



3 MAY 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



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ST EDMUND'S
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- CHRIST THE KING &
ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
PORTSWOOD
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,
NETLEY ABBEY



'LITTLE FRUIT OR PLENTY?'

This Sunday's gospel passage will be familiar to most of us and contains one of the profound 'I am' statements that Christ made during His time on earth. "*I am the vine, you are the branches*": a reminder of our dependence on God: "*Without me you can do nothing*".

But it is not sufficient just to bear fruit: Christ demands that we bear fruit in plenty. If there is no growth the branch is cut off and thrown away. If there is only some fruit it is 'pruned'.

I am no gardener but I have read a little about pruning. It is a selective removal of parts of the branch to improve or maintain health, to increase the yield and to limit the potential for decay. Perhaps it is no coincidence that Jesus was mistaken for the gardener at one of the resurrection appearances.

St John tells us that as "disciples of Christ we are pruned already". How often have we heard said or said ourselves that at times we feel stripped, battered by life or even tested. Jesus said, that to whom much is given much is expected. Sometimes the only way to understand compounded trials are with the knowledge and surety that God will not push us beyond that which we can bear.

But there are always more ways to prune our lives. It is good to look at our financial and material assets and consider our giving not only of what we have but of our time and our talents. I remember hearing a very powerful homily from a visiting priest from one of the poorest areas of the world. He challenged us all by saying that every time we buy a new article of clothing for ourselves we should be able to give one away (to charity or to someone in need) and that it should be the same with books?!

Smaller branches are pruned and grafted onto the vine to become an intrinsic part of the one who feeds us by His Word and with His Blood. The challenge is to remain in him: to seek and accept those opportunities to prune and to be pruned, and then our potential to bloom and blossom will be recognised because of our roots and our maker.

As intentional disciples 'Called and Gifted' is an opportunity to bear fruit in plenty: By recognising and being willing to discern our God-given Charisms, we are invited to bear fruit to serve others, but equally to accept the areas in our lives that need to be pruned in order that other branches may flourish and produce fruit.

Tina Quinn

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. How do you remain part of 'the vine' (Gospel) remain in Christ? Who or what helps you?
2. How and when do you feel cut off from Christ? How do you 'reconnect'?
3. What needs to be pruned in your life to be closer to Christ?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 3 MAY 2015

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY:

Universal: *That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.*

Evangelization: *That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.*

PARISH CENSUS if you have not done so please complete and leave a form today (in porches).

RETIRING COLLECTION: Clergy Training Fund (postponed from last week).

CALLED AND GIFTED ... get involved register today (see forms at back of church).

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



Orlaith Madden, daughter of Sinead, who is being baptised at St Joseph's at 11:30am.

Alan Szymanski, son of Pawel and Joanna, and

Anastazja Lewandowska, daughter of Artur and Monika, who are being baptised at St Edmund's at 12:30pm.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE: 2pm today (Sunday) at Bishopstoke (a bluebell walk in Stoke Park Woods). Starting point: meet at the entrance off Stoke Park Road.

YOUTH CHOIR 7pm Mass. Rehearsals at 6pm.

RECENTLY DIED: **Emma Connell RIP** late of Lyndhurst.



Requiem Mass 12:15pm Thursday 7 May in St Joseph's Church followed by committal at Southampton Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Our sympathy to her family.

Joe Tobin RIP late of Canton Street, Southampton. Joe died in the early hours of last Wednesday morning. Reception of the Coffin into St Edmund's Church 4:30pm Tuesday 12 May. Requiem Mass 1pm Wednesday 13 May followed by committal at the West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. May Joe rest in peace. Remember in your prayers Joe's sons (Eamonn, Kevin, [Fr] Sean) and their families.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon: Bank Holiday. Day Off: TC/VH

Tues/Wed Hospital on call: VH

Thurs Funeral: VH. CIC meeting: VH

Fri/Sat Called & Gifted: VH

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 4 May. Church closed. No Adoration.

HEALING MASS: 7pm Monday 4 May (Holy Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick) at St Joseph's, Ashurst. This is a wonderful opportunity to allow our Lord to minister to you if you are struggling with sickness, addiction or carrying a heavy burden.

SEMINAR: 'Documenting Life in Exile—Austrian Heritage Collection (AHC)' at 6pm Tuesday 5 May in Lecture Theatre C by Professor Albert Lichtblau from the University of Salzburg. Website: <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/parkes/news/seminars/2015>.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP will not meet whilst the Alpha Course is on as members from the group are involved. **Last prayer meeting 7:30pm Tuesday 5 May; will resume Tuesday 21 July.**

LUNCH CLUB meet at 12noon on Wednesdays in St Edmund's Hall. **Monday & Wednesday Club Drivers are urgently needed on a rota basis.** Petrol expenses can be claimed. Contact the Parish Office if you can help.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON LIGHT OPERA SOCIETY PRESENTS 'H.M.S PINAFORE' at the Annexe Theatre 6—9 May 7:30pm; 2:30pm Saturday matinee. (next to the Highfield Interchange bus stop at the University of Southampton). Tickets Adults £8, Students £7 on the door or at <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lopsoc> please do go along if you can and enjoy the show!

NOVENA—DEVOTION TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP First Wednesday 6pm 6 May Novena at St. Patrick's Church, Woolston, SO19 9BD. *This devotion is very popular in India, Philippines, Singapore, Ireland, USA, Latin America and many parts of the world.* Prayers, Readings and Benediction in English and Latin. All welcome. Fr Claro Conde, Diocesan Ethnic Chaplaincies, 07803 191 502.

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP: Final Call! Friday 8 May 7pm—9pm and Saturday 9 May 9am—4pm at St Anne's Catholic School, Rockstone Place, Southampton, SO15 2WZ. There are still places available. Do consider signing up. You won't be disappointed! The weekend will be led by a team of trained teachers from the Diocese who will inspire and equip you in your quest to explore your God-given Charisms and how to use them! To book contact the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589 or email southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

NEXT WEEKEND

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY—ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY starts 12:15pm with Holy Mass Saturday 9 May St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

FLOWERS FOR KATE—Flower arranging workshop to celebrate the life of **Kate McEwing**, to be held in the **Immaculate Conception Church Hall from 2pm—5pm on Saturday 9 May.** All welcome. To book Tel. Tina at 023 8055 9945 or Sue 023 8046 2524.

HCPT parish group meet 2pm—6pm Saturday 9 May in St Joseph's Hall.

CLINICARE—AFTERNOON TEA being held in St Peter's Parish Centre, Winchester from 3pm—5:45pm Sunday 10 May, to raise money for hospital beds in Bamenda. Donations on the door or to Angela Capocci.

NEXT WEEK

THE NEXT PASTORAL AREA NIGHTFEVER will be on Friday 15 May at St Boniface Church. Email ADRIENNE.HENDRY@southernhealth.nhs.uk for info.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION workshop for Parents and Children 10:30am Saturday 16 May in St Joseph's Hall/Stella Maris Centre.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT commences 10:30am in St Joseph's Church, 48 Bugle Street, SO14 2AH to 9pm Saturday 16 May and 8:30am - 4pm Sunday 17 May in St Joseph's Hall. Email Charlie at confirmation@pughonline.co.uk.

FATHER TOMY has now received permission from Rome to celebrate the 'Latin Rite' (e.g.: the Roman Rite that we celebrate here in the UK).

GENERAL ITEMS



ALPHA got off to a great start with the Taster session last Thursday evening. Our guests enjoyed a DVD presentation on 'Is there more to life than this?' by Nicky Gumbel which led on to some good discussions. Each evening starts with a free supper. Next session: "Who is Jesus?" Do sign up for the 10 week course starting at 7pm Thursday 14 May at St George's Catholic College. For more information contact: Marjorie Dean: marjoriedean00@gmail.com or Deirdre Fairman fairmans@ntlworld.com.

MONTH OF MAY MONTH OF OUR LADY

make the most of the month by including Marian devotions into your day the Rosary the Angelus other devotions:

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, ...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary, ...

And the Word was made Flesh.

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, ...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let Us Pray

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His

Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE ... please pray for the thousands who have died, their families, those left homeless and without food and water, and those attempting to respond to the crisis. **We will have a retiring collection for CAFOD's support in the crisis next weekend (May 9th/10th).** If you wish to contribute direct then contact CAFOD online at cafod.org.uk/Nepal or Phone 0500 85 88 85.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE:

Please do feel welcome to contact Fr. John Chandler jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 01329 663 435 with any enquiry or thoughts about priestly vocations.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: MAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

When did we not spread your Word? May is the month dedicated to the 'World Prayer for Vocations'. The need of Priests is notable in most areas. Convents are becoming a rarity. We need unselfish men and women to dedicate themselves to the religious life.

RELICS OF BLESSED LOUIS AND BLESSED ZÉLIE MARTIN arrive Wednesday 20 May with a Liturgy of Reception at St. Theresa's, Totton at 12:30pm. Mass at 7pm.

POETRY SHARE 7pm Thursday 21 May in St Joseph's Church. Theme: 'Mirrors and Shadows'. Do join them with your good thoughts, favourite poets and bring a friend.

ROOM TO LET in the Student House, 13 Rockstone Place. £300pcm incl. bills. Imm. occupation, for students only. Contact the Parish Office Tel. 023 8033 3589.

GENERAL ELECTION—A PRAYER:

God our Father, as the General Election approaches, we humbly ask you to help us understand better the issues and concerns confronting our country. We ask you for eyes free from blindness so that we might see other people as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask you for ears to hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, and the cries of men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask you for minds and hearts that are open to choosing the right candidate who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

And we pray to you for the Spirit of discernment.

May we choose leaders who hear your Word and who live in your love.

May they keep us in the ways of truth, and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mary Immaculate: pray for us. St Edmund of Abingdon: pray for us.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING will take place from 7pm-9pm Thursday 21 May at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford. Please register with Soraya Cicerone at Portsmouth Diocese to book a place. Email: Soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

A DAY OF HEALING with Little Way Healing Ministries 10am coffee, 10:30am start to 4:30pm, Saturday 23 May, Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA, Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching and healing. All welcome. Jesus said: "Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed". **Come and see.**

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING for all Altar Servers across the Pastoral Area will take place from 5:30pm-6:30pm on Tuesday 26 May in the Louis Suite at Holy Family Church, Millbrook. This will be an opportunity to look at the Diocesan guidelines and meet with fellow Altar Servers across the Pastoral Area. Invitations will be available in the sacristies from next weekend.

ANCHOR ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME six evening sessions for adults interested in understanding and deepening their faith. Time: 7:30pm—9pm Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 June and 1, 8 July at St Theresa's Church, Totton. All welcome!

THANK YOU from the Southampton Churches Rent Deposit Scheme for the £931 raised by the Parish for the Homelessness collection.

THANK YOU to all Fire Warden volunteers who assisted with the Fire Drills at Masses in St Joseph's and St Edmund's last weekend. *Chris Barber.*

THANK YOU to a parishioner for £50 to Mary's Meals and £75 to HCPT Group 170. A most generous gesture.

MAY 2015—TWO HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS

First Prize	Olivia Axton	£25
Second Prize	Helen Strong	£10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 3 MAY 2015

*(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	2 MAY	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	*SJ	STAN AND RUSS MYLES RIP (BM)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	3 MAY	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM	SE	BRENDAN HAMILL RIP (MB)
			10:00AM	SJ	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			11:00AM	SE	MARGARET JONES RIP (MB)
			7:00PM	SE	ADA AND KAMIL—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)
TUES	5 MAY	OF THE 5th WEEK OF EASTER	10:00AM	SE	ERIC CLARKE RIP (GC&HP)
WED	6 MAY	OF THE 5th WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM	SE	JOHN HENRY DORLING RIP (JMD)
THURS	7 MAY	OF THE 5th WEEK OF EASTER	12:15PM	SJ	REQUIEM MASS: EMMA CONNELL RIP
FRI	8 MAY	OF THE 5th WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM	SE	ROBERT KOBESZKO—GUIDANCE FOR VOCATION (RK)
SAT	9 MAY	OF THE 5th WEEK OF EASTER	11:00AM	SE	JUDY BROWN'S 70TH BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (JB)
			6:15PM	SJ	GEORGE AND SIGNE PLOMER (F)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	10 MAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM	SE	LILY AND FRANK HALL RIP (RC)
			10:00AM	SJ	CARR FAMILY—PAST AND PRESENT (PL)
			11:00AM	SE	JUDY BROWN, FR JOHN O'SHEA & YASMIN—70TH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM	SE	SANDRA FRY—GOOD HEALTH, WELFARE & WELLBEING (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. 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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SUNDAY 3 MAY 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B
Psalm Response
 You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.
Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
 Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Prayer of the Church Week 1

READINGS SUNDAY 10 MAY 2015
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B
 1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48
 2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
 Gospel: John 15:9-17

2nd COLLECTION TODAY **2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**
CLERGY TRAINING FUND **CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR NEPAL**

Collections	26/4/15
	1st
Total	£1,802.88
Cash	762.64
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