

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

**13 SEPTEMBER 2015
TWENTY-FOURTH
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



THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

Jesus said "I am the way the truth and the life." How often do we hear this, repeat this, quote this? Do we fully understand its implications and really live it?

The Way is all that is exemplified in the 33 years of Christ's life here on earth but supremely in those last 3 years of ministry. Every encounter, every challenge, every emotion is one that was met and experienced by Our Lord. If we need guidance on what our response should be to the many challenges we face, we need to listen to our Lord. His was a message of empathy and service. It is not enough to be mindful and sympathetic to those who suffer, it is necessary to enter into their position, to reflect the incarnation and to unite ourselves with the suffering of our fellow human beings. I met with a priest this week who is writing his doctorate on empathy. He had just attended a three day conference in Oxford on empathy. *"To be able to place oneself within the experience of others even if we have not been there ourselves."* To take on the compassion of Christ himself.

In our opening prayer we ask God to show us his mercy in order that we can serve our brethren.

When Jesus challenged his disciples, He asked the question: Who do people say that I am? It was only Peter who was able to see that Jesus' identity was not in his kingship or as a prophet, but he failed to understand that the real identity was in service, and service that would require suffering? Our Lord took upon himself all the imperfections and sufferings of this earthly life. Surely this is empathy.

The plight of the migrants is at the forefront of our news and our thoughts, and demands a response. Jesus show us the way. All human beings are made in the image and likeness of God.

All are our brothers and sisters. St James makes very clear that our faith has to be supported by actions. If our brother and sister are without clothes or hungry, we must respond.

But we also look to the Church to show us the way. Jesus founded the Church and we look to her for guidance. Only this week our Bishops and other church leaders have shown us the way in their collective response to assisted suicide.

'Inspired by no earthly ambition, the Church seeks but a solitary goal: to carry forward the work of Christ Himself under the lead of the befriending Spirit. And Christ entered this world to give witness to the truth, to rescue and not to sit in judgment, to serve and not to be served.'

Tina Quinn

Vatican II, Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, 1965: 3—If we attempt with all our hearts and souls to follow the way we will live the truth and be able and enable others to experience life in its fullness.

TODAY: SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2015

PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP: 'Laudato Si' and the Care of Creation: Leaflet copies are available in the porches.

RETIRING COLLECTION—RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: A day on which we are all called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality. The theme for 2015 is *'The Dignity of the Human Person'*.

WELCOME RITES: 10am and 11am Masses.

GOSPEL CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFO: VH on holiday 3-17 September and then at Conference in the US.
Mon Day Off: TC/ES.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU at 7:00pm Monday 14 September.

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 are welcome. **However, volunteers are urgently needed to complete the rota for driving.** All enquiries to Sarah Pinson Tel 023 8033 3589.



JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA): 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 ask questions and find out more. **First evening starts 7:30pm Thursday 17 September in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ.** Pick up a leaflet from the porch.

DISCOVERING OUR IDENTITY—YOUNG ADULT GROUP meet 8pm on Fridays in St Edmund's Hall.

NEXT WEEKEND

HOME MISSION SUNDAY—20 September. Theme: *Proclaim God's Mercy.* On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those whom we know are distant from the life of faith.

Please support the second collection which funds the bishops' national work of evangelisation and the development of this year's Proclaim '15: *Building Missionary Parishes initiative.* The collection also ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is possible to donate online at: www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations Commemorative prayer cards are available to take away. Please support the work of Home Mission through your prayers and generosity. For more information see: www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms15. God bless you and thank you.

NEXT WEEK

ST ANNE'S YEAR 7 WELCOME MASS 2:15pm Tuesday 22 September in St Edmund's Church.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA STELLA MARIS—MASS FOR SEAFARERS to be celebrated at 12:15pm Wednesday 23 September at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth by Canon Dominic Golding, to pray for seafarers and the work of the Apostleship of the Sea. For more information please email johnngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

BAMENDA MEETING 7pm Wednesday 23 September in St Edmund's Presbytery.

POETRY SHARE: Theme—Solitude and Silence. The group next meet at 7pm Thursday 24 September in St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street Southampton. Julia Cook will lead the group in conversation about the ways in which poets have tried to describe and capture their human need for solitude and silence. Bring your favourite poets and poems, and bring a friend! All welcome. See notice board for more information.

FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP next meet from 6pm—7:15pm Friday 25 September in St Boniface Church Hall for 3—8 year olds. (Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month in term time.)

PLEASE NOTE: MASS IN POLISH CANCELLED Saturday 26 September at 7pm in St Edmund's Church.

GENERAL ITEMS

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: A 21 year old recent graduate from the University of Reading is looking for accommodation. He has a 12 month placement working in the Solent Business Park which started on 1 September. Email Anthony at anthony_kiwanuka@hotmail.co.uk or via mobile: 07969 094 510.

FANNING THE FLAME: Jenepher Parry Davies successfully completed the Fanning the Flame Long Walk (20.23km [12.5703 Miles]) last Sunday. Please would those who generously offered to sponsor her, place the amount pledged into an envelope marked **FtF** and hand to her at 11am Mass, or to the Parish Office if more convenient. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED AT ALL MASSES. Training given. Please contact the Parish Office by phone or email if you would like to volunteer for this special ministry.

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND at St Mary's College, Bitterne Park, Southampton from 26 - 27 September. Southampton Celebrate Weekend is in its eighth year. Full details can be found at www.celebrateconference.org or by contacting Lynda and Peter on 023 8029 2058. The Celebrate team looks forward to another faith-filled weekend with daily Mass, good teaching, brilliant music, and stream activities for all age groups.

ALPHA REUNION: All those who attended the recent Alpha course at St George's are invited to a follow up meeting **from 7pm-9pm on Thursday 8 October at 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. We look forward to seeing you. *Tina Quinn.*

NIGHT FEVER SOUTHAMPTON: The next event will take place on **Friday 9 October at St Edmund's Church**. There will be 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 are always needed and welcomed for the ministries of welcoming hospitality, street mission, intercessory prayer and music ministry. For more information and to be involved please contact Adrienne Hendry: adriennehendry@yahoo.co.uk.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Half day workshop for the Southampton Pastoral Areas for Children's liturgy leaders. From **10am-1pm Saturday 10 October at Holy Family Church (Fr. Louis Suite)**. This is a local event and an opportunity for current CLOW teams to share practice, discuss new resources and look forward to planning for Advent. This will inform and supplement the Diocesan Day on 17 October. All existing and new leaders welcome, together with anyone who would be interested in helping with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Please contact Tina Quinn: 023 8033 3589 or Angela Wood: 023 8063 0396 if you can attend.

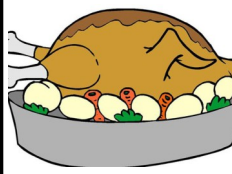
FATHER GEORGE LYONS RIP died on 2 September in Ireland. Please pray for his family and the communities in Reading at this time. May he rest in peace.

URGENT: 'PAYING-IN' PERSON NEEDED - one hour per month on a rota basis to bank collections (no counting involved). Please contact one of the priests or the Parish Office if you can help.

CATECHESIS AND FORMATION CO-ORDINATOR/ ADVISER NEEDED FOR HAMPSHIRE DOWNS PARISH (Winchester, Alresford Stockbridge): Full time position 35 hours (reduced hours subject to negotiation). Salary £22,000pa or pro rata. Do you have the gifts and commitment to set up a new project for the parish? We want a person who can advise and ensure the provision of catechesis across all age groups within the parish. For job description and application form go to website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies. Closing Date: 29 September 2015. See noticeboard for more info.

PLAYWORKER VACANCY: Member of staff required for an afterschool club in the Portswood area, term-time only. Four days per week, 3pm—6pm. Pay dependent on qualifications and experience. For more details please call 07759 509 352.

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR HANDBAGS AND VALUABLES whilst at Mass and in the halls. Items have been stolen in the past.



MELTING MOMENTS CATERING: for all those special occasions, large and small, when nothing but the best food will do. They cater for many events in the Parish and their food is always a delight. Contact details Karen and Andrew Platt Tel: 023 8026 2193. E-mail: meltingmoments@btinternet.com. Visit their website www.meltingmomentscatering.org.uk and noticeboard.

HELP FOR SYRIA: drop off centre for donations to refugees is at the YMCA, Graham Road, SO14 0AW. Waterproof clothes, non-perishable foods, blankets, monetary donations all welcome! See poster on noticeboards. Website: www.ymca-fg.org.

ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE – the Sion Mission Team will be at St George for the week of 10-16 October. *Eight of the team need accommodation with local families. Could you offer bed, breakfast and an evening meal to one young person for that week?* Please contact the Chaplain at St George, Ruth Cunio, if you are able to help or need more details. Email rcunio@stgcc.co.uk or Tel: 023 8067 0182 (direct line).

ROOM AVAILABLE IN STUDENT HOUSE—Rental £310pcm incl. all bills. Occupation 01.10.15. Must be a full time student. Please contact the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589.

VACANCY FOR A PARISH ADMINISTRATOR at Immaculate Conception Parish, Portswood, to work alongside Fr Antony and the parish secretary, for 8 hours a week. See website for all the details and to apply <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies>.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Dudley Plunkett (op. recovery), Pat Feighery (op. recovery), Jayanti, Joan Moore, Pat Cummings, Patrick Finley, Malcolm Cross, Irene Cartledge, Teresa Adams (stroke recovery), Judy Brown, Nellie O'Hanlon and family, Richard Milne, Margaret Power, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Isabel Bradshaw, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Sita Hearn, Sheila Morris, 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, Phoebe, 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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2015

SAT	12 SEP	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	13 SEP	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) CHANTAL'S INTENTIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS (AF) DAWID SCHMIDT RIP (IM) SINEAD REILLY RIP (GL)
TUES	15 SEP	OUR LADY OF SORROWS	10:00AM SE	EILEEN AITKEN RIP (AH)
WED	16 SEP	SS CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN	7:00PM SE	MICHAEL PARSONS' INTENTIONS (AM)
THURS	17 SEP	ST HILDEGARD OF BINGEN	12:15PM SJ	CORDY WHITREN RIP (IK)
FRI	18 SEP	24th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	BRENDA & PETER HOPKINS—THANKSGIVING (60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE) (BH&PH)
SAT	19 SEP	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	NOEL TALBOT RIP (SW) ANGUS MacKINNON RIP (HP&GC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	20 SEP	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	TOMMY DUNNE RIP (MJ) TERRY CLARKE RIP (HP) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH VIRGINIA CAREY'S INTENTIONS

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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 St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
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Prayer of the Church Week 4

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2015 24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Psalms Response

I will walk in the presence of the
Lord in the land of the living.

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 20 SEPTEMBER 2015 25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

1st Reading:	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
2nd Reading:	James 3:16-4:3
Gospel:	Mark 9:30-37

2ND COLLECTION TODAY **RACIAL JUSTICE**

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK **HOME MISSIONS**

Collections	06/09/15 1st	06/09/15 Catholic Homecare
Total	£1,977.26	£359.35
Cash	937.02	151.85
S / O	832.19	166.00
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	208.05	41.50

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