**Hugh Duffy RIP** late of St Elizabeth's Care Home, Woolston and Clausentum Road, Southampton. Requiem Mass 1pm Wednesday 18 May in St Edmund's Church, followed by burial at Stoneham Cemetery.

**Anthony (Tony) O'Donnell RIP** late of Thornbury Avenue, Southampton. Reception into St Edmund's Church at 4:30pm Wednesday 18 May. Requiem Mass 11am Thursday 19 May followed by burial at Eling Cemetery. *May they rest in peace. Please keep all the families in your prayers.*



**ADULT BAPTISM:** We welcome into our faith community **Raymond Cook**, who is to be baptised after 11am Mass at St Edmund's today.

**WELCOME RITES** at 9am, 10am and 11am Masses today.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all receiving their First Holy Communion at St Boniface today.

**APPEAL AT** 6:15pm and 7pm Masses for nurses and doctors to go to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage in August.

### THIS WEEK

**FOR INFO:** Sun Syro Malabar Mass, Southampton: TC

Mon-Fri Life in the Spirit Seminar: VH

Mon Day off: TC

Sat SM Mass in Bournemouth: TC

Sun SM Mass in Reading TC

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** meet 2pm—3pm on Tuesdays in St Edmund's Hall.

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB** meet Wednesdays at 12 noon in St Edmund's Hall. Please contact Anne Monaghan on 023 8033 3589 if you would like to join.



**ALPHA COURSE** continues 7:00pm – 9:30pm

Thursday 12 May at St George Catholic College, Swaythling. Explore the meaning of life. Listen, Learn, Discuss, Discover, Ask. An interesting talk, a hot meal provided free of charge.

Email [southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or Tel. 023 8033 3589 or to book. **This week's session focuses on Why and How Should I Read the Bible?**

**CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING:** 7pm – 9:30pm

Thursday 12 May in Bitterne Parish Hall, Christ the King, Bitterne Road East, Southampton, SO18 6AP. Register with Soraya Ciccarone on Tel: 023 9283 6511 or email: [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**FROGZ YOUTH GROUP (for school years 3—8)** from 6pm—7:15pm Friday 13 May in St Boniface Church Hall. Theme—First Aid. Just come along—all welcome!

**DISCOVERING OUR IDENTITY** young adult group meet in St Edmund's Hall on Fridays from 8pm. All welcome!

### NEXT WEEKEND

**CALLED & GIFTED:** there are still a few places left on 13/14 May, 7pm—9pm Friday & 9am—4:30pm Saturday at St Theresa's Church Hall, Totton. To book call 023 8086 2270 or email [totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**PENTECOST 2016:** next Sunday 15 May when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, and oneness in Christ, **St Joseph's and St Michael's** will have a joint social gathering in St Michael's Square around 11:30am. To facilitate this, **Mass at St Joseph's will commence at 10:30 am.**



We will also be celebrating 'the Birthday of the Church' (Pentecost) after all Sunday Masses at both St Joseph's and St Edmund's; please join us for cake and refreshments. **Please bring a cake along if you can.**

### NEXT WEEK

**SOUP LUNCH** 1:05pm Thursday 19 May in St Michael's Church. All proceeds to Christian aid and CAFOD.

**POETRY SHARE: Theme—Year of Mercy Pilgrimage** 7pm Thursday 19 May at St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street. All welcome. See noticeboards.

**EU WELCOME INFO EVENING** 6pm—8pm on Friday 20 May in St Edmund's Lodge.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** workshop for parents and children 10:30am Saturday 21 May in St Anne's School.

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

**VULNERABLE ADULTS TRAINING:** from 7:00pm – 9:30pm Thursday 26 May at Bitterne Parish Hall, Christ the King & St Colman, Bitterne Road East, Southampton, SO18 6AP. Register with Soraya Ciccarone on Tel: 023 9283 6511 or email: [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**A DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS:** Saturday 11 June ... 10:00am to 3:00pm in St Edmund's School, Portsmouth. See noticeboards or Sacristy for more details.

**CHARITIES AND OUTREACH GROUP CONFERENCE: Saturday 2 July, 10am-2pm at St Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX.** Join us in celebration of this Extraordinary Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy as we hear from the many charitable organisations within the Catholic Church here in our diocese which strive to express the merciful love of Christ. Discover how together we are all called to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and bury the dead. Speakers will be drawn from The Medaille Trust, SVP, Apostleship of the Sea, Poitiers Care, Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth and CAFOD.

**FROM THE ARCHIVES:** "We are trying to find out when the screen at the back of St Joseph's Church was installed (see photo on the noticeboards). It was up in the 1980s before Father Beaumont's restoration of the church. Please let Father Vincent or the Parish Office know if you have any information with regards to the date it was brought into the church." *Carole Olding.*

**BISHOP RICHARD CHALLONER TERCENTENARY:** This month sees the 300th anniversary of the Ordination of Bishop Richard Challoner. We shall be commemorating this anniversary this coming Friday when Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral. Challoner was born in 1691, the son of a Presbyterian winecooper. After the death of his father, his mother became housekeeper to a Catholic family and Challoner was received into the Catholic Church when he was about 13 years old. In 1705 he entered Douai College where he stayed for twenty-five years as student, professor and vice-president. He was academically gifted and completed twelve years' studies in eight years. He was ordained priest in 1716 and ministered to a small number of Catholics covertly, celebrating Mass secretly in such places as ale-houses and cockpits. He was appointed to the See of Debra, coadjutor to Dr Petre, Vicar Apostolic of the London District in 1739, but it was not until 1741 that he was consecrated bishop in a private chapel in Hammersmith. In 1758, Petre died and Challoner succeeded him immediately. He wrote many books over a period of over thirty years. He died in 1781. The Tercentenary Mass will take place on Friday 6th May at 12.15pm in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2016—**Join Father Vincent and others from the Parish in the Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 19-26 August. Flying direct from Southampton to Lourdes! The Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Philip. Brochures available online (Diocesan website), or by email from Father Vincent, or at the back of the churches.

### **FOR THE DIARY ..... FUTURE EVENTS:**

1. **Corpus Christi Procession** after 11am Mass Sunday 29 May .... make a note

2. **Visit of image of 'Our Lady of Guadalupe':** 12-17 August....make a note. For more information see website [www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk](http://www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk).

**CITY CENTRE PASTORAL GROUP:** see last month's minutes and last week's agenda on the notice board.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:** Izabela Kubarska and Piotr Poledniok to take place in Poland in August.

**CAR PARKING:** A reminder that Park Centrale Estate is private and **no parking is allowed.**

**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR CHURCH CLEANING OR COUNTING & PAYING IN PERSONS** to join existing teams at St Edmund's on a rota **once every 4—6 weeks.** Contact Parish Office if you can help. *Thanks to those who have offered to join the groups this week.*

**SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2016:** Peter and Lynda Szymanski would love to welcome people to the new venue this year being held at St. George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Southampton. Their speakers this year are: **Ros Powell, Russ Parker, Emily Leakey and Michelle Moran** who they have been trying to book for nine years. They have finally been successful! Full details and booking forms are available on their webpage [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or telephone 023 8029 2058. Early booking is recommended as places are limited, especially for families with children.

### **200 CLUB WINNERS—MAY 2016**

Stephanie Mercer	1st prize	£20
Angela & Frank Capocci	2nd prize	£10

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Kay Kelly, Shane Wing (op. and stroke recovery), Colm O'Riordan (heart surgery), Valerie Summerton (op recovery), Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Karen Nugent (op recovery), Celia Axton (op recovery), Hilary Parker, Tony McCall, Alex Boyle (op recovery), Janette Brookes, Bernie Murray, Joy Grant, Pat Feighery (op recovery), Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, Rachel de Melo (op recovery), Dame Sheila Quinn, John Redhead, Pat Friters (op recovery), JL, Malcolm Cross, Irene Cartledge, Teresa Adams (stroke recovery), Judy Brown, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Patricia Penny, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Bosco and Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Tegar Marriott, Josie Franklin, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, Laura Pinson, Evelyn Nolan, parishioners who are ill, having surgery and on our prayer list.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 8 MAY 2016

\*(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	7 MAY	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM SJ	JOAN HALL RIP (MY)	
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH	
SUN	8 MAY	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	9:00AM SE	LIGY VARGHESE RIP (SALLY & LEEGY)	
			10:00AM SJ	PRIESTS & PARISH OFFICE—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)	
			11:00AM SE	JUDY BROWN, DAKSHI, ROSELYN COYLE, & THE MONDAY CLUB—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)	
			7:00PM SE	SANDRA FRY—GOOD HEALTH, WELLBEING & WELFARE (HIP OPERATION RECOVERY) (JMD)	
TUES	10 MAY	<b>OF THE 7th WEEK OF EASTER</b>	10:00AM SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—HEALING & GOD'S BLESSING (RK)	
WED	11 MAY	<b>OF THE 7th WEEK OF EASTER</b>	7:00PM SE	SOULS IN PURGATORY (ROBERT & FAMILY)	
THURS	12 MAY	<b>ST PANCRAS</b>	12:15PM SJ	PAT SULLIVAN RIP (IK)	
FRI	13 MAY	<b>OUR LADY OF FATIMA</b>	7:00PM SE	ALL PEOPLE ROBERT HAS MET (PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE) - GOD'S BLESSINGS RK	
SAT	14 MAY	<b>ST MATTHIAS</b>	11:00AM SE	KIM O'RIORDAN RIP (TO'R & CO'R)	
			6:15PM SJ	GEORGE & SIGNE PLOMER INTENTIONS (F)	
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH	
SUN	15 MAY	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)	
			10:30AM SJ	ANNE McNAMARA RIP (PO'N)	
			11:00AM SE	KATHLEEN MARSH RIP (GM)	
			7:00PM SE	MARGARET MURRAY & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS—(MM)	

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**Prayer of the Church Week 3**

**SUNDAY 8 MAY 2016  
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
Psalm Response**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

**Gospel Acclamation  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. **Alleluia!**

**READINGS SUNDAY 15 MAY 2016  
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11  
 2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-17  
 Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

<b>2ND COLLECTION TODAY</b>	<b>NO 2ND COLLECTION</b>
<b>WORLD COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b>

Collections	1st—1/5/16	2nd—Marist Bros.
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,686.08</b>	<b>£958.31</b>
Cash	1,115.32	872.50
S / O	1,256.61	11.50
Gift Aid Tax	314.15	74.31

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.

**CONFESSION TIMES**

**St Edmund's:** Saturdays 11:30am  
**St Joseph's:** Thursdays 11:45am  
 Saturdays 5:45pm