



8 MARCH 2020

SECOND 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



TRANSFIGURED AND CHANGED FOR LIFE!

This week we have begun Alpha in the parish. We are inviting people to take time out to come and experience the person of Jesus Christ. Our participants will be taken on a journey into the Scriptures, into the prophetic teachings of the church, into a deeper understanding of the Holy Trinity, to enable them to be able to make sense of the Christian faith, and to encourage them to make it their own.

Alpha is an opportunity not only to experience who Jesus is but to understand what it is to have a relationship with the living God. Nicky Gumbel who founded Alpha and is responsible for its spread and success throughout the world describes Jesus as the lens through which we can see God.

Jesus took His disciples up onto the mountain to pray and to spend time with Him. While they were in His presence He was transfigured. They saw Him in all His fullness. For a moment they see Jesus in the complete union with God that He is. Their natural reaction was to want to hang onto that moment with Jesus, Moses and Elijah; to put a tent around it. Alpha is such a moment. It allows people to see the light, to experience life in its fullness. Those who come want to hang onto that knowledge of Jesus Christ, the faith and to make it their own.

Alpha is not just a life changing moment, it is about a living, ongoing relationship. The title of our first week was 'Is there more to life than this?' Our 22 guests have taken that first step of faith travelling to an unknown country as Abram did, leaving behind the familiar and asking the questions 'Is there something missing?', 'Is there something more?'. God promises Abram that he will be blessed for the rest of his days.

We in turn are invited on a daily basis to go up to that mountain to spend time with Jesus in prayer to know what it is to have a living relationship and to allow it to make a difference to the whole of our lives. As His disciples we believe and pray that Jesus led each one of those participants to us for our first Alpha meeting and likewise during the season of Lent. Jesus is calling each one of us into a deeper experience of who He is.

When He came down from the Mountain Jesus said to His disciples "Do not tell anybody about this until I have risen from the dead". Here Jesus presents us with the faith in its fullness, a belief in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. In Jesus, divinity and humanity are at one with each other. Our faith is incomplete unless we understand this. This is God manifest, God as He really is.

Let us pray that every day of our lives is a transfiguration experience, when that longing for light is realised in that loving relationship, and that we in turn can become the transfigured people of Jesus Christ.

Tina Quinn

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Jesus reveals who He actually is to Peter, James and John (Gospel). Then 'a voice' (God) says "Listen to Him". In what way do you listen to Jesus? Through prayer? Scripture? The Church? Events? Other people?
2. God told Abram to leave his country (1st reading). A bold step of faith and trust by Abram into the unknown. Have you ever taken such a step in faith? When? What happened? How did you feel?
3. St Paul encourages Timothy to rely on 'the power of God' (2nd reading). When have you 'relied' on God? Why? What happened?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2020

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY in response to 'Family Fast Day' in support of the work of **CAFOD** (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development).

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

TALKS AT END OF MASSES TO PROMOTE THE CONCERT IN ST JOSEPH next Sunday 15 March to raise funds for the 'School of Joy' in the West Bank, Palestine.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St Edmund at 6.10pm

VOCATIONS... Second Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2020 "God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." Do you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Father John Cooke 01329 318 869 or email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

NEXT WEEKEND

WELCOMERS GATHERING / SOCIAL taking place on Saturday, 14 March (next Saturday!) at Stella Maris, from 7pm (after the 6:15pm Mass). *If you are a Welcomer at Weekend Masses please come along to meet one another, to socialise and to reflect briefly on the Ministry of Welcome.*

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

RETIRING COLLECTION: Catholic Home Care.

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

RCIA SCRUTINY 10am Mass Sunday 15 March (this is prayer for those to be Baptised or Received into Full Communion with the Church at Easter)

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 jonekheath@gmail.com for more information/tickets in advance.

COMPASSION NOT CONDEMNATION: 'Seeking asylum in the UK'. A talk by Linda Huggett and Susan Herman of the Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group about their work with asylum seekers and refugees on Sunday 15 March 2020 at 3pm at Immaculate Conception Hall, 346 Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SB.

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 Winn Road, Southampton. Requiem Mass 10am Wednesday 25 March in St Edmund Church followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. *May they rest in peace. Please keep them in your prayers.*

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; 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 after all Masses, cost £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.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Fr Ansel away for annual holiday

Fr Jaya returns on Thursday

Mon Clergy Day off

Wed SSSR: VH

Thurs Chapter Mass/Meeting: VH

Fri Mayor's Prayer Breakfast: VH. Jesus Caritas: VH

Sat Welcomers Gathering 7:15pm Stella Maris

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 continues at 7pm on Tuesday 10 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.

CATHOLIC VOICES: Upcoming talks at St Joseph Church, Bracknell: *Defending the Unborn: The Church and Abortion* Wednesday 11 March. Book online at <https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/>

VIANNEY PRAYER GROUP for the support of our priests and vocations to the priesthood and religious life next meet at 125 Hill Lane, SO15 5AF at 7:30pm Thurs 12 March.

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

PLEASE KEEP YOUR VALUABLE SAFE whilst at Mass and in the halls; handbags have been stolen in the past.

FROGZ Junior Youth Group (For years 3 - 8) meet at St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley High Street, Southampton 6pm – 7:15pm Friday 13 March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:10pm Fridays in St Edmund Church.

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

NEXT WEEK

HANGING OF CRUCIFIXES: the crucifixes obtained/restored in memory of the 2019 Parish Mission will be hung in St Joseph and St Edmund the week beginning the 16th March (so scaffolding in both churches on the 16th, 17th, 18th and possibly 19th March). **Adoration will be cancelled in St Edmund from 16th – 19th March (Monday-Thursday) but Masses as usual.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO MONSIGNOR CANON VINCENT HARVEY, our Parish Priest on his 41st Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood being celebrated on Thursday 19 March. May God continue to bless your ministry among us, Father Vincent!

RICHARD ROHR GROUP 4:30pm Thursday 19 March in St Edmund Presbytery.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 10:30am—12 noon for morning group and 4pm—5:30pm for the afternoon group Saturday 21 March at St Anne's School for parents and children.

RCIA SCRUTINY 7pm Mass at St Edmund Church.

GENERAL ITEMS

THE DOWRY OF MARY REDEDICATION ...On Sunday 29 March, The Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Sunday after the Solemnity of the Annunciation, every single Catholic in England will be invited to rededicate themselves personally to the Blessed Virgin Mary so that England can shine once again as the Dowry of Mary.

The rededication follows in the footsteps of King Richard II, who in the face of great political turmoil in 1381 went to the shrine of Our Lady of Puy in Westminster Abbey to seek her guidance and protection. The purpose today is so that the Catholics of England, faced with the personal and national challenges of our times, can turn to Her once again and offer our faith as She leads us to Christ Her Son. In medieval times, the English understanding of the word "dowry" was something "set aside" by a man for his wife in the event of his death. The rededication was proposed at the November 2017 meeting of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

POETRY SHARE Word of God 2020. Theme—*There is a time for everything.* Tuesday 24 March, 7:15 pm at the Stella Maris Centre. Bring a poem inspired from Ecclesiastes 3:3—9 or just come and join us, you will be most welcome.

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.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We are, no doubt, all keeping abreast of the situation as incidents of the infection take hold in the UK. The Government and NHS advice is still emphasising cleanliness, especially hand washing. Also as we have been told time and again: ***The best way of protecting us from spread is for everyone to use universal good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt spread of the virus.***

We should be doing this all the time for 'flu:

- **Catch it - sneeze into a tissue**
- **Bin it - bin the tissue**
- **Kill it - wash your hands with soap and water**
- **Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands**

Currently at Mass Holy Communion will still be distributed under both kinds (The Body and Blood: the Host and the Chalice). If you have any symptoms of cold/flu then you should **not receive on the tongue and not receive the chalice** (this is normal practice and should be second nature ALWAYS!). If you prefer not to receive the chalice that is your decision.

BUT for the time being we suggest that the 'Sign of Peace' be a non-contact act: an acknowledgement (a bow hands joined in prayer and a bow ... or a wave as a greeting); the reason for this is so that no one is 'forced' or feel 'caught' in making physical contact out of fear or health reasons. Please respect this.

BASICS BANK Hot off the press figures for the first two months of the year are that our super Basics Bank volunteers have given out 5 days' worth of food **2,275 times and clothed 300 people**. This means that despite generous donations in the run up to Christmas, we're already seeing gaps appear in the warehouse. We'd love to encourage the church family across Southampton to help us bring in a "Spring Harvest" of food donations so that we don't run out of essential items. Boxes in both churches for the following items urgently needed:

*Cold tinned meat (ham, corned beef, sandwich spread)
Tinned meat for heating (meatballs, stew, chicken in white sauce etc.), Tinned Carrots, Tinned / Cartons Custard or Rice Pudding, Tinned Spaghetti, Spreads (jam, marmite, chocolate etc.)*

PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: CARAWAY is a registered charity that seeks to be an advocate for each older person across the city and aims to raise the awareness and provision for spiritual care of older people in Southampton. We are looking for someone to assist in providing administrative support for Caraway, enabling the team to effectively reach more of those who are older in both care and community. The post holder will work closely with the trustees to communicate the vision of Caraway across Southampton, including such tasks as overseeing our website, social media and regular newsletters. For more info or to for an application pack email Ros or Erica at caraway@caraway.uk.com; closing date is 3 April 2020; Interviews 21 April 2020; Starting date to be agreed.

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 & Vijille 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 8 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	7 MARCH	VIGIL MASS	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 MRS SIU KUEN MARIA SO RIP (JS) 11:00AM SE DAD, GEORGE & AGNES PONNIAH (FRANCIS' PARENTS) RIP; DR & MRS ELLEGAL INTENTIONS (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS PONNIAH) 7:00PM SE MIECZYSLAW ORTYL RIP (BM)
TUES	10 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	10:00AM SE INDIKA & CATHAL—1ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS PONNIAH)
WED	11 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	6:30AM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 7:00PM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
THURS	12 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	12:15PM SJ JEAN PRESTON RIP (IK)
FRI	13 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	7:00PM SE DOMINADOR ANDAMA, ADORACION ANDAMA, JINKY ANDAMA RIP (RA)
SAT	14 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	11:00AM SE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 6:15PM SJ PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	15 MAR	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) 10:00AM SJ RILLINGTON LACSA RIP (MP) 11:00AM SE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRANT & CONNOLLY FAMILIES (PG) 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, Portwood 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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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 2

8 MARCH 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Psalm Response:

*May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

READINGS 15 MARCH 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3—7
 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1—2; 5—8
 Gospel: John 4: 5—15, 19—26, 39—42

2ND COLLECTION TODAY CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC HOME CARE

COLLECTIONS 1.3.2020	1ST	2ND—HCPT
Totals	£2,866.75	£861.02
Cash	1,105.86	637.89
S / O	1,408.71	178.50
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18	44.63

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

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

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

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