



31 JANUARY 2016

**FOURTH  
SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY  
TIME**



**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



## GOD IS THE HORIZON NOT THE BOUNDARY

At the Masses I presided and preached at last weekend I spoke a little about a phrase that has stuck with me from the two day Conference I attended the week before: *'God is the horizon not the boundary'*.

We all live within boundaries: social, legal and religious. These are inevitable, even necessary, otherwise there would be chaos. Boundaries, and the laws that govern them, uphold the essential principles we hold dear and live by, and enable us to live in harmony with others at all levels of our lives: family, society and Church. They also enable us to know where we stand in relationship to others and so help to avoid confusion.

Essential though boundaries are, it is also important that we review them and, where necessary, expand them, or certainly change them. No more true is this than in our 'religious world'.

Religion is about 'right relationships' and enabling us to establish, maintain and develop those relationships. The ultimate one being the one we have with God through Christ. Religion (religare/religio) 'binds' us to God, helps us create a 'bond' with God. But if God is the horizon then we must keep pushing the boundaries when appropriate.

Jesus angers many of his listeners in the synagogue in Nazara not simply because he indicates that he is the 'fulfilment' of the Scripture, but because he explicitly refers to God working 'elsewhere' other than in Israel or with the Chosen People. Elijah went to a widow in a Sidonian town not an Israeli town, and Elisha cured not a member of the Chosen People but a Syrian! The truth of Jesus' observation is that God is everywhere and God acts where God wishes.

We must be wary of limiting God's actions; limiting God's presence; limiting God's love. Love, as St Paul writes, knows no bounds: 'three things last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love'.

Love knows no boundaries. Love, in a sense, is the horizon for each one of us. Our religious actions, especially the Sacraments, but also our devotions and personal prayer, should be stretching our 'loving' beyond the limitations we often place upon it. This 'Year of Mercy' is about pushing the boundaries!

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### **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

1. People were angry with Jesus. What makes you angry? Why? Is your anger creative or destructive?
2. Like Jeremiah (1<sup>st</sup> reading) we are 'prophets'. How do you exercise this ministry?
3. How do you develop unconditional love? *Vincent Harvey*

## TODAY SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 2016:

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** Church Maintenance Fund.

**WELCOME TO FR DES** celebrating 9am and 11am Masses today.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:**

**Universal: Care for Creation** that we may take good care of creation, a gift freely given, cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

**Evangelisation: Asia** that opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.



**RECENTLY DIED: Darren Newcombe RIP** late of Regents Park Road, Southampton. Funeral service 10:30am Monday 8 February in St Edmund's Church followed by burial at Stoneham Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## THIS WEEK

**FOR INFO:** Fr Tomy home to India until 19 Feb.

Mon Day off: VH. Catenian Clergy Night: VH

Tues Hospital on 24 hour call: VH; Springhill Mass: VH  
Springhill Chaplaincy: VH; Meditation Group: VH  
SCOF meeting: VH

Wed Housebound visit: VH; St Anne's Mass: VH

Fri University Chaplaincy: VH; Night Fever: VH

Sat Clean up around church/presbytery: VH

**AN EVENING OF HEALING** with Little Way Healing Ministries 7pm—9:30pm Monday 1 February, Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Father Laurence Brassill OSA, Mrs Pauline Edwards and team offer an evening of teaching and healing. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'. **Come and see.**

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** will meet at the new time of **2pm—3pm as of this week (Tuesday 2 February)** in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome.

**PARKES RESEARCH SEMINAR 'Agony in the Pulpit: British Rabbis Responding to Nazi Persecution and Mass Murder'** 6pm Tuesday 2 February in Lecture Theatre C, Southampton University. The seminar will be given by Rabbi Professor Marc Saperstein.

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB** meet 12 noon Wednesdays in St Edmund's Hall.

**CCPG** meeting 7:45pm Wednesday 3 February in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**RCIA** meet 7:30pm Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall for those wanting to find out more about the Catholic faith.

**HILARY'S PILATES CLASS** 10am—10:45am Fridays in St Edmund's Hall. Phone Hilary on 07786 617 302.

**NIGHT FEVER SOUTHAMPTON** Friday 5 February at St Edmund's Church. Mass at 7pm followed by open church from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. Volunteers needed. Email Adrienne [adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk).

**VOCATIONAL RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN** Friday evening 5 February to Sunday afternoon 7 February at Verbum Dei Centre, Isle of Wight. Email Sr Virginia: [v.adnan@soton.ac.uk](mailto:v.adnan@soton.ac.uk). See noticeboard.

## LENT 2016

**LENT: On Wednesday 10 February, Lent begins** with the Imposition of Ashes at all Masses. The ashes are a reminder of our frailty and sinfulness but also, primarily, of the centrality of God. Without God we are nothing. Without God we can do nothing. *With God we are everything and can do 'anything'!* **Make Lent** a true 'desert experience' where you can encounter the 'God of Mercy'.

1. Use the **booklets or calendars** available
2. **'Stations of the Cross'** Fridays & Sundays at St Edmund's
3. Attend the **'Lent Course'** on Reconciliation Tuesdays at Stella Maris (starts 16<sup>th</sup> February)
4. Get involved with **'Sharing the Joy of the Gospel'** at Holy Family Church (first on 9<sup>th</sup> February)
5. Pop into St Edmund's during the day for **'Adoration'**
6. Come along to the **6.30am** Wednesday Masses (except 17<sup>th</sup> February)

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES** 10 February. **Mass times:** 6:30am and 7pm at St Edmund's and 12:15pm at St Joseph's.

**ROSARY PRAYER CHAIN** for Lent: join in our parish Prayer chain by signing up to say a decade of the Holy Rosary every day during Lent. When you sign up you will be given a specific decade to say each day with intentions and instructions. Sign up after Masses as announced.

**REFLECTION DAY: 'CALL TO CONVERSION':** the second of four retreat days in connection with the Year of Mercy. Encouraging all those who came to the first but a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come to this one as part of their own Lenten journey.

**Date: 13 February from 10am to 3:30pm at Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst SO40 7DU.** The cost £18.00 per person which includes lunch.

**'SHARING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL'—FAITH FORMATION** led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph 7:30pm—9pm Tuesdays 9 February to 15 March at Holy Family Church, Redbridge Hill, Southampton, SO16 4PL for those who are handing on or want to know more about the Catholic Faith.

**LENT 6 WEEK COURSE ON RECONCILIATION:** 7:30pm—9:00pm Tuesdays 16 February to 22 March in the Stella Maris Hall, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH. **Tina will be leading and facilitating the 'Anchor Programme' on Reconciliation.** Reconciliation (Confession) is one of the least understood and frequented sacraments and these 6 weeks will be an opportunity to: iron out the misconceptions, and to rediscover the grace and the joy in reconciling with oneself, others and God. To book email Tina [tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org](mailto:tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org).

**HUNGER LUNCHES DURING LENT** every Thursday at 1pm in St Michael's Church **starting on Thurs 18 February.** All proceeds in aid of Mongu and Church in Need.

**PARISH LENTEN PROJECT—SUPPORTING THE MONGU COMMUNITY IN ZAMBIA:** collect a label from the porches and fill those jam jars during lent to support Father Pat Cashin and the village in Zambia where they are building vital hospitals and schools etc.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP** for parents and children 10:30am Saturday 6 February in St Anne's School, Rockstone Place.

**ST EDMUND'S CLEAN UP:** invitation by Fr Vincent to join him on a 'clean up' around St Edmund's Church and Presbytery on Saturday 6 February from 2pm-4 pm. Let him know if you can come .... bring gloves!

**WELCOME TO FATHER DES** celebrating 6:15pm and 10am Masses at St Joseph's Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 February.

**CAKE AND PANCAKES SALE IN AID OF CAFOD** after Sunday morning Masses at St Edmund's on Sunday 7 February in St Edmund's Hall. Come along and enjoy one last feast before the fast. **Donations of cakes most welcome!**

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE** 2pm Sunday 7 February at Stokes Bay. Meet in the car park next to the 2nd golf club entrance. Tel. 023 8022 3389. See noticeboard.

## NEXT WEEK

**ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE—DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING** Monday 8 February at St George College will be holding a Day of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration to remember all those who are victims of human trafficking and modern slavery and to ask the intercession of St Josephine Bakhita, one of their house patrons and the Patron of Trafficked People. *Join them in prayer or in person, if you can, any time from 9am until 3pm in the College chapel. Please sign in at the reception.*

**PANCAKES AND BURNING OF ASHES** after 10am Mass on **Shrove Tuesday** 9 February in St Edmund's Hall.

**FINANCE MEETING** at 7:30pm on Tuesday 9 February in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**GRANDPARENTS' MASS 12:15pm Friday 12 February** St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, PO1 3HG, all welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON SUNDAYS DURING LENT** at 6:10pm in St Edmund's starting from Sunday 14 February. To be led by various groups in the Parish.

## GENERAL ITEMS

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** young Alex Boyle (St Joseph 10am parishioner and HCPT Group 170 member) undergoing major surgery this week; also keep Mary and family in your prayers.

**'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** from 9:30am—3pm at St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY. More info on noticeboards. Contact Robin Correa 07825 392 925.

**HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED OR BEEN INVOLVED WITH AN ALPHA COURSE?** Would you like others to have this life changing opportunity in their faith journey? The next ALPHA course starts 14 April at St George College. Call Tina on 8033 3589 to help.

**ALPHA COURSE Taster Session Thursday 10 March St George Catholic College 7pm—9pm.** 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 Alpha Course taking place 7pm – 9:30pm Thursdays 14 April – 30 June 2016 at St George's Catholic College, Swaythling.** To book Tel. 023 8033 3589 or email the Parish Office at [southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**NIGERIAN AND AFRICAN MASS** 2pm 21 February Sunday at St. Patrick's Church 45 Portsmouth Road. Southampton SO19 9BD. Celebrant is Father Vitalis V. Kondo MSP, chaplain to Nigerian communities in Portsmouth Diocese. All are welcome. Bring food to share. Contact Fr. Vitalis on 07854 971 646 or email [vitaikondo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vitaikondo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



## YEAR OF MERCY

### OUR LADY, 'UNTIER OF KNOTS':

during the 'Year of Mercy' ribbons will be available inside and outside both St Joseph and St Edmund Churches for us, and others:



- Write what is 'tying us up' in terms of faith, relationships and life! Write what it is and tie it to the available frame.
- Encourage others to do likewise ..... maybe members of your family or friends who are struggling with faith or life.
- When you come to Mass look at one or two and pray for whomever has written it and ask Our Lady to help them 'untie' it.
- If you pop into the church for Adoration ... take some of the intentions into your prayer.

**MASSES FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION:** The 7pm Mass on the last Friday of the month is dedicated to a Mass for Peace and Reconciliation. **Next Mass will be 26 February in St Edmund's Church.**

## SINGERS NEEDED! JOIN THE CHOIR FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISM MASS

which takes place at St John's Cathedral at 11am Tuesday 22 March. Rehearsal at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX 12noon Saturday 5 March. To take part email [colding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:colding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) by the end of Feb.

## PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN 'DON BOSCO' BOYS CAMP 2016

This year Fr Mark Hogan will again be leading a camp from Sun 7 - Sat 13 August 2016 at St Cassian's in Kintbury 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. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £190 (though full and part bursaries are available). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact c/o Mr and Mrs Mulkerns, 23 Pardown, East Oakley, Basingstoke, RG23 7DY or email [dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:** Maria De Las Mercedes Real Rodriguez and Dean Tony Christie to marry in Spain in May.

**ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY, SHIRLEY HOLMS:** 'congratulations' to Sister Julie Marsh-Collis who has been elected Prioress of the Priory. Please pray for her in her new role that the Lord may guide and strengthen her.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF MR JOHN KYTE** (Bernie Tobin's father) who died recently. May he rest in peace. We pray for his wife, Jo, and the family.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** 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), Mr. Kruger (stroke recovery), Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, Rachel de Melo (op. recovery), Karen Nugent, 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. Thank you for keeping them all in your prayers.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 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	30 JAN	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	RICHARD FLEXMAN BROOKS RIP (AW) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	31 JAN	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	OUSEPH TRISSOKKAVAN RIP JANE WILLCOX RIP (ST JOSEPH'S CHOIR) GEORGE & PADDY (KATHLEEN) CHANDLER RIP (F) ROBERT & FAMILY—CONVERSION (RK)
TUES	2 FEB	<b>PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	10:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	ERIC CLARKE RIP (MC) <b>MASS IN POLISH</b>
WED	3 FEB	<b>ST BLAISE</b>	7:00PM SE	JAMES PATRICK McCONNELL—HEALING & WELLBEING (KB)
THURS	4 FEB	<b>4th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	12:15PM SJ	JEAN PRESTON—WELLBEING (IK)
FRI	5 FEB	<b>ST AGATHA</b>	7:00PM SE	KATE McKINNEY RIP (FSP)
SAT	6 FEB	<b>ST PAUL MIKI &amp; COMPANIONS</b>	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	ROBERT & ROBERT'S FAMILY GOD'S BLESSING & HEALING (RK) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH MASS IN POLISH
SUN	7 FEB	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	ALEX STANLEY RIP (MB) KAY KELLY—WELLBEING (IK) ERIC CLARKE RIP (MC) DECEASED & LIVING MEMBERS OF THE WARREN & DOYLE FAMILIES (SD)

**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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## Prayer of the Church Week 4

### SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 2016 4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

#### Psalms Response

My lips will tell of your help.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. **Alleluia!**

### READINGS SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2016 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

#### 2ND COLLECTION TODAY CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

#### NO 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

COLLECTIONS	24/1/16 1ST	24/1/16—2ND CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,872.75</b>	<b>238.95</b>
Cash	1301.99	125.82
S / O	1256.61	90.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	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