

20 MARCH 2016

**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE LORD'S
PASSION**

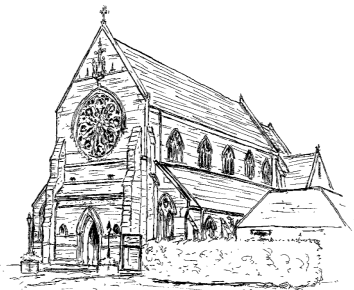


**ST JOSEPH'S &
ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE
CATHOLIC PARISH
SOUTHAMPTON**

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



**THIS WEEK - 'DO NOT SLIDE' ANY FURTHER,
BUT 'WALK ALONG HIS WAYS'**

Come into the day!
Christ is preparing his return!
Christ is preparing the nuptial era!
Let times pass away! Let flesh pass away!
The Spirit of God blows in the desert,
announcing the paschal dawn!

Strip yourselves!
When you die, you lose everything!
Make your exodus in advance!
Let death fall! Let evening fall!
Do not wait until it is too late
for God to give you birth.

Do not fear
to undo yourselves, he will create again
what you let go;
close your eyes! Bow your heads!
Come and beg for his creation
in the depths of human darkness.

Do not slide any longer
on your uncertain slope,
for here another age begins;
turn around! Learn God!
He has promised his kingdom to those
who will walk along his ways!

The day will come
when the desert will bloom again
and the shadow will give back the light!
God through them! Already now,
go and look in the testament
for what is not born of the earth!

Commission Francophone Cistercienne

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. This is a week to be honest yes honest with myself and God! Am I? When? How do I live that honesty?
2. Where am I this week: on the edge of the crowd, hidden? In the front of the crowd wanting Him crucified? Turning away crying for my sin?
3. This week, an opportunity to grasp life? Will I? How?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2016

PALM SUNDAY TODAY BLESSING OF PALMS at all Masses (10am: Procession from Westgate to St Joseph's).

NEW BOXED/NUMBERED ENVELOPES for parishioners who pay monthly contributions in this way - are now available for collection at the back of the Churches.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Sundays at 6:10pm during Lent; today's will be led by the *City Centre Pastoral Group*.

FILIPINO CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsals at 6pm *in the hall*.

PEGGY FREELAND: please pray for Peggy (one time housekeeper at St Edmund's) who died a week ago (in a nursing home in Stubbington). The date for her Requiem Mass is Wednesday 30 April at 12noon in Immaculate Conception Church, Bells Lane, Stubbington PO14 2PL

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon: Day Off: TC/VH. Adoration with St Anne: VH

Tues: Chrism Mass: VH/TC/AP

Wed: St Anne Mass: VH

RT REV JONATHAN FROST, Anglican Bishop of Southampton (Suffragan of Winchester) will be joining us for some of Holy Week. Bishop Jonathan tries to experience liturgical and other events around his Area so as to get to know the people and their needs better. Within the constraints of his own schedule he is going to join us for 7pm Palm Sunday Mass, 7pm Mass on Wednesday, 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, 10am Stations of the Cross on Good Friday and 9am Easter Sunday Mass.

PARISH SECRETARY ON ANNUAL LEAVE until 8 April. Parish Office to be managed by volunteers.

ST ANNE'S ADORATION Monday 21 March 12noon—12:15pm in St Edmund's Church.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK: RECONCILIATION SERVICE 21 March 7:30pm in St. Edmund's Church. There will be 7 priests available for sacramental confessions.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 22 MARCH—10AM MASS CANCELLED. Chrism Mass Tuesday 22 March at 11am in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

BIG CLEAN starts 2pm in St. Edmund's on Tuesday 22 March, volunteers needed. Please add your name to the list in the porch.

ANCHOR LENTEN COURSE ON RECONCILIATION meet Tuesday 22 March from 7:30pm-9pm in Stella Maris Hall for the final session.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: FINAL 6:30AM EARLY MORNING MASS DURING LENT Wednesday 23 March in St Edmund's Church.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK takes place 5:30pm in St Edmund's Church Wednesday 23 March. Please come along for an hour to run through the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday).

JOINT TRIDUUM CHOIR PRACTICE 7:45pm Wednesday 23 March in St. Edmund's Church.

HOLY WEEK: EASTER PREPARATIONS OF ST EDMUND'S CHURCH: Wednesday 23 March 10:30am—4:00pm; Thursday 24 March 10:30am—4:00pm; Saturday 26 March 11:30am—4:00pm please help if you can.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM 2016

Holy Thursday—24 March

6.15pm Family Mass of Lord's Supper St. Joseph's
8.00pm Mass of Lord's Supper & Adoration St. Edmund's
11.30pm Night Prayer St. Edmund's

Good Friday—25 March

9am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer St. Edmund's
10.00am Stations of the Cross St. Edmund's
11.30am Family Liturgy of the Cross St. Joseph's
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion St. Edmund's
8.00pm Prayer around the Cross St. Edmund's

Holy Saturday—26 March

9am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer St. Edmund's
1.00pm—2:30pm Blessing of Easter Food St. Edmund's
by Fr. Zbigniew— every 15 minutes
8.00pm Celebrating the Easter Vigil St. Edmund's

Easter Sunday—27 March

6.00am Mass in Polish St. Edmund's
9.00am Sunday Mass St. Edmund's
10.00am Sunday Mass St. Joseph's
11.00am Sunday Mass St. Edmund's
7.00pm Sunday Mass St. Edmund's

HUNGER LUNCHES Thursdays at 1:05pm in St Michael's Church during Lent and then 21 April, 19 May, 16 June and 21 July. *Proceeds to CAFOD and Christian Aid.*

ADORATION ON HOLY THURSDAY 24 MARCH AFTER MASS up to 11:30pm. A half hour slot is offered for you to sign up to on the form at the back of the church. *Watch and pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel in St. Edmund's. Please sign up.*

NEXT WEEKEND

EASTER RETREAT 'EVERLASTING LOVE' OR PILGRIMAGE AROUND THE ISLE OF WIGHT Thurs 24 March—Sun 27 March. For more info and to book email: Verbum Dei at verbumdei.iow@gmail.com (retreat)/v.adnan@soton.ac.uk (pilgrimage). See noticeboard.

NEXT WEEK

BANK HOLIDAY Monday 28 March. No Adoration.



DAY OF REFLECTION—PREPARE FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY led by Fr Des at Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU on Saturday 2 April; refreshments at 10am for a 10:30am start, the day will finish at 4pm.


The cost of the day: £18pp (includes lunch and the celebration of Holy Mass). Since devotion to the Divine Mercy is one of the pivotal aspects of the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis we encourage you to attend. Contact Fr Des by email: frdes@montfort.org.uk or phone 023 8029 2337 to book.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION led by Father Des on Sunday 3 April at 3pm in St Edmund's Church.

GENERAL ITEMS

BAPTISM PREPARATION 7pm—8:30pm Monday 4 April in St Edmund's Hall for parents baptising their children in the parish.

THANK YOU to Julie Jack for £100 donation towards the maintenance of our church buildings from the sale of cards sold.


 **NEXT ALPHA COURSE starts 7pm – 9:30pm Thursdays 14 April—30 June 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 Tel. 023 8033 3589 or email southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

The 12 sessions are: *Life: Is This it? Who is Jesus? Why Did Jesus Die? How Can I Have Faith? Why and How Do I Pray? Why and How Do I Read the Bible? How Does God Guide Us? Who is The Holy Spirit and What Does He Do? How Can I be Filled with the Holy Spirit? How Can I resist Evil? Does God Heal Today? What about the Church and Telling Others?*

ROOM TO LET IN STUDENT HOUSE, ROCKSTONE PLACE with immediate effect, rent £280pcm includes lights and water. Students only. Call the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589.

FOR THE DIARY ... FUTURE EVENT: Corpus Christi Procession after the 11am Mass at St Edmund's Sunday 29 May ... make a note.

CAR PARKING: The Park Centrale Estate is private and no parking allowed There is no justification blocking people in or preventing them returning. **No parking!**

 **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA**—Deacon Roger is asking for donations of Easter eggs to be distributed to some of the 540,000 seafarers who visit the port of Southampton each year.

Please leave them in the Church clearly marked for Apostleship of the Sea or 'AoS', Roger will collect them and distribute to the ships.

THE NEXT 'CALLED AND GIFTED' WORKSHOP takes place Friday 13 and Saturday 14 May at St Theresa's Church in Totton. If you are trying to discern your vocation in life as a member of God's faithful and wish to deepen your relationship with him do consider taking part. We are all called by virtue of our Baptism and are all given gifts which the Lord wants us to use to further his kingdom. Perhaps you have been in a ministry for some time or have reached a point in your life where you are looking for a new direction. Come and see! Flyers available in the porch. **Taster evening Thursday 7 April 7:30pm - 9pm at St Theresa's, Totton. Contact Tina 07827 810 457.**

A QUIET DAY FOR ASCENTIONTIDE Saturday 7 May from 10am—4pm at Wisdom Centre, Romsey. Email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk or call 01794 830 206 to book. See noticeboard.

A DAY FOR YOU—after bereavement: Friday 20 May 11am—3pm at Wisdom Centre, Romsey. Email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk or call 01794 830 206 to book. See noticeboard.

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.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS: Are you celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ wedding anniversary this year? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX on Saturday 9 July. To book www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries to fill out the form or mail anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Also please

provide a copy of your wedding photograph, either by email as above, or by post to St. Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX, marking envelope 'Significant Anniversaries Mass'.

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 Graham Wilson, Headteacher at St George Catholic College 023 8032 2603. Many thanks for considering this invaluable help.

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN "DON BOSCO" BOYS CAMP 2016 Sun 7 Aug - Sat 13 Aug 2016 at St Cassian's Kintbury. Led by Fr Mark Hogan a camp for boys of secondary school age; there will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. *Will take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic faith, including daily Mass and Morning Prayer.* Cost £190 (though full/part bursaries are available). To book email Mr and Mrs Mulkerens dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

TWO HUNDRED CLUB 2016 FEES NOW DUE for existing club members. Would you like to increase your chances and have an extra entry? Would you like to join the club with the possibility of winning two monthly prizes drawn for the small amount of £12pa (£1 per month)? *All proceeds go towards the building up of the parish.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR Valerie Summerton (op. recovery), Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Karen Nugent (op. recovery), Noreen Beaumont (op. recovery), Celia Axton (op. recovery), Hilary Parker, Tony McCall, Alex Boyle (op. recovery), James McConnell (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 & 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 20 MARCH 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	19 MARCH	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	NORA & MICHAEL HUNTER RIP (MH)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	20 MARCH	PALM SUNDAY of the Lord's Passion	9:00AM SE	ALEX STANLEY RIP (AO'D)
			10:00AM SJ	PADDY—JOE HASTINGS RIP (MM&MM)
			11:00AM SE	FR EMMANUEL RIVARA RIP (FOUNDER OF ST EDMUND'S CHURCH) (F)
			7:00PM SE	ROBERT & ROBERT'S FAMILY—CONVERSION (RK)
TUES	22 MARCH	OF HOLY WEEK	10:00AM SE	MASS CANCELLED
WED	23 MARCH	OF HOLY WEEK	6:30AM SE	COYLE FAMILY—PAST & PRESENT (RC&SC)
			7:00PM SE	HELENA HOUSTON RIP (PO)
THURS	24 MARCH	FAMILY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	6:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			8:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI	25 MARCH	GOOD FRIDAY of the Lord's Passion	3:00PM SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LA SAINTE UNION COMMUNITY, SOUTHAMPTON
SAT	26 MARCH	HOLY SATURDAY	8:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SUN	27 MARCH	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION	9:00AM SE	ETHEL & PHIL CONWAY RIP (GC)
			10:00AM SJ	IN THANKSGIVING FOR THOMAS (GIANCARLA & STEFANO)
			11:00AM SE	RICHARDSON & SCOTT FAMILIES RIP (RC)
			7:00PM SE	HELENA MASLANKA & FAMILY RIP (HN)

DEANERY 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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Vocations to Priesthood: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vocation/

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Springhill Primary 023 8033 3954
St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
St George College 023 8032 2603

Prayer of the Church Week 2

SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2016—PALM SUNDAY

Psalm Response

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

READINGS SUNDAY 27 MARCH 2016—

EASTER SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts 10:34.37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

2ND COLLECTION TODAY CATHOLIC CARE	2ND COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY HOLY PLACES	2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK OUR PRIESTS
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COLLECTIONS	13/3/16 1st	13/3/16—2nd EASTER FLOWERS
Total	£2,402.33	£440.03
Cash	831.57	304.40
S / O	1256.61	108.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	314.15	27.13

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