

21 FEBRUARY 2016

**SECOND  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT**



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

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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



**TRANSFIGURED TO BE TRANSFIGURED  
AND TRANSFIGURE OTHERS**

I am sure there have been moments in all our lives when we have wanted to capture the view, the emotion, even the person and hold it for eternity. This was how the disciples must have felt at the Transfiguration. But before they could capture that image 'a cloud came and covered them with a shadow', how do we explain those times of absence/ darkness when God seems absent?



We should not lose hope. Excessive light is darkness. If we look straight into the sun we are blinded and this can be our experience of God: the deeper we are journeying into the intimacy of God the deeper we seem to go in the darkness. Another analogy is the child in its mother's womb. Surrounded by love, warmth, nutrition and security, present to every movement and emotion, conscious of its mother's heartbeat but bathed in darkness: there can be no greater intimacy than found in the relationship of a mother and her unborn child.

There is something about the hiddenness of God. The Mystics see this as mystery, this unknowing, as a deeper way to intimacy with God. It is in the nothingness, in the stillness that we really begin to understand.

Our vision of and our relationship with Christ is not just a fleeting moment. As disciples we are constantly given sustenance and grace in the sacraments, invisible moments that allow us to receive Christ himself and for eternity; the tent (at the transfiguration) is the tent of our faith, the community of believers.

Jesus had already been challenged in the wilderness with the sum total of temptations, not a job/ministry he was expecting, but given in order that he might relate to us. He now receives that profound confirmation given at his Baptism: You are my son the chosen one. You are the prophet who is the son of God: your road is to the cross.

Jesus comes down from the mountain to face the hardest journey of his life. In his ministry those he touched he transfigured. If we respond to his call in love we too will be transfigured, and our lives in turn can transfigure others.

Last Tuesday morning was one of those moments to capture. A glorious walk in a winter wonderland: a heavy frost, cloudless skies, the sun breaking through and casting shadows of grazing ponies and magnificent trees and two happy dogs with acres of freedom and tranquility. But the moment passes and the challenge is to take that deeper experience of God's love to those I meet today: especially those we find it difficult to love ... But there is sustenance, there is the confidence and knowledge that we are all children of God.

*Tina Quinn*

## TODAY SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2016

**RETIRING COLLECTION** is for the work of CAFOD. This Lent we have an opportunity to come together as a Catholic community to ensure girls living in the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education. *CAFOD is working with the local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day, now have time for school, study and to play with their friends. Thank you for your generosity.*

**WELCOME BACK TO FR TOMY**—we hope you had a lovely rest! **AND WELCOME TO FATHER DES** celebrating 6:15pm Mass and to **FR MICHAEL CRONIN** celebrating 10am Mass at St Joseph's and 7pm Mass at St Edmund's.

**NIGERIAN AND AFRICAN MASS** at 2pm today at St. Patrick's Church, 45 Portsmouth Road, SO19 9BD.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Sundays at 6:10pm during Lent; today's will be led by the Sunday Altar Servers.

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

### THIS WEEK

**FOR INFORMATION:** Mon: Fr Tomy day off.  
Fr Vincent in Bamenda (Cameroon) until 27<sup>th</sup> February.

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


**LENT 6 WEEK COURSE ON RECONCILIATION:** continues at 7:30pm—9pm Tuesdays in Stella Maris Hall, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH. A small number of us attended a lovely st session facilitated by Sister Hyacinthe and Tina. *"We were reminded just how much God love us ... very special".* 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.*

**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.

**HUNGER LUNCHEs** every Thursday at 1pm in St Michael's Church until 21 July. All proceeds in aid of Mongu and Christian Aid.

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

 **FROGZ Junior Youth Group (School Years 3—8)** from 6pm—7:15pm Friday 26 February in St Boniface Church Hall. This one will be a youth led evening. All welcome!

**MASS FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN FAMILIES** 7pm Friday 26 February in St Edmund's Church.

### NEXT WEEKEND

**'WHAT NEXT FOR THE FAMILY?'** Join Bishop Peter Doyle and Father Daniel O'Leary as they give their thoughts on the recent synod. Saturday 27 February 9:30am—3pm at St Peter's Church, Winchester.

## 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.

**RCIA FIRST SCRUTINY** 10am Mass Sunday 28 February 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.*

### NEXT WEEK

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

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

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

**VOCATIONS:** young adults discernment of a possible vocation to religious life; *a Monastic Experience Weekend at Quarr Abbey, a Benedictine monastery on the Isle of Wight.* Catholic men aged 18-35 are invited to sample and find out about monastic life. From Friday 4 March to p.m. Sunday 6 March. Email [novicemaster@quarr.org](mailto:novicemaster@quarr.org).

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

**JOURNEY IN FAITH—SECOND SCRUTINY** 7pm Mass Sunday 6 March at St Edmund's Church.

### GENERAL ITEMS

**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 has helped you in troubled times, or bring one of your own, or you may want to just come and listen. But do come!

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

**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 Sr Virginia 07413 557 751 or email [v.adnan@soton.ac.uk](mailto:v.adnan@soton.ac.uk) to book (prepaid tickets only). Menu includes: *Starter:* Mexican Sopes, *1st Course:* Brazilian Geijoadá or Soufle de Milho, *2nd Course:* Ugandan Chicken or Chinese Tofu, *Dessert:* Phillipino Bana Turon or Lemon Drizzle Cake. See noticeboards.



**ALPHA & YOUTH ALPHA COURSES:** *Taster Session for Adults Thursday 10 March St George Catholic College 7pm—9pm and Friday 11 March at St Edmund's Hall for Youth Alpha.* Explore the meaning of life. Listen, Learn, Discuss, Discover, Ask. What can I expect at the Taster session? 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, Swaythling and Youth Alpha running from 8pm—9:30pm from 22 April—1 July.* To book Tel. 023 8033 3589 or email the Parish Office at [southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



**DAY OF REFLECTION—PREPARE FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** *May the message of God's merciful love, proclaimed through Saint Faustina, be made known to all the peoples of the earth and fill their hearts with hope. May the binding promise of the Lord Jesus be fulfilled: "preparing the world for His final coming" (Saint John Paul II).*

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, a day of reflection led by Fr Des will be held **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](mailto:frdes@montfort.org.uk) or phone 023 8029 2337 to book.

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

**CALAIS MIGRANT CAMP—NOTICE FROM THE DIOCESAN CARITAS TEAM:** Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth is in the process of establishing formal links with Caritas Secours Catholique. Secours Catholique have a large presence in the camp: *their national director has been seconded to the camp for three years and they have a fixed base within the camp, facilities in the nearby town and about 150 volunteers.* Secours Catholique have requested that all Catholic aid to the camp, financial and voluntary, be directed through themselves. Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth, among others, are trying to support their sister organisation and to understand what larger resource is needed in the camp that a diocese might be able to provide. This may include voluntary help, which will need to comply with our diocesan procedures. *Whilst details are being finalised, could we request that any financial donations for Calais from parishes are sent to the Department of Administration, clearly marked as being for the migrant camp.* These will be put into a designated fund. The needs in the camp are clearly enormous but realistically the overwhelming desire of the majority of individuals to come to the UK cannot be met. If anyone would like further information please contact [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**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.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** are looking for a volunteer or two who would be willing to be a Parish Representative for the 'Friends of the Holy Land'. The role would be to advertise events, sell Easter/Christmas cards etc. *In support of the Christians in the West Bank. Email Father Vincent if you are keen. See noticeboard.*

**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.**

## YEAR OF MERCY

**HOLY DOOR:** At St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, also at Our Lady and St Edmund's, Abingdon. All are invited to go on pilgrimage to these Holy Doors during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. A plenary indulgence may be obtained. To find out more, including about indulgences, go to: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/holyyearofmercy](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/holyyearofmercy).



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Karen Nugent (op. 23/2 and 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 21 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	20 FEB	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	21 FEB	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9:00AM SE	ELIZABETH & JOHN WARD RIP (F)
			10:00AM SJ	YVONNE MONICA FIDELIS ZANELLOTTI RIP (MG)
			11:00AM SE	ANTHONY CECIL ('CESS') WOOD RIP (AW)
			7:00PM SE	THOMAS PETER DAVIDSON RIP—(DIED 7.1.2016) (SANDRA & DIANNE)
TUES	23 FEB	OF THE 2nd WEEK OF LENT	10:00AM SE	KAREN NUGENT—OP. RECOVERY, HEALING & WELLBEING (NW & AW)
WED	24 FEB	OF THE 2nd WEEK OF LENT	6:30AM SE	DR WALTER FOLEY RIP (CUMMINGS FAMILY)
			7:00PM SE	PADDY, BRIDIE & TOMMY REILLY RIP (PR)
THURS	25 FEB	OF THE 2nd WEEK OF LENT	12:15PM SJ	IVY BLAKE RIP (MB)
FRI	26 FEB	OF THE 2nd WEEK OF LENT	7:00PM SE	MASS FOR PEACE
SAT	27 FEB	OF THE 2nd WEEK OF LENT	11:00AM SE	JOHN FREEMAN WELLBEING (MF)
			6:15PM SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	28 FEB	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	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)

**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 2

### SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2016 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

#### Psalm Response

The Lord is my light and my help.

#### 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 SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2016

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

### 2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

	CAFOD	CATHOLIC CARE	
COLLECTIONS	10/2/16 LIFE	14/2/16 1st	14/2/16—2nd CHURCH MAINT.
<b>Total</b>	<b>£337.81</b>	<b>£2,688.62</b>	<b>£313.31</b>
Cash	234.06	1,117.86	200.18
S / O	83.00	1256.61	90.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	20.75	314.15	22.63

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