



1 MARCH 2015

**2ND 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



Discerning our Call



After his Baptism, the Spirit drove Jesus into the Wilderness to pray and to understand His Father's will. During this time of Lent we are also called to a place/point in our lives to discern His call for each one of us. Jesus was tested by Satan. Are there times in our lives when we feel inadequate, ineffective and question where The Lord is leading us?

On **8th/9th May** we are to have a **Called and Gifted Workshop** at St Anne's School for our Pastoral Area. This is an exciting opportunity to not only recognise our call as disciples of Christ but to discern the gifts/charisms that he has given each one of us to be used in his service.

The workshop will be presented on the Friday evening and all day Saturday by a Diocesan team trained by the Catherine of Sienna Institute. Southampton will be the sixth workshop since the visit by Sherry Weddell in June of last year. Her book '*Forming Intentional Disciples*' is well worth reading and enables us to see more clearly that Christ is not only calling us into the desert to discern, but to give the whole of our lives with intent and enthusiasm. Our God-given charisms enable us to do this.

There will be leaflets and prayer cards available from this weekend. Do consider signing up for the workshop. It is a tool to help you on the journey to discern your calling.

The transfiguration foreshadowed the culminating point of Jesus' ministry. The Called and Gifted process is a wonderful opportunity to explore your charisms and discover your own spiritual gifts.

God is calling us to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only we can do. As we ponder the Transfiguration of Christ let us consider how our ministry can transfigure our lives and the lives of those we encounter. The desert will then become a time of possibility and direction.

Tina Quinn

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. The 'Transfiguration' (gospel) is full of hope and glory. This is the light at the end of the tunnel (Lent!) how can that help you be faithful to your Lenten discipline?
2. What has to die in you so that you can experience the hope and glory towards which Lent leads?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2015

RETIRING COLLECTION: CAFOD in response to Family Fast Day.

WELCOME and thanks to Father Des presiding at 6:15pm, 10am and 7pm Masses.

WELCOME RITES: 10am and 11am Masses.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE to Upper Hamble Country Park. Meet 2pm today (Sunday) at the Car Park of Norman Rodaway Pavilion and Football Sportsfield, Heathhouse Lane.

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: Peter Hunt RIP late of Monarch Way, West End. Reception of the Coffin into St Edmund's Church at 5pm Tuesday 3 March. Requiem Mass Wednesday 4 March at 10:30am followed by cremation at St Mary's Extra Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Please keep his wife, Joan, and their son Matthew and family in your prayers.

As you know Peter had been very involved in the Parish for many years: collection team, Living our Faith Campaign, Martha's Charity Shop and more (Martha's will be closed for the funeral to enable staff to attend).

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Mon: Day Off: VH

Tues: Day of Reflection: VH.

St George Governors: VH

Thurs: Cathedral Innovation Centre: VH

Fri: Fr Tomy arrives

PARISH SECRETARY ON LEAVE 2—6 March. Parish Office managed by volunteers.

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: There will be three *Lenten talks* given by Fr. David in the MC Room, St Boniface Church Hall entitled 'St. Paul, the Man and his Vision'. Mondays 2, 9 and 16 March 7:30pm for 7:45pm, each lasting approx. 50 minutes. They will 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.

EVANGELISATION Continuing on from the 1st meeting held last week you are invited to join with Father Vincent to reflect upon 'evangelisation' using material from 'Proclaim 15'. Thursdays: 5 March at 7:30pm and 19 March at 8pm in St Edmund's Hall. **Proclaim 15.**

"A small group of us met with Fr Vincent last Thursday evening to reflect on 'evangelisation' and what we could do differently as individuals and as a parish. The material was deceptively comprehensive but evoked some very lively discussion, such that we found it hard to come away! In talking over the challenge of getting to know our own Mass communities in order that we can more effectively evangelise the wider community; one member of the group suggested that we should all try and sit in different seats at Mass (for Lent) and get to know somebody different! Let's try it! And come together again at the next of these Lenten meetings. 5th and 19th March." Tina Quinn.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2pm Friday 6 March at Avenue St Andrew's Church in The Avenue. All welcome!

NEXT WEEKEND

A DAY OF HEALING with Little Way Healing Ministries 10am coffee, 10:30am—4:30pm Saturday 7 March at Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ.

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 5, 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 3 Thursdays: about evangelisation (see elsewhere in the Newsletter).

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

WELCOME, WELCOME NEXT WEEKEND TO FATHER TOMY

CHIRACKALMANAVAN from the Archdiocese of Ernakulam who will be arriving on Friday 6 March. Pray that he has a safe journey. We welcome him next weekend 7/8 March at St Joseph: 6:15pm (Sat); 10am (Sun). At St Edmund 7pm Mass. Refreshments after each Mass to say 'hello' to him. The following weekend 14/15 March we will welcome him at the 9am & 11am at St Edmund.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION workshop for parents and candidates 10:30am Saturday 7 March in Stella Maris/St Joseph's Halls.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION for candidates from 2pm—5pm Sunday 8 March in St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley. Mob. Charlie 07740 301 390.

NEXT WEEK

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

24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL FOR EVANGELISATION: 10:30am Friday 13 March to 10:30am Saturday 14 March. Come and join in the 24 hours of prayer at St Edmund for Evangelisation. Commences at 10:30am on Friday 13 (usual rota of watchers) until Mass at 7pm. Then 'Night Fever' until 11pm (come along and be involved); vigil overnight (sign up on the sheet); Mass at 11am on Saturday (as usual) with Adoration ending at 1 pm.

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>.

GENERAL ITEMS

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.

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.

PASSOVER MEAL 7pm for 7:30pm Thursday 26 March in St Joseph's Church. Tickets £10 are now available after Mass or from the Parish Office. Come along and participate in preparation for the celebration of the Triduum and Easter.

PASTORAL AREA RETREAT: Date for your diary Saturday 28 March 10am—4pm at St Joseph's, Ashurst. "What does it mean to be saved?" Led by Fr Des Connolly and Tina Quinn. There will be Mass, a shared lunch and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Phone the Parish Office or email tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you would like to attend.

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: Do you want to talk to senior politicians live on TV and tell them what they need to do to win your vote? Victoria Derbyshire is holding a series of big debates during the General Election, the second of which will be about the NHS on Monday 27 April in Southampton. If you would like to take part in the debate and talk directly to politicians get in touch. You will need to be able to make your own way to the city centre venue by 7am and stay with us until 11am. Contact natasha.peach@bbc.co.uk or 020 361 43292 to book a place or for more information.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th wedding anniversary during 2015, or any anniversary over 60 years, 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.

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: 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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND ... SEE POSTER:

22 Nov - 2 Dec 2015 Bishop Philip Egan, 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 for electronic enquiry form. 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.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME for young people (Years 9—11) 26-30 October 2015 (half term) together with young people from Basingstoke. Fr Mark Hogan is organising. Cost: £707 on a basis of 20 young people taking part; this includes flights, transportation, shared accommodation, breakfast, lunches and meals, tours, entrance to the Vatican museum, Sistine Chapel, Coliseum, audience with the Pope (if he is in residence at the time), a day in Assisi, insurance and a pilgrim pack. Contact Angelica Carroll email acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/Mob 07713 567 161.

YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEER: Father Mark's parish in Basingstoke are currently looking for an enthusiastic young volunteer to commit for a period of 2 years on a part-time basis to help out with the exciting youth ministry activities and WYD 2016 preparations. The work required would average between 7 to 10 hours per week mainly during evenings or/and weekends. In return, we will cover the cost and expenses for you to study a Foundation Degree in Youth Ministry at St Mary's University, Twickenham part time over 2 years, distance learning along with occasional classroom lectures (for which travel expenses will be covered). Please apply before 30 March. For further info, contact Angie Carroll on 07713 567 161 ASAP.

200 CLUB MARCH WINNERS:

Linda Ralph	1st prize	£25.00
Martin & Elizabeth Counihan	2nd prize	£10.00

200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Reminder to members the 2015 fees are now due. New members needed (call the Parish Office).

PLEASE PRAY FOR 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 1 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	28 FEB		6:15PM SJ*	PAUL BARNETT RIP (PAH)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	1 MAR	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE	AIDEN WHELAN RIP (M&CP)
			10:00AM SJ	TERRY CLARKE RIP (HP)
			11:00AM SE	THANKSGIVING (PA)
			7:00PM SE	JULIA BROOKING RIP (F)
TUES	3 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	10:00AM SE	ERIC CLARKE RIP (MC)
WED	4 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	6:30AM SE	SUJATHA SUBASINGHE—BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS
			10:30AM SE	REQUIEM MASS: PETER HUNT RIP
			7:00PM SE	PADDY, TOMMY & BRIDGET REILLY RIP (PR)
THURS	5 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	12:15PM SJ	KAVANAGH FAMILY RIP (MK)
FRI	6 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	7:00PM SE	PADDY GLEESON RIP (AJG)
SAT	7 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	11:00AM SE	ANDREW & MARY McCONNELL (JPM)
			6:15PM SJ	JAMES & GABRIELLE HALL RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	8 MAR	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE	OUSEPH TRISSOKKARAN RIP (JS)
			10:00AM SJ	KATHLEEN MORLEY RIP (L&L)
			11:00AM SE	ANNIE RILEY RIP (JPM)
			7:00PM SE	GERALD VANDOME RIP (AW)

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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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 1 MARCH 2015 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

Psalm Response

I will walk in the presence of
the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Prayer of the Church Week 2

READINGS SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2015 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
 Gospel: John 2:13-25

2nd COLLECTION TODAY 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CAFOD LENT FAST DAY CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

Collections	22/2/15 1st	18/2/15 LIFE	22/2/15 CATHOLIC HOMECARE
Total	£2,281.88	£437.48	£459.47
Cash	877.66	281.23	205.09
S / O	1,139.85	125.00	203.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	264.37	31.25	50.88

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