

11 AUGUST 2019

**NINETEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**



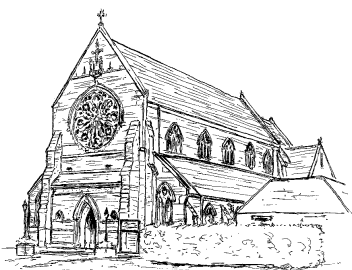
**ST JOSEPH'S &
ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE
CATHOLIC PARISH
SOUTHAMPTON**

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



TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN MUCH IS EXPECTED

In amongst the difficult questions around suffering and its purpose, the question is often asked: 'Why should it happen to me/them?' In two weeks' time a number of us will be in Lourdes accompanying extraordinary people on their annual pilgrimage. Assisted Pilgrims who will have endured years of disability, illness and loss but their courage and determination will have brought them to Lourdes. It is rare to hear any of these individuals ask 'why me?', their faith has brought them to a special place.

Today's readings can also give us some answers and guidance to those difficult questions. Abraham and Sarah were seemingly pushed to the limit, being asked to abandon everything and move to a strange country, to spend many years barren, to be willing to sacrifice an only son. What is even more extraordinary is that our ancient ancestors (Abraham and his descendants) simply put their trust in the word of God and His covenant. They did not live to see the promises fulfilled. We have the blessings of salvation history made present in Christ who made Abraham's descendants as numerous as the stars, who was the ultimate sacrifice that we represent each week in the Eucharist.

When you or I or those around us are struggling with challenges or trials that do not make sense or do not seem fair we too need to grasp that extraordinary faith of our fathers.

I am reminded of the prayer of John Henry Newman:

'God has created me to do some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life but shall be told it in the next. I am a link in the chain, a bond of connections between persons therefore I will trust... He knows what He is about.'

The questions are also linked to the theme and message of our readings over the past few Sundays. We are called to focus on things that will last, the things that are in heaven, the things that are to come.

It is also good to recall our parish mission prayer which acts as a reminder to each one of us that we are created for a purpose; to serve one another and be a witness to the faith that we have been given.

'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 spread more widely through me and my gospel witness be profound.'

Our faith may be tested at any stage or time in our lives and that is the reason why we should stay constantly vigilant, ready to greet or respond. The timing is not ours. The church gives us the opportunity to be prepared, to examine our lives and seek forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation, to strengthen ourselves with constant spiritual nourishment in the Eucharist or to join others on that pilgrimage of faith.

Tina Quinn

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. "You too must stand ready..." Jesus says (Gospel). In what way are you ready? Ready to encounter Christ daily? Ready to respond to Christ's 'commands'? Ready to 'meet Christ' at the end of life?
2. "They would share the same blessings and dangers alike" we hear in the Book of Wisdom (1st reading). Do you 'share' the challenge of faith and life with others? Who? Do others do likewise with you? Who?
3. "Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for" (2nd reading). What 'blessings' do you seek? Where do you seek them?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2019

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY: Catholic Home Care.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE will take place today at 3:00pm in St Edmund Church. This is just to 'revisit' some serving principles, and to integrate those who are new.

FATHER JAYA 'supplying' in Charminster for today.



BAPTISM: We welcome into our faith community: **Lola-Monika Kapuscinska-Lees**, daughter of Jamie & Lidia, being baptised at St Joseph Church at 11:30am today.

VOCATIONS: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 11 August.
“... for He has prepared a city for them.” **Are you called to lead the Lord's people to the eternal city that He has prepared for them?** To explore further, call Father John Cooke on Tel No 01329 318 869. or email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

RECENTLY DIED: **George Daly RIP.** Funeral details to be arranged. George taught for many years at Springhill and will be remembered by a large number of ex students especially for his sport coaching and his drum playing both at St Boniface Church and for Springhill events. He enjoyed the recent 90th celebrations at Springhill School. May he rest in peace.

NEXT SUNDAY

APPEAL & RETIRING COLLECTION: Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers). Appeal at all Masses.

FATHER ELIJAH 'supplying' in Charminster for the Sunday.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFO:

Mon Day off: VH/JP
Tues Hospital on call: VH
Wed Team Meeting: VH/AP/JP/EN
Thurs Feast of the Assumption see elsewhere
Hospital on call: VH
Fri Housebound visits: VH

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

POST MISSION MEETING 7pm Tuesday 13 August in St Edmund Presbytery.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE: We have been asked to pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country on Wednesday 14 August. There was large increase in the number of abortions in the UK last year. For details of their life-saving work go to www.GoodCounselNetwork.com (see noticeboards).

MALTA PILGRIMAGE GATHERING 7:30pm Wednesday 14 August in St Edmund Hall.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—FEAST DAY: Holy day of obligation, Thursday 15 August. Mass times:
St Edmund: 7am and 7:30pm
St Joseph: 12:15pm

GRANDPARENTS GROUP meet 11am Thursday 15 August in Stella Maris Hall.

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

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.

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

FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND 26 August 2019. £649.00 per person sharing incl. flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com or tel 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

GENERAL ITEMS

A DAY WITH MARY at St John's Catholic Cathedral, Saturday 7 September starting with Mass at 9.45am celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan and finishing at 5:15pm. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See noticeboards.

CAFOD UPDATE MEETING 18 September 7:15pm to 9pm at St Colman's Church, Portsmouth, PO6 2JJ. Jess Michelmores, Communications Officer for Latin America will be speaking about their work in Colombia and how your donations are making a difference to people's lives. Book by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE IN AID OF GROUP 170'S LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020: *“Thank you so much for your prayers, good wishes and generous sponsorship for my 50 mile Pilgrimage walk in aid of HCPT Group 170. I'm very happy to report that I completed the Pilgrimage in Walsingham last Sunday with just 2 blisters and am recovering well! If you would like to make a donation now that you know I actually completed the walk, please visit my Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/victoria-munday1> or contact me via the parish office. With every blessing, Vicki Munday (7pm Mass).”*

AL-ANON GROUP (for families affected by alcoholism) meet 7:45pm—9:15pm Wednesdays at Stella Maris Pastoral Centre, St Michael's Square, Bugle Street, Southampton, SO14 2AH. No appointment needed. Just turn up. Email enquiries@al-anonuk.org.uk for more info.

DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH—DIOCESAN PROPERTY MANAGER: Salary £25,000—£35,000. See Diocesan website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for job description, more information and an application form. Closing date 14.8.2019.



PLEASE PRAY FOR all parishioners on our prayer lists; all who are suffering from serious sickness, disease, those recovering from surgery and treatments.

MISSION SPIRITUAL QUESTIONNAIRE: As you know we did a questionnaire in the run up to the Parish Mission to help us plan the Mission. Over the next few weeks we will feedback some of the 'results'. Questions: 518 people filled in a questionnaire (Mass attendance usually between 800-900):

To the question 'how often do you come to Mass?':
71% said weekly; 23% said frequently;
5% said infrequently; 1% no response

To the question 'do you attend Mass during the week?'
12% said always; 54% said occasionally;
33% said never; 2% no response.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR AUGUST: Universal—
That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly 'schools of true human growth'.

200 HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS FOR AUGUST 2019

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| 1st prize | Mervyn Brown | £20.00 |
| 2nd Prize | Mary Berridge | £10.00 |

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME



'Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential... it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience'
Pope Francis, Laudato Si'

The next time you decide to work on your garden, try to plant flowers that attract the bees, like lavender (bees are more attracted to flowers that are purple, violet or blue.) It has been proven that humans can't survive without bees so it's important to protect them!

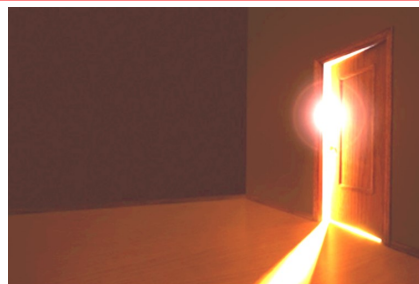
Remember to keep collecting your broken or unwanted pens – the collection boxes are at the back of the church!

LAUDATO SI/ OUR COMMON WORLD WEEK

In preparation for our celebration of Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' Encyclical on the Environment, we are asking parishioners to help us gather materials needed for our displays. Please, can you collect CLEAN green, blue, clear and white plastic bottles and also any plastic bags? In addition we need cardboard tubes, empty chocolate or biscuit tins (plastic or metal), corrugated card packaging and rigid plastic jars. A box will be provided at the back of the church for collection. *More news and details about our Common World week (28th September to 5th October) at St Joseph's will be announced later.*

IN COMMEMORATION OF VJ DAY: Parishioners Tessa and Leila Barratt would like to share the story in memory of their father / grandfather Patrick Nolan, of Ballycullane, Wexford, Eire. Patrick was a prisoner of war, captured at the fall of Singapore. He was held in Shanghai then transported by "hell ship" to Rabaul, New Guinea. Along with 600 other soldiers, he was imprisoned for 3 years until liberation day on 15 August 1945. Sadly only 18 of the 600 survived, Patrick being one of them, by God's Grace. His strong Catholic faith kept him going.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR HANDBAGS AND VALUABLES SAFE at all times during Mass and in the halls. Items have been stolen in the past.



OPEN DOOR RETREAT:

It is not always possible to go away to one of the very beautiful retreat centres that there are up and down the country, to make a retreat. Yet all of us need to give ourselves

space and time to re-think our attitude to God, to events, ourselves and others; to evaluate our response to God, to events, to the people in our lives; time to reflect on the experiences of life. Dag Hammerskjold wrote that an "unreflected life is a wasted life".

An Open Door Retreat is one way of providing the 'tools' for this essential reflection and evaluation. A 'retreat' made both on one's own and with others in an everyday context.

The OPEN DOOR RETREAT was drawn together, in response to the need seen in our country for an appropriate form of prayerful renewal, by two sisters of the Cenacle Community in 1980. The name is taken from the image portrayed in Revelation Ch 3 v20; ***"Behold, I am standing at the door knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in to share his meal side by side with him"***.

Where would an Open Door Retreat take place? The next Open Door Retreat takes place from **7pm—8:30pm on Mondays September 2nd—28th October in St Edmund Hall, Rockstone Place, Southampton, SO15 2EQ.**

Sign up sheets in the porches from today.

What is involved in making this retreat? An 1.5 hour session once a week for nine consecutive weeks, meeting together with others who wish to do the same. A commitment to fifteen minutes of personal reflective prayer each day and to sharing something of the experience of prayer with the group.

The weekly sessions are led by a team of two people who have made such a retreat and have been trained in the leading of Open Door Retreats. They too are committed to making the retreat with the group, endeavouring to be in touch with all that is happening so as not to lead insensitively. They share with the group from their own personal experience of prayer and the challenge of living according to the Gospel values of Christ. The team undertake to be available and on call to help, to listen and to encourage.

What are the benefits? Open Door Retreats have been found to be of tremendous value, resulting in a deepening of prayer and a growth in awareness of God's presence and love, in our ordinary world. The sharing of experiences of prayer with others has been a source of new insight and inspiration.

As well as the team being committed to sharing from their own experience, much of the material and prayerful reflection during the week is given also in written form. Those making the retreat go home armed with hand-outs – scripture texts and other writings to ponder.

Would you like to know more? Make contact with trained leader Tina Quinn by email via the Parish Office southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 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)

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| SAT | 10 AUG | VIGIL MASS | 6:15PM SJ PAUL DORAN RIP (JB) |
| SUN | 11 AUG | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9:00AM SE ADAM JINKS—1ST BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (CM) 10:00AM SJ ALBANO FREITAS (3RD ANNIVERSARY) RIP (PF & EF) 11:00AM SE MARY ANTOINETTE & HENDRY AROKIASAMY RIP (AH) 7:00PM SE JOAN DOWDING RIP (F) |
| TUES | 13 AUG | ST PONTIAN & ST HIPPOLYTUS | 10:00AM SE JOAN DOWDING RIP (F) |
| WED | 14 AUG | ST MAXIMILIAN MARIA KOLBE | 7:00PM SE TIM—WELLBEING (MB & JB) |
| THURS | 15 AUG | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | 7:00AM SE JUDY BROWN RIP—CROWN OF LIFE (THEOS) 12:15PM SJ MRS CATHERINE (KITTY) CUMMINS RIP (F) 7:30PM SE SANDRA WEBB RIP (GL & TL) |
| FRI | 16 AUG | ST STEPHEN | 7:00PM SE JUDY BROWN RIP—CROWN OF LIFE (THEOS) |
| SAT | 17 AUG | OUR LADY ON SATURDAY | 11:00AM SE RICHARD BROOKS—HEALING, WELLBEING & GOD'S PROTECTION (AW) 6:15PM SJ WHEELER/BROOKS FAMILIES—PAST & PRESENT (RK) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH |
| SUN | 18 AUG | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9:00AM SE AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) 10:00AM SJ BRIAN D'ARCY RIP (BD & GD) 11:00AM SE JUDY BROWN RIP—CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (TH) 7:00PM SE LUKE ASABA—FROM MOTHER—WELLBEING (ED) |

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 09:30; 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 3

11 AUGUST 2019

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Psalm Response: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. **Alleluia!**

READINGS 18 AUGUST 2019

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

1st Reading: Jeremiah 38: 4—6, 8—10

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 1—4

Gospel: Luke 12: 49—53

2ND COLLECTION

TODAY:

CATHOLIC HOME CARE

2ND COLLECTION

NEXT WEEK:

COMBONI MISSIONARIES

| COLLECTIONS | 1ST | 2nd—Church Maintenance |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 4.8.19 | | |
| Totals | £2,379.82 | £252.48 |
| Cash | 772.32 | 139.85 |
| S / O | 1,286.00 | 90.50 |
| Gift Aid Rebate | 321.50 | 22.13 |

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

St Joseph: Thursday 11:45am * Saturday 5:45pm
St Edmund: Saturday 11:30am