

6 OCTOBER 2019

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

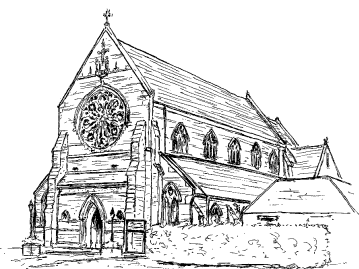


ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTHAMPTON

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



EXTRACTS FROM BISHOP PHILIP'S PASTORAL LETTER: 'MISSIO'

This month, October 2019, has been designated by the Holy Father as an Extraordinary Month of Mission. It is a month of renewal, in which the Pope calls us to rededicate ourselves as missionary disciples spreading the Good News. It is a month of prayer, in which we pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It's a month of action: of service, justice and charity to the poor. Since October is also the month of the Rosary, please offer the Rosary each day for the Church's mission both at home and abroad.

We cannot be complacent any more. Faith is no longer handed on automatically through families, schools and parishes. What is key today is a real, personal, transforming encounter with Jesus Christ Himself. It is the task of families, schools and parishes to create the arenas in which people can encounter Him. This is what our diocesan mission statement means: Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church.

Today's Readings are about faith. "Fan into a flame the gift God gave you," wrote St. Paul to Timothy in the Second Reading. "Increase our faith," the Apostles asked of Our Lord in the Gospel. In these turbulent times in the world and in the Church, let us ask the Lord to deepen our faith. May He make us holier people, modelled on Christ. May He make our Diocese more modern. May He focus our parishes and schools on the proclamation of the Gospel to non-believers and on outreach to the non-practising.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. "Increase our faith" the apostles ask Jesus (Gospel). What elements or dimensions of faith do you need to 'increase' (strengthen/develop)? What can you do? What should you do?
2. "The upright 'man' will live by his faithfulness" the Prophet Habakkuk writes (1st reading). In what are you faithful? In what are you not faithful? Why?
3. ".....fan into a flame the gift that God gave you....." Paul writes to Timothy (2nd reading). What gifts would you say God has given you? Name them! Ponder them! How can you develop AND use them for others?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 2019


PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP PHILIP to be read at all Masses.

FAMILY MASS at 9am & 10am to involve our families/children more.

WELCOME TO FATHER ANSEL D'MELLO who arrived on Friday afternoon and will be at the 9am, 11am & 7pm Masses in St Edmund. Next week the 6:15pm & 10am in St Joseph. Father Ansel: we give you a warm welcome and look forward to getting to know you and working with you in the years ahead.

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CAFOD in response to Family Fast Day last Friday


BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:


 **THEO BREHENY**, son of Damien & Lesley
ISABELLA LEWIS, daughter of Peter & Sarah
ALICE CUNNINGHAM, daughter of David & Barbara, who were baptised last Sunday (29.9.19) in St Edmund Church.

We welcome into our faith community:

NEVE GOODIER, daughter of Robert & Lisa
LUCIANO SWEENEY, son of Craig & Francesca
ARTHUR CHAMBERS, son of Christopher & Fiona, who are being baptised in St Edmund at 12:30pm today.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE today at 2pm at Cheriton. Starting point Cheriton Village Green. See noticeboards.

 **PLEASE RETURN YOUR FILLED SHOEBOXES TO THE PORCHES ALONG WITH A LABEL AND £1 PASTED ON TOP OF THE LID:** by Sunday 20 October at the latest. Please read the leaflets carefully and follow their instructions.

 **RECENTLY DIED:** *Annette Wood* late of Shanklin Road, Shirley. Annette died very suddenly and unexpectedly last Monday. As well as being a parishioner Annette cleaned St Edmund Hall weekly for many years. The Reception into St Edmund Church will be at 4pm Wednesday 23 October; the funeral will take place at 11am on Thursday 24 October followed by burial at South Stoneham Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for comfort and strength for her family.

VOCATIONS: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 6 October 2019. *"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."* Will you let the Holy Spirit guide you beyond your hesitation and follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore, contact Father John Cooke on Tel 01329 318 869 or email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST TRAINING: Saturday 12 October at 12 noon in St Edmund Church. Please let the parish office know if you would like to join the team.

NEXT WEEKEND

VERBUM DEI QUIET DAYS 10:30am—4:30pm Saturdays 12 October at Wisdom Centre, Romsey and 19 October at Isle of Wight. See noticeboards for details. Call Patricia on 07835 948 435 to book.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND (12/13 OCTOBER) IS FOR FATHER ELIJAH TO SAY 'THANK YOU'. Father Elijah was 'bowled over' with the messages of goodwill last weekend. He has now gone to the Isle of Wight and has to adjust to presbytery life on his own in Totland Bay. As you know a priest has to purchase his own car (it is not owned by the Parish); so Father Elijah needs to look for a car quite urgently as he is in a rural parish. Our Retiring Collection is solely for Father Elijah and his use, but he has said a car is his priority. Please be your usual selves in this retiring collection. We will try to invite Father Elijah back to present him with the cheque.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: JP/VH/ADM

Tues 8 Oct to Tues 15 Oct: VH Malta

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: Evangelisation—That the breath of the Holy Spirit may engender a new missionary 'Spring' in the Church.

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

PILGRIMS DEPART TO MALTA early Tuesday morning 8 October.

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

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

OPEN MORNING 9:30AM—11AM AND EVENING 6PM—8PM AT ST ANNE'S SCHOOL Wednesday 9 October for Years 4, 5, 6.

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.**

ST ANNE'S FAITH DAY (YEAR 7) in St Edmund Church from 9am—3pm Thursday 10 October. **NB: there will be no Adoration during this time.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION TWO from 7pm—8pm Thursday 10 October in St Edmund Hall for parents who have booked to have their children baptised in the Parish.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER?

The Parish Vianney Group does! They meet once a month to offer their prayers of thanksgiving and support for our clergy; they also pray for our religious sisters and brothers and for vocations. **Join the group on Thursday 10 October in *St Edmund Presbytery* (usually in St Edmund Hall) at 7:30pm to pray and discuss how we can develop our group's support for clergy.**

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.

NEXT WEEK

GRANDPARENTS GROUP meet at 11am Thursday 17 October in Stella Maris Centre.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS AND CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS: 10am to 4pm Saturday 19 October at Portsmouth Cathedral run by the Dominican Sisters and Formation for Mission team and led by Father Mark Hogan. *There will be Mass celebrated in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists. Lunch will be provided. Register online: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters to book: 015 9068 1874.*

QUIZ NIGHT in St. Joseph's Hall, Bugle Street on Saturday 19 October, 7:30 pm in aid of Asin'get School in Uganda [latest news update on the night]. Includes a 'Posh Ploughman's supper' but please bring your own drinks [glasses provided]. There will be 'lucky' ticket and a raffle. Tickets [£10] available after Masses. Also from Parish Office [023 8033 3589], Helmy Duyvesteijn [078 3122 7602] & Patti Hayes [078 1295 7456]. No tickets will be available at the door, on the night. Please note: suggested lower age limit is 13 years.

EXTRA ORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION OCTOBER 2019: Mission Sunday, 20 October at 2pm Bishop Philip invites you to join him to celebrate Mission Sunday Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, followed by Refreshments in the Discovery Centre. Contact Father Innaiah Maddineni, Tel: 023 9237 6151, imaddineni@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

INTERNATIONAL MASS at 7pm on Sunday, 20 October. During this month of 'Mission' please do come along to this Mass to celebrate the universality of the Church. Come in National Dress ... bring your country's food to share ... readings in different languages ... make a note in your diary.

GENERAL ITEMS

WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER: A further opportunity to respond to our parish mission and deepen our individual experience of prayer. This week enables retreatants to have your own prayer guide who will meet with you for an hour each day at your convenience (during the day or evening). They will support you with listening, accompanying and guided reading. **You are invited to an introductory meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23 October in St Edmund Church (after 7pm Mass)** to learn more about this unique opportunity. **The week takes place from Sunday 10th November to Saturday 16th November 2019 in St Joseph / St Edmund Church.** To book your place email the Parish Office southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS. Following the recent appeal for more volunteers to help, please do remember to email the First Holy Communion team on catechist2017@gmail.com with your contact details if you feel you able to support us. Next weekend an introductory session will be advertised for all volunteers.

ST EDMUND SANCTUARY BELL: Thank you to the 9am congregation who gather in the Hall after Mass and socialise, for buying a new sanctuary bell for St Edmund Church. The two bells we had have been falling to pieces for ages ... so a great gift. Servers: ring it with gusto and reverence!!

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.**

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).

COLLEGE RESEARCH: I'm currently a student at Peter Symonds College in Winchester and as part of my Geography coursework I'm investigating the role of religion in the local communities. I would like to produce questionnaires for parishioners to answer. If you are willing to help me please email me (see email at end of this). Thanks Bethan Grimwood bethangrimwood@gmail.com

CAR PARKING: Blue Badge Holders quite rightly use the layby outside St Edmund Church on a Sunday. It is a handy space. But the number of cars able to park safely and courteously is limited. Please do not ... do not cross over into the cycle lane. This has happened a number of times which can be dangerous for cyclists who should have no hindrance in the dedicated lane. Your whole car must be in the layby and not part in and part out. Thanks.

LISTENING COURSE: Thank you to all who attended the 'Listening course' last Friday: welcomers, hospitality and RCIA team members. It was an excellent day and we are grateful to Acorn Christian Healing Foundation for leading and facilitating the training. It provided us all with skills and greater confidence to be able to support those we come into contact with and another step forward to becoming a more welcoming parish. We are hoping to build a team of people who will be available to provide 1:1 listening for individuals after Mass if it is requested or required. Thanks to Father Vincent for supporting and enabling the day. We are proposing to run another one early in 2020 for those who were unable to attend this time. Watch this space. Tina

THANK YOU'S RECEIVED FROM:

- **MONGU** for the £649 received from our Lenten project in support of Father Cashin's project.
- **LIFE** for the £212 donation received for their pro-life work in education and caring services.
- **SOCIETY OF MARY** for the £600 anonymous donation made to them by a parishioner.
- **CAFOD** for £743 received from the Lenten Fast Day.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 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	5 OCT	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	SJ	JEAN RICKMAN RIP (F)
SUN	6 OCT	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	SANDRA WEBB RIP (GS&SS)
			10:00AM	SJ	MARGUERITE DUGGAN RIP (1ST ANNIVERSARY) (BD&GD)
			11:00AM	SE	DOLLY & ANGUS MacKINNON RIP (HP&GC)
			7:00PM	SE	NORAH REILLY RIP (PR)
TUES	8 OCT	27TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM	SE	THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED FOR LAURA, ANDREW AND FAMILY (ANUSHKA)
WED	9 OCT	BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	7:00PM	SE	DIANE MULLEN RIP (PR)
THURS	10 OCT	ST PAULINUS OF YORK	12:15PM	SJ	HEALING AND WELLBEING FOR E.G. (MI)
FRI	11 OCT	ST JOHN XXIII	7:00PM	SE	HEALING AND WELLBEING FOR E.G. (MI)
SAT	12 OCT	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM	SE	ZARA FREE—THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED (MM)
			6:15PM	SJ	ROBERT & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	13 OCT	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM	SJ	JEREMY FREDRIC WARBURG RIP (F)
			11:00AM	SE	FAMILY PROTECTION & GOD'S BLESSINGS (LA & PA)
			7:00PM	SE	HEALING AND WELLBEING FOR E.G. (MI)

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

6 OCTOBER 2019

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Psalm Response:

○ that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

READINGS 13 OCTOBER 2019

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14—17
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8—13
 Gospel: Luke 17: 11—19

2ND COLLECTION TODAY:

CAFOD HARVEST (SPECIAL ENVELOPE)

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:

FATHER ELIJAH'S THANK YOU GIFT

COLLECTIONS 29.9.19	1ST	2ND—CHURCH MAINTENANCE
Totals	£2,734.43	£247.32
Cash	973.54	146.69
S / O	1,408.71	80.50
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18	20.13

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

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