

**23 FEBRUARY 2020**

**SEVENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME**



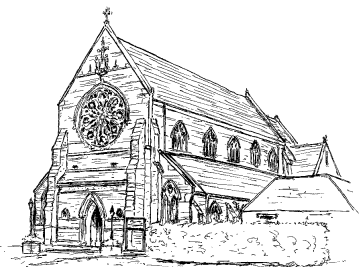
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**STELLA MARIS DEANERY**

**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



# ASH WEDNESDAY

Among the most famous symbols in the world are the dollar sign, the trademark sign and the symbol of the Red Cross. According to the Cambridge dictionary, a symbol "is a sign, shape or object used to represent something else." For example, a heart shape symbolises love, and a dove symbolises peace. This week, we begin the season of Lent and on Ash Wednesday, through the use of ashes, we are marked with the symbol of the cross on our foreheads. One form of words that accompany the ashing is "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." So, what does this symbol and its accompanying words mean? The symbol of the cross reminds us that in the same way Jesus died on the cross, we are to die to self. In the Old Testament, ashes were used as a sign for the repentance of sin. If we are to die to self, then we too must repent of our sin; sin is often tied to pride. The words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return", reminds us of how God formed man out of dust and breathed life into him through his nostrils (Genesis 2:7.) They also remind us that our life on earth is short.

At the beginning of Lent, we are invited to go back to the beginning, to become dust once again. By reflecting on our lives, by repenting of our sins, by becoming more aware of the things we are attached to, we can empty ourselves of fixations so we might be filled with the breath of life, God's Spirit, once again. The formula of words that accompany the ashes also remind us that in the same way we shall return to dust one day, our possessions will also fade away and we won't be able to take them with us. So rather than storing up our treasures on earth, as Jesus urges us, we should store up our treasure in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21). Treasure in heaven is not found in material goods or status, but in relationship. In heaven we come to know the ultimate relationship of our lives, relationship with God and each other. These words also remind us that to overcome sin, to overcome pride and to overcome our attachments, we must practise the virtue of humility. Only by being humble and honest with ourselves can we see our inner poverty. By recognising our inner poverty, the process of healing can begin.

Lent can be a challenging season. It is not easy to be open to one's faults or attachments, in fact it can be quite painful. Although we begin the season with the sign of the cross, we end the season and begin the Easter season with the symbol of the paschal candle, which represents the light of the resurrection which conquers all sin and death. During Lent, it is to this light we must put our trust in, it is this light of Jesus which will help us to overcome our sin and attachments and bring hope to our lives, and it is this light of Jesus that will guide us home to heaven.

*Father Ansel D'Mello*

## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. "You must ... be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect" Jesus says to His disciples (us!!) in today's Gospel. He encourages us to 'go further' than others in the way we live life! Live 'ordinary lives in an extraordinary way' as St Pope John Paul II proclaimed.
2. "Be holy" Moses proclaims (1st reading). What do you 'need' to be holy? To be whole? To be as God intended?
3. We are God's Temple, Paul writes (2nd reading). In what way are you God's Temple? Your way of life? Your attitude to others? Your prayer ... ?

*Vincent Harvey*

## TODAY SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2020

**RETIRING COLLECTION** for Church Maintenance Fund.

**WELCOME TO FATHER DES CONNOLLY** celebrating 9am and 11am Masses today at St Edmund Church.

**CAKE SALE IN AID OF HCPT** after 9am Mass today in St Edmund Church porch.



**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our worshipping community Britney Dias, daughter of Wangstone & Ruby, who is being baptised at 11:30am Sunday 23 February in St Joseph Church.

**INVITATION TO CULTURAL MASS FOR NIGERIANS 3pm today at St John's Cathedral.** Refreshments follow Mass in the Cathedral Discovery Centre.

### NEXT WEEKEND

**RITE OF ELECTION** 11am Saturday 29 February in St John Cathedral, Portsmouth, for those being received into the church at Easter Vigil. All welcome.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT.** We kneel for the Penitential Rite at all Masses to emphasise the penitential aspect of Lent.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at St Edmund 6:10pm Sunday.

**DAY OF PRAYER AND REPARATION** Sunday 1st March at St John's Cathedral, see elsewhere.

**RETIRING COLLECTION—HCPT next Sunday** to support the cost of our parish HCPT group taking sick and disabled children on pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter. Please be your usual generous selves for the sake of the children and their families. Helpers have to fund themselves (as well as take holiday or unpaid leave from work) and some helpers are struggling to gather the necessary amount. If you wish to support a helper please give separately to one of the Group who will be available after Masses.

**LENT 'TEA PARTY'** The Lent Event: 40 days set aside to get ready for Easter ... how will you mark it? 1st March from 4pm—5:30pm at Avenue St Andrew's. Tea, cake and reflection together. Join Fr Vincent, Rev Sarah and others.

**STUDENT MASS SUNDAY 1 MARCH AT 7PM:** We are establishing community among the students who attend the parish. Do come along and join us in this celebration with lively worship music and join us in St Edmund Hall after Mass for some refreshments.

### THIS WEEK

**FOR INFORMATION:** Mon Clergy Day off  
Fr Jaya away for annual holiday 10.2—11.3.20

**ALPHA TEAM MEETING** 7pm Monday 24 February in St Edmund Presbytery.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** 26 February – 6 April 2020. Briefing on Shrove Tuesday 25 February at 7pm at St Boniface Church Hall, 413 Shirley Road, Southampton, SO15 3JD. Pancakes and briefing with leaders Adam and Monika. Make sure to bring along family and friends.

*The prayer vigil happens at the entrance to the Royal South Hants Hospital. BPAS is based in the hospital and it is here where the majority of abortions happen in Southampton. To sign up for vigil hours visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/southampton>*

**RESTORED LIVES COURSE** final session 7pm Tuesday 25 February in St Edmund Hall.

## LENT 2020

**SHROVE TUESDAY** 25 February. Pancakes in St Edmund Hall after 10am Mass; also burning of last years palms.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** 26 February **Masses** in St Edmund at **6.30am (start of early Lenten Wednesday Masses)** and 7.30pm AND in St Joseph at 12:15pm.

**VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED TO SERVE HOTCROSS BUNS** and teas/coffees **after early morning Masses during Lent.** Please let Father Vincent know as soon as possible if you can help.

**LENTEN BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS** available in the porches £1 for booklets and 50p for calendars.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at St Edmund on Fridays and Sundays at 6:10pm.

**OUR COMMON HOME 2020 'create a climate of change this Lent'.** Building on the success of our week celebration of Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' Encyclical on the Environment in September 2019, we are inviting you to join in our Common Home 2020 Lenten Challenge. For example, during Lent, could you ..... go single-use plastic free? ... go vegetarian or vegan? ... use alternative forms of transport? ... buy nothing new?... find ways to reduce your energy consumption? <https://livinglent.org/living-lent-2020/> More details to follow...

**THE LENTEN ROSARY PRAYER CHAIN:** starts on Ash Wednesday (26 February). We have had 3 whole Rosary prayer chains (60 decades) being said over the past two Lenten periods gaining many Graces for ourselves and our intentions. All you need to do is give your name after Mass and take a certificate that states which decade you need to say and the intention for each day during Lent. You say the decade in your own time and place. Please join and commit to this very powerful Rosary prayer chain. Theme: "That we, and our contemporaries, listen to God's Word".

**LUNCH CLUB** Wednesdays 12 noon in Stella Maris Centre, Bugle Street. Contact Anne Monaghan on 023 8017 0498 if you would like to join or if you can help and/or drive.


**RCIA** meet Wednesdays at 7:30pm in St Edmund Hall, Rockstone Place, Southampton for those enquiring about the Catholic faith.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA BLESSING BY BISHOP PHILIP:** Mass being celebrated at 11:45am Friday 28 February in St Joseph Church, 48 Bugle Street, followed by reception in Stella Maris Hall.

**FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** (For years 3 - 8) meet at St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley High Street, Southampton on 2nd & 4th Friday of each month in term time from 6pm – 7:15pm. All welcome. Bring a friend too! **Next meeting Friday 28 February.**

**LECTIO DIVINA** group meet at 7:30pm Friday 28 in St Edmund Hall. All welcome. Contact Sister Emiliana for more information on email [emiliana.silva@solent.ac.uk](mailto:emiliana.silva@solent.ac.uk)

### NEXT WEEK

 **ALPHA COURSE** starts at 7pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in St Edmund Hall. A 10-week course (including a meal) for those wanting to brush up on the essentials of their Christian faith. It opens the door for those who have lapsed or long to renew their faith and transform their lives. Phone the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589 to book.

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2020 - DAY OF PRAYER AND REPARATION FOR THE SINS OF SEXUAL ABUSE.**

The Bishop writes:



*"I'd like to invite the whole Diocese to join me at the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent, 1st March, for a Day of Prayer and Reparation for the sins of sexual abuse by members of the Church.*

I will lead the Day together with the Cathedral clergy, and assisted by Fr. Dominic Allain and Antonia Moffat of the organisation **From Grief to Grace**.

The purpose of the Day is to beg God's forgiveness and God's healing as well as to make reparation for the sins and crimes of sexual abuse that have taken place within the Church by and against members of the Church, especially children and vulnerable adults.

*Reparation means making amends for offences committed by self and by others; we make reparation through prayer, Adoration and works of self-sacrifice united with Jesus's self-offering on the Cross, made present in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and above all in the Mass.*

As we begin the season of Lent, and especially during this two-year period of intense prayer for the spiritual renewal of our Diocese, it seems very important to me that we all have an opportunity to pray earnestly for the victims of sexual abuse and for the forgiveness of those, clerical and lay, who have perpetrated abuse.

*We can feel heavily tarnished by the sins of the few and this weight of shame and guilt impairs and even imperils the Church's mission, or at least our ability serenely and joyfully to communicate the Good News of Christ".*

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

**THE JOY OF HOPE—4 WEEK LENTEN CAFÉ COURSE** in **St Edmund Hall at 7:30pm on Thursdays 5, 12, 19 and 26 March.** An inspiring and practical course filmed on the stunning Holy Greek island of Patmos where Scripture says St John had a life changing revelation of our future eternal destination. Presented by CaFE Director David Payne, these four enjoyable sessions will help you to face the challenges of everyday life with renewed hope and joy. See [www.faithcafe.org](http://www.faithcafe.org) for more details and a short trailer. Everybody is welcome to as many sessions as they can make. Add your names to the clipboard in the porch if you would like to attend.

**CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY** Friday 6 March. An opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Please consider eating a simple meal and put what you save in the CAFOD collection envelope.

**WORLD WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday 6 March from 12 noon in St Joseph Church. Refreshments in Stella Maris Centre. See noticeboards.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LISBON**

**14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Cost £895pp.** Brochures available in the porches. For information please contact Godfrey Doyle at [godfreydoyle@gmail.co.uk](mailto:godfreydoyle@gmail.co.uk)

**Day 1** Fly to Lisbon and transfer to hotel in Fatima.

**Days 2 & 3** Mass, visit Little Chapel of Apparitions, The Basilica, Site of children's graves, Hamlet of Aljustrel and Valinhos, the site of Our Lady's appearance, Stations of the Cross along the Sacred Way and the Chapel of Calvary. Join Pilgrims from around the world for evening candlelight procession of the Blessed Sacrament and pray the Rosary. Plenty of time for personal visits and prayer and reflection.

**Day 4** Obidas, Batalha & Nazare – Places of interest with a fish lunch.

**Day 5** Travel to Lisbon via Sintra. A wonderful drive.

**Days 6 & 7** Walking tour of Lisbon including Cathedral and birth place of St Anthony. Plus a dinner in a restaurant playing Fado, a traditional music.

**Day 8** Return to UK.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** for parents and candidates Saturday 7 March at St Anne's School.

**WELCOME RITES** Sunday 8 March at 9am and 11am Masses.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: Universal:** Listen to the Migrants' Cries that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH DOMESTIC TASKS?** The Catholic Home Care (established 1994) has vacancies to help elderly people in their own homes with domestic jobs they can no longer do for themselves. A weekly visit keeps a home up together, clean & safe, for our elderly people to enjoy their own home for a little longer. For more information ring Anne Monaghan 023 8017 0498 based at St Edmund's Lodge, or see the notice board.

**EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS & READERS ROTAS** available in the Inner Sacristies.

**TWO SAINTS** much appreciate your generous support. Current weather conditions lead to even greater demands. Donations of clothing (all ages), toiletries and provisions may be left in St Edmund foyer.

**STAIR LIFT:** A parishioner who is struggling with ascending and descending her stairs (bathroom upstairs etc.) is looking to fit a stair lift. Funding is an issue! Does anyone have experience of stair lifts, funding, fitting etc.? Please speak with Father Vincent.

**TWO HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS—FEBRUARY**

**Maureen Freeman 1st prize £20.00**

**Pam Oates 2nd prize £10.00**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Maria Carey (fall & op. recovery), Brig. Daya W, Daphne Cope, Tina Currie, Anushka P, Pastor Michael Cummins, Laneisha Vaz, Catherine Lyne (99), Joseph Connolly, John Jack, Margaret Hicks, Maire Quirk, Ewa Evans, Ewa Slinn, Teresa Hodges, Sue Hanrahan, Marisa Tellegen, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Madeleine Clarke, Buntly Weerakoon, Christopher Browne, David Spencer, Pat & Don Devers, Azad & Viyille Perera, George Chesworth, Jean White, Sheila Morris, John Hennessy, Pat O'Neill, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Eloise Chessman, Bobby Murphy, 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, Jeanette Brookes, Joy Grant, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, Malcolm Cross, Paul Sassu, Peter Scott, Maria Annunziata, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2020

\*(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)

|              |                |   |  |                      |   |
|--------------|----------------|---|--|----------------------|---|
| <b>SAT</b>   | <b>22 FEB</b>  | <b>VIGIL MASS</b>   | 6:15PM<br>7:00PM                       | SJ<br>SE             | PEOPLE OF THE PARISH<br>MASS IN POLISH  |
| <b>SUN</b>   | <b>23 FEB</b>  | <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN<br/>ORDINARY TIME</b>                    | 9:00AM<br>10:00AM<br>11:00AM<br>7:00PM | SE<br>SJ<br>SE<br>SE | ELIZABETH & JOHN WARD RIP (F)<br>ERLINDA CRUZ FLORES RIP (MP)<br>ERIC CLARKE RIP (HP & GC)<br>SHEILA BURNS RIP (SMC)  |
| <b>TUES</b>  | <b>25 FEB</b>  | <b>7TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                              | 10:00AM                                | SE                   | ESZTER DUNLEAVY—BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (GM)  |
| <b>WED</b>   | <b>26 FEB</b>  | <b>BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT<br/><br/>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> | 6:30AM<br>12:15PM<br>7:30PM            | SE<br>SJ<br>SE       | EWA EVANS, TINA CURRIE, PASTOR MICHAEL, DAPHNE COPE & ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK—GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALING (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)<br>ANN & GAY FINN-SMITH—WELLBEING (MB)<br>GOD'S GUIDANCE & FAVOUR; HERMAN SR, ESTEBAN, EUSEBIA RIP (JBP) |
| <b>THURS</b> | <b>27 FEB</b>  | <b>AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY</b>                                    | 12:15PM                                | SJ                   | PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  |
| <b>FRI</b>   | <b>28 FEB</b>  | <b>AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY</b>                                    | 7:00PM                                 | SE                   | PRIESTS & VOCATIONS (HH)  |
| <b>SAT</b>   | <b>29 FEB</b>  | <b>AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY</b>                                    | 11:00AM<br>6:15PM<br>7:00PM            | SE<br>SJ<br>SE       | PHERO DUONG HONG KHANH RIP (BAU & MO)<br>PERSONAL INTENTIONS<br>MASS IN POLISH  |
| <b>SUN</b>   | <b>1 MARCH</b> | <b>FIRST SUNDAY<br/>OF LENT</b>                               | 9:00AM<br>10:00AM<br>11:00AM<br>7:00PM | SE<br>SJ<br>SE<br>SE | EILEEN & ALEX AITKIN RIP (GC & HP)<br>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH<br>SR MARIA INNOCENTA—THANKSGIVING, GOD'S PROTECTION & WELLBEING (TK & MK)<br>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH   |

**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 Sun 09:15; 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

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 3

**23 FEBRUARY 2020**

**7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A**

**Psalm Response:**

The Lord is compassion and love.

**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 1 MARCH 2020**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 7—9, 3:1—7  
 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12—19  
 Gospel: Matthew 4: 1—11

**2ND COLLECTION TODAY  
CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND**

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

**HCPT**

| COLLECTIONS<br>16.2.2020 | 1ST              | 2ND—RACIAL<br>JUSTICE SUNDAY |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Totals</b>            | <b>£2,942.30</b> | <b>£228.07</b>               |
| Cash                     | 1,181.41         | 136.82                       |
| S / O                    | 1,408.71         | 73.00                        |
| Gift Aid Rebate          | 352.18           | 18.25                        |

**CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION**

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