



1 MARCH 2020

**FIRST
SUNDAY
OF LENT**



**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



MORE JOY OVER

There is more joy in heaven
over a little useless song
than over those great speeches supposed to change
the world.

More joy
over one repaired wall
than over a whole city,

over one ray of sunshine in the shadow
than over a flawless day,

over a thin trickle of water
than over a wide river.

More joy over an adventure attempted
than over a deal successfully concluded,

over a crazy action
than over reasonable proceedings.

More than over all the immobile scribes:
joy over a person who stands up!

Chaque jour ta Parole, vol 2

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Jesus reminds us that we do not live on bread alone but on “every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Gospel). How important is God’s Word to you? Do you read the Scriptures often? Could this be your Lenten resolution for 2020?
2. They ‘realised they were naked’ (1st reading). Do you allow God to see you ‘naked’, as you are, warts and all? Maybe this could be your Lenten resolution for 2020? Open up to God!
3. Jesus’ ‘obedience’ has made us righteous St Paul writes (2nd reading). Have you ‘grasped’ that righteousness? Have you ‘allowed’ God’s grace to affect you, to ‘change’ you?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2020

RETIRING COLLECTION is for our Parish HCPT Group 170 who take 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. **Thank you to all who contributed to the Cake Sale which took place last Sunday after 9am Mass, £180 was raised!**

FAMILY MASSES at 9am & 10am when the children take a greater part in our celebration.

FAMILY FAST DAY talks at end of Masses.

WE KNEEL for the Penitential Rite at all Masses to emphasise the penitential aspect of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St Edmund at 6.10pm

LENT 'TEA PARTY' The Lent Event: 40 days set aside to get ready for Easter takes place today from 4pm—5:30pm at Avenue St Andrew's. Tea, cake and reflection together. Join Fr Vincent, Rev Sarah and others.

STUDENT MASS TODAY 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 afterwards for some refreshments.

VOCATIONS... First Sunday of Lent - March 1, 2020

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life contact Fr John Cooke 01329 318 869 or email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

RECENTLY DIED:



Thomas Weir, late of Herrick Close, Thornhill. Funeral Service 1pm Friday 20 March at St Edmund Church followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery.

Eileen Brennan, late of Beaulieu Court, Winn Road, Southampton. Requiem Mass details to be confirmed. *May they rest in peace. Please keep them in your prayers.*

NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION for parents and candidates on Saturday 7 March; **morning group 10:30am—12 noon and afternoon group 4pm—5:30pm** at St Anne's School.

SECOND 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.

RETIRING COLLECTION: CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

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

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Fr Jaya away for annual holiday

Mon Clergy Day off

Wed Clergy Team Meeting: VH/ADM/AP

SLT meeting: VH/TQ/AW/AP

Fri Diocesan 'Focus Group': VH. Housebound: VH

Sat FHC: clergy

LENT 2020

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: started on Ash Wednesday; all certificates have been given out and we have 100 decades being said! *Please pray for them all.*

PASSOVER MEAL: Thursday, 2nd April, 7pm for 7:30pm in St Joseph Church, Bugle Street. **Book your place now!** Not to be missed! Limited ticket availability. Tickets on sale from the Parish Office or next weekend at £11 (includes food and wine).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: 6th February – 6th April. 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>

THE JOY OF HOPE—A FOUR WEEK LENTEN CAFÉ SERIES in **St Edmund Hall at 7:30pm on Thursdays 5, 12, 19 and 26 March.** Add your names to the clipboards in the porches if you would like to attend.



ALPHA COURSE starts at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd March in St Edmund Hall for those who have registered. Please keep them all in your prayers.

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.

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

BAMENDA MEETING 7pm Thursday 5 March in St Edmund Presbytery.

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 attached to this Newsletter (*return envelope with your donation next weekend*). *Prayer cards available in the porches.*

PILATES WITH HILARY 10am Fridays in St Edmund Hall. Text Hilary 07786 617 302 to join.

WORLD WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6 March from 2pm in St Joseph Church. Refreshments in Stella Maris Centre. See noticeboards.

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOUR VALUABLES whilst at Mass and in the halls, handbags have been stolen in the past.

NEXT WEEK

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION TWO 7pm—8pm
Monday 9 March in St Edmund Hall for those registered to have their children baptised in the parish.

ALPHA COURSE 7pm Tuesday 10 March in St Edmund Hall for those who have registered.

THE JOY OF HOPE—LENTEN SERIES continues at 7:30pm Thursday 12 March in St Edmund Hall.

VIANNEY PRAYER GROUP for the support of our priests and vocations to the priesthood and religious life meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month to pray the rosary for the support of those who do so much to serve us. **In future we will hold the meetings at 125 Hill Lane Southampton, SO15 5AF at 7:30pm for just an hour. Next meeting 12 March 7:30pm—8:30pm.** Contact Heather 07810 310 316 or email hauschild287@btinternet.com

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 13 March.

LECTIO DIVINA group meet at 7:30pm Friday 13 March in St Edmund Hall. All welcome. Contact Sister Emiliana for more information on email emiliana.silva@solent.ac.uk

WELCOMING TEAMS GATHERING 7pm Saturday 14 March at Stella Maris Hall, Bugle Street for all Welcomers.

RCIA SCRUTINY 10am Mass Sunday 15 March.

CONCERT & CAKES 3pm Sunday 15th March 2020 in St Joseph Church, 48 Bugle Street, Southampton, SO14 2AH. A fundraising event in aid of the School of Joy, Special Needs School in Beit Sahour (near Bethlehem). **Featuring:**



- o St Edmund's Band
- o Sarah Cooney McQuat & Thomas Jesty
- o Dan O'Farrell

Tickets £5pp will be for sale on the door/tea and cakes on sale too. **EVERY TICKET YOU**

BUY WILL GO INTO A RAFFLE TO WIN PRIZES! Email janekeath@gmail.com for more information/tickets in advance.

GENERAL ITEMS

VERBUM DEI QUIET DAY – SPEAK LORD, YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING. Saturday 21 March 10:30am—4:45pm.
Verbum Dei Retreat Centre: Nunnery Lane, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, PO30 1YR. Donation of £10; a simple lunch, tea and coffee is provided. To book email Patricia Yandell patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk 07835948435 or Sister Margarida email: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com

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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LISBON

14th – 21st October 2020. Cost £895pp. Brochures available in the porches. For information please contact Godfrey Doyle at 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.

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.

CATHOLIC VOICES—Upcoming talks at St Joseph Church, Bracknell:

- o *Defending the Unborn: The Church and Abortion* - 11 March
 - o *Gender, Sexuality and Same-Sex Partnerships* - 8 July
 - o *Love, Marriage and Contraception* - 22 July
 - o *Women in the Church* - 2 September
 - o *Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia* - 23 September
 - o *The Clerical Sex Abuse Scandal* - 4 November
- Book online at <https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/>

THANK YOU TO JULIE JACK for the donation of £100 for the Church Maintenance Fund from the sale of her cards in the porches.

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.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH. EVANGELISATION: CATHOLICS IN CHINA: That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 1 MARCH 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)

SAT	29 FEB	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	PERSONAL INTENTIONS
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	1 MARCH	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE	EILEEN & ALEX AITKIN RIP (GC & HP)
			10:00AM SJ	JEAN PRESTON RIP (NW & AW)
			11:00AM SE	SISTER MARIA INNOCENTA—THANKSGIVING, GOD'S PROTECTION & WELLBEING (TK & MK)
			7:00PM SE	JEN, WAYNE AND FAMILY—GOD'S HELP, BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (AW)
TUES	3 MARCH	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	10:00AM SE	THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED (HP)
WED	4 MARCH	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	6:30AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
THURS	5 MARCH	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	12:15PM SJ	PATRICIA LIVETT—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (F)
FRI	6 MARCH	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	7:00PM SE	ANTHONY LENNON RIP (TL & GL)
SAT	7 MARCH	OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT	11:00AM SE	MOYRA CLEARINKIN RIP (2ND ANNIVERSARY) (CC)
			6:15PM SJ	JAMES & GABRIELLE HALL RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	8 MARCH	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE	O'DONNELL FAMILY INTENTIONS (AO'D)
			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM SE	DAD, GEORGE & AGNES PONNIAH (FRANCIS' PARENTS) RIP (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
			7:00PM SE	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, Portsmouth 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 Sun 09:00, Holy Day 19:00.

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 St George College 023 8032 2603

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 4

1 MARCH 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Psalm Response:

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
*Man does not live on bread alone, but on every
 word that comes from the mouth of God.*
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

READINGS 8 MARCH 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Genesis 12: 1—4
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 8—10
 Gospel: Matthew 17: 1—9

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

HCPT

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

COLLECTIONS 23.2.2020	1ST	2ND—CHURCH MAINTENANCE
Totals	£2,885.13	£438.82
Cash	1,124.24	340.07
S / O	1,408.71	79.00
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18	19.75

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

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