

# LISTEN AND FOLLOW AS MARY DID

## {HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOTHER MARY}

8 SEPTEMBER 2019  
**TWENTY-THIRD  
 SUNDAY IN  
 ORDINARY  
 TIME**

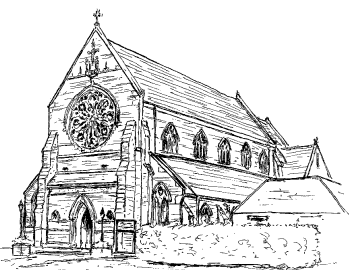


**ST JOSEPH'S &  
 ST EDMUND'S  
 CITY CENTRE  
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STELLA MARIS DEANERY  
 INCLUDES:

- 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



Today, the Lord Jesus explains what it costs to follow Him. He explains to the crowd who were travelling with Him that following Him and being His disciple does not come without cost. The crowd had heard Him saying they need to love their neighbour as they love themselves, but today Jesus exhorts that unless one hates his father, mother, wife, brother, sister, neighbour and oneself, they cannot be His follower. (Luke 14:26)

Do we need to hate our own people?

Definitely not. Jesus tries to keep the bar high. He states clearly that our focus and commitment to follow Jesus should be so clear that no one, including our relations/ possessions, should come in the way of following Him. He says that one must hate his own life to be His disciple. We should be completely focused and make God our top priority. He alone should be first in our lives. He goes on to say that those who do not give up everything cannot be His disciple. (Luke 14:33). In the second reading (Philemon 9:10-17), St Paul, though he is in need of help by Onesimus, tries to send him to his master only for the sake of Gospel.

How can we give up everything? Is it possible?

It is possible if only we would carry our cross. Jesus says that one must carry the cross daily. (Luke 14:27) This life is not a quick or an easy way. We need to sit down and plan to live this way. Jesus quotes a man who starts building a tower without proper planning; he would be ridiculed halfway through on realizing that he does not have all the resources to complete it. (Luke 14:28-30) We must start depending on the Spirit of God to have His wisdom so that we will not stop mid-way on our journey. God who is eternal and who has supreme authority will make His plan known to such people alone (Wisdom 9:17-18).

What we must plan to live such a life?

We must do three things. Listen to God (Luke 14:35) and then we must trust Him and then obey and follow Him. We see these in the life of Mother Mary, who is His best disciple. She is a model for all of us. The way she listened to God, the good news delivered by Angel Gabriel (Luke 1:28), and the way she trusted it by saying, "I am the Lords servant" (Luke 1:8) and the way she obeyed (Luke 1:39-41) is the way we must follow. We must not let relations and possessions take our focus off carrying the cross as only then can we be followers of Jesus like Mary. Today as the Church celebrates the nativity of Mother Mary, let us seek her help in following Jesus. May God bless us all. Amen. **Rev. Fr. Y. Jaya Praveen**

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. "...none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions" Jesus is quoted saying (Gospel)! Tough! What does that mean to you? How do you interpret this? Is it about 'self-surrender'?
2. How can we "know the intentions of God?" Wisdom says (1<sup>st</sup> reading). Can we? Can we do it alone? Are there ways of 'knowing' God's will/thoughts?
3. ".....welcome him as you would me" St Paul's says of Onesimus (2<sup>nd</sup> reading). Who do you need to 'welcome' into your life/or into the life of faith?  
 Vincent Harvey

# TODAY SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2019

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** Catholic Education Service.



**APPEAL FOR SHOEBOXES** ..... do not throw them away! Please bring them to St Joseph & St Edmund so that we can collect them in readiness for 'the shoe box appeal' to provide gifts for children in deprived parts of the world. More later .... but do bring in shoe boxes now!

**VOCATIONS:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 8 September 2019. **"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."** Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, call Father John Cooke on Tel No 01329 318 869 or email: [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## RECENTLY DIED:



**Patricia Povey RIP**, late of Franklin Avenue, Sholing. Funeral Service 12noon Tuesday 10 September in St Joseph Church followed by burial at St Mary's Extra Cemetery. May she rest in peace. *Please keep her families in your prayers.*

## NEXT WEEKEND

**RCIA SMALL TALKS** after all Masses next weekend.

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** Home Mission Sunday.

## THIS WEEK

### FOR INFO:

Mon Day off: JP

VH annual leave 3—26 September.

**OPEN DOOR RETREAT** continues from 7pm—8:30pm on Mondays until 28 October in St Edmund Hall. **Now fully subscribed.**

**CALLED & GIFTED SMALL GROUP LAUNCH** from 7pm—9pm Tuesday 10 September in St Edmund Hall for those who attended the Called & Gifted course at St Anne's School in July 2019.

**POETRY SHARE: North American Poets**, Tuesday 10 September, 7:15pm at Stella Maris Centre, Bugle Street.

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

**LUNCH CLUB** 12 noon Wednesdays in Stella Maris Centre, Bugle Street. Please contact Anne Monaghan in the Parish Office if you would like to join or if you can help with lifts.

**RCIA TEAM MEETING** 7:30pm Wednesday 11 September in St Edmund Hall.

**AL-ANON GROUP** (for families affected by alcoholism) meet 7:45pm—9:15pm Wednesdays at Stella Maris Centre, St Michael's Square, Bugle Street.

**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.

**VIANNEY PRAYER GROUP PRAYING FOR PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS** meet at 7:30pm Thursday 12 September in St Edmund Hall. All welcome!

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

## NEXT WEEK

**OPEN DOOR RETREAT** continues Mondays at 7pm in St Edmund Hall for those who have booked.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL:** Please sign up for 1hour/week for 6 weeks 40daysforlife vigil at BPAS Abortion Centre, Royal South Hants Hospital, Brintons Terrace, Southampton, SO14 0YG (if unable to commit each week, whatever you can is much appreciated). Ring/text the local co-ordinator Adam Smith-Connor 07535 937 865 or email [40daysforlifesouthampton@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifesouthampton@gmail.com)

**Launch Event: Tuesday, 17 September (8 days before the vigil starts) 7pm Holy Family Church, Redbridge Hill, Millbrook SO16 4PL.** See updates [40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Southampton](http://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Southampton) If you know of anyone who wants to attend the vigil contact Adam to sign them up.

**BAMENDA COMMITTEE MEETING** 7pm Wednesday 18 September in St Edmund Presbytery.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA):** For anyone looking to find out more about the Catholic Faith – come along and ask your questions, find out what the church teaches and what it means to live as a Catholic. A warm welcome awaits you, come and see.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS** for anyone who has been baptised Catholic, over the age of 18, who would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation (possibly as part of preparation for Marriage in the Catholic Church). Join us at the Journey In Faith meetings to find out more.

**Wednesday evenings 7:30pm—9pm, in St Edmund Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ starting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

**GRANDPARENTS GROUP MEET** at 11am Thursday 19 September in Stella Maris Centre.

**EST MEETING** 7pm Thursday 19 September in St Edmund Presbytery.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION APPEAL FOR HELPERS** at all Masses Saturday/Sunday 21/22 September.

## GENERAL ITEMS

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—QUIZ NIGHT:** 7:30pm Saturday 19 October in St Joseph Hall in aid of Asin'get School in Uganda.

**POWER OF CONSCIENCE?:** Recently we had an anonymous letter with £40 included. It said "Dear Father, Back in the 1950s we used candles from the church to explore the bomb sites in London Road. Sorry." Thank you to that person. It is never too late to seek 'forgiveness' for what we have done. What do we need forgiveness for?

## 200 CLUB WINNERS—SEPTEMBER 2019

1st Prize	Maria Rog	£20.00
2nd Prize	Father Vincent Harvey	£10.00

**SAINT PADRE PIO RETREAT DAY** Sunday 22 September from 10am till 3pm. Spend some time in the beautiful setting of St Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU on the eve of the Feast Day of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. Join Father Des and other devotees for Mass, a talk and Adoration. Come and learn some more about this powerful intercessor in heaven. Please bring a packed lunch and suggested donation of £20.

### LAUDATO SI/ OUR COMMON WORLD WEEK

**Celebrate the Day of Prayer for Creation:** Fran Morley writes... "The 1st September was designated by the Pope as a World Day of Prayer for Creation. At our parish we are working towards a week of activity on this theme.

**This will be open from 9am – 4pm daily at St Joseph Church, 48 Bugle Street, Southampton, SO14 2AH from Saturday 28 September to Saturday 5 October.**

We will begin with a weekend of creative workshops exploring the beauty of our world and considering our responsibility for its care. Through words, pictures, sculpture and music we will add to a display of images and writing put together by a team of parishioners and Springhill School children on the Laudato Si Theme Our Common Home.

The feast of St Francis falls on 4 October and he will be part of the focus for the week with origami birds, created by visitors as well as workshop participants, to be 'flown' around his statue.

On the last day, 5 October, at 7:30pm there will be a celebration of the week's work including a specially composed piece of music for Clarinet and Junk Orchestra and a reading of poems that have been written interspersed with Creation hymns sung by St Joseph Church Choir, the concert will run for approximately 2 hours. The week coincides with the last week of the Season of Creation which takes place from 1 September – 6 October this year. It is also the 25th anniversary of the FAIRTRADE Mark in the UK and we will be promoting this in support of our neighbours across the world.

We can pray this beautiful Prayer for Creation from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:

*Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.*

*We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation.*

*In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering.*

*Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.*

*Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe.*

*Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.*

*Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out. You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen".*

### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH HEADTEACHER POST.

See Government, Dorset and Diocesan websites or email/ phone/download an application form [b.hincks@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:b.hincks@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk) / 012 0247 0175/ <https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/> Closing date 13.9.2019.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2020

Throughout October we are inviting registration for First Holy Communion 2020. Children should be baptised Catholics, in year 3 or above and regularly attending Mass with their family in the City Centre Parish of St Joseph & St Edmund.

Sessions will involve the attendance of children together with their parent/s. **Registration for the programme will take place after 9am, 10am and 11am Sunday Masses throughout October** (last registration date being Sunday 27 October).

Please come with your child to St Edmund Hall or the Stella Maris Centre on any of these Sundays where Catechists will be available to sign you up, give you the full programme details and answer any questions. The cost per child will be £35 to cover materials etc. **Please bring both the fee and your child's baptism certificate with you to register.**

**FAREWELL TO FATHER ELIJAH.** We say 'farewell' to Father Elijah the weekend of 28/29 September when he will preside at his 'final' Masses here in the Parish: 9am, 11am & 7pm in St Edmund. The previous week (21/22 September) he will preside at the 6:15pm & 10am Masses in St Joseph to 'say goodbye' there.

As you know Father Elijah has not officially been a 'full time assistant priest' due to his degree in Educational Management which Archbishop Cornelius wanted him and Father Emmanuel to attain for use later back in Bamenda. Nevertheless many, if not all of us, have taken him to our hearts and will miss his 'smile', 'enthusiasm' and 'energy'. We wish him well in Totland Bay, Isle of Wight.

We hope to invite Father Elijah back at some stage for some form of celebration and presentation. To this end we will have a collection for Father Elijah on the weekend of 12/13 October. Chatting to Father Elijah it is obvious that he will have to buy a car (priests have to purchase their own cars!) due to living in a rural parish and supporting Father Emmanuel in Newport as well as Hospital duties.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Ewa Evans, Teresa Hodges, Sue Hanrhan, Karen Bell, Claire Tickell, Anushka Ponniah, Joshuel Sharma (baby), 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, Mohan L, Joanne G, Janet P, Azad & Viyille Perera, Elvira & Rocky, George Chesworth, Jean White, Brian Gardiner, Sheila Morris, John Hennessy, Pat O'Neill, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Eloise Chessman, Bobby Murphy, 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, Malcolm Cross, O'Hanlon family, Paul Sassu, Peter Scott, Maria Annunziata, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 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	7 SEP	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM	SJ	JON—HEALING & WELLBEING (MM)
SUN	8 SEP	<b>TWENTY—THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM	SE	JUDY BROWN RIP (GC & HP)
			10:00AM	SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM	SE	ANGUS MACKINNON RIP (CMS)
			7:00PM	SE	MARIA CAPPETTA RIP (F)
TUES	10 SEP	23RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM	SE	JAN GACA (BIRTHDAY) & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA/FRANCIS)
WED	11 SEP	23RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM	SE	FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE COYLE FAMILY FROM FALCARRAGH COUNTY DONEGAL (DMD)
THURS	12 SEP	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY	12:15PM	SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	13 SEP	ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM	7:00PM	SE	ROBERT AND FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
SAT	14 SEP	<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>	11:00AM	SE	JOHN STANLEY RIP (MB & JB)
			6:15PM	SJ	SEÀN, KATHLEEN & STEWARD ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	15 SEP	<b>TWENTY—FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM	SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM	SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM	SE	MARY ANTOINETTE & HENDRY AROKIASAMY RIP (AH)
			7:00PM	SE	LANA DELINA—HEALING, WELLBEING & GOD'S PROTECTION (ZU)

**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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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 3

**8 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

**Psalm Response:**

O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I  
have made known to you everything I  
have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

**READINGS 15 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

1st Reading: Exodus 32: 7—11, 13—14

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12—17

Gospel: Luke 15: 1—32

**2ND COLLECTION TODAY:  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE**

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:  
HOME MISSION SUNDAY**

COLLECTIONS 1.9.19	1ST	2ND
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,784.45</b>	<b>£314.90</b>
Cash	1,023.56	196.77
S / O	1,408.71	94.50
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18	23.63

**CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION**

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