



**8 MARCH 2015**

**3RD SUNDAY  
OF LENT**



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

**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



# The Temple ..... in our midst

God prepared for himself a dwelling among humans,  
he has set the stone and lighted the fire.

Today, he multiplies the bread and joins our hands together:  
now our hearts are but one.

God with us, God in us, we are the Body of Christ!

Here is the promised land where the human assembly  
knows the love of God.

God with us, God in us, we are the Body of Christ!

Here is the festive space where the human family  
gives a face to God.

God with us, God in us, we are the Body of Christ!

Here is the house of peace where those who share  
receive the gift of God.

God with us, God in us, we are the Body of Christ!

Here is the open temple where those who adore  
become witnesses of God.

God with us, God in us, we are the Body of Christ!

*Sur la trace de Dieu (Paris: Desclée 1979)*

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## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

- 1 If there were Ten Commandments, why would Jesus say that there were only two? Why is love, love of God and love of your neighbour, the basis of all the others?
- 2 Jesus drove the salespeople out of the temple. Why? And, if you are a temple too, "a temple of the Holy Spirit", what are the implications for you? What needs to be driven out of you?
- 3 Cardinal Gerhard Mueller said recently: "Francis is pursuing a 'spiritual cleansing of the temple, at the same time both painful and liberating, so the glory of God can shine in the Church, the light of all mankind'". What must you allow God 'to cleanse' in your life? How can you 'assist' the process?

*Vincent Harvey*

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**GENERAL ELECTION 2015:** The Bishops have written a joint letter encouraging us to participate and vote in the election and offering some key issues and questions for reflection on where candidates stand. Please take home a copy of the letter ..... more information: [www.catholicnews.org.uk](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk). Are you registered? ..... see inside this newsletter.

## **TODAY: SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2015**

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** for the maintenance of our buildings.

**WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO FATHER DES** at 9:00am and 11:00am Masses.

**WELCOME RITES:** 10.00 and 11.00am Masses.

**WELCOME, WELCOME THIS WEEKEND TO FATHER TOMY CHIRACKAL MANAVALAN** from the Archdiocese of Ernakulam who arrived on Friday. We welcome him today:

- \* At St Joseph: 6.15pm (Sat) and 10.00am (Sun)
- \* At St Edmund: 7.00pm Mass

*Refreshments after each Mass to say 'hello' to him.*

We will welcome him next weekend at the 9.00 and 11.00 Masses at St Edmund's.

**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.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** for candidates from 2.00pm - 5.00pm today, Sunday, in St Boniface Church Hall.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WALK** 2.00pm today (Sun) Southampton Common. 'Wear a dash of purple and celebrate this special day with other women'. (See Noticeboards)

**GOSPEL CHOIR** - 7.00pm Mass, meet 6.45pm.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: Scientists:** that those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person. **Contribution of women:** that the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.



**RECENTLY DIED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Rogério Pires Andrade** who died last week. Funeral Service 11.15am Tuesday 10 March in St Edmund's. May he rest in peace.

Please pray also for Teresa Carr RIP, wife of George Carr, who passed away recently. Many of you may remember Teresa and George; in particular George for his work in the restoration of St Joseph's Church for the Centenary.

## **THIS WEEK**

**FOR INFORMATION:** Mon: Day Off: VH

Tues: Diocesan Inter-religious Meeting: VH

Wed: Hospital on Call: VH, Housebound Visits: VH

Thurs: Co-ordinating Pastors in Portsmouth: VH

Fri: Department for Vocations Meeting: 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 TALKS:** *Lenten talks* entitled 'St. Paul, the Man and his Vision' given by Fr David continue in the MC Room, St Boniface Church Hall on Mondays 9 and 16 March, 7:30pm for 7:45pm and each lasting approx 50 minutes. These talks look at the overriding issues in St. Paul's life and thought, which work their way, in one form or another, into all his relationships with the Christian communities he knew.

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

**LUNCH CLUB** meet 12 noon Wednesdays in St Edmund's Hall.

**FAITH ALIVE** group meet at 7:30pm Thursday 12 March in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL FOR EVANGELISATION** - Friday/Saturday 13/14 March. Come and join in the 24 hours of prayer at St Edmund for Evangelisation. Commences 10.30am on Friday 13 (usual rota of watchers) until Mass at 7.00pm. Then 'Nightfever' until 11.00pm (come along and be involved); vigil overnight (sign up on the sheet); Mass at 11.00am on Saturday (as usual) with adoration ending at 1.00pm.

## **LENT 2015**

**LENT IS PICKING UP MOMENTUM ...** what are you doing: ....

**EARLY MORNING MASS** 6:30am Wednesdays in Lent.

**HUNGER LUNCHES** 1:05pm on Thursdays during Lent at St Michael's Church (March 12, 19, 26). All proceeds for CAFOD/Christian Aid.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** 6:15pm Fridays led by the Friday Youth Group and 6:10pm Sundays in St Edmund's Church led by different Parish groups.

**PARISH LENTEN MONGU APPEAL** (jam jars) for Fr Cashin's work in Zambia. Please take a label home from the porch.

**24 HOURS OF SPECIAL PRAYER/ADORATION** on 13/14 March in St Edmund's for Evangelisation.

**ADORATION:** Treat yourself to an hour of peace, relaxation and prayer before the blessed Sacrament of the Altar at St Edmund's Church. If you could commit to one of the following hours every week pop into the Parish Office:

**Tuesday 1pm - 2pm or 2pm - 3pm. Wednesday 10am - 11am.**

**Thursday: 12noon - 1pm or 2pm - 3pm; Friday 10am - 11am.**

**DISCUSSION GROUPS** on three Thursdays: about evangelisation.

**RECONCILIATION** Thursdays (St Joseph's), Saturdays (St Edmund's & St Joseph's); Monday 30 March (St Edmund's).

**FRAMEWORK TEAMS FORMATION DAY:** Saturday 14 March, 9:30am—1pm, St Edward the Confessor, Chandler's Ford. All team members are expected to attend and should confirm their attendance through the online form <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/frameworkforcollaboration/Framework-for-Collaboration-Days.php>.

## **NEXT WEEKEND**

**RED BOXES .... The Association for the Propagation of the Faith:** an Appeal will take place next weekend at all Masses for new Box holders. Current box holders please bring your full boxes to Mass next week to be collected (if not emptied recently).

## **NEXT WEEK**

**FEAST OF ST PATRICK - TUESDAY 17 MARCH** Mass and Concert of Irish Music, Dance and Poetry 6.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Woolston, SO19 9BD,. Theme: St Patrick and New Evangelisation. All welcome - bring food to share afterwards and wear something Irish. Contact: Fr Claro Conde, Ethnic Chaplaincies, tel: 07803 191 502.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM** meet Tuesday 17 March 7.30 - 8.30pm in St Edmund's Hall.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 St Joseph's in Ashurst, SO40 7DU at 7.00pm on Thursday 19 March : St Joseph's Feast Day. The Mass will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome and they would love to see you.

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** for the *First Holy Communion candidates* at 9:30am Saturday 21 March in St Edmund's Church.

**FIRE SAFETY TRAINING & FIRE WARDENS:** "The safety of Parishioners whilst at Mass or on Church premises is extremely important and we are legally required to have procedures in place in the event of fires and other similar emergencies. In addition to the existing fire wardens there is *an urgent need for us to recruit new able bodied volunteers who would be willing to take on the role of fire and emergency wardens.* This is especially important at weekends so that we can have a rota of duty fire wardens for all Saturday evening and Sunday Masses across the Pastoral Area. Stephen Short (the Diocesan Fire Safety Officer) has kindly agreed to provide some refresher training for existing fire wardens and also for new volunteers at **St. Boniface Hall to take place Saturday 21 March from 10.30am and 12.30pm.** Please would all existing fire wardens and new volunteers confirm their attendance with the Parish Office or Father Vincent as soon as possible but by Monday 16 March at the very latest." *Chris Barber, Area Property Administrator.*

**'EXHIBITION ISLAM' AT MEDINA MOSQUE Sat 21 to Tues 24 March.** This is a free event open to all which showcases the Islamic faith, its history and civilisation. All welcome.

**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.

**PARISH PASSOVER MEAL** 7.00pm Thursday 26 March in St Joseph's Church. Tickets - £10, available from the Parish Office. Come along and participate in preparation for the celebration of the Triduum and Easter.

**PASTORAL AREA RETREAT** 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. The day will start at 10.00am with coffee and tea. Mass will be celebrated and lunch will be provided. The day will finish at 4.00pm. *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.*

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR MARCH: When did we see you thirsty?** *During Lent let us think of the people thirsting for God's word. As we lead up to the feast of Easter and see people Baptised and Confirmed into the Catholic Church, what do we do to Evangelise? If we are Godparents or confirmation sponsors what support do we give?*

**GENERAL ELECTION** Are you registered to vote?:

- ✦ 7 million people in the UK with the right to vote are already unregistered
- ✦ Voting gives you an opportunity to BE PART of the decision-making that will affect your life and the future of those you love - instead of watching powerless from the side-lines.
- ✦ 44% of those not registered to vote mistakenly think they are.
- ✦ Fewer people on the electoral register, means further cuts to local services.

**Find out more:** from Our Voice Our HOPE voter registration website: <http://www.ourvoiceourhope.co.uk/why/>

**ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED** A new parishioner from Italy (Professor on sabbatical at Southampton University) is seeking a flat for 3 (wife, daughter and himself) ... preferably in the University area. Contact Parish Office if you can help.

**LEGACIES** We have received two generous legacies from the estates of Pam Woram and Jean Rickman who, as you know, were parishioners here until their deaths a couple of years ago. These legacies will help us considerably in the situation we currently find ourselves in. May Pam and Jean rest in peace. *Do remember the Parish in your will!*

We are planning a financial push in the near future so that we can continue with the projects that we are committed to and developing.

**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and over wedding anniversary during 2015, Bishop Philip warmly invites you to the Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at 11am on Saturday 27 June. The Mass will be held at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX, after which a light lunch will be served. To find out more, and to apply to attend, please see [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/significant-wedding-anniversaries-2015.php](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/significant-wedding-anniversaries-2015.php).

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

**CAFOD & GOVERNMENT UK AID MATCH FUNDING:** Remember! - the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give to CAFOD's Lenten appeal (from 18 Feb - 17 May) up to the value of £5 million.

**THANK YOU** to all who attended the 'Music - The International Language' concert at St Joseph's Church, which raised nearly £2,000 from ticket sales and the collection in aid of Southampton & Winchester Visitors Group.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND ... SEE POSTER: 22 Nov - 2 Dec 2015** *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. See website [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for electronic enquiry form, in order to receive more details. Should you wish, do contact the Pilgrimage Organisers Deacon Iain & Cheryl MacFirbhisigh: email: [blessings41@gmail.com](mailto: blessings41@gmail.com) / Tel. No. 015 3472 5963.

**EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAM:** Do you love Christ and his Church? Do you have a passion for others to come to know Jesus? Do you have basic organisational, collaboration and communication skills? Are you keen to find new and creative ways to help others discover Christ and build a relationship with him? You could be just the person we need for our Pastoral Area's Evangelisation Strategy Team! The commitment would be one meeting a term, in addition to assisting with simple, realistic evangelistic projects. If you are interested then contact Father Vincent for a chat as part of a discernment process. More info on website [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/evangelisation-teams](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/evangelisation-teams).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Paul Sassu (Op), Joe Tobin, Isabel Bradshaw, Moyra Clearkin (fall recovery), Anni Chetcuti, 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 all these people in your prayers.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 8 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	07 MAR		6:15PM SJ*	JAMES & GABRIELLE HALL RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	8 MAR	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9:00AM SE	OUSEPH TRISSOKKARAN RIP (JS)
			10:00AM SJ	KATHLEEN MORLEY RIP (L&EL)
			11:00AM SE	ANNIE RILEY RIP (JPM)
			7:00PM SE	GERALD VANDOME RIP (AW)
TUES	10 MAR	<b>OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT</b>	10:00AM SE	PERSONAL INTENTIONS (JR)
			11.15AM SE	FUNERAL SERVICE : ROGERIO PIRES ANDRADE RIP
WED	11MAR	<b>OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT</b>	6:30AM SE	ANNE CAMPBELL RIP (GC)
			7:00PM SE	FR PAUL LEONARD - HEALING AND WELLBEING
THURS	12 MAR	<b>OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT</b>	12:15PM SJ	GERALD KAVANAGH RIP (MK)
FRI	13 MAR	<b>OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT</b>	7:00PM SE	DYNATRA KUMARAJEEWA - BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS
SAT	14 MAR	<b>OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT</b>	11:00AM SE	MARJORIE WIGHTMAN RIP (WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB)
			6:15PM SJ	SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	15 MAR	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	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)

**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, Lordwood Sun 09:15; Holy Day 10:00. Christ the King & St Colman Sun 11:00; Holy Day 19:00. Immaculate Conception, Portwood 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 8 MARCH 2015 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

#### Psalm Response

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,  
whoever believes in me will never die.  
**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

#### Prayer of the Church Week 3

### READINGS SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2015 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23  
2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10  
Gospel: John 3:14-21

<b>2nd COLLECTION TODAY</b>	<b>2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</b>
<b>CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND</b>	<b>CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND</b>

Collection	01/03/15
	1st
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,286.12</b>
Cash	881.90
S / O	1,139.85
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	264.37

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