



28 FEBRUARY 2016

**THIRD
SUNDAY
OF LENT**



**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



A Very Reckless Love

This weekend we take for our readings, those from Year A, because we have the first Scrutiny. So what is a scrutiny? What is its purpose? Two weeks ago those men and women from our Parish seeking baptism and entry into the faith joined a large throng of others, and by means of a moving ceremony presided by Bishop Philip, were enrolled for Reception into the Roman Catholic Church. From that moment onward until their baptism at the Easter Vigil, they are known as the Elect.

The Scrutiny (there are three) is not simply to critique and assess their readiness—that was done at the Rite of Election. The purpose of the Scrutinies is for the Elect to look within themselves and uncover, and understand all that is weak, defective, or sinful in their hearts. It has a second purpose as well, to bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good in them. Sounds attractive for us all as we also journey through Lent, doesn't it?

This weekend we meet again the Samaritan woman at the Well of Jacob, collecting water in the noonday sun, because she is held in contempt as much by other Samaritans as by the Jews. The boundary breaking, intimate, deep-as-a-well love Jesus showed the



woman freed her. The love of the Christ transforms her; thinking back to last week we might feel, Jesus transfigures her, and she becomes the first missionary to her own people.

When we were plunged into the waters of life, we also became like Jesus, seeking intimacy with all the world, especially in the places that might seem risky and out of bounds—in our enemies, in those who are foreign to us, in those who would persecute us.

When we eat and drink at the banquet we call Mass every Sunday, we become what we eat. We become the love of Christ for the world.

Do we believe that? Can we imagine it? If so, let's leave our little water jars and our small love behind and go out to love with astounding, and reckless abandon.

Andy Philpott

TODAY SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2016

WELCOME BACK FROM BAMENDA FATHER VINCENT AND THANK YOU TO FATHER DES celebrating 9am and 11am Masses.

RCIA FIRST SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT 10am Mass today at St Joseph's Church. *Please pray for those who attended the Rite of Election last Saturday who will be received into the Church at Easter Vigil. Their names are displayed in the book on the Sanctuary at St Edmund's Church.*

PASTORAL AREA MARRIAGE PREPARATION: at the 10:30am Mass at St Boniface today the engaged couples from our Pastoral Area who are beginning their Marriage Preparation will be welcomed: **Filippo Castrogiovanni & Giorgia Gramuglia, Hugo Pires & Sandra Bartolomeu, Stuart Richmond & Anita Plummer, Elliot Robinson & Anna Drost, Davide Zilli & Chantelle Blagrove, Matheus Santos & Betty Durisová, Mikolaj Kurek & Agnieszka Mackiewicz, Tony Croft & Grace Reynolds, Elroy Pinto & Charlene de Souza, Mateo Broggi & Shuya Zang, Juan Venancio Hernández & Teresita Suárez Noguez.** Please keep them in your prayers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Sundays at 6:10pm during Lent; today's will be led by the RCIA team.



RECENTLY DIED: Phyllis New RIP late of Bugle Street, Southampton. Funeral arrangements to be confirmed.

Shaun Leahy RIP late of English Road, Southampton. Reception of the coffin into St Edmund's at 4pm on Tuesday 8 March; funeral service to take place at 11am Wednesday 9 March followed by burial at South Stoneham Cemetery. *May they rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.*

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Mon: Fr Vincent / Fr Tomy day off.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet at the **new time of 2pm—3pm** on Tuesdays in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome.

CAFOD meeting 7pm—9pm Tuesday 1 March in St Edmund's Hall.

6 WEEK ANCHOR LENTEN COURSE ON RECONCILIATION—it is never too late to return to the Lord. A small number attended the 2nd session facilitated by Sr Hyacinthe and Tina. *"We were reminded of our adoption as God's children and how much He wants us to remain in communion with Him."* The sacrament of confession/reconciliation is presented in a gentle and informative way and focuses on God's love and mercy and His desire for us to respond to His unconditional love. It is not too late to join; your Lent will be enriched. **Tuesday evenings 7:30pm-9pm Stella Maris, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH.** Email tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

TUESDAY FAITH FORMATION: Last Tuesday the Dominican Sisters gathered with parishioners to look at the person of Jesus Christ. This was the 3rd of a series of 6 presentations on the foundations of our faith. The remaining talks are: Redemption, the human person and the Church. This is such a valuable opportunity and resource during Lent. Do consider joining the Sisters Tuesday evenings 7:30pm in the Fr Louis Suite at Holy Family Church. Email ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

LENT 2016

Make Lent a true 'desert experience' where you can encounter the 'God of Mercy'.

1. Come along to '**Stations of the Cross**' on Fridays (6.30 pm) and Sundays (6.10 pm).
2. Attend the '**Lent Course**' on Reconciliation on Tuesdays at Stella Maris.
3. Pop into St Edmund's during the day for '**Adoration**'.
4. Come along to the **6:30 am** Wednesday Masses.
5. **Mongu Jars:** to support the work of Fr Pat and the parish in Mongu. Take a label in the porches.

6:30AM EARLY MORNING MASSES DURING LENT every **Wednesday** in St Edmund's Church.

LUNCH CLUB meet 12 noon Wednesdays in St Edmund's Hall. New members welcome! Contact Anne Monaghan in the Parish Office (023 8033 3589) if you wish to join.

CCPG 7:45pm Wednesday 2 March in St Edmund's Presbytery.

HUNGER LUNCHES every Thursday at 1:05pm in St Michael's Church during Lent and to continue after Easter on Thursdays 21 April, 19 May, 16 June and 21 July. All proceeds in aid of CAFOD and Christian Aid.

RCIA GROUP meet Thursdays at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall for those exploring the Catholic faith.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at 2pm Friday 4 March in St Michael's Church, Bugle Street. All welcome, refreshments to follow.

VOCATIONS: young adults discernment to religious life; a *Monastic Experience Weekend at Quarr Abbey, a Benedictine monastery on the Isle of Wight* for Catholic men aged 18-35 to sample and find out about monastic life. Friday 4 March to Sunday 6 March. Email novicemaster@quarr.org.

POLISH CONFIRMATION MASS 7pm Friday 4 March in St Edmund's Church. **NB: usual 7pm Mass cancelled Friday 4 March.**

YOUNG ADULT GROUP meet on Fridays at 8pm in St Edmund's Hall.

NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP for parents and children Saturday 5 March 10:30am—12 noon at St Anne's School.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE to the Byways of Bursledon, Sunday 6 March at 2pm. Starting point: Lowford Community Car Park (parking free on Sundays). Tel 023 8040 3568. See noticeboards.

NEXT WEEK

ALPHA & YOUTH ALPHA COURSES—TASTERS:

- **Adults Thursday 10 March St George Catholic College 7pm—9pm**
- **Youth Alpha Friday 11 March St Edmund's Hall.**

Explore the meaning of life. A hot meal provided free of charge. An interesting introductory talk. The opportunity to learn more about the *Adults Alpha Course taking place 7pm - 9:30pm Thursdays 14 April—30 June at St George Catholic College and Youth Alpha running Fridays 8pm—9:30pm from 22 April—1 July in St Edmund's Hall.* Tel. 023 8033 3589/email: southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdioces.org.uk.



POETRY SHARE: YEAR OF MERCY 'UNTYING THE KNOTS'
7pm Thursday 10 March at St Joseph's Church. Through poetry, many have been able to reflect on their journeys through complexity, unpicking personal knots. Come with your own reflections, choose a poem, perhaps one that helped you in troubled times, or bring one of your own, or you may want to just come and listen. Do come!

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD at Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood from 5pm—midnight Friday 11 March and 10am—5pm Saturday 12 March.

YOUTH GROUPS meet 2nd & 4th Fridays in St Boniface Hall, Shirley (next meeting 11 March):

'Frogz for juniors' ages 8—10 meet from 6pm—7:15pm, topic 'Holy Week/Easter Collage'.

'Fanning the Flame' for Seniors ages 12-18 from 7:15pm-9pm. All welcome!



YEAR OF MERCY: GOD'S MERCY IN SCRIPTURE: A day to discover the four senses of Scripture and to learn a method of Scripture study. These will be put into practice in workshops by exploring the Mercy of God in the Gospels. The day will include Mass and times of prayer. The day is free. Bring a packed lunch. **Saturday 12 March 10am to 4pm at St Edward the Confessor, 191-193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU.** Register on website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/#events or by email: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or by phone: 01590 681 874. See noticeboards.

QUIET DAY: 10am—4pm Saturday 12 March at St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street with Rev. David (St Michael's vicar).

THIRD SCRUTINY 9am Mass Sunday 13 March in St Edmund's Church.

GENERAL ITEMS

PASSOVER MEAL 7pm for 7:30pm Thursday 17 March in St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street. Vegetarian options available. Tickets £10 for sale after all Masses and from the Parish Office.



RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE—PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND SILENT RETREAT to enter in the experience of God's Mercy and Grace poured out during Holy week. 18—20 March at the Verbum Dei Centre, Isle of Wight. Contact verbumdei.iow@gmail.com. Tel.01983 529 554.

EASTER RETREAT 'EVERLASTING LOVE' OR PILGRIMAGE AROUND THE ISLE OF WIGHT Thurs 24 March—Sun 27 March. **Retreat:** a chance to live the Easter Triduum in an atmosphere of silence and contemplation, deepening in God's everlasting love. With talks, personal prayer, celebration of the liturgies, opportunities for personal accompaniment, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. **Venue:** Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Isle of Wight. For more info and to book email: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage: to live the Triduum as a pilgrim on a journey with our Lord through His Passion and Resurrection by walking from one parish to the next and exploring the beauty of the Isle of Wight. Sleeping in parish halls for 2 nights and then join the Vigil Celebration on the last night and sleep at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre. Email v.adnan@soton.ac.uk for more info and to book. See noticeboard.

AN OPEN LETTER OF GRATITUDE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE SECRETARIAT has been received for all who have prayed, walked, laboured and were responsible for the pledge made and critical milestone reached at the recent Climate Change conference, a decisive turning point inscribed into history. See noticeboards.



DAY OF REFLECTION—PREPARE FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY led by Fr Des at Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU on Saturday 2 April 2016; 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.



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 the menu.

TWO HUNDRED CLUB 2016 FEES ARE 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 speak to Father Vincent after Mass or Anne in the Parish Office if you would like to join or are interested in taking up the reins of running the club with a view to increasing numbers.

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. Go to 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'.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Karen Nugent (op. recovery), Noreen Beaumont (op. recovery), Celia Axton (op. recovery), Hilary Parker, Tony McCall, Alex Boyle (op. recovery), Ruth Spencer (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, Joan Moore, 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 28 FEBRUARY 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	27 FEB	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	PAT SULLIVAN—WELLBEING (AN)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	28 FEB	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE	KATHLEEN ROGERS RIP (DP&GP)
			10:00AM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM SE	ROBERT & ROBERT'S FAMILY—CONVERSION (RK)
			7:00PM SE	BRIDGET JONES RIP (RJ)
TUES	1 MARCH	ST DAVID	10:00AM SE	KATE McKINNEY RIP (TP)
WED	2 MARCH	OF THE 3rd WEEK OF LENT	6:30AM SE	ANTHONY WEST RIP (TP)
			7:00PM SE	ROBERT & ROBERT'S FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSING & HEALING (RK)
THURS	3 MARCH	OF THE 3rd WEEK OF LENT	12:15PM SJ	HANNY WIJMAN RIP (IK)
FRI	4 MARCH	OF THE 3rd WEEK OF LENT	7:00PM SE	MASS CANCELLED
SAT	5 MARCH	OF THE 3rd WEEK OF LENT	11:00AM SE	MARIA PAPPADA RIP (RO)
			6:15PM SJ	JAMES & GABRIELLE HALL RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	6 MARCH	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE	KATHLEEN ROGERS RIP (MP&CP)
			10:00AM SJ	PATRICIA LIVETT—THANKSGIVING (F)
			11:00AM SE	EASTER BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING TO POPE FRANCIS, THE CLERGY, PRIESTS, OFFICE STAFF AND THE WHOLE UNIVERSE (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM SE	DARREN NEWCOMBE RIP (BN)

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 3

SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2016

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A (due to 1st Scrutiny)

Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

READINGS SUNDAY 6 MARCH 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

	CATHOLIC CARE	CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND
COLLECTIONS	21/2/16 1st	21/2/16—2nd CAFOD
Total	£2,728.47	£1,046.85
Cash	1,157.71	830.60
S / O	1256.61	173.00
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	314.15	43.25

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