

Marriage Love Mercy

Bishop Peter Doyle, responsible in the Bishops' Conference, for 'Marriage and Family Life' here in England and Wales, 7 people who work in this field in various dioceses and I attended the 'World Meeting of Families' recently in Philadelphia. Around 20,000 people from all corners of the globe attended this three yearly meeting: the largest attendance ever. At the end of it we were, as you know, joined by Pope Francis for the 'Festival of Families' (an evening of entertainment!).

Last Friday Bishop Peter, together with Cardinal Vincent Nichols, left for Rome to be our representatives at the 'Synod on the Family' taking place during October.

At the Conference we heard of the Church's 'high theology' of marriage. It is a theology that expresses the uniqueness of marriage and its inexpressible value to the couples, children, the Church and society in general. The family is where most of us grow, learn, mature and begin to become the people God created us to be. The family is the 'domestic Church' where we first encounter God, develop faith and begin our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

This weekend the Scriptures at Mass tell us that we are created to live in relationships and that the summit of these relationships is marriage. Through that intimate relationship life is given and received; in co-operation with God life is created for the woman and man and created beyond them, in terms of children: unique individuals created in God's image.

Because the relationship of marriage in scripture is God-given, Jesus places a great responsibility on those entering this unique, God-given and life-giving relationship. The Church, in its turn, sees marriage as a Sacrament: where those who enter the Sacrament encounter through it not just the face of Christ in the spouse but Christ Himself and all that this means, and all that this brings.

The Conference 'celebrated' marriage and family, but there were also workshops on 'healing the hurts of damaged relationships', coping and living with 'divorce', 'domestic violence', 'homosexuality in the family' and so much more. What came across time and again, and reinforced by many things Pope Francis said, was the requirement of all of us to support and love whomever and whatever. No matter where people find themselves the Church must find a way of non-judgemental support. A way of a loving outreach. A way of welcoming all no matter their state, position or orientation.

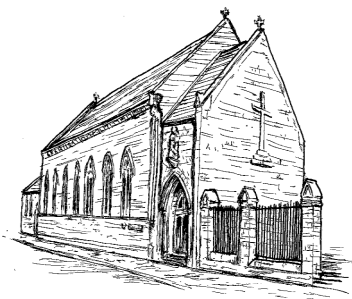
Today is an opportunity to thank God for marriage and the family. Also to pray for all who are happily married, all who have created families; to pray for all struggling in their marriage and those who are estranged; to pray for those discovering/struggling with their orientation. Let us leave the 'rights and wrongs' to God and let us embrace all in the name of our loving and merciful God.

Vincent Harvey

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. What relationship do I, with God's grace, need to sort out?
2. Who do I need to support in their struggle?

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

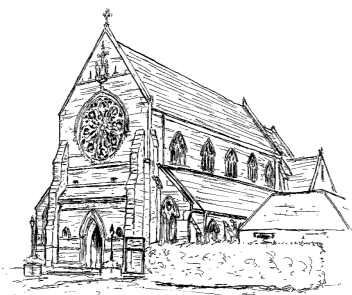
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4 OCTOBER 2015
TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME



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



TODAY: SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2015

MASS COUNTS to take place at all Masses during October.

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY: CAFOD.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE: meet at 2pm today (Sunday) at Kings Hat (New Forest). See Noticeboard.

YOUTH CHOIR 7pm Mass. Rehearsal at 6pm.



RECENTLY DIED: Patrick Finlay RIP late of Alexandra Road, Shirley. Reception of the coffin into St Edmund's Church at 4pm Thursday 8 October; Requiem Mass takes place at 2pm on Friday 9 October followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery.

Peter Newington RIP. Reception of the coffin 4pm Wednesday 14 October into St Edmund's Church; funeral service 12 noon Thursday 15 October followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery.

Ned Tobin RIP. Please pray for Ned (Joe's twin brother) who died last Wednesday. His funeral will be at Christ the King, Bitterne (date/time to be decided). May they rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFO: Mon: Day off: TC.

Mon-Fri: Clergy Retreat: VH

Thurs-Fri: Conference Manchester: TC

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL: Open Evening (Lower 6th entry) 6pm-8pm Tuesday 6 October.

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

VISIT TO DIVINE MERCY CHURCH, SLOUGH: Wednesday 7 October organised by *Confraternity of the Rosary*. To book call 023 9282 0744. Cost of Coach £25. See noticeboard.

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

ALPHA REUNION: 7pm-9pm Thursday 8 October St George Catholic College. This will be an opportunity to reflect on the course and discuss further faith formation possibilities. Coffee and cake will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you. Tina Quinn.



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 to come and find out more.

FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP meet Friday 9 October at St Boniface Church Parish Hall, from 6pm - 7:15pm. Games, activities, tuck shop. *Why not bring a friend.* Those in school years 3 - 8 are welcome. Just turn up or for more information phone Tina Quinn at the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589.

NIGHT FEVER SOUTHAMPTON takes place next on Friday 9 October at St Edmund's Church. Starts with Mass at 7pm followed by open church from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. *You are invited to come and pray, light a candle, spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament but above all to welcome those of our city who may be passing by to come and experience the Love of God within our Christian Catholic Community.* Volunteers needed for the ministries of welcoming hospitality, street mission, intercessory prayer and music ministry. To be involved email Adrienne adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Friday 9 October at Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU. Starts with Mass at 8pm and ends with Mass at 7am on Saturday. You are welcome to come for all or for just part of this intimate moment with Christ.

NEXT WEEKEND

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD WORKSHOP from 10am-1pm Saturday 10 October at Holy Family Church (Father Louis Suite), for the Southampton Pastoral Area Children's liturgy leaders. This will be an opportunity for current CLOW teams to share practice, discuss new resources and look forward to planning for Advent. All existing and new leaders welcome, together with anyone who would be interested in helping with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Tel Tina Quinn: 8033 3589 / Angela Wood 8063 0396.

21 DAY FIT, LEAN & HAPPY CHALLENGE - The perfect way to prioritise your health and fitness whilst the children are at school. Commencing 10 October 2015. Limited spaces available. Learn more at trainyourtrim.co.uk/21day or call Aniek Scorey on 07969 199 850.

MEMBERS OF SION MISSION TEAM (for St George College) to speak at the 9am, 10am and 11am Masses Sunday 11 Oct.

PATRICIA LIVETT: next weekend (Sunday 11 October final Mass at St Joseph's and celebration in hall afterwards, *bring and share*) we say 'farewell' to Pat who leaves us to return to her 'homeland', the US of A! Pat has been a stalwart of the Parish, especially at St Joseph's for over 30 years. She has ministered in so many ways to members of the Parish community and beyond: Eucharistic ministry, Reading ministry, visiting the sick, organising events, being one of the key contact persons at St Joseph's, helping to 'man' the Parish Office and so much more. We wish her and Peter her husband 'bon voyage'. *Pat: thank you for your faith, your commitment and the person you are we let you go reluctantly but with much love and prayer.* Father Vincent.

POST CONFIRMATION GATHERING 12noon—2pm Sunday 11 October in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place for all those who were confirmed this year.

NEXT WEEK

BAPTISM PREPARATION 7pm—8:30pm Monday 12 October in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ for parents having their children baptised in the parish.

MARTHA'S MANAGEMENT meet 7pm Tuesday 13 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

FINANCE MEETING 7:45pm Wednesday 14 October in St Edmund's Presbytery.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE RELIGIOUS AND CONSECRATED LIFE to be celebrated by Bishop Philip for the Year of Consecrated Life 12:15pm Thursday 15 October (Feast of St Teresa of Avila) at the Cathedral. More than 100 of our religious from communities throughout the Diocese will be attending. Join them in giving thanks for lives of service and holiness.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE open evening 6:30pm—9:30pm Thursday 15 October. Tel 023 8067 1267 for more info.

CALLED & GIFTED meeting for small group facilitators and those who attended the St Anne's Called and Gifted Seminar 7:45pm—9pm Friday 16 October in St Joseph's Church. An opportunity to share our progress with Father Vincent.

INTERNATIONAL MASS 7pm Sunday 18 October in St Edmund's Church. A joyful and colourful occasion when we gather from all our respective countries and nationalities to celebrate Mass together and meet socially. Over 50 nationalities are represented! **Volunteers needed to carry national flags in procession, to contribute to the liturgy and to bring some local food from your country to share afterwards.** You are encouraged to come in national dress. Tel. the Parish Office if you can help. *The celebration depends on your presence and help.*

GENERAL ITEMS

PASTORAL AREA PRIORITIES FOR 2015-2016:

CATECHESIS:

- Pilot new First Holy Communion programme 'Growing together in Christ'
- Build new Confirmation team, and develop use of resource 'Transformed in Christ' (18 month Programme)
- Consolidate PA marriage preparation
- Support ministry in the sacramental gaps (FROGZ, Youth Ministry)
- Link in with and underpin diocesan days for catechists (formation and spiritual development)

LITURGICAL:

- Plan for Year of Mercy
- Implement diocesan guidelines and training for altar servers
- Revisit Reader and Eucharistic minister training
- Day of reflection for all ministers

VOLUNTEERS:

- Build on Called and Gifted Charisms
- Run Called and Gifted workshop again (Summer 2016)
- Feed into and develop EST's
- Establish and re-run Alpha programmes (Spring 2016)

HEALING DAY with Little Way Healing Ministries: on Saturday 24 October, 10am – 4.30pm at the Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA, Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching and healing. Bring relatives, friends and neighbours along, no need to be a churchgoer or a believer. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'... **Come and see.**

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE COUNSELLING for individuals or couples. All welcome, you do not need to be a Catholic to receive help. All info available at: www.marriage.care.org.uk. Call 0800 389 3801 to make an appointment.

BRIDIE MYLES would like to thank everyone for their prayers during her sister Nellie's illness. Nellie died on 13 September in Ireland may her dear soul rest in peace.

CAN YOU HELP WITH SERVING TEAS/COFFEES AFTER 9AM MASS on Sundays? See Hilary Parker in the hall.

DISCOVERING PRIESTHOOD DAY. What is God calling you to do with the life He gave you? Have you ever considered that He might be calling you to be a priest? If so, come along to a retreat day and spend some time with the Lord in prayer opening yourself up to the possibility. The day will include Holy Mass, a chance to meet other men discerning a priestly vocation, a tour of the seminary. It's a really relaxed day... Come and see! For further details contact Fr John Chandler jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or (01329) 663 435 **When:** Saturday 7 November, 10am - 3pm. **Where:** St John's Seminary, Womersley.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTAS AVAILABLE in the churches.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: The Pastoral Area are setting up an SVP group to help and support those in need. Would you be willing to get involved in such a group. Please let Father Vincent or Tina Quinn know.

FATHER JOHN O'SHEA is having a hip operation on Monday 5 October. Please pray for him as he undergoes his surgery.

JINGLING BELLS 3:30pm Sunday 6 December in St Edmund's Church. For a truly wonderful Christmas Carol **celebration**, we need your help. *Please let Jenepher have the title of your favourite Carol as soon as possible.* She looks forward to hearing from you. Call Jenepher Mob No: 07891 733 939 or email sineadnicdaihi@yahoo.co.uk.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2017: The 13 May 2017 marks 100 years since the first apparition of Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary to the 3 children of Fatima, Portugal. Father Des Connolly SMM will be leading a pilgrimage to this incredible place from 10—16 May 2017. As an added bonus and to underline the importance of this Shrine and its message for our world today, His Holiness Pope Francis will also be present during these festive days. The cost of the pilgrimage including travel to and from the airports is £940 per person. For more info or to book please contact **Tony and Lillian da Silva on: 07977 734 814 or 07929 946 835.** This pilgrimage will be popular; early bookings suggested.

THE YEAR OF MERCY'S OFFICIAL OPENING HYMN:

Congratulations to Paul Inwood, the former Director of Liturgy and Music for the Diocese, whose hymn, *Misericordes sicut Pater*, has been chosen as the official opening music for the Year of Mercy. The piece was chosen from among 90 other compositions. Available to listen to on YouTube or online at <http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/inno.html>.

CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION & DISCIPLESHIP TOUR – WITH

MATTHEW PINTO: 7pm-9pm Monday 9 November, St Bede's, Basingstoke. The topic is: *Where Catholicism is Headed—7 Trends that Will Affect Your Parish, Ministry, and Personal Faith.* To book go to website: www.catholicbibletour.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Rachel de Melo (op. recovery), Karen Nugent, Dame Sheila Quinn, John Redhead, Pat Friters (op. recovery), Romeo Mascarenhas, Jayanthi Jayasinghe, Maria Mhonda (stroke recovery), Shane Wing (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, Margaret Power, 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.

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME for children in the parish in school Year 3 and above (to year 6)

Name of child: Date of birth:

Name of parent or main carer:

Address:

Phone number: Email:

PLEASE POST TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR GIVE TO ONE OF THE PRIESTS BY SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2015

OCTOBER 200 CLUB WINNERS: 1st Prize Margaret Stebbings £25 ● 2nd Prize Pat Grant £10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2015

SAT	3 OCT	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	MARGARET O'CONNOR RIP (AA) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	4 OCT	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	ZEPHAN MENSAH—1st BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (SM) MADELEINE WARBURG RIP (TW) FATHER DANNY BURNS RIP— 3rd ANNIVERSARY (POR) KEN CUMMINS RIP (PAT & FAMILY)
TUES	6 OCT	ST BRUNO	10:00AM SE	PHYLLIS GRATTAN—GOD'S BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS, THANKSGIVING AND HEALING (N&AW)
WED	7 OCT	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	7:00PM SE	ROBERT'S NIECES, NEPHEWS & THEIR CHILDREN— GOD'S BLESSINGS AND DEEPENING OF FAITH (RK)
THURS	8 OCT	27th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ	CANON GERARD DWYER RIP (F)
FRI	9 OCT	BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	2:00PM SE 7:00PM SE	REQUIEM MASS—PATRICK FINLAY RIP SISTER ASSUMPTA— INTENTIONS (AHO)
SAT	10 OCT	ST PAULINUS OF YORK	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	JOAN WHEELER RIP (ROSARY GROUP) JANUSZ EUGENIUSZ RIP (DN) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	11 OCT	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) MASS OF THANKSGIVING (PL) MARGARET GROVER RIP (MB) PRIVATE INTENTION (JMD)

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
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Prayer of the Church Week 3

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2015
27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
Psalm Response
May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.
Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

READINGS SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2015
28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11
2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

2ND COLLECTION TODAY CAFOD	2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND
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Collections	27/09/15 1st	27/09/15 CATHEDRAL
Total	£1,708.57	£232.79
Cash	668.33	109.04
S / O	832.19	99.00
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	208.05	24.75

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