



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

**6 SEPTEMBER 2015  
TWENTY THIRD  
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



**THEME: EPHPHATHA/BE OPENED! EPHPHATHA/BE OPENED!**

The Evangelist Mark has preserved for us the original Aramaic word 'Ephphatha' - 'Be opened' which Jesus spoke, and thus He brings us back to that very moment. What happened then was unique, but it does not belong to a distant past: Jesus continues to do the same thing anew; even today a lot of people are being cured by the healing power of Jesus through the Sacraments, faith healing service and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. This is a story about Jesus' healing Ministry, and in it we find clues about our understanding of Sacraments.

We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of 'spittle and touch'. In fact the Church continues to celebrate using physical simple means. For instance, in Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick, we are anointed with Holy Oil on the forehead and hands, and therefore we are a sacramental people who believe that God's saving grace is given us through these physical signs

The Gospel invites us to realise that we have a 'deficit' in our capacity for perception - initially, we do not notice this deficiency as such, since everything else seems so urgent and logical; since everything seems to proceed normally, even when we no longer have eyes and ears for God and we live without him.

There is not only a physical deafness which largely cuts people off from social life; there is also a 'hardness of hearing' where God is concerned, and this is something from which we particularly suffer in our own time. Put simply, we are no longer able to hear God - there are too many different frequencies, text messages, e-mails filling our ears. What is said about God strikes us as pre-scientific, no longer suited to our age. Along with this hardness of hearing or outright deafness where God is concerned, we naturally lose our ability to speak with Him and to Him.

The world is running very fast, we are also running very fast, but in this mobile world where is God's position in my life; is it in the middle, second, first or last, or is God totally out of my life?

The tolerance which we urgently need includes the awe of God - respect for what others hold sacred. This respect for what others hold sacred demands that we ourselves learn, once more, the fear of God. But this sense of respect can be reborn in the modern world only if faith in God is reborn, if God becomes once more present to us and in us: that is we become religious and we sacrifice part of our freedom.

**THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

1. The Bible says 'that all God did was good' (Gen1:31); the gospel says 'He has done all things well' (Mk7; 34). Doing a good deed is not quite the same as doing it well. Many do good deeds but fail to do them well. Everything God does, however, is not only good but is also done well. What are the qualities of my deeds, good or bad? For sure my deeds are good but are they done well?

2. The Prophet prophesied "God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak" (Isaiah 34:5) and the Gospel speaks of Jesus' healing of a man born deaf and mute. Here too we encounter the two aspects of this one theme. Jesus is concerned for the suffering, for those pushed to the margins of society. He heals them and, by enabling them to live and work together, He brings them to equality and fraternity. Do I have any social, psychological, moral, physical and spiritual problems or illness? Do I need any help or cure from Jesus?

FR. EZEKIEL SUNGERUKUARI JAMES

## TODAY: SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2015

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** Catholic Homecare.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our faith community:



• **Elia O'Connor**, son of Edward and Lauren  
• **Tyler Davey**, son of Martin and Kelly who are being baptised at 11:30am in St Joseph's Church

• **Amelia Harris**, daughter of Graham and Claire  
• **Arya Ravindra**, daughter of Kumar and Cynthia  
• **Timothy Gradowy**, son of Pawel and Monika  
• **Margaret Rivera**, daughter of Mark and Maria who are being baptised at 12:30pm today in St Edmund's Church.

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE** 2pm today Sunday to Swanwick Lakes. Starting point Swanwick Lakes Nature Reserve Car Park. Tel. 023 8022 3389. See noticeboard for more info.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR SEPTEMBER** When did we see you hungry? This month is the time we think of the harvest as 850 million people in the world do not have enough food to lead a healthy, active life. Food banks are becoming more necessary. Do we consider the hungry when we eat?



**FATHER GEORGE LYONS** died suddenly on Wednesday 2 September whilst in Ireland on holiday. Funeral details to be advised. Please pray for the happy repose of his soul and also for his mother and family at this difficult time. May he rest in peace. Please also pray for Canon Michael Dennehy VG and the people of the parishes of English Martyrs, Reading and St Joseph, Tilehurst.

### **THIS WEEK**

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

**MONDAY BINGO GROUP** recommences at 2pm Monday 7 September in St Edmund's Hall. **Help urgently needed driving the elderly to and from the hall.** Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

**AN EVENING OF HEALING** with Little Way Healing Ministries from 7:00pm - 9:30pm Monday 7 September at Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr 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** recommence meeting Tuesday 8 September 7:30pm—8:30pm St Edmund's Hall. All welcome!

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB** recommences 12 noon 9 September in St Edmund's Hall. New members are welcome. **However, volunteers are urgently needed to complete the rota for driving and cooking.** All enquiries to Sarah Pinson Tel. No. 023 8033 3589.

**FROGZ JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** next meet from 6pm—7:15pm Friday 11 September in St Boniface Church Hall for 3—8 year olds. (Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month in term time.)



**ALL NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**—Being able to get away from it all, to be able to lay your concerns or difficulties before the Lord or to spend time in adoration before the God present to us in the Blessed Sacrament, is a grace filled moment.

Who knows what strength or insight you will receive. **On the second Friday of every month beginning Friday 11 September at Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU** the most precious Sacrament of the Lord will be exposed from 8:00pm to 7:00am. At 7:00am we will celebrate an early morning Mass. You are welcome to come for the whole night or just to make a visit at a time that suits you in the early hours or simply to join us for Mass in the morning. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the night. Just come!

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

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

**FAYRE ON THE SQUARE** takes place next Saturday 12 September from 11am – 2pm. There will be stalls and activities in St Michael's Square, Bugle Street and in St Michael's Church, including: Homemade cakes, bacon butties, bric-a-brac, plants, raffle, tombola, face-painting, live music, fairground organ . . . something for everyone! All welcome!

### **NEXT WEEK**

**MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If you feel you could just do with receiving the beautiful Sacrament of the Sick because of physical ill-health or personal concerns and worries then come to **Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU on Monday 14 September at 7:00pm.** Many people like to come to this Mass and find it gives them a new perspective on, and strength to face, difficult situations.

**CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY:** Day visit to the Isle of Wight on Thursday 17 September 2015. Visiting Quarr Abbey, with Holy Mass at St Mary's Ryde; a talk given by Peter Clarke and lunch at the Trouville Hotel, Sandown. Returning on the 6pm Ferry. Cost of all coach travel, two sailings and lunch is £40, with pick-ups in the surrounding area. To book call 023 9282 0744.



**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 at 7:30pm on Thursday 17 September in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ.

### **GENERAL ITEMS**

**NEW CLEANERS ROTA** now available in St Edmund's Sacristy for St Edmund's Church teams.

**URGENT: VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED** - one hour per month on a rota basis on Monday mornings (with a car) to take the paying-in person to bank the collections received from the weekend. Please contact one of the priests or the Parish Office if you can help.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA STELLA MARIS—MASS FOR SEAFARERS** to be celebrated 23 September at 12:15pm 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](mailto:johnngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

**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.

**FORMATION FOR MISSION NEWS AND EVENTS:** If you are a catechist, you'll be interested to see Formation for Mission's new webpage on the diocesan website: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation). All upcoming events are listed, including:

- Retreat Day for Catechists - 26 September
- Day for Catechists - 17 October
- Conference by Matthew Pinto (Founder of Ascension Press) - 9 November

Suggested resources are also listed - for adults, for young people and for children.

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE TALKS:** The Douai Abbey talks on the Year of Consecrated Life resume with a talk by Sister Gemma Simmonds CJ. Sister Gemma is Director of the Religious Life Institute at Heythrop College and Vice-President of the Catholic Theological Ass. of Great Britain. These talks form part of Douai Abbey's celebration of the 400th anniversary of its foundation. **When: 26 September, 10.30am-12.30pm. Where: Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, West Berkshire RG7 5TQ.**

**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](http://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.





**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](mailto:meltingmoments@btinternet.com). Visit their website [www.meltingmomentscatering.org.uk](http://www.meltingmomentscatering.org.uk) and noticeboard.

**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](mailto:rcunio@stgcc.co.uk) or Tel: 023 8067 0182 (direct line).

**ROOM AVAILABLE IN STUDENT HOUSE—** Rental £310pcm incl. all bills. Occupation - one room currently and one from 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>.

**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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Dudley Plunkett (op. recovery), John Brady (Aidan's dad), 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 6 SEPTEMBER 2015

SAT	5 SEP	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM SJ	GOD'S BLESSINGS ON ALL THE PEOPLE ROBERT HAS MET (RK)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	6 SEP	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	CAJETAN & MARY D'COSTA RIP (AD'S)
			10:00AM SJ	SWANN & TRINCA FAMILY MEMBERS—PAST AND PRESENT (LS)
			11:00AM SE	SEBASTIAN MONTEIRO RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	EILEEN AITKEN RIP (AH)
TUES	8 SEP	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	10:00AM SE	ANGUS MacKINNON RIP (DMacK)
WED	9 SEP	<b>ST PETER CLAVER</b>	7:00PM SE	PEGGY O'REILLY (SPECIAL INTENTION) PO'R
THURS	10 SEP	<b>23rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	12:15PM SJ	SARA POSTLETHWAITE—GOD'S BLESSING FOR HER VOCATION (BM)
FRI	11 SEP	<b>23rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:00PM SE	ANNA MARIA EGAN RIP (SH)
SAT	12 SEP	<b>THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY</b>	11:00AM SE	RUSSELL MYLES & STAN MYLES RIP (BM)
			6:15PM SJ	SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	13 SEP	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	CHANTAL'S INTENTIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS (AF)
			11:00AM SE	DAWID SCHMIDT RIP (IM)
			7:00PM SE	SINEAD REILLY RIP (GL)

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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  
 St George College 023 8032 2603

**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.

**SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2015**  
**23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**Psalm Response**  
 My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
 you have the message of eternal life.  
**Alleluia!**

**Prayer of the Church Week 3**

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9  
 2nd Reading: James 2:14-18  
 Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

<b>2ND COLLECTION TODAY</b> CATHOLIC HOMECARE	<b>2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</b> RACIAL JUSTICE
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<b>Collections</b>	<b>30/08/15</b>
	1st
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,067.02</b>
Cash	1,026.78
S / O	832.19
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	208.05

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