



27 OCTOBER 2019

**THIRTIETH
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



PRAYER WITH HUMILITY

The theme of today's readings is a continuation of last week, where the Holy Church invites us all to ponder on an effective prayer life. We, as Christians, do pray to God every day and many times we feel that our prayers were not heard. Why? Is it because we feel that we were not immediately provided with what we ask in our prayer and lose hope? Last week we learned not to lose hope and be persistent in our prayers and seek God with perseverance just as the poor widow persisted in seeking justice from the judge (Lk 18:1-7).

Today, the parable in the gospel teaches us how to pray and how not to pray. We read that two men, the Pharisee and the tax collector, entered the temple to pray. In the end, Jesus says that only one of them went home justified. The tax collector's prayer was answered, and he was justified, but not the Pharisee. Why?

All that the Pharisee did is that he thanked God because he was not like other greedy, dishonest people and he followed the commandments and regularly tithed his income too. We might see that there is nothing wrong or sinful in what the Pharisee said, but God sees the heart. The Pharisee here was not even praying to God, he was praying to himself (Lk 18:11). He himself was his god! A proud man worships himself and boasts about his praying, fasting, tithing, missionary work, etc. We read that the poor tax collector prayed saying, "Be merciful to me a sinner" (Lk 18:13). He humbled himself by calling himself 'a sinner'. He went home justified.

God will rightly deny the pride of self-righteousness in our prayers, but He answers the prayer of the meek and humble. In the first reading, we read that the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds. It is said that the one who serves God willingly is heard (Sirach 35:16). We need to avoid being legalistic like the Pharisee and stop boasting of our prayers and rituals and looking down on others who don't pray like us. We need to humble ourselves as the tax collector did and persistently pray to God. Only then can we learn to inculcate the virtue of humility in our prayers and our lives.

Quote by CS Lewis is worth contemplating: "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less".

Living such a life is not an easy task. St Paul, in the second reading, tells us that his life is being poured away like a libation (2 Tim 4:6). Paul took up many challenges in his life and suffered a lot for the gospel (2 Cor 11:24-27). He finally says, "I have fought the good fight" and he waits for the crown, so should we. Our prayers and lives filled with humility should be an example for others to follow. Only then can we spread this 'mission' in an effective way. Let us ask God to fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we may earn this virtue of humility. May God bless us all. **Amen.**

Rev. Fr. Y. Jaya Praveen.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. "This man went home at rights with God..." Jesus says of the tax collector (Gospel). When do you think/feel you have been 'at rights' with God? When 'not at rights' with God? Why? Can you do anything about it?
2. "The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds" (First Reading). Do yours? If 'yes', why? If 'only sometimes', why? If 'no', why?
3. Despite all that Paul experiences he "has kept the faith" (2nd reading). Do you 'keep the faith' in all situations? When have you struggled? When have you failed? When has your struggle/failure deepened your faith?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2019

NAME BADGE SUNDAY when we will be invited during the homily slot to chat to someone we don't know or don't know well. After we will swap name labels, take the label home with us and pray for that person every day during the week.

VOCATIONS: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 27 October 2019. *"All who humble themselves will be exalted."* To explore, call Fr John Cooke on Tel 01329 318 869 or email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

RECENTLY DIED:



Sol Hemy late of Portsmouth Road, Sholing. Requiem Mass 12:30pm Thursday 31 October in St Edmund Church followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery.

Randolf Dorset late of Beechfield Court, Southampton. Funeral 12:30pm Friday 1 November in St Edmund Church followed by burial at South Stoneham Cemetery.

Kathleen (Kathy) White (99 years) late of Abbots Way, Portswood. Requiem Mass 12noon Thursday 7 November in St Edmund Church, followed by burial at South Stoneham Cemetery. Kathy taught at Springhill School for 38 years and is well known in the parish.

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

RETIRING COLLECTION: Catholic Home Care.

BLESSING OF COUPLES FOR MARRIAGE during 7pm Mass (Sunday) in St Edmund Church.

DIVALI / DEEPAVALI (Hindu: 27—31 October) The New Year festival of Light lasts from one to five days. It coincides with the darkest night of the lunar month and is generally associated with Lakshmi, goddess of wealth and prosperity, or with the victorious return of Rama and Sita to the kingdom of Ayodhya after their exile. For many Hindu business people, Divali marks the beginning of a new financial year. We wish all our Hindu friends a 'happy Divali'

NEXT WEEKEND

BAMENDA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND (2/3 November). Every year we have a **special collection** to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. *Please ensure you see a copy of the Bamenda Newsletter* to understand the mutual benefits of our twinned relationship and how much your help is needed in these troubled times.

NAME BADGE SUNDAY this time a different person!

FAMILY MASS at 9am & 10am Masses, when the children take a more active part in the celebration of Mass

THIS WEEK

HALF TERM: Wishing all our School Staff, families and children an enjoyable and relaxing half term.

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: VH/JP/ADM.

Tues Cathedral Chapter: VH

Wed Study Day: VH. SLT: VH/AW/TQ

Thurs Requiem: VH

Fri Housebound visits: VH. Requiem: ADM

Sat Vocation Dept. meeting: VH. 40 days for Life Candle light vigil: VH

OPEN DOOR RETREAT continues from 7pm—8:30pm on Mondays and ends on 4 November in St Edmund Hall.

ADMINISTRATORS TRAINING DAY: Parish Office closed until 3:30pm Tuesday 29 October.

ALPHA TEAM TRAINING SESSION 7pm Tuesday 29 October in Stella Maris Hall.

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

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

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): No Journey in Faith on Wednesday 30 October due to half term break. Next meeting Wednesday 6 November.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Friday 1 November: This coming Friday we celebrate the Feast of 'All Saints' when we give thanks to God for all those unnamed people whom God has drawn into the eternity of Life with Him.

Masses: St Edmund: 7am & 7.30pm

St Joseph: 12.15pm

All Saints is a Holy Day of obligation.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

A month long celebration of remembrance and prayer for those who have gone before us. Please take the opportunity to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends in the **Book of the Dead** near the water font in St Edmund Church and near the altar in St Joseph Church available from 1 November.

NEW READERS AND EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS ROTAS now available in the Sacristy / Inner Sacristy.

NEXT WEEK

FATHER VINCENT'S 71st birthday Tuesday 5 November. Birthday wish in next weekend's Newsletter.

ST ANNE'S YEAR 8 MASS 2:25pm Tuesday 5 November in St Edmund Church.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet 4:30pm Thursday 7 November in St Edmund Presbytery.

EST (Evangelisation Strategy Team) meet at 7pm Thursday 7 November in St Edmund Presbytery.

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP meet at 7:30pm in St Edmund Hall Friday 8 November.

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED 11am Saturday 9 November in St Edmund Church when we remember those who have died in the parish over the past year and all who have died. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. **There will be no confessions after Mass.**

WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER (10.11—16.11.19) for those who have booked.

GENERAL ITEMS

QUIZ FEEDBACK: Preliminary news—GROSS income from last Saturday's Quiz is approximately £1,200. More info will be given once final accounts are received. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the evening. A great time was had by all.

MONDAY MASS AT ST JOSEPH CHURCH, BUGLE STREET: Father John Lavers (AoS Chaplain) will be based in the City on the following Mondays. He will be leading The Angelus at 12 noon followed by the Holy Rosary and then Mass at 12:15 pm at St Joseph Church: 11 Nov, 18 Nov, 25 Nov, 2 Dec, 9 Dec, 16 Dec, 23 Dec. This is open to the public. Further dates to be announced.



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. Something to try this month is 'Meatless Mondays'. The meat industry has a massive influence on our environment – did you know that one burger has the same effect on our planet as driving for 200 miles in a diesel car? Just going meat-free one day a week is a small change with a big impact!

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE CORRECTION: a session on Sunday, 24 November at 3pm in St Edmund. To continue to improve our serving Only for 1 hour.

ADVENT TEA at 5pm Sunday 1 December at Avenue St Andrew's URC. Gather together to share tea, cake, company and concern. See noticeboard.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For more info see www.catholicsingles.org.uk or Tel. 0161 941 3498.

PARKING: apologies again if you have experience problems parking in front of St Edmund Hall. We 'know' where the culprits who part there illegally work; have informed them; now we are putting warning labels onto the cars (apologies if you get one not meant for parishioners using the church, hall etc.) but we have photographs of the 'culprit cars'!!

CAR PARKING IN FRONT OF ST EDMUND CHURCH ... please only park there if absolutely necessary. Parking on the drive to the church creates issues for those with walking disabilities, or mobility scooters. The latter cannot get into the church and the former may slip on the grass. Please be considerate.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEER? Schools Volunteers are a vital part of our work bringing Catholic social teaching to the next generation – but there is a shortage in this area and we need your help. By becoming a CAFOD School Volunteer you will have the opportunity to be part of a global movement building a fairer world, inspiring young people to get involved. It only takes a few hours a week to visit schools, and with that time, you can help make an impact on future generations. If you would like to find out more please contact Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

CLOTHES FOR THE HOMELESS: Today the NINTH car load of clothing was delivered to 2Saints. **JINGLING BELLS** is where it all started. Do join them on Sunday 15 December 3pm— 4:30pm to sing Christmas carols. Bring a plate to share in the hall afterwards. Free event. Just donations of clothing always welcome (leave in foyer at rear of St Edmund's church). We look forward to seeing you.. special welcome to angels and shepherds! Jenepher.

PLEASE PRAY FOR DOM NICHOLAS BROADBRIDGE OSB, Monk and Priest of Douai Abbey who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

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'. Questions: 518 people filled in a questionnaire (Mass attendance usually between 800-900). To the question 'Do you feel you belong to the Parish?'

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| Yes | 438 | 84% |
| No | 69 | 13% |
| No response | 13 | 3% |
| | 520 | 100% |

PILGRIMAGE TO SOUTHERN ITALY

Sunday 16th – Friday 21st August 2020. Led by Father Des Connolly SMM. This pilgrimage will take us to Pietrelcina (the birth place of Padre Pio), to the beautiful island of Capri, to the Shrine of Lady of the Rosary in Pompei, to the Cathedral of the Apostle Andrew on the Amalfi Coast, then onto the incredible shrine of San Giovanni Rotondo (the resting place of Saint Padre Pio) and we will visit the Shrine of the Archangel Michael defender of the Church against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

Ground Package Price excluding flight cost: £676 per person based on 2 people sharing – single room supplement: £120. Flight price is extra – London Gatwick to Naples return. The Flight price will be quoted at the time of receipt of booking form (book early to avoid higher prices!). 2 Nights Half Board in 4 stars Hotel just outside of Naples and 3 nights half board in San Giovanni Rotondo in a very good hotel. If you would like more information or to make a booking please contact Gill at www.tangney-tours.com or phone her on 017 3288 6666.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS ('MIDNIGHT') AT ST JOSEPH After a recent Liturgy Group discussion, together with some 'key' people at St Joseph, we are considering a change of time for the St Joseph Midnight Mass (11:30pm/Midnight Mass). Over the past few years the numbers attending Midnight Mass at St Joseph has dwindled. No longer is the church full, not even as full as a normal Sunday! At the same time the 6pm Mass in St Edmund (geared to young families) has increased almost to 'beyond' capacity! Many who attend the 6pm do so because they want an earlier Mass than Midnight! The proposal is to have an 8:30pm Carol Service followed by 9pm Mass in St Joseph (e.g. 3 hours earlier than currently). All other Masses will remain: Vigil 6pm and 11:30pm (SE) Midnight Mass and 9am & 11am (SE) and 10am (SJ) Christmas Day. I would appreciate if you could indicate if you would/might take advantage of this earlier time. **Please ✓ relevant box and hand cut out slip to a Welcomer when next at Mass.**

Yes I would be interested

No I would not be interested

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2019

*(Church key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

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| SAT | 26 OCT | VIGIL MASS | 6:15PM | SJ | DAVID PALMER RIP (BL) |
| SUN | 27 OCT | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9:00AM | SE | FOR HEALING & WELLBEING FOR E.G. (MI) |
| | | | 10:00AM | SJ | KATHLEEN SULLIVAN RIP (F) |
| | | | 11:00AM | SE | PHOS ALETHEIA—THANKSGIVING (F) |
| | | | 7:00PM | SE | CONCETTA LONGO RIP (F) |
| TUES | 29 OCT | 30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | 10:00AM | SE | MELCHOR ATIENZA RIP (MA) |
| WED | 30 OCT | 30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | 7:00PM | SE | KATHLEEN SULLIVAN'S INTENTIONS (F) |
| THURS | 31 OCT | 30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | 12:30PM | SE | REQUIEM MASS: SOL HEMY RIP |
| | | | 12:15PM | SJ | PRINCY BRADLEY (FRANCIS PONNIAH'S DAUGHTER) (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS) |
| FRI | 1 NOV | ALL SAINTS | 7:00AM | SE | THOMAS O'LEARY RIP (GL) |
| | | | 12:15PM | SJ | PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| | | | 12:30PM | SE | FUNERAL: RANDOLF DORSET RIP |
| | | | 7:30PM | SE | ROBERT & FAMILY—THANKSGIVING (RK) |
| SAT | 2 NOV | ALL SOULS | 11:00AM | SE | ETHNA, BRIAN & KAREN NUGENT RIP (F) |
| | | | 6:15PM | SJ | IGNATIUS SOOSAI & ZERON SHEELA; DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FERNANDO FAMILY (DF) |
| | | | 7:00PM | SE | MASS IN POLISH |
| SUN | 3 NOV | 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9:00AM | SE | CAROLINE IRO'S BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING, GOD'S BLESSINGS AND WELLBEING (MI) |
| | | | 10:00AM | SJ | MRS. MARGARET GOLDING RIP (F) |
| | | | 11:00AM | SE | SECURITY FORCES & ALL WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR OUR SAFER TOMORROW (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS) |
| | | | 7:00PM | SE | ADOLFO ANTONIO LONGO RIP (F) |

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 2

27 OCTOBER 2019
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Psalm Response:

This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

READINGS 3 NOVEMBER 2019

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

1st Reading: Wisdom 11: 22—12: 2

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1: 11—2: 2

Gospel: Luke 19: 1—10

2ND COLLECTION TODAY: CATHOLIC HOME CARE

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: BAMENDA

| COLLECTIONS 20.10.19 | 1ST | 2ND—MISSIO |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Totals | £3,153.79 | £281.76 |
| Cash | 1,392.90 | 141.76 |
| S / O | 1,408.71 | 112.00 |
| Gift Aid Rebate | 352.18 | 28.00 |

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

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