

17 APRIL 2016

**FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

**SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL, WEST &
EAST DEANERY ALSO 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



WE ... YOU AND ME ... ARE THE GIFT...

My sister hit the Big Seven O last Friday week. I was 'the surprise guest' and arrived at her place early morning before she was ready to receive guests! The day was packed with various activities, including a tour of a Vinery and wine tasting ... very nice! It was lovely to be around together with the nephews, nieces, grandchildren, in-laws, my brother and his wife.

We had a gathering of 25 or so friends for morning coffee at the Vinery, then lunch at home, cooked by my niece. In the afternoon the six grandchildren arrived for their party with 'Ma'. The evening rounded off with a few G&T's which I made the most of to say nothing of the schnapps!

During all of this it was great to see the generosity of everyone in terms of time, commitment and presents. It was evident that 'in giving we receive': the great joy of giving gifts to my sister, large and small, practical and decorative, in time and energy, was tangible. The giving reflected the relationship they have with her and deepened and strengthened that relationship. In giving to another in this way we, in a sense, give of ourselves. Presents, particularly the intention behind the gift, reflects something of the 'presenter', the giver.

The Father, we are told in the gospel, gives us to Jesus. We are a gift to Him. Jesus, in return, protects us, guides us and gives us eternal life. Presenting us 'as a gift' reflects how precious we are to God. God wants the best for us. To benefit now from being 'the gift' we need to listen to Jesus, follow Jesus and walk with Him in all aspects of life. All of us are called to life in this way.



Today we pray for people to walk with Jesus as Religious and Priests, in order to enable others to recognise their giftedness. We pray that our faith, prayer and encouragement may lead women and men down this particular vocational path into a life of service for the Kingdom of God.

To ponder:

1. In what way are you a 'light for the nations' (1st reading)? How do you enable 'salvation' to reach the ends of the earth? Words? Example? Prayer? Witness?
2. Look around Mass today, or as you travel to and from work/school: how many nationalities do you see (2nd reading)? All are God's children: pray for them!
3. We are a gift to Christ from God, and Christ is a gift to us from God (gospel). How do you express your gratitude? Do you look for the 'giftedness' of others and thank God for them? *Vincent Harvey*

TODAY SUNDAY 17 APRIL 2016

6:15PM SATURDAY MASS: Anthony Rouse is seeking sponsorship for ½ marathon in aid of HCPT (children to Lourdes).

TODAY: PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: please pray for all vocations, especially to the Priesthood and Religious Life (see prayer elsewhere).

WELCOME RITE: 11am Mass.

BAPTISMS: We welcome to our faith community:



- **Adam Aram**, son of Ako and Anna;
- **Titus Lutwama**, son of Joseph and Angellah;
- **Nathan Zelek**, son of Bartłomies and Sylwia;

being baptised at 12:30pm today in St Edmund's Church

FILIPINO CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm in St Edmund's Church.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Sun: Mass, Reading: TC

Mon: Day off: TC.

Mon-Fri: VH away

Sat: City St George Day Celebration: VH

Mass Taunton College: TC


Teams of Our Lady: VH

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet 2pm—3pm on Tuesdays in St Edmund's Hall.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE continues at 7:30pm Tuesdays 19 and 26 April in St Edmund's Hall. Fully booked.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB recommences 20 April at 12 noon in St Edmund's Hall. Please contact Anne Monaghan on 023 8033 3589 if you would like to join.

SOUP LUNCH 1.05pm Thursday 21 April in St Michael's Church. All proceeds to Christian Aid and CAFOD.

 **ALPHA COURSE continues 7:00pm – 9:30pm Thursday 21 April at St George Catholic College, Swaythling.** Explore the meaning of life. Listen, Learn, Discuss, Discover, Ask. An interesting talk, a hot meal provided free of charge. To book email southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Tel. 023 8033 3589.
This week's session focuses on Why Did Jesus Die?

FINANCE MEETING 7.30pm Thursday 21 April in St Edmund's Presbytery.

PILATES in St Edmund's Hall at 10am on Friday's .

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm—8pm Friday 22 April in St Edmund's Lodge.

DISCOVERING OUR IDENTITY young adult group meet in St Edmund's Hall 8pm on Fridays.

NEXT WEEKEND

INTERNATIONAL LUNCH: FUNDRAISER FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY—SOUTHAMPTON & SOLENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS: 12:30pm—2pm Saturday 23 April at Immaculate Conception Hall, 346 Portswood Road. £20pp contact Sister Virginia 07413 557 751 or email v.adnan@soton.ac.uk to book (prepaid tickets only). See noticeboards for menu.

ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) 11am to 4pm Saturday 23 April. You are warmly invited to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focusing on the Year of Mercy, at St Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. There is no need to reserve places and no charge (although a collection will be taken to cover costs). For further information and directions, see poster on noticeboards, website: www.altonrenewal.com or contact Deacon John Foley on 07769 251 747.

ST GEORGE'S DAY DANCE 2016 Saturday 23 April, 12:30pm—5:30pm in St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley. Fundraising event organised by Golden Goa Association, Southampton in support of Southampton Voluntary Services. See posters on Noticeboards.

REMINDER: HALF MARATHON SUNDAY 24 APRIL— The Avenue will be closed from 10am—1:30pm.

URGENT COLLECTION SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2016 – APOSTOLIC INITIATIVE FOR THE UKRAINE: After the recitation of the Regina Coeli on Sunday 3 April 2016, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched an humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine, in the form of a **Special Collection** to be taken in all of the Catholic Churches in Europe on **Sunday 24 April 2016**. The Holy Father expressed his faith in the Churches of Europe who would unite generously to this, his initiative.

NEXT WEEK

LITURGICAL TRAINING 27 April in St Edmund's by Father Alan Griffiths.

MASS FOR PEACE AND THE ROSARY 7PM Friday 29 April in St Edmund's Church.

MARIST FATHER'S APPEAL at all Masses next weekend 30 April /1 May.

WELCOME TO FATHER DES celebrating the 11am Mass at St Edmund's Sunday 1 May.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM SERVICE 4pm Sunday 1 May in St Edmund's Church followed by refreshments in the Hall, for all those baptised in the parish over the past year. Invitation only.

GENERAL ITEMS

PENTECOST 2016: 15 MAY—ST JOSEPH'S MASS. On the 15th May, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, and oneness in Christ, St Joseph's and St Michael's will have a joint social gathering in St Michael's Square, around 11:30am. To facilitate this **Mass at St Joseph will commence at 10.30 am.**

CANON JOHN O'SHEA: Father John had his hip operation last Monday and all went well and he is on the road to recovery (stiff, sore and in pain but to be expected). He hopes to be home (to convalesce) this weekend.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2016—Join Father Vincent and others from the Parish in the Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 19-26 August. Flying direct from Southampton to Lourdes! The Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Philip. Brochures available online (Diocesan website), or by email from Father Vincent, or at the back of the churches.

HOLY FAMILY 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

take place on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church on Sunday 1 May. Mass will be celebrated at 11am at Holy Family Church, Millbrook by Monsignor Vincent Harvey together with present and former parish priests followed by a buffet lunch and social. The organising committee have put together a history of the parish and church with photographs and we look forward to welcoming those who have had connections with and memories of the Parish over the last 50 years. All welcome to this very special occasion. Further details from the parish office: 023 80 77 8203.

HEALING DAY with Little Way Healing Ministries: on Saturday 7 May 10am—4.30pm at the Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA, Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching and healing. Come all day or just pop in. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'... **Come and see.**

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE: A one day course from 9am—4:30pm Saturday 7 May in the Pastoral Centre next to St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester presenting a very simple way to access the narrative story of the Bible and place all the other books in relation to this narrative. *All the books are un-jumbled and the story emerges.* Jeff Cavins is a wonderful teacher with great insights. *(He also has a great sense of humour!)* Email parishstudies@gmail.com to book.

CALLED & GIFTED: *Do you want to understand better what God wants to do with your life? Do you want to know how God is calling you to reach out to others? How does God invite you to serve him? Do you want to grow in your personal relationship with Christ?* These and other questions will be looked at during the Called and Gifted weekend which is coming to New Forest Pastoral Area (St. Theresa's Totton). Please consider coming and being with others in the area for this Called and Gifted workshop on Friday 7pm to 9pm & Saturday 9am to 4:30pm 13/14 May 2016 at St. Theresa's Church Hall, Totton. You will find it inspiring and personal to you, and there is no cost. To book your place, Tel: 023 8086 2270 or email totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

A quote from a modern Spiritual Writer:We each have our own little part of the beauty, our own gifts of the Spirit, as Paul puts. Paul says that the particular way "the Spirit is given to each person is for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7, Jerusalem Bible). Paul's word for this is a "charism"--a gift that is given to you not just for your own self, but to build up the community, to build up the society. As an individual, you don't have the full responsibility of putting it all together, as the false theology of perfectionism claims. **All you have to do is discover your one gift and use it for the good of all.**

INTER—RELIGIOUS INFORMATION: JEWISH PASSOVER (HEBREW: PESACH) commemorates the story of the Exodus, in which the ancient Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt. Passover begins on the 15th day of the month of Nisan in the Jewish calendar, which is in spring in the Northern Hemisphere, and is celebrated for seven or eight days. It is one of the most widely observed Jewish holidays. **Pesach begins at sundown on Fri, 22 April 2016.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST ANNE'S for achieving 'Outstanding' in all categories by a recent Ofsted Inspection: *'The published report from the recent Ofsted inspection of St Anne's Catholic School and Sixth Form College confirms that the school is 'Outstanding' in every category. Headmistress, Lyn Bourne said 'We are delighted with the outcome of our inspection. The report reflects the exceptional achievements of the entire St Anne's family. Inspectors recognised the excellent standards reached by staff and students across the school and the highly effective contributions made by all members of the St Anne's team'.* **Well done everyone.**

SOUTHAMPTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS—Teacher Accommodation Appeal. Dear Parishioners, we need your help! How can you help? Do you have a spare room to let / rent in your house to a newly qualified teacher? Our new teachers are finding it hard to afford to live in this area, but your children need the very best teachers we can find! Imagine if they could afford to live in this area by renting a room from you, they would be in your children/grandchildren's classrooms working to improve the progress they make! Think hard – can you help? If so, please talk to Fr Vincent, or ring Mr Graham Wilson, Headteacher at St George Catholic College.: 02380 322 603. Many thanks for considering this invaluable help.

"DID YOU KNOW ANGELINA PITTACCIO? *(maiden name) who joined St Joseph's School in Bugle Street on 1 October 1934 (aged 7) and left in 1938. For my Mum's 89th birthday in June I am trying to locate anyone that may have known her when a pupil at St Joseph's School in Bugle Street. Patricia Law and Jean McMahon were Mum's best friends. They tried to keep in touch for a while but it sadly became impossible and they didn't see each other again. Mum missed the Christmas party that they were all preparing for - how wonderful it would be if I could find someone to tell her all about it! If I could locate one of her friends, that would be absolutely magical!"* Maria Cross email mariarcross@hotmail.com if you can help.

FOR THE DIARY—FUTURE EVENT: *Corpus Christi Procession after 11am Mass at St Edmund's Sunday 29 May.*

CAR PARKING: A reminder that Park Centrale Estate is private and **no parking is allowed.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR Colm O'Riordan (heart surgery), Valerie Summerton (op recovery), Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Karen Nugent (op recovery), Celia Axton (op recovery), Hilary Parker, Tony McCall, Alex Boyle (op recovery), Elvira Davidson, Janette Brookes, Bernie Murray, Joy Grant, Pat Feighery (op recovery), Joanne Cunio, Shane Wing (stroke recovery), Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, Rachel de Melo (op recovery), Dame Sheila Quinn, John Redhead, Pat Friters (op recovery), Jayanthi Jayasinghe, Pat Cummings, JL, Malcolm Cross, Irene Cartledge, Teresa Adams (stroke recovery), Judy Brown, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Patricia Penny, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Bosco and Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Tegar Marriott, Josie Franklin, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, Laura Pinson, Evelyn Nolan, parishioners who are ill, having surgery and all listed in the Lady Chapel Prayer Book at St Edmund's.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 17 APRIL 2016

*(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	16 APRIL	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	FOR THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEA (F)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	17 APRIL	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	MARGARET FLAVIN RIP (JB)
			11:00AM SE	HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH'S 90th BIRTHDAY BLESSING & THANKSGIVING (Francis & Anushka P)
			7:00PM SE	MR REG FARRINGTON RIP (F)
TUES	19 APRIL	OF THE 4th WEEK OF EASTER	10:00AM SE	PAT CUMMINGS—BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & WELLBEING (ROSARY GROUP)
WED	20 APRIL	OF THE 4th WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM SE	MAX BACON RIP (F)
THURS	21 APRIL	OF THE 4th WEEK OF EASTER	12:15PM SJ	PAT CUMMINGS INTENTIONS (FAMILY)
FRI	22 APRIL	OF THE 4th WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM SE	MIKE MANTLE'S 94th BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & WELLBEING (HS)
SAT	23 APRIL	ST GEORGE	11:00AM SE	RAY AND SARAH—WELLBEING (MB)
			6:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	24 APRIL	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM SE	ROBERT & ROBERT'S FAMILY—CONVERSION (RK)
			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM SE	LAURA & ANDREW 3RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY & BABY AIDEN 2ND BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING AND GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

PARISHES MASS TIMES: *Holy Family, Millbrook* Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00am; 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 09:15; 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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Prayer of the Church Week 4

**SUNDAY 17 APRIL 2016
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C**

Psalm Response
 We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
 I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

**READINGS SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2016
 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C**

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27
 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5
 Gospel: John 13:31-35

2ND COLLECTION TODAY CLERGY TRAINING FUND	SPECIAL COLLECTION & 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK UKRAINE	CATHOLIC HOMECARE
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Collection	1st—10/4/16
Total	£2,605.65
Cash	1034.89
S / O	1256.61
Gift Aid Tax	314.15

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.

CONFESSION TIMES

St Edmund's: Saturdays 11:30am
St Joseph's: Thursdays 11:45am
 Saturdays 5:45pm