

22 SEPTEMBER 2019

**TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
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TIME**

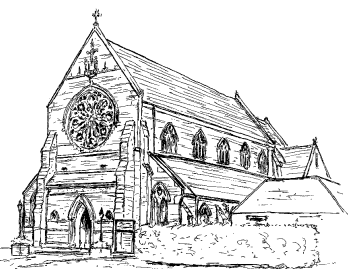


**ST JOSEPH'S &
ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE
CATHOLIC PARISH
SOUTHAMPTON**

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



MANAGING WEALTH BEFORE IT MANAGES US

On my first reading of this week's Gospel, I started to think that Jesus was praising the steward for his dishonesty. Then I read it again - always a wise move.

It is apparent though, and barely needs acknowledgement, that the steward is not straightforwardly offered to us as a role model. Jesus describes him as dishonest and is to be numbered among the 'children of this world' with whom Christ contrasts the 'children of light'. By our baptisms we are children of the light, for the baptism rite states 'this child of yours has been enlightened by Christ'.

It is Jesus' explanation at the end of today's passage, combined with insight from the prophet Amos offered as today's first reading, which allow us to find a way in to the lesson of this parable. In particular, Christ's question, 'If you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?' should make us stop and think.

It is not a case of 'God is good, money is bad'; not even 'money is good, but God is better'. Rather, money is good, and God is the source of that goodness, the meaning and perfection of all goodness. It makes no more sense to talk about God as if He were competing with Mammon, than it would to talk about the pot competing with the potter. By the way, 'The mammon of unrighteousness', is what the original Greek rather more dramatically terms what our translators call 'money, tainted as it is'.

Yet money is tainted. Not in itself, but because of what we human beings have made of our good created world. We have made a world in which people can so easily become enslaved to money - to greed. Those who have enslaved themselves to money have thereby failed to put it to the good work for which it is intended, and instead drawn others into that terrible slavery.

So it was with the steward in today's Gospel. He is described literally as 'servant of unrighteousness' - but now his master has set him free. He has realised, maybe just in time, that friendship and love are more important than the false security of wealth.

Deacon Andy Philpott

TODAY SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2019

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY: Catholic Home Care.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: A reminder, the four weekends of the Mass Count begin on Sunday 22 September.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION APPEAL for Catechists.

VOCATIONS: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 22 September 2019. *"No servant can serve two masters."* Are you discerning a vocation to serve the Lord 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



PLEASE COLLECT YOUR EMPTY SHOEBOXES FROM THE PORCHES ALONG WITH A LEAFLET/LABEL: return the filled shoeboxes to the porches by Sunday 20 October at the latest. Please read the leaflets carefully and follow their instructions.

RECENTLY DIED:



Alan Walker, late of Greville Road, Shirley. Funeral service at 10am on Monday 23 September in the West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium.

Eleanor Physick, late of Isle of Wight. Requiem Mass 12 noon Tuesday 1 October in St Edmund Church, followed by committal at the Southampton Crematorium.

Karen Bell, late of James Weld Close, Park Centrale, Southampton. Reception into St Edmund Church at 4pm on Tuesday 1 October; Requiem Mass 11am Wednesday 2 October followed by burial at Beaulieu Cemetery.

May they rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

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

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION ONE: 7pm—8pm Tuesday 24 September for parents who have booked to have their children baptised in the parish.

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.

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.**

CLOTHING FOR HOMELESS: Eight car loads have been delivered to 2Saints. Our donations continue to be much appreciated. We look forward to JINGLING BELLS 2019. Date for your diary: Sunday 15 December 1500-1630h. Bring yourselves and a mince pie for tea!

OUR COMMON HOME (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

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 Sat 28 Sep to Sat 5 Oct (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 parishioners from St Joseph and St Edmund are encouraged to help in the welcoming of visitors.

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.

Programme:

- 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 Sep – 6 Oct. 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 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".

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet 4:30pm Thursday 26 September in St Edmund Presbytery.

FHC TEAM MEETING 7pm Thursday 26 September in St Edmund Presbytery.

ACORN LISTENING COURSE 10am—4pm Friday 27 September in St Edmund Hall for those who have booked.

WEDDING BELLS



Congratulations to the following two couples celebrating the convalidation of their marriages in St Edmund Church:

- **Jude and Sheila Okolie** at 1pm on Friday 27 September
- **Mathieu and Rowena Fleckinger** at 2pm Saturday 28 Sep. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

NEXT WEEKEND

CAFOD APPEAL after all Masses next weekend 28/29 September.

PLEASE PRAY AND FAST FOR THE END OF ABORTION AND EUTHANASIA IN THIS COUNTRY on Saturday 28 September.

Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed as there was a large increase in the number of abortions in this country last year. For details of their life saving work go to their website www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

STUDENTS WELCOME AT ST EDMUND: Students, if you are new to Southampton, welcome. If you are not, welcome back! We would like to establish community among the students who attend the parish. *After the 7pm Mass at St Edmund next Sunday 29 September we welcome students to join us for food and refreshments in the hall.* We provide lively worship music at that Mass also at the 7pm Mass on Sunday 13 October. To join our bands, please come to rehearsals before Mass at 6pm. Our band is providing sung worship for Night Fever at St Edmund on the evening of Friday 4 October. We are having a meal/ practice for this on the evening of Wednesday 2 October; please text or WhatsApp Tim on 07526 221 768 if you would like to join.

NEXT WEEK

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 7:30pm Tuesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October and 5 November in St Edmund Hall for those who have registered.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet at 4:30pm Thursday 3 October in St Edmund Presbytery.

LITURGY GROUP meet 7:30pm Thursday 3 October in St Edmund Presbytery.

NIGHT FEVER from 8pm Friday 4 October in St Edmund Church. Meet in St Edmund Hall at 7:45pm. Email adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to help.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 4 October. No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. *Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education – and safety.*

Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install a solar powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely. On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously or you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/fastday

PLEASE PRAY FOR all on our prayer list who are suffering from serious illness, those undergoing operations or receiving treatment. May they be healed from head to toe and restored fully to their families.

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 weekend of 28/29 September. Fr Elijah will preside at his 'final' Masses here in the Parish: 9am, 11am & 7pm in St Edmund. This weekend (21/22 September) he will preside at the 6:15pm & 10am Masses in St Joseph to 'say goodbye' there.

BETHANY GROUP meet at 9:45am Saturday 5 October in St Edmund Presbytery.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Isabel Doyle and Joseph Cooper** who are getting married at 1pm Saturday 5 October in St Edmund Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

PASTORAL LETTER—there will be a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip on Sunday 6 October.

GENERAL ITEMS

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER SERIES 'BRING ME FACE TO FACE' takes place over 6 sessions starting at 7:30pm on Friday 11 October in St Edmund Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ. See noticeboards. Contact Sister Emiliana on email emiliana.silva@solent.ac.uk or Parish Office to book.

COULD YOU BE EXTRAORDINARY? Our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist serve us all, so that those who wish to can receive Communion under both kinds. We are in need of new volunteers for all weekend Masses. Please consider offering yourself for this ministry. Anyone who has been confirmed and regularly receives Communion could be a minister. **Training: Saturday 12 October, 12 noon, St Edmund Church.** Please let the parish office know if you would like to join the team.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE ECHO performing a concert exploring mazes and puzzles 7pm Saturday 12 October at St Michael's Church, Bugle Street. See noticeboards. Tickets £12 online or £15 on the door. Web www.echo-choir.com

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

ATTENTION UNI STUDENTS! Are you interested in deepening your faith this academic year? Consider joining a FOCUS Bible Study. There are several men's groups and women's groups that meet weekly during the academic year. This is a great opportunity to form friendships with other Catholic university students and deepen your relationship with God. Find a FOCUS missionary at the University's Faith and Reflection Centre or contact Kaitlin Gilday (kaitlin.gilday@focus.org or 07884 006 059).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 22 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	21 SEP	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	SJ	EILEEN FRANCES KINGWELL RIP (NK)
SUN	22 SEP	TWENTY—FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	CAJETAN & MARY D'COSTA RIP (AD'S)
			10:00AM	SJ	RAY GODDARD RIP (SB)
			11:00AM	SE	DOLINA MACKINNON RIP (CMS)
			7:00PM	SE	THE REILLY FAMILY LIVING & DECEASED (PR)
TUES	24 SEP	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	10:00AM	SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)
WED	25 SEP	25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM	SE	THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED & GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ALL (FRANCIS PONNIAH)
THURS	26 SEP	SS COSMAS AND DAMIAN	12:15PM	SJ	HEALING & WELLBEING FOR EG (MI)
FRI	27 SEP	ST VINCENT DE PAUL	7:00PM	SE	PRIESTS & VOCATIONS TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE (HH)
SAT	28 SEP	ST WENCESLAUS	11:00AM	SE	KITTY CUMMINS RIP (F)
			6:15PM	SJ	LAURENCE & MARIE ELIZABETH CRAWLEY RIP (F)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	29 SEP	TWENTY—SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	LEO—17TH BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (LP)
			10:00AM	SJ	MADELEINE WARBURG RIP (F)
			11:00AM	SE	PREMA DISSANAYAKE RIP—ANUSHKA'S MUM (HP)
			7:00PM	SE	JULIETTE WHITE RIP (PW)

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 George College 023 8032 2603

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

22 SEPTEMBER 2019

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Psalm Response:

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,

to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

READINGS 29 SEPTEMBER 2019

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

1st Reading: Amos 6: 1, 4—7

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11—16

Gospel: Luke 16: 19—31

2ND COLLECTION TODAY:

CATHOLIC HOME CARE

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:

CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

COLLECTIONS 15.9.19	1ST	2ND—HOME MISSION SUNDAY
Totals	£2,580.13	£203.46
Cash	819.24	122.21
S / O	1,408.71	65.00
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18	16.25

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

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

St Edmund: Saturday 11:30am