

15 MARCH 2015

4TH SUNDAY
OF LENT



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

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PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

SOUTHAMPTON
CENTRAL, WEST &
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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



The 2nd Reading Ephesians 2:4—10

'by grace you have been saved' ...

No place
exists where there is
no grace.

Whether we are alone or with others,
In storms, churches, on a beach,
you are there, O Pure Love.

Pour your grace
into us.

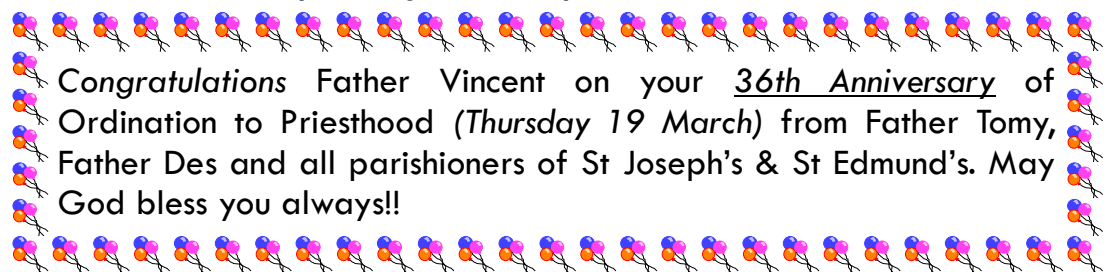
We
beg you,
do not leave us ever.

Let your grace run
like a river
through
our birthing rooms
and over our deathbeds,
and at all the places in between

Anne Osdieck

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. Do you think God continues to send messengers now? What about you personally: does God send messengers "after messengers", as the reading says? Give an example. What can you do to let the messengers in (1st reading)?
2. *"It is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God."* (2nd reading). How would you define grace? Describe three places where "the immeasurable riches of his grace" are at work in the world or in your life today.
3. *"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not be lost but have eternal life."* (Gospel). According to Pope Francis in a homily in 2013: do you think Jesus is a figure from the past or does he continue now and always to light the way for us? Vincent Harvey


 Congratulations Father Vincent on your 36th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood (Thursday 19 March) from Father Tomy, Father Des and all parishioners of St Joseph's & St Edmund's. May God bless you always!!

TODAY: SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2015

RETIRING COLLECTION is for the Clergy Assistance Fund (for clergy in need).

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all our mothers.



WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO FATHER DES at the 6:15 pm & 10am Masses.

WELCOME TO FATHER TOMY at 9am & 11am Masses.

RED BOXES **The Association for the Propagation of the Faith:** an appeal will take place today at the end of all Masses for new Box holders. Please consider becoming a box holder to help the missions beyond our shores. See the person at the table in the foyer for a registration form, a gift aid form and red box. Any queries, or boxes which need to be collected from home, or people wish to join but are not available on that weekend, please contact Matt Walker on email: m_walker_hedgeend@yahoo.co.uk or Mob. No. 07834 802 432.

CAKES FOR SALE after 9am Mass for work of the Jumbulance and the 10am Mass for Comic Relief.

ALTAR SERVERS to take home 'consent' form (see elsewhere).

WE PRAY TODAY FOR FR EMMANUEL RIVARA founder of St Edmund's Church and St Edmund's School in Middle Street who died 80 years ago this coming Tuesday.

NEW BOXED/NUMBERED ENVELOPES - for parishioners who have arranged to pay their monthly contributions in this way - are now available for collection at the back of the Churches.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 6:10pm Sundays during Lent, led by Fr Vincent and various groups in the Parish.

FILIPINO CHOIR 7:00pm Mass, rehearsal at 6:00pm.

EASTER MASS TIMES LEAFLET available in the porches.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Mon Day Off: VH/TCM

Tues Springhill: VH/TCM; Clergy meeting: VH/TCM

Wed Study Day: VH/TCM

FHC Reconciliation Holy Family: VH/TCM

Thurs Chapter Meeting Portsmouth: VH; EU Welcome: VH

Fri Schools Cluster Meeting: VH; Love Southampton: 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!

LENTEN TALK 'St. Paul, the Man and his Vision' given by Fr David in the MC Room, St Boniface Church Hall, final one Monday 16 March, 7:30pm for 7:45pm.

BAPTISM PREP TEAM MEETING Tuesday 17 March 6:00pm in St Edmund's Hall.

WELCOME TO BISHOP PHILIP who is formerly visiting Springhill School on Tuesday 17 March.

FEAST OF ST PATRICK— MASS & CONCERT: 6pm Tuesday 17 March at St Patrick's Church, Woolston.

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

EARLY MORNING MASS: 6:30am Wednesdays during Lent at St Edmund's Church.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE OPEN MORNINGS: 9am - 12:30pm Wednesday and Thursday 18/19 March at 57 Midanbury Lane, Bitterne Park, SO18 4DJ. See Notice Board.

ORGAN TUNING—NO ADORATION: St Edmund's Church closed from 9am—4pm Wednesday 18 March.

HOLY WEEK 2015

Monday of Holy Week—30 March

7:30pm **Lent Reconciliation Service** in St. Edmund's Church. *There will be 8 priests available to hear confessions make the most of this annual opportunity.*

Tuesday of Holy Week—31 March

11am **Chrism Mass** — Portsmouth Cathedral

Wednesday of Holy Week—1 April

6:30am Mass St. Edmund's

7:00pm Mass St. Edmund's

PREPARATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

ALTAR SERVERS, WELCOMERS & STEWARDS required for the Reconciliation Service and 3 Triduum celebrations. *Please put your name on the list in the porches/Sacristy.*

BIG CLEAN starts 2pm in St. Edmund's on Tuesday 31 March, volunteers urgently needed. Please add your name to the list in the porch.

EASTER PREPARATIONS OF ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH

Wednesday 1 April 10:30am—4:00pm

Thursday 2 April 10:30am—4:00pm

Saturday 4 April 11:00am—4:00pm

Please sign up for one hour, join the happy group—many hands make light work!!

ADORATION ON HOLY THURSDAY 2 APRIL AFTER MASS up to 11:30pm. A half hour slot is offered for you to sign up to on the form at the back of the church. *Watch and pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel in St. Edmund's. Please sign up.*

ALTAR SERVERS, WELCOMERS, USHERS NEEDED FOR RECONCILIATION SERVICE AND EASTER MASSES:

Please sign the clipboards in the porch if you are able to help.

STAPLING OF MASS LEAFLETS: please call at the Parish Office anytime between 9am—1pm and 2pm—5pm from Monday 23 March onwards, if you can help.

LUNCH CLUB meet 12 noon Wednesdays in St Edmund's Hall. Last one 18 March before Easter break, recommencing 22 April.

ALPHA PLANNING MEETING 6pm—7pm Thursday 19 March in St Edmund's Hall.

POETRY SHARE 7:00pm Thursday 19 March in St Joseph's Church—'The Weight of Words'. Come along and join in discussion of poems and poets who have sought the value of measuring and weighing words carefully in their pursuit to illumine what is seen. E-mail cksanzen@gmail.com to be placed on mailing list for more detailed announcements. See Noticeboards.

MONTFORT MISSIONARIES Fr Des and a number of other Montfort Missionaries will celebrate Holy Mass in honour of their Patron at 7pm Thursday 19 March: *St Joseph's Feast Day at St Joseph's in Ashurst, SO40 7DU.*

EVANGELISATION Do join Fr Vincent to reflect on 'evangelisation' using material from 'Proclaim 15'. Thursday: 19 March at 8pm in St Edmund's Hall. If you didn't attend the others it does not matter ... come along!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:15pm Fridays during Lent led by the Young Adult Group in the Parish.

NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RECONCILIATIONS & MASS: 9:30am Saturday 21 March at St Edmund's Church. *Please note usual 11am Saturday morning Mass and Confessions have been cancelled.*

NEXT WEEK

HEALING MASS (Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick) 7:00pm Monday 23 March at St Joseph's Ashurst, SO40 7DU. A wonderful opportunity to allow our Lord to minister to you if you are struggling with sickness or carrying a heavy burden.

CCPG meet 7:45pm Wednesday 25 March in St Edmund's Presbytery.

PASSOVER MEAL 7pm Thursday 26 March at St Joseph's Church: £10. Come along and participate in our 'Parish Passover Meal' in preparation for the celebration of the Triduum and Easter. *Tickets in the Sacristy at the end of Mass.*

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm Friday 27 March in St Edmund's Lodge.

PASTORAL AREA RETREAT 10am—4pm Saturday 28 March at St Joseph's, Ashurst. Do take this opportunity to come and spend a day with the Lord and one another before we journey together into Holy Week. Mass will be celebrated and lunch will be provided. *St Joseph's Ashurst has recently been refurbished and provides a wonderful setting, convenient to our parishes but away from the busy-ness of the city. Suggested donation - £15. Please register with Parish Office before Friday 20 March.*

HCPT group meet from 2pm—6pm Saturday 28 March in St Joseph's Hall.

BRITISH SUMMERTIME BEGINS 1:00am Sunday 29 March. Clocks go forward.

PALM SUNDAY 29 March.

GENERAL ITEMS

FATHER TOMY CHIRACKALMANAVAN is settling into the Parish. Thank you for the warm welcome to him last week. Today there will be gatherings after the 9am & 11am Masses to have a chat with him. Fr Tomy will have a period of settling into the Parish, the City, the Diocese and the Country/culture!

Fr Tomy is a 'bi-ritual' priest (as are many in Kerala) which means he can celebrate Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite (*particular rite for that part of India*) and the Latin Rite (*our Roman Rite*). We need to seek permission from Rome for him to celebrate the Roman Rite which may take a little time. In the meantime Fr Tomy has the opportunity to study how we celebrate Mass in the Parish and brush up on the Rite (use of liturgical books etc.). Whilst he is doing this he will get involved in all aspects of parish life, visit the sick, and get involved with the Kerala Community (together with another 'bi-ritual' priest already working in the Diocese). Fr Tomy does not drive (yet!!) ... does anyone have a bicycle he could use?

Fr Des Connolly will continue to support us with Masses and funerals until Fr Tomy has the necessary permissions.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND ... SEE POSTER: 22 Nov - 2 Dec 2015. The Bishop, together with Mgr Canon Vincent and Fr James McAuley will be leading the Pilgrimage. Bookings are now being accepted. See website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for electronic enquiry form. Pilgrimage Organiser Deacon Iain MacFirbhisigh: blessings41@gmail.com/01534725963.

PAT CUMMINGS: Welcome Home and Happy Birthday on the 17 March!

'**CARERS IN SOUTHAMPTON**' are holding a half-day conference to address some of the important questions regarding future services to carers from both national & local perspectives. There are local worries that affect carers, from the future of day care services & residential respite care to the availability of GP & community NHS Services. 'The Next 5 Years: Uphill All The Way for Carers?' 9:30am Friday 10 April at Richard Taunton's Sixth Form College. For ticket <https://the.next5years.eventbrite.co.uk>. More info 023 8058 2387.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21-28 August 2015. Overland by train or flying from Southampton. See Diocesan Website to book. *Forms also available in the back of the church.*

SAFEGUARDING & ALTAR SERVERS UNDER 18 YEARS. With your care and safety being our primary concern, can altar servers under the age of 18 years old please obtain an Information Form and have your Parent/Guardian complete and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible? There are those who attend Mass/Church without an adult and, while we are grateful for your commitment, procedures must be in place ensuring your care while attending St Joseph/St Edmund. We assure you that there is no cause for alarm, we are only formalising what has always been done within the parish. Thank you – The Safeguarding Team.

GENERAL ELECTION: Are you registered to vote? Last week we presented national statistics of those not registered to vote. Locally the situation is dire:

- 26,000 people in Southampton who are eligible to vote are not registered (10% or so of the population)
- 4500 people in Bargate (our area) are not registered!
- The most affected groups are students and the black & minority ethnic communities

Today: Pick up a leaflet: 'Make sure you are heard'. Register here in the church. Find out more: Our Voice Our HOPE voter registration website: <http://www.ourvoiceourhope.co.uk/why/>.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Edward White, Paul Sassu (op. recovery), Joe Tobin, Isabel Bradshaw, Moyra Clearkin (fall recovery), Peter Scott, Gail February, Sita Hearn, Nelum, Sheila Morris, Phyllis Grattan, Maria Gibzinska, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Patricia Penny, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Edward O'Donovan, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 15 MARCH 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	14 MAR		6:15PM *SJ	SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	15 MAR	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	JACK AND DEC CRAIG - FAMILY MEMBERS (C&JH)
			11:00AM SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRANT AND CONNOLLY FAMILIES (PG)
			7:00PM SE	FR EMMANUEL RIVARA RIP - FOUNDER OF ST EDMUND'S (F)
TUES	17 MAR	ST PATRICK	10:00AM SE	MR & MRS CUMMING'S INTENTION (F)
WED	18 MAR	OF THE 4TH WEEK OF LENT	6:30AM SE	GEO LEEGY—14TH BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING (SV)
			7:00PM SE	PATRICIA HAMILTON RIP (LG)
THURS	19 MAR	ST JOSEPH	12:15PM SJ	KNOWLES FAMILY RIP (MK)
FRI	20 MAR	OF THE 4TH WEEK OF LENT	7:00PM SE	KAY FINTEN—WELL BEING (JPM)
SAT	21 MAR	OF THE 4TH WEEK OF LENT	<u>11:00AM</u> SE	MASS CANCELLED (FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RECONCILIATIONS)
			6:15PM SJ	BOB AND SONIA WARREN RIP (SD)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	22 MAR	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE	KATHLEEN MORLEY RIP (LL&EL)
			10:00AM SJ	NORA AND MICHAEL HUNTER RIP (MH)
			11:00AM SE	PADDY JOE HASTINGS RIP (1ST ANNIVERSARY) (MM)
			7:00PM SE	PETER HUNT RIP (MC)

DEANERY PARISHES MASS TIMES: Holy Family, Millbrook Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00; 13:00 (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 15 MARCH 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B**

Psalm Response

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Prayer of the Church Week 4

**READINGS SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9
 Gospel: John 12:20-30

**2nd COLLECTION TODAY 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND EASTER FLOWERS**

Collection	1+8/3/15 2nd CAFOD	08/03/15 1st	08/03/15 2nd—Church Maintenance
Total	£1,571.20	£2,384.86	£375.16
Cash	920.16	980.64	202.13
S / O	421.00	1,139.85	122.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	230.04	264.37	50.53

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