

1 SEPTEMBER 2019

**TWENTY-
SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**



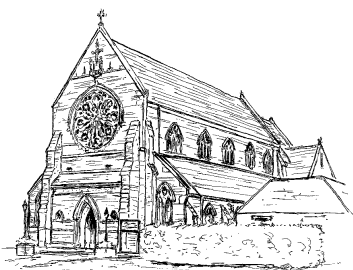
**ST JOSEPH'S &
ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE
CATHOLIC PARISH
SOUTHAMPTON**

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



THE POSITIVE VALUE OF SELF-EFFACEMENT

Uriah Heep, the character in David Copperfield, is far from a useful model of humility. His humility is of a cloying, unctuous obsequiousness and complete insincerity. True humility, Christian humility, is nothing less and nothing more than true humanity. Both words have indeed the same root. On the path of humility, Christ alone shows us the perfect way. Indeed, those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Jesus observes the figurative jostling for places at dinner in His parable this week. Nowadays, maybe it is not always about the best places at a dinner. Maybe it is about having the nicest car or house. Maybe it is about being able to keep up with our neighbours. Maybe it is about having our own way. Maybe it is about political power, or about cultural status, or about striving for more material things than we really need. Maybe it is about the use of military or economic power by nations. Maybe it is about consuming more than others. Maybe it is about getting our self worth by being better than someone else. Maybe it is about being a celebrity at any cost.

Jesus seems to be saying that we should consider taking the lowest place. Jesus' message is a challenge to individual behaviour. Jesus' message is a challenge to our institutions and organisations. Jesus' message is a challenge to those with political power. Jesus' message is a challenge to those who want to use military power. Jesus' message is a challenge to the nations of the world, and to the large international companies of our day.

If we get trapped by the desire always to be better than someone else, we miss something. If we try to get our value by saying our race is better, or our ethnic group is better, or our group is better than yours, then we miss something. If we get trapped by some kind of striving for wealth, or material things, or status, we miss something. We miss the truth and freedom of Jesus Christ.

Jesus challenges our culture of upward mobility by inviting the lowest and neediest to the banquet. Jesus creates an option for the poor. Jesus invites us to something more than possessions and power over others. Jesus offers a path to great life, and peace, and happiness. Jesus guides us to humbly recognise the dignity and worth of other people and to leave the ranking to God.

Deacon Andy Philpott

TODAY SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

RETIRING COLLECTION: Church Maintenance Fund.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE 2pm today at Lyndhurst. Starting point Parc Pale Car Park. Tel. 023 8044 2403. See notice boards.



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!

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.*

THIS WEEK

FOR INFO:

Mon Day off: JP

VH annual leave 3—26 September.

OPEN DOOR RETREAT 7pm—8:30pm Mondays, 2 September—28 October in St Edmund Hall, Rockstone Place, Southampton, SO15 2EQ. **Now fully subscribed.**

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

LUNCH CLUB recommences after the summer break at 12 noon Wednesday 4 September 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 4 September in St Edmund Hall.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet at 4:30pm Thursday 5 September in St Edmund Presbytery.

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.

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.

NEXT WEEK

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

CALLED & GIFTED SMALL GROUP LAUNCH from 7pm—9pm Tuesday 10 September in St Edmund Hall for those who attended the course at St Anne's School on Saturday 13 July 2019.

POETRY SHARE, North American Poets, on Tuesday 10 September, 7:15pm at Stella Maris Centre, Bugle Street. North American poets come from all walks of life, their poetry as varied as their geographical origins. Please bring a poem by a North American poet, or a poem you have written yourself; or you may just want to come and listen, but do come.

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

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

GENERAL ITEMS

STORIES OF PEACE: People of all faiths and communities are invited to hear the stories of two peace activists: one Israeli and one Palestinian, with Solutions Not Sides. This event is supported by the Parkes Institute, Saint Andrews UR Church, Southampton Hebrew Congregation and South Hampshire Reform Jewish Community. Tickets free.

- Register online at PeaceSouthampton.eventbrite.co.uk
- Enquiries 020 7543 5408
- **Tuesday 17 September at 7pm**
- A Southampton Location – venue address will be sent to registered attendees

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

LAUDATO SI/ OUR COMMON WORLD WEEK

Welcomers are needed for the week of **Our Common Home Exhibition/Reflection** so that we can keep the church open for visitors to view the displays, participate in individual activities and spend quiet time in prayer and contemplation. **Sign-up sheets available in the porches.**

The event is taking place **in St Joseph Church, 48 Bugle Street, SO14 2AH from 10am—5pm daily from Saturday 28 September to Saturday 5 October (with extended hours on Wed 2 and Fri 4 Oct, they will finish at 6pm on these 2 days).**

This is a parish event and they very much encourage parishioners from St Joseph and St Edmund to help with the welcoming of visitors.

Please see the parish website for full details of the project.

Duties:

- Actively invite passers-by into the church
- Greet people who come in and engage with them about what is going on
- Encourage people to take part in the origami activity, there will be instructions and materials provided, and add what is made to the display around the statue of St Francis
- Invite people to go into the Stella Maris for refreshments which the Hospitality team will provide

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, Southampton, SO15 2EQ, starting on 18th September.**

CAFOD UPDATE MEETING 18 September 7:15pm to 9pm at St Colman's Church, Portsmouth, PO6 2JJ. Book by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

THE PRO-LIFE CHARITY LIFE is looking for enthusiastic church and community fundraisers in the Diocese to help them grow their life-saving work with vulnerable mothers. They need help for their volunteer fundraisers to manage local events and develop relationships with community groups. They offer a competitive salary for a full or part-time position based at home. Contact jobs@lifecharity.org.uk for more details.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH are seeking to appoint a new Headteacher. Full details are available on the Government, Dorset and Diocesan websites. For a comprehensive pack and application form email b.hincks@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk or phone 012 0247 0175. Application forms can also be downloaded from the CES (Catholic Education Service) website <https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/> Closing date 13 September 2019.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYE ON YOUR HANDBAGS AND VALUABLES during Mass and in the halls. These have been stolen in the past.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER SERIES 'BRING ME FACE TO FACE' takes place over 6 sessions starting at 7:30pm in St Edmund Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ:

1st Session:	'Lord Teach us how to Pray'	(11 Oct)
2nd session:	'God said: Let it be Done'	(25 Oct)
3rd session:	'Speak Lord I am Listening'	(8 Nov)
4th Session:	'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'	(15 Nov)
5th Session:	'I will give you a new heart'	(29 Nov)
6th Session:	'To meet God Face to Face'	(13 Dec)

See noticeboards. Contact Sister Emiliana on email emiliana.silva@solent.ac.uk or phone the Parish Office 023 8033 3589 to book.

RECEPTION 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL: Please sign up for 1 hour/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

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 If you know of anyone who wants to attend the vigil contact Adam to sign them up.

POST PARISH MISSION EVENTS: Have you signed up?

I/we have been really encouraged by the response to our post mission events;

- Called and Gifted was a great success and a real blessing to those who took part
- The Open Door retreat starting next month is fully subscribed
- Names are coming in for the Lectio Divina series 'Bring me Face to Face'. Please see newsletter entry this week. There are still spaces.
- A further opportunity for developing our prayer lives with the week of Guided Prayer 10—16 November ... Details to be announced soon in the Newsletter.

We prayed: Give me the courage and renewed desire to be still in your presence. Here are the opportunities. T. Quinn.

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

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

FATHER VINCENT SEEKS A VOLUNTEER to take responsibility for sweeping around the St Edmund Church / Hall complex on a weekly basis. If this is something you would like to do, contact the Parish Office whilst Father Vincent is away. *Thanks for the one response we have had already. Could be done on a rota basis.*

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 1 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	31 AUG	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	SJ	BRIDIE MYLES RIP (JB)
SUN	1 SEP	TWENTY–SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	SEBASTIAN MONTEIRO RIP (F)
			10:00AM	SJ	HAROLD & NELLIE PAYNE RIP (BD & GD)
			11:00AM	SE	EDGAR WARDROP RIP (TW)
			7:00PM	SE	FRANCESCHINA ARDANI RIP (F)
TUES	3 SEP	ST GREGORY THE GREAT	10:00AM	SE	MARILYN RIP (GD & SD)
WED	4 SEP	ST CUTHBERT	7:00PM	SE	JAN BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (GACA FAMILY)
THURS	5 SEP	22ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM	SJ	THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S MAJESTIC PRESENCE & ACCESS (THEOS)
FRI	6 SEP	22ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM	SE	ALL THE STAFF & VOLUNTEERS IN THE PARISH—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (THEOS)
SAT	7 SEP	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM	SE	ST JUDE—THANKSGIVING (MM)
			6:15PM	SJ	JON—HEALING & WELLBEING (MM)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	8 SEP	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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)

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 2

1 SEPTEMBER 2019

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Psalm Response:

In your goodness, O God,
 you prepared a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and
 my Father will love him, and we shall come to
 him. **Alleluia!**

READINGS 8 SEPTEMBER 2019

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

1st Reading:	Wisdom 9: 13—18
2nd Reading:	Philemon 9—10, 12—17
Gospel:	Luke 14: 25—33

2ND COLLECTION TODAY:

CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

COLLECTIONS 25.8.19	1st
Totals	£2,625.71
Cash	864.82
S / O	1,408.71
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

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