



19 APRIL 2015
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER



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

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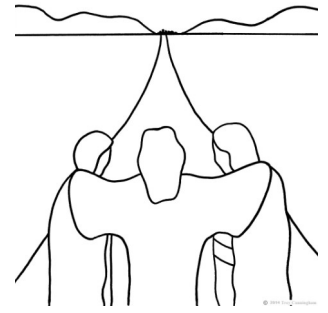
SOUTHAMPTON
CENTRAL, WEST &
EAST DEANERY

ALSO INCLUDES:

- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, LORDSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING & ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PORTSWOOD
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION, NETLEY ABBEY



AFTER EMMAUS: Having the experience and missing the meaning



How often in our Christian journey do we find ourselves questioning what life throws at us and where it fits into God's divine plan? We struggle with wanting to know the why and not being able to trust that one day we will understand. So often we fail to look at the experience in the light of the Risen Christ and eternity.

The disciples come back to the upper room after their meeting with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Despite His explanation of the scriptures, time spent in their home and the breaking of the bread: not only did they struggle to understand His death; they failed to grasp the reality of His resurrection.

It is only the risen Christ who can help us in our confusion. He appeared in the flesh to the disciples, appealing to their sense of touch, confirming that they were not seeing a ghost. Christ moved the disciples from confusion to understanding. He can also move us from suffering to acceptance, from betrayal to compassion, from hurt to forgiveness if we will allow Him to.

In a recent letter from a friend who is going through a really difficult time: she reminded me of this extended period of Easter: the fifty days between the great Easter vigil and Pentecost: of the need to remind ourselves that we are an Easter people and that by Pentecost the Holy Spirit will continue to enlighten all of us.

Jesus reminds His disciples that they are the first witnesses of the fulfilment of the scriptures. The understanding of the Church is based on this unique experience. The disciples were commissioned to witness to the saving act of Christ, to speak about the forgiveness of sins through His death on the cross.

Each Sunday we say..." For our sake He was crucified ... He rose again in accordance with the scriptures and we look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come".

Let us not only proclaim this with our lips but also with our lives and in this way the Gospel never dies.

Tina Quinn

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. When have you recognised Christ: Scripture, 'Breaking of Bread', fellow parishioners? How have you responded?
2. The disciples were 'troubled' as they walked along. What troubles you? What questions of faith do you have? Do you tell Jesus? Do you bring them to prayer, to Mass?
3. The disciples returned to Jerusalem 'to tell' the story. When have you 'told the story' of faith to others? What witness do you give to those around you that enables them to encounter the risen Christ?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2015

RETIRING COLLECTION: For the maintenance of our buildings.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL Universal prayer intention: "That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God".


For evangelisation: "That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church".

PARISH CENSUS: if you were not around last week please do obtain a form and complete today, thank you.

CITY CENTRE PASTORAL GROUP a few words at the end of Mass.

THANK YOU to Father Des celebrating the 9am and 11am Masses.


WELCOME TO DEACON ANDY PHILPOT at the 10am Mass. Deacon Andy will be working in the City and Pastoral Area.

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

- **Vanessa Winiarska**, daughter of Adam and Agnieszka
- **Sage Talbot**, daughter of Matthew and Frances

who are being baptised at 12:30pm in St Edmund's Church.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION for candidates 2pm-5pm Sunday 19 April in St Boniface Church Hall.

 **RECENTLY DIED: Eileen Smedley RIP** late of Highfield Lane, Southampton. Funeral 11am Monday 20 April in St Edmund's Church. May she rest in peace. Our sympathy to her niece, Alison Terry and family.

Barbara 'Babs' French RIP late of South Front, Southampton. Funeral 1:45pm Thursday 30 April at West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Our sympathy to her family.

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.

FILIPINO CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsals at 6pm.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Mon: Day Off: TC/VH

Tues Clergy Meeting: VH/TC

Holy Land 'Roadshow': Portsmouth: VH

Wed Study Day: VH/TC. Hustings: VH


Thurs St George Feast Day: VH. Bamenda Committee: VH

Fri Spiritual Direction: VH

Blessing and Opening of Springhill Kitchen: VH

Sat Altar Servers' Practice—Holy Family: VH

MONDAY SOCIAL CLUB meet 2pm on Mondays in St Edmund's Hall for a cup of tea and a chat; bingo if you like and a raffle. All welcome!

 **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: 22 Nov - 2 Dec 2015..... see poster. A 'ROAD SHOW'** will take place at the Discovery Centre at the Cathedral on **Tuesday, 21 April, at 7.30 pm** **COME ALONG**

AND HEAR MORE. The Bishop, together with Mgr Canon Vincent Harvey and Fr James McAuley, will be leading the Pilgrimage in November. Bookings are now being accepted for this pilgrimage. Details are also available on the diocesan website (www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). If people are interested, they can fill in the electronic enquiry form on the diocesan website, in order to receive more details. Should you wish, please feel free to contact the Pilgrimage Organisers Deacon Iain and Cheryl MacFirbhisigh: Email: blessings41@gmail.com Tel 01534 725963.

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

LUNCH CLUB recommences at 12 noon Wednesday 22 April in St Edmund's Hall. See members/drivers appeal further on ... **CCPG** meeting 7:45pm Wednesday 22 April in St Edmund's Presbytery dining room.

HUSTINGS: FOR ITCHEN CONSTITUENCY at 8:30pm Wednesday 22 April in Above Bar Church. This is a FREE hustings event. Questions can be submitted in advance by email to office@abovebarchurch.org.uk or between 8 – 8:15pm on the evening of the event. If you are free earlier in the evening you are invited to a CARE Election Forum on 'God and Politics' which will include a simple meal, a talk and a Q&A session with Gareth Davies.

This event will be in the top hall with a charge of just £1 towards the food. Event is from 6:30pm—8pm. **Hustings: for Test Constituency at St James Road Methodist on the same night at 8pm.**

ST GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE: On their patronal feast day Thursday 23 April, from 3:30pm to 7:00pm, St George College will be blessed to have the pilgrim image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on display in the College Hall. All Parishioners are most welcome to visit and pray before the miraculous image. See website www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk/.

 **ALPHA TASTER SESSION:** Explore the meaning of life? Listen, Learn, Discuss, Discover, Ask. 7pm-9pm Thursday 23 April at St George Catholic College, Leaside Way, SO16 3DQ. What can I expect at the Taster session?

- A hot meal provided free of charge
- An interesting introductory talk
- The opportunity to learn more about the Alpha Course starting on May 14.

Please email tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book.

BAMENDA MEETING 7pm Thursday 23 April in St Edmund's Presbytery.

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm—8pm Friday 24 April in St Edmund's Lodge.

NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP 10:30am—12noon for parents and children Saturday 25 April in Stella Maris Centre/St Joseph's Hall.

SOUTHAMPTON MARATHON: Sunday 26 April: road closures from 10am which will affect traffic over the Itchen Bridge and The Avenue see details on the following link: southernrunningguide.com/race/marafun-southampton.

NEXT WEEK

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION for parents having their children baptised in the Parish. From 7:00pm—8:30pm on Monday 27 April in St Edmund's Hall, Rockstone Place, Southampton, SO15 2EQ.

MASS FEAST OF SAINT LOUIS MARIE DE MONTFORT: 7pm Tuesday 28 April. Father Des and other Montfort Missionaries at Saint Joseph's in Ashurst invite you for a beautiful celebration of Mass in thanksgiving for their Holy Founder Saint Louis Marie de Montfort. Mass will be followed by refreshments. Please do come along and hear something of this great Saint's life and legacy.

GENERAL ITEMS

FIRE DRILLS will occur sometime during April after all Masses.

JOB VACANCY: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Newbury are looking for a Deputy Head Teacher to begin in September 2015. See webpage on stjosephs.westberks.dbprimary.com/westberks/primary/stjosephs or contact the office on 016 3543 455.

'REBUILD MY CHURCH': Saturday 2 May. A quiet day with Father Des, reflecting on some poignant episodes in the life of Saint Francis and Saint Claire. Venue: St Joseph's, Ashurst starts at 10:30am (coffee and tea available from 10:00am). The day will finish around 3:30pm. A simple lunch will be served. A suggested donation of £15 per person would be gratefully received. If you would like to attend then please speak to Father Des the next time you see him or email: frdes@montfort.org.uk or Tel 023 8029 2337 or text: 07983 364 121.

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.

NOVENA—DEVOTION TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP First Wednesday 6pm 6 May Novena at St. Patrick's Church, SO19 9BD, Woolston Southampton. This devotion is very popular in India, Philippines, Singapore, Ireland, USA, Latin America and many parts of the world. Prayers, Readings and Benediction are in English and Latin. All are welcome. Fr Claro Conde, Diocesan Ethnic Chaplaincies, 07803191502.

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP: Friday 8 May 7pm—9pm and Saturday 9 May 9am—4pm at St Anne's Catholic School, Rockstone Place, Southampton, SO15 2WZ. Register by email tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or complete a booking form available in St Joseph's and St Edmund's church porches.

PORTSMOUTH CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TALK "Can we have dignity in medicine without faith—and, if so, how?" by Father Andrew Pinsent 7:30pm Tuesday 12 May in the Discovery Centre Hall, St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

BBC ONE: SONGS OF PRAISE TO VISIT SOUTHAMPTON You are invited to this occasion, at New Community Church, Central Hall, Southampton on **Friday 22 May, from 7pm to 10pm.** There will be a singing rehearsal on **Sunday 17 May 1pm to 4pm,** please do attend this if you possibly can, to prepare for the recording. They are hoping for a good mix of enthusiastic singers from all denominations to truly represent the Southampton area and their recordings of both traditional hymns and worship songs will be broadcast in forthcoming episodes of the flagship Christian series, now in its 6th decade.

Admission will be by free ticket. An application form is included with the invitation, see box in the porches and poster on noticeboard. Details are also available on the Songs of Praise website. www.bbc.co.uk/songsofpraise.

VISIT OF RELICS OF BLESSED LOUIS AND BLESSED ZÉLIE MARTIN (Parents of St. Theresa of Child Jesus), one of the first married couples ever to be beatified. Blessed Louis and Blessed Zélie are the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Arrive Wednesday 20 May with a Liturgy of Reception at St. Theresa's, Totton at 12:30pm. Mass at 7pm. *May the prayers of this saintly married couple, along with those of Joseph the Just and Mary the Virgin, renew us with the joy of the Gospel.*

'A DAY WITH MARY': Saturday 30 May: Father Des will lead a meditation on the most important titles of Mary. The Holy Rosary will link the various aspects of the day together. The day at St Joseph's, Ashurst will begin at 10:30am (coffee available from 10am, finishing around 3:30pm). A simple lunch will be served. A suggested donation of £15 per person would be gratefully received. If you would like to attend then please speak to Father Des the next time you see him, email: frdes@montfort.org.uk, Tel 02380 292 337 or text: 07983 364 121 before 25 May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION dresses now available at £17.50 from Martha's in Bedford Place.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB happens weekly in St Edmund's Hall during term time - spaces now available. Come along 11:45am for 12noon, meet up with fellow diners, enjoy a two-course lunch for £4.00 and try your luck in the raffle before returning home around 1:15pm. Local transport available. To join this friendly, sociable group please contact the Parish Office, Tel: 023 8033 3589. A mixed age group (60 years +) who look forward to meeting new members!

DRIVERS are urgently needed on a rota basis for both the Monday and Wednesday Clubs. Petrol expenses can be claimed. Please speak to Father Vincent if you can help or contact the Parish Office.



'JUNE' - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART: Weekend 26 – 28 June. Most of us grew up with an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our homes. You are invited to join Father Des at St Joseph's, Ashurst as he delves into the mystery that is contained in this most Catholic of images and devotions. The weekend will begin with supper at 7pm on Friday and finish after lunch on Sunday. Their accommodation is simple but their home is beautiful and welcoming. A suggested donation of £60 per person for the weekend (full-board) would be gratefully received. Please book with Father Des before Monday 22 June by email: frdes@montfort.org.uk or Tel 023 8029 2337 or text: 07983 364 121.

GENERAL ELECTION: Are you registered to vote? TODAY we have available in the porches 'Voter Registration Forms'... please take one and a Freepost envelope to send in your Form. If you do this please fill in and leave with us the small yellow tear off slip with your details. **Find out more:** Here is the Our Voice Voter registration website: www.ourvoiceourhope.co.uk/why/

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21-28 August 2015. Overland by train or flying from Southampton. See Diocesan Website for more details. *Forms available in the porches.*

PARKING IN PARK CENTRALE: Please note that parking IS NOT ALLOWED on the access road into Park Centrale behind the church (the road to the right of the church/parish office). **This is a private road and a no parking zone.** Understandably we have had complaints from residents with photographs of some of the parking which is not only illegal and discourteous but in some cases also dangerous. If you see people parking there please do explain to them that it is illegal. We can park in front of the Lodge (4 spaces) and on the gravel park behind the Lodge (5 cars). **No parking on the access road** not fair on the residents, not good for the Parish's relationships with the residents, and not good for your pocket!

PLEASE PRAY FOR Margaret Power, John Morris, Edward White, Paul Sassu, Joe Tobin, Isabel Bradshaw, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Gail February, Sita Hearn, Nelum, Sheila Morris, Phyllis Grattan, Maria Gibzinska, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Patricia Penny, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Emma Bailey, Laura Pinson, Madeleine Clarke, Debbie Murphy, Albie Escorcio, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Carlene Metcalf, Bosco & Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Tegar Marriott, Josie Franklin, Joan Wheeler, Bertie Radcliffe, Ken Woodford, Joy Grant, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Joan Roberts, Phoebe, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, 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.

2015 TWO HUNDRED CLUB MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE £12 PER ANNUM. Contact the Parish Office if you'd like to join.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 19 APRIL 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	18 APR		6:15PM	*SJ	PROVOST EMERITUS GERARD HETHERINGTON: GOOD ESTATE (VH)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	19 APR	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM	SE	TERESA CARR RIP(LL&EL)
			10:00AM	SJ	MAX BACON RIP (F)
			11:00AM	SE	FR VINCENT, FR TOMY, FR DES & PARISH OFFICE STAFF—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)
			7:00PM	SE	JOLANTA & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)
MON	20 APR	OF THE 3rd WEEK OF EASTER	11:00AM	SE	FUNERAL: EILEEN SMEDLEY RIP
TUES	21 APR	ST ANSELM	10:00AM	SE	LEWIS YAPP RIP (MB)
WED	22 APR	OF THE 3rd WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM	SE	BOGDAN, JADWIGA, ALEKSANDER & FAMILIES PAST & PRESENT (RK)
THURS	23 APR	ST GEORGE	12:15PM	SJ	KATHLEEN DEANE RIP (MK)
FRI	24 APR	OF THE 3rd WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM	SE	MARJ WIGHTMAN RIP (MONDAY BINGO CLUB)
SAT	25 APR	ST MARK	11:00AM	SE	PERSONAL INTENTIONS (JR)
			6:15PM	SJ	CANON JOSEPH MURTAGH RIP (VH)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	26 APR	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM	SE	PETER HUNT RIP (ALL AT MARTHA'S)
			10:00AM	SJ	VICTORIA & GABRIEL ODEY—THANKSGIVING (GO)
			11:00AM	SE	ALEXANDER PONNIAH & BROTHERS—BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
			7:00PM	SE	CANON BRIAN MURPHY—O'CONNOR RIP (VH)

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Vocations to Priesthood: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vocation/

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 St Anne's School 023 8032 8200 St George College 023 8032 2603

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

Psalm Response

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church Week 3

READINGS SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

2nd COLLECTION TODAY 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND CLERGY TRAINING FUND

Collections	12/4/15 1st	12/4/15 CATHOLIC CARE
Total	£1,946.03	£371.81
Cash	905.79	156.81
S / O	832.19	172.00
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	208.05	43.00

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