



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871



8 NOVEMBER 2015



**32ND SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME
(REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)**

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



ALL OR NOTHING

We can find ourselves besotted by celebrities. The media focuses on the richest and most successful in our society. The master chef, the X—factor, the bake off queen. Sadly many of our young people are growing up focussing on outward success and making the most money.

We are presented with a stark contrast in this Sunday's Gospel: the Pharisees who dress in finery, who parade around to be seen, who seek to be acknowledged and greeted, whose servitude is false and self-effacing. In contrast to this counterfeit piety demonstrated by the scribes, Jesus speaks of the widow who by the very nature of her position had no status in religion and society. She appeared unobtrusively (only noted by Jesus), she gave of her whole self, she gave everything, much more than she could afford. The defence is out. Jesus has no time for those who parade their wealth. The lawyers will be judged and asked to account for their behaviour.

There is something in all of us that longs to be noticed, to be successful, to have prestige: it is good for our self-esteem. In many ways it is a natural human desire. And yet Jesus challenges us beyond that feel-good factor.

When I read the gospel passage to the Pastoral Council earlier this week I asked them to reflect on the words, pull out a phrase that resonated and speak it to the group. 'She put in everything', 'all that she had to live on', 'the little she had', 'He sat and watched.'

The selfless generosity of the widow is something we can all aspire to. Our heartfelt desire to serve the Lord and those in our community draws us to the widow's example. The charism of generosity 'empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's love by giving with exceptional generosity to those in need'.

The newspapers will never be full of the selfless acts of individuals that go unnoticed, because although that is what counts in God's eyes it does not speak to the rest of the world. 'The wisdom of God is foolishness to the wise.' We are approaching the season when we celebrate the entry into the world of the King of Kings who was born into poverty and lowliness itself.

The jury is out! Do our actions speak of our own self-worth and importance or are we truly channels of God's love and provision, revealing the person of Christ in all that we do or say?

'[Today] it is enough to be, in an ordinary human mode, with one's hunger and one's sleep, one's cold and warmth, rising and going to bed. There is no need to make an assertion of my life, especially about it as mine, though doubtless it is not somebody else's. I must learn to gradually forget program and artifice.'

Thomas Merton

Tina Quinn

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. Two widows make sacrifices, one in the First Reading and one in the Gospel. Compare Christ's sacrifice with these.
2. What is the real measure of your generosity? Is it in terms of material giving, spiritual giving or in terms of time?
3. Where do you see real models of discipleship? *Vincent Harvey*

TODAY: SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2015

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 November. Today we remember all who have died due to war, especially the two World Wars. We pray for them and the families they left behind. We also thank God for the freedom we experience due to the sacrifice of others. Father Vincent will be attending the service at the Cenotaph.
WELCOME RITES 9am Mass.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE TODAY after morning Masses in **St Edmund's Hall**. Bacon and egg sarnies, bottle stall, cake stall, bric-a-brac, kids corner, sale of Christmas cards and gifts. All welcome!

Traidcraft Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre this weekend and then every weekend after Mass at St Joseph's until the last Sunday before Christmas. Catalogues will also be available to place orders. Please support these fairly traded items. There are some lovely ideas for presents.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CELIA AND STEVE AXTON who today (8th November) celebrate their 35th Wedding Anniversary. *Celia and Steve: hope you mark the occasion and be assured of our prayers in thanksgiving.*

MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM 12:15pm today (Sunday) and next Sunday 15 November in St Peter's, Jewry Street, Winchester, using the Laudette Green Hymn Books Nos. 506, 508 etc. then a Retiring collection. At 1:55pm light tea and refreshments at the nearby Winchester Royal Hotel lounge will be served; the garden is available too (weather permitting). Evening Vespers will take place after tea.

YOUTH CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsals at 6pm. The student choir welcome you to meet with them in St Edmund's Hall after 7pm Mass today.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFO: Mon: Day off: VH/TC

Mass for Deceased Clergy in Cathedral: VH

Tues: Interfaith Dialogue conference: VH

Wed: Team meeting: VH/TC/AP. St Anne's Mass: VH

Physio: VH. Police Strategy Group: VH

Thurs: Co-ordinating Pastors in Portsmouth: VH

Fri: St Anne's Mass: VH. Young Adult Group: VH

CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION & DISCIPLESHIP TOUR WITH MATTHEW PINTO: Founder of Ascension Press, Matthew Pinto, and best-selling author will be speaking at St Bede's, Basingstoke Monday 9 November from 7pm-9pm. Topic: *Where Catholicism is Headed - 7 Trends that Will Affect Your Parish, Ministry, and Personal Faith.* To book go to website: www.catholicbibletour.com.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet Tuesdays 7:30pm—8:30pm St Edmund's Hall. All welcome!

LUNCH CLUB meet at 12 noon on Wednesdays in St Edmund's Hall. New members welcome. All enquiries to Sarah Pinson Tel 023 8033 3589.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) meet 7:30pm Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ. Are you (a non-Catholic) interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith? Are you interested in finding out about becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic Adult who would like to be Confirmed? Do you know someone who might like to come along? All welcome.

ST ANNE'S YEAR 8 MASS 2:15pm Friday 13 November in St Edmund's Church.

FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP 6pm—7:15pm Friday in St Boniface Church Hall. Games, activities, tuck shop. Why not bring a friend? For those in Years 3 - 8.

NEXT WEEKEND

MASS FOR THE BEREAVED 11am Saturday 14 November in St Edmund's Church followed by refreshments in the hall afterwards.

SOUTHAMPTON CHORAL SOCIETY will perform 'The Dream of Gerontius' by Edward Elgar with Guest Conductor: Brian Kay. *The oratorio is based on a poem by Cardinal Newman. It tells of the journey of a man's soul after his death.* 7:30pm Saturday 14 November at Winchester Cathedral. Tickets £15—01962 857 275 or www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk.

CAFOD MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: 10:30am Sunday 15 November at The Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle, 356 London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7SR.

NEXT WEEK

SPACE FOR PEACE, SOUTHAMPTON (in conjunction with the University of Winchester's Foundation Music): **7:15pm—8:30pm Music Vigil; 8:45pm—9:15pm Silent Meditation on Wednesday 18 November** at Vedic Temple, 79—195 Radcliffe Road, Southampton, SO14 0PS. An interfaith event where musicians from the community come together and share their music. Come, sit, listen, join in, be and reflect. Experience peace through music. Admission is free with a retiring collection for St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace. See noticeboards.

'RETROSPECTIVE' POETRY SHARE 7pm Thursday 19 November in St Joseph's Church. In the poem 'Turning Point' Rilke calls us to retrospective reflection by pointing out that 'there is a boundary to looking'. He urges us on by saying, once the 'work of the eyes is done', we must 'go and do heart-work/on all the images within us'. Bring your good reflections as Tina Quinn leads us in a retrospective of our poets, poems, and understandings during this year of our journey.

ST ANNE'S YEAR 9 MASS 2:15pm Friday 20 November in St Edmund's Church.

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|  | <p>KEEP CALM AND EAT (more) CAKE Afternoon Tea and Quiz for all ages Sunday 22 November at 3pm at Springhill School, Milton Road, SO15 2HW. Tickets £8 adults / £5 children (ages 2 - 11), babies come free. Profits from this event will go to HCPT Group 170 who take local sick, disabled and disadvantaged children on pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes. Visit www.group170.org.uk for more information about the charity. Registered Charity in England and Wales (281074) and Scotland (SC043743). Tickets available after Mass weekends of 14/15 and 21/22 November or by email from nick@group170.org.uk.</p> |
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GENERAL ITEMS

STELLA MARIS CENTRE NOW AVAILABLE TO RENT Mondays to Fridays 8am—5pm. Ideal for long term bookings. Special rates apply. Contact the Parish Office for info.

VERBUM DEI RETREATS

Encounter Retreats:

- *Pray, Cook and Eat* (learning how to cook and to pray) 28 -29 November
- *Christmas Encounter (including a day of silent retreat on 26 Dec)* 24 - 27 December

Silent Retreats:

- *Advent Retreat* 4 - 6 December
- *New Year Silent Retreat* 31 December - 3 January

Quiet Days:

- *Waiting for Emmanuel* Saturday 21 November
- *Mercy is coming to us* Wednesday 2 December

For more info and to book, call 019 8352 9554 or email verbumdei.iow@gmail.com.

PEOPLE'S CLIMATE CHANGE MARCH – 29 NOVEMBER.

Responding to Pope Francis' call to care for our Earth and those suffering because of climate change, we're marching with thousands of passionate people at a crucial moment in history. *Show the world you care and join CAFOD in London Tues. 29 Nov. 12pm-3pm.* Sign up via cafod.org.uk/events or contact CAFOD Portsmouth on 01252 329385 portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

JINGLING BELLS: Christmas Carols for Mary's Meals. 3:30pm—4:30pm Sunday 6 December in St Edmund's Church followed by tea in the Hall (*contributions most welcome*). *Let Jenepher know if you have a favourite carol.* Email sineadnicdaithi@yahoo.co.uk or 07891 733 939.

YEAR OF MERCY commences Tuesday 8 December; the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. ***There will be two Masses in the Parish: 10am in St Edmund and 7pm in St Joseph.*** Make a note and watch this space for more information on how 2016 can be a 'Year of Mercy' in name and in fact. It is up to us with God's grace. Ideas for consideration gratefully received.

LAUNCH OF CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH:

Bishop Philip warmly invites all grandparents to join him in the Cathedral for a special Mass to inaugurate the Catholic Grandparents Association in our Diocese. ***The Mass will take place at 12:15 pm on Friday 12 February 2016*** and will be followed by an address from Catherine Wiley, Founder of the CGA. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. All welcome. For more info call 013 2856 0333 or email info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org. Visit the website www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

CAFOD: Petition to the Prime Minister now available in the porch. It says: *'Inspired by our Catholic faith and Pope Francis' Laudato Si encyclical, we call on you to show leadership nationally and internationally to secure fair and ambitious agreement on tackling climate change and poverty. We urge you and other world leaders to cut carbon emissions to keep global temperature rise below the dangerous threshold of 1.5C, and to prevent climate change pushing people deeper into poverty.'* If you agree with this statement please sign the petition in the porch. Thank you.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Are you booked on the pilgrimage later in the month? Do you live in the area? Do you wish to meet up with other participants in case you can travel together? Contact the Parish Office.

FEEDBACK FROM PROCLAIM 15. The group that went to Birmingham in July reconvened this week to look at taking some of the ideas forward. Proposals are:

- More family centred celebrations
- Keeping in touch with those who have received the sacraments: Baptism parents, First Holy Communion families, Confirmands, Marriage couples and welcoming them back
- Making our Newsletter and parish activities more accessible on the media via Facebook, Twitter, blogs
- Empowering and enabling all in our community 'to get up and do!' by recognising their call and their giftedness. *Tina Quinn.*

PASTORAL AREAS PRIORITIES UPDATE:

- A new FHC programme is to be piloted in 4 parishes in the Deanery: St Patrick's, Woolston, Holy Family and City Centre. This is 'parent led catechesis' enabling parents supported by catechists to fulfil their obligation to be the first teachers of the faith
- The areas of ministry within the youth age gaps are thriving and increasing. 'FROGZ' for post FHC children meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at St Boniface. 'God's Youth' (post Confirmation) at Holy Family is expanding and welcomes more members, and 'Fanning the Flame' are working toward liaising with these young people
- A day of formation and recollection for readers and Eucharistic ministers will be held in the Spring at Ashurst
- A Mass for Carers will be held in the New Year to support all those who give of their emotional and physical time and energy to support housebound friends and family. *Tina Quinn.*

FINANCE MANAGER needed for a Christian Youth Enterprises Sailing Centre. Successful candidate will have experience in budgeting, forecasting and a good overall grasp financial management in a small to medium sized organisation. In addition, it is a genuine occupational requirement that the candidate is a practicing Christian.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Shane Wing (stroke recovery), Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, Rachel de Melo (op. recovery), Karen Nugent, Dame Sheila Quinn, John Redhead, Pat Friters (op. recovery), Jayanthi Jayasinghe, Maria Mhonda (stroke recovery), Pat Feighery (op. recovery), Joan Moore, Pat Cummings, JL, Malcolm Cross, Irene Cartledge, Teresa Adams (stroke recovery), Judy Brown, O'Hanlon family, Richard Milne, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Isabel Bradshaw, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Sita Hearn, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Patricia Penny, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Albie Escorcio, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Carlene Metcalf, Bosco & Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Tegar Marriott, Josie Franklin, Joy Grant, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, Laura Pinson, Evelyn Nolan, parishioners who are ill or 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 8 NOVEMBER 2015

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| SAT | 7 NOV | VIGIL MASS | 6:15PM SJ | NELLIE O'HANLON RIP (TG+PG) |
| | | | 7:00PM SE | MASS IN POLISH |
| SUN | 8 NOV | 32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Remembrance Sunday) | 9:00AM SE | PEGGY KEANE RIP (SS&GS) |
| | | | 10:00AM SJ | FRANK HARRISON RIP (MH) |
| | | | 11:00AM SE | PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| | | | 7:00PM SE | CHRISTINA COMPLIN RIP (F) |
| TUES | 10 NOV | ST LEO THE GREAT | 10:00AM SE | ANNA McGOVERN RIP (JMCC) |
| WED | 11 NOV | ST MARTIN OF TOURS | 7:00PM SE | GIUSEPPE, GIGI & UGO ORLANDO RIP (RO) |
| THURS | 12 NOV | ST JOSAPHAT | 12:15PM SJ | JOHN & MARY HANNON RIP (BM) |
| FRI | 13 NOV | 32nd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME | 7:00PM SE | ROBERT'S VOCATION GUIDANCE & DEEPER FAITH (RK) |
| SAT | 14 NOV | OUR LADY ON SATURDAY | 11:00AM SE | MASS FOR THE BEREAVED |
| | | | | PATRICK CUMMINGS RIP (PAT & FAMILY) |
| | | | 6:15PM SJ | SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) |
| | | | 7:00PM SE | MASS IN POLISH |
| SUN | 15 NOV | 33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | 9:00AM SE | AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) |
| | | | 10:00AM SJ | FR. ANDREW ALLMAN INTENTIONS (AW) |
| | | | 11:00AM SE | DOUG LININGTON RIP (EB) |
| | | | 7:00PM SE | PAT FINLAY RIP (MMCC) |

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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
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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.

Prayer of the Church Week 4

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2015 32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

Alleluia!

READINGS SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2015

33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14. 1 8

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

NO 2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC CARE

| Collections | 1/11/15 | 1/11/15 BAMENDA |
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| Total | £2,136.81 | £670.66 |
| Cash | 1,096.57 | 470.03 |
| S / O | 832.19 | 160.50 |
| Gift Aid Tax Rebate | 208.05 | 40.13 |

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