

**4 AUGUST 2019**  
**EIGHTEENTH**  
**SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY**  
**TIME**



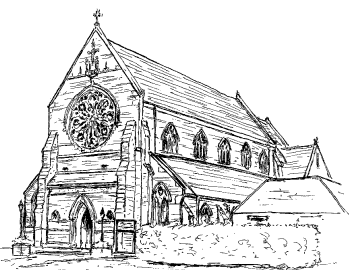
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**ST EDMUND'S**  
**CITY CENTRE**  
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ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
 PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

**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



## LOOK ABOVE THE SUN

Today's first reading is from the book of Ecclesiastes, where the author tries to put forward the thoughts of King Solomon, who was the wisest man on earth and gave us the Proverbs by divine wisdom. Ecclesiastes, however, is by human wisdom; the wisdom of the man who lives "under the sun" (Eccl. 1:3). Solomon tried to find satisfaction through various forms of pleasure, building mansions, gardens, having many slaves (2:6-7). In the end, he says, "Under the sun everything was vanity" (Eccl. 2:21-22). He further talks about the futility of hard work, as one must leave the fruit of hard work to somebody who came after him.

Does that mean that we should not work hard? No.

We must be conscious of the fact that the earth and its belongings are not eternal. Our thoughts and desires should not be selfish and greedy. "He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance with income. This too is empty." (Eccl. 5:10). Mahatma Gandhi said, "God has made enough in this world for every man's need, but not enough for even one man's greed."

In today's gospel of Luke, when a man came to the Lord and said, "Lord tell my brother to share the family property with me." Even though his request may have been a genuine, righteous request, Jesus refused to get involved in such a dispute but asks the crowd to take guard against all greed. He further tells a parable of a rich man, who was blessed with a bountiful harvest. The rich man said to himself, "What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?" He has it so abundantly that he thought of pulling down the barn and building larger newer ones.

Are we doing the same when we are blessed with abundance? Do we think of the needy?

The man in the parable was so happy with his storage plans, to keep the abundance to himself, that he wishes to take rest, eat, drink and be merry! Many a time, we too might think the same. However, God says that it would be foolish to think so, as the end can come at any time and the earthly things would perish. Hence, we must detach ourselves from the earthly possessions and stop being greedy of what we see around us. How can we do this? We must die to ourselves with Christ and manifest the life of Jesus in our bodies.

As St Paul says to the Colossians, let us seek the help of Holy Spirit in keeping away the earthly desires like immorality, impure passion and greed. Only then, can we focus and look above the sun, not of what is on earth. As St John Vianney says, let us pray and make our hearts capable of loving God. May God bless us all. Amen.

*Fr. Y. Jaya Praveen*

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. "A man's life is not made secure by what he owns ...." Jesus says in today's Gospel. What makes you secure? Where do you place your values? Where does your faith come in?
2. "Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says ..." in our First Reading. What aspects/attitudes in your life would you describe as 'vain'? Why? Can you do anything about it?
3. Christ "is everything and he is in everything" St Paul writes (2nd reading). Where do you find Christ? In self? In others? In prayer? In the Sacraments?

*Vincent Harvey*

## TODAY SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 2019

**RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY:** Church Maintenance Fund

**REFRESHMENTS** after 10am Mass.

**SUMMER 'RECESS'!!!** During the summer there will be no Children's liturgy during the 9am Mass, nor refreshments after the Mass. In August the 9am will also have a much deserved rest. Thank you to all involved week in and week out ...

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our worshipping community:



BAPTISM

- **Benjamin Lewis**, son of Simon and Kate
  - **Frazer Fakhoury**, son of Amir and Lynsey
  - **Eleanor Bennett**, daughter of Grant & Lillian
- being baptised at 12:30pm at St Edmund Church today.

**VOCATIONS:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4 August. *If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you - discover that life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother.* To explore further, call Father John Cooke on Tel No 01329 318 869. or email: [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## NEXT SUNDAY

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** Catholic Home Care.



BAPTISM

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

**ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE** will take place on Sunday 11 August at 3:00pm in St Edmund Church. Servers please collect a letter from the sacristy. This is just to 'revisit' some serving principles, and to integrate those who are new.

## THIS WEEK

**FOR INFO:**

Mon Day off: VH/JP

Tues Hospital on call: VH

Wed Team Meeting: VH/AP/JP/EN. Wedding: VH

Fri Jesus Caritas: VH

Sat Wedding: VH

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

**BAPTISM PREPARATION (SESSION TWO)** 7pm—8pm  
Tuesday 6 August in St Edmund Hall for those who have booked to have their children baptised in the parish.

**LUNCH CLUB** Wednesdays at 12noon in Stella Maris Centre, Bugle Street. Contact Anne Monaghan on 023 8017 0498 if you would like to join. Lifts will be arranged.

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

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

## NEXT WEEK

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

**WEDDING BELLS:** Our heartiest congratulations to:



**Christina Mannion** and **Peter Le Petit** who are getting married at 1:00pm Wednesday 7 August in St Edmund Church.

**Ewelina** and **Surinder Singh**, convalidation of marriage at 1:00pm Saturday 10 August in St Edmund Church.

*May God bless them all the days of their lives.*

**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.

**ORGAN RECITAL** by **DAVID OLDFIELD** 7pm Friday 16 August at the Bournemouth Oratory. All Parishioners and Friends of The Bournemouth Oratory, Sacred Heart Church are warmly invited to our Monthly Concert. Free admission, with a retiring Collection for the Oratory Redevelopment Fund. For more information contact Sharon Head, Parish Office Administrator, Tel: 012 0241 1140. Email: [sacredheart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sacredheart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**COMBONI MISSIONARIES—VERONA FATHERS APPEAL:** We welcome Father Franco Mastromauro MCCJ who will make the appeal on behalf of the Verona Fathers at all Masses next weekend 17/18 August.

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE AND PICNIC** from 1pm Sunday 18 August at Upper Hamble (Manor Farm) Country Park. Meeting point Barnfield Car Park (cost £5 to park for up to 4 hours, but there are toilets and refreshments available!). Tel. 023 8022 3389. See noticeboards.

## GENERAL ITEMS

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION .... CONFIRMATION....**

**CERTIFICATES:** Not all the First Holy Communion or Confirmation Certificates have been collected/received. If you have not received your Certificate please come into the Inner Sacristy at St Edmund after Mass and collect. Many thanks

**RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS:** How we receive Holy Communion (on the hand, on the tongue, standing or kneeling) is up to the recipient. Whichever way it is done it must, naturally, be done with reverence. Part of that reverence is some form reverence: a bow of the head, or a profound bow, or genuflection before reception. Whichever you do, which is highly encouraged, please do it whilst the person in front of you is receiving Holy Communion. Please, please do not do it as the priest/deacon/minister says 'The Body/Blood of Christ'. This has a number of effects, not least that it is easy to drop the Eucharist (the Host), or spill the Chalice. The 'reverence' must be done before!! Then Holy Communion consumed before you walk away.

**CAFOD UPDATE MEETING** 18 September 7:15pm to 9pm at St Colman's Church, St Colman's Avenue, 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 your place for catering purposes by emailing [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or phone 01252 329 385.

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

**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'. Age profile: 518 people filled in a questionnaire (Mass attendance usually between 800-900):

10-15yr: 22; 21-25yr: 17; 26-30yr: 25;  
31-40yr: 109; 41-50yr: 99; 51-60yr: 59;  
61-70yr: 74; 71-80yr: 43; 80+yr: 25.

**AL-ANON GROUP** (for families who are 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. Tel. 0800 0086 811 or email [enquiries@al-anonuk.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@al-anonuk.org.uk) for more info.

#### 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!



#### 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.

#### HERITAGE PROJECT MANAGER FOR AVENUE 2020

**PROJECT:** to deliver an exciting project which will research and celebrate the history of Avenue St Andrew's United Reformed Church as a church which helps others. Based at Avenue St Andrew's URC Church, The Avenue, Southampton, SO17 1XJ. Salary: £28,800 fixed contract fee to include any VAT and expenses working flexibly with an average of 65 hours per month. Term: 10 month fixed term contract starting early October 2019. The successful applicant will hold a degree. The Avenue St Andrew's Archive Room is on the 1st floor and accessible only by a flight of stairs. The post is funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Email: [office@asaurc.org.uk](mailto:office@asaurc.org.uk) or call 023 8067 8787. Application must be in before 12noon on 6 September 2019.

#### DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH—DIOCESAN PROPERTY

**MANAGER:** The Portsmouth Diocesan Trust, a Registered Charity, has an extensive portfolio of property that includes Churches, associated Church buildings, schools, houses, offices, residential and investment property.

The Diocese consists of the counties of Hampshire, part of Dorset and Berkshire, South Oxfordshire, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands. Considerable travelling will be involved.

The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Diocesan Property Manager who will be a member of the Diocesan Estate Team providing an effective property management and advice service to the Parishes and Schools of the Diocese and protecting the interests of the Portsmouth Diocese. This role will include acquisitions, disposals, leases, ASTs, ensuring statutory compliance, arranging remedial works, managing consultants and contractors for maintenance projects, and other general estate management duties.

The role is a challenging opportunity for a self-motivated individual with considerable experience and a relevant property qualification. While a background in estate management is desirable, your experience could be in surveying or property management. Much of your work will require liaison with priests and parish volunteers, so a commitment to the ethos of the Catholic Church, and excellent communication skills are required. Ability to manage own diary and ensure all tasks completed.

Salary £25,000-£35,000 dependant on qualifications and experience. Due to the nature of our work with schools and vulnerable adults a DBS check will be required. For informal enquiries contact Hilary Foley (Director of Estates) 023 9282 5430. For an application form, job description and Equal Ops Monitoring form please go to the Diocesan website ([www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)). Closing date 14.8.2019. Return the application and Equal Opportunity Monitoring forms to: Victoria Nightingale, HR Manager, Support & Administration Services, St Edmund House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3QA or email to: [vnightingale@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vnightingale@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Karen Bell, Claire Tickell, Anushka Ponniah, Baby Joshuel Sharma, Ranjit, Marisa Tellegen, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Dakshi & Daham Korlage, Madeleine Clarke, Bunty Weerakoon, Jean Mooney, Christopher Browne, Jose Tew, David Spencer, Pat & Don Devers, Valerie Summerton, TG, Roque Vaz, Joanne G, Janet P, Azad & Viyille Perera, Elvira & Rocky, George Chesworth, Margaret Hicks, Jean White, Brian Gardiner, Sheila Morris, Karen Bell, John Hennessy, Pat O'Neill, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Kushmi De'Saram, Eloise Chessman, Christopher Browne, Bobby Murphy, Abid & Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Dissanayake, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Doris Leggett, John O'Reilly, Bill Eastman, Shane Wing, Kathryn Morley, NW, 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, Jeanette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, O'Hanlon family, Paul Sassu, Peter Scott, Maria Annunziata, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Joe Sculley, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 4 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)

SAT	3 AUG	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM SJ JUDY BROWN RIP—CROWN OF LIFE (THEOS)
SUN	4 AUG	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE FERDI FERNANDES RIP (DP) 10:00AM SJ ASHWORTH FAMILY—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (SI) 11:00AM SE PETER WASTALL 80TH BIRTHDAY, ANDY WASTALL 40TH BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA) 7:00PM SE THANKSGIVING FOR ALL BLESSINGS, PAST & FUTURE—ZELJKO & SLAVA UVANOVIC & MISS LANA DELINA (ZU)
TUES	6 AUG	<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>	10:00AM SE THANKSGIVING FOR 50 YEARS MARRIED (HP)
WED	7 AUG	<b>ST SIXTUS II &amp; COMPANIONS</b>	7:00PM SE TEODOSIO JOSE RODRIGUES RIP (MARTA ELSDEN & FAMILY)
THURS	8 AUG	<b>ST DOMINIC</b>	12:15PM SJ ROBERT & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
FRI	9 AUG	<b>ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN)</b>	7:00PM SE KATHLEEN (PADDY) CHANDLER RIP (F)
SAT	10 AUG	<b>ST LAURENCE</b>	11:00AM SE JUDY BROWN RIP—CROWN OF LIFE (THEOS) 6:15PM SJ PAUL DORAN RIP (JB) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	11 AUG	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	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)

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 2

**4 AUGUST 2019**  
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,**  
**YEAR C**

**Psalm Response:**  
 O that today you would listen to his voice!  
 Harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
 Your word is truth, O Lord,  
 consecrate us in the truth. **Alleluia!**

**READINGS 11 AUGUST 2019**  
**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**  
 1st Reading: Wisdom 18: 6—9  
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 1—2, 8—19  
 Gospel: Luke 12: 32—48

<b>2ND COLLECTION TODAY:</b>	<b>2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:</b>
<b>CHURCH MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>CATHOLIC HOME CARE</b>

COLLECTIONS	1ST
<b>28.7.19</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,409.04</b>
Cash	801.54
S / O	1,286.00
Gift Aid Rebate	321.50

**CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION**  
**St Joseph: Thursday 11:45am \* Saturday 5:45pm**  
**St Edmund: Saturday 11:30am**