



**15 FEBRUARY 2015**

**SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY TIME**



**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



## Touched ... Healing ... Reuniting!

Leprosy has for millennia had a stigma attached to it, maybe because of the look of it, or the fear of cross-infection. The leprosy we hear of in the gospels is not what modern medicine classifies today as Hansen's disease (after Gerhard Hansen who discovered the biochemical cause of leprosy in 1868). Whatever the disease was, and we don't really know, the result was the same: exclusion from the community.

In a purely physical sense this was bad enough for it meant isolation and alienation. Jewish law, however, added a further demoralising dimension: anyone so afflicted was ritually unclean and impure and was forbidden to participate in community worship. Added to this was another humiliating and fearful belief that such a person was 'polluted' and anyone who was in physical contact with them would become polluted also.

Jesus doesn't appear to hold any of these beliefs and so 'touches' the man. In doing so he risks isolation, alienation and 'pollution' himself. But his act not only heals the man, more importantly it removes his isolation and alienation and brings him back into the community.

We live in a fragmented society, and to a certain extent, fragmented faith community and Church. People feel isolated and sometimes alienated from those around them. This experience can be exacerbated when a person of faith/belief feels unwanted or spurned by their own faith community, or the faith community they would like to belong to!

How can we reach out to such as these? They may be the divorced and remarried, those living together outside of wedlock; it may be those struggling with their sexuality, even their gender. It could be those who for whatever reason have 'fallen by the wayside' and don't think they will be welcomed.

How can we reach out? Reach out we must if we are truly sisters and brothers of Christ, people of the 'Kingdom'.  
*Vincent Harvey*

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. Who would you describe as 'unclean'? Why?
2. In what way are you 'unclean'? What can you do about it?
3. Do you enable those around you not to be 'unclean' or 'rejected' from society or the Church? How?
4. What must be accomplished in order to overcome all things that alienate?  
*Vincent Harvey*

**LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY** ..... as well as observing the 'pillars of Lent', Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, other things to help:

- Ash Wednesday 6:30am, 12:15pm and 7:30pm Masses
- Next Sunday: Evening Prayer at 5 pm
- Wednesdays in Lent: 6:30am and 7:00pm
- Day by Day booklets & Lent Calendar for children
- Stations of the Cross on Fridays and Sundays
- Discussion Groups on 3 Thursdays: about evangelisation
- Reconciliation on Thursdays, Saturdays and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March



## TODAY: SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2015

### NO RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY!

**WELCOME** and thanks to Fr Des Connolly for presiding at the 9am and 11am Masses. Also 6:15pm next Saturday.

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

- **Leonardo Duris Santos**, son of Matheus & Alzbeta being baptised at St Joseph's Church at 11:30am
- **Franciszek Zelek**, daughter of Bartlomiej & Sylwia
- **Jessica Hill**, daughter of James & Louise being baptised at 12:30pm at St Edmund's
- **Ronald Atkins**, son of Mark & Colette being baptised at 2pm at St Joseph's Church.

**FILIPINO CHOIR** 7pm Mass, rehearsals at 6pm.



**RECENTLY DIED: Laszlo Maros RIP** late of Alexandra Road, Freemantle. Funeral Service 11:30am Tuesday 24 February at St Edmund's Church followed by burial at Millbrook Cemetery.

**Peter Hunt RIP** late of Monarch Way, West End. Please pray for Peter who died very suddenly last Tuesday. May he rest in peace. Pray also for his wife, Joan, and their son Matthew and family. Funeral details to be confirmed once to hand.

### THIS WEEK (Spring Half Term 16—22 February)

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

Tues: PA clergy lunch: VH

Wed: Ash Wednesday! Uni Chaplain meeting: VH

Thurs: Evangelisation discussion: VH

Fri: Spiritual Direction Bournemouth: VH  
Young Adult Group: 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!

**SHROVE TUESDAY** pancakes and burning of palms takes place after 10am Mass Tuesday 17 February at St Edmund's Hall.

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES** 18 February: St Edmund's 6:30am; 7:30pm; St Joseph's 12:15pm.

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

**HUNGER LUNCHES** 1:05pm on Thursdays during Lent at St Michael's Church (February 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26). All proceeds for CAFOD/Christian Aid.

**PROCLAIM '15 DISCUSSION GROUP ... at 7:30pm Thursday 19 February in St Edmund's Hall** ..... an evening with Fr Vincent to discuss the National Project 'Proclaim '15' and how we can proclaim the Gospel. This will assist us also with New Evangelisation within the Parish.

**EU WELCOME INFORMATION EVENING** 6pm Friday 20 February in St Edmund's Lodge.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** during Lent 6:15pm on Fridays in St Edmund's Church led by the Friday Young Adult Group, starting on Friday 20 February.

### NEXT WEEKEND

**LENTEN SERVICE**—1st Sunday of Lent, 5:00pm Sunday 22 February in St Edmund's Church.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** led by various groups in the Parish, starting Sunday 22 February at 6:10pm in St Edmund's Church and on all Sundays during Lent.

## NEXT WEEK

**CAFOD'S DIOCESAN TEAM** will be part of an event from 10am—2pm in West Quay Shopping Centre on **Tuesday 24 February**, helping to mark Southampton's 50th anniversary as a City. CAFOD's theme is 'One Climate One World'. They would love to see you at 12:30pm with the Daily Echo for a photo – or earlier if you wish. Call Lynda on 07920 586 912 if you are attending or would like to help.

**LITURGY PLANNING** meeting 7:30pm Tuesday 24 February in St Edmund's Presbytery.



### **'MUSIC – THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE'**

**CONCERT:** in aid of the Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group, which supports refugees and asylum seekers. **An international group of soloists [harp, violins and cor anglais]**, present a varied programme of works by, amongst others, JS Bach, Debussy and Faure. **Tuesday, 24 February at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church.** Tickets £12 [include refreshments in Stella Maris Hall afterwards] available from **SWVG**, call Liz 075 0317 6350 or email: [admin@swvg-refugees.org.uk](mailto:admin@swvg-refugees.org.uk).

**CCPG (City Centre Pastoral Group)** meet 7:45pm Wednesday 25 February in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**ALPHA COURSE MEETING:** Thank you to all who have responded to invitations of interest in running Alpha in the Pastoral area. It is envisaged that we will be starting a course immediately after Easter. The sessions will be on a Thursday evening in St Edmund's Hall. There are so many ways that people can help: welcoming, catering, table host, table volunteer, advertising, praying. **There will be a meeting for all who would like to help in any capacity on Thursday 26 February at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall.** Confirm your attendance with Tina 07827 810 457 or email [tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

### GENERAL ITEMS

**SWIMMING AGAINST THE TIDE: Saturday 28 February - St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Winchester, SO22 4JB - 11am-4pm.** Fr PJ Smith has organised a day of renewal for all those working with young people in the diocese. Collette Power, a youth worker from Birmingham diocese (an inspiring speaker) will be the keynote speaker. Will Hince will be speaking on evangelising young people, being renewed and not losing hope. All who are involved in youth ministry, i.e. chaplains, teachers, catechists, youth group leaders or anyone interested in becoming involved in this important ministry, are welcome. To book, contact Will Hince email [whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)/Mob. 07780221686.

**EVANGELISATION** .... you are invited to join with Father Vincent to reflect upon 'evangelisation' using material from 'Proclaim 15'. Thursdays: 19 February & 5 March at 7:30pm; 19 March at 8pm in St Edmund's Hall.

**MISSIO** ..... thanks to the Parish for £465.09 collected on 'World Mission Sunday.'

**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. Please contact Claudio directly if you can help. Email: [claudio.coriano@le.inf.n.it](mailto:claudio.coriano@le.inf.n.it)

**ASSISTANT PRIEST IN CITY CENTRE:** It has been confirmed that a priest is coming from Kerala in India to be Assistant here in St Joseph & St Edmund. Details later when we know more.

**FLAME 2, CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL, WEMBLEY ARENA, 7 MARCH TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR FLAME 2,** which will be the largest Catholic youth event ever held in the UK. Matt Redman will be leading the music and a range of interesting people will be speaking, including Cardinal Luis Tagle, recently by the side of Pope Francis throughout his visit to the Philippines. The event is open to young people and young adults, Year 10 upwards. For a full programme and booking details, check out <http://www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2>.

**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. Father Laurence Brassill OSA, Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching and healing. All welcome. No need to be a churchgoer to attend. Tea and coffee provided. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'. **Come and see.**

**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.

**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.

**ALPHA VISION AND TRAINING DAY:** 10am-2pm Saturday 28 March at Bishop Challoner School, Basingstoke organised by the Department for New Evangelisation with Michael Roche from Alpha in a Catholic Context. The day includes an intro to Alpha in a Catholic Context, Principles of Alpha, Intro to Small Groups and prayer ministry followed by lunch and a concluding session on where do we go from here. All welcome. Book at email [evangelisationadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:evangelisationadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**SINGERS NEEDED FOR THE CHRISM MASS:** which takes place at the Cathedral on Tuesday 31 March at 11:00am. The rehearsal is at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX 10am—1pm on Saturday 7 March. Please email Chris Olding directly with your name, voice type, email address and parish at [colding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:colding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**ST ANNE'S 1995 SCHOOL REUNION** is being held at the end of March 2015. They are trying to get hold of all ex-students who started in September 1990 / 1991 and took their GCSEs in June 1995 (also ex-teachers who taught during this time). The Year 7 Head of Year was Mrs Jackson and the Year Head from Year 8 - Year 11 was Gilberte Cozens. If you would like to attend the reunion or would like any information regarding the reunion please email Marianne at [mariannebroderick@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariannebroderick@yahoo.co.uk).

**'CHASING SNOWFLAKES' FOR ABC:** the 4th and last in this series of seasonal concerts was very well received. £137 was raised for this worthy cause. Many thanks to performers, volunteer stewards and office staff without whose contribution this event would not have been so enjoyable. To contribute to 'Against Breast Cancer', phone Jenepher 07891 733 939.

**HOMELESSNESS** ..... more questions:

1. Approximately how many young people *under the age of 16* are kicked out of home by their parents in the UK every year?: a] 150, b] 1,500, c] 15,000?

2. Roughly what proportion of young homeless people (aged 18-24) attempt suicide in the UK annually? a] 1 in 10, b] 1 in 7, c] 1 in 4?

3. Housing benefit is a help towards the costs of private rent for people on low incomes. What percentage of new claims were made by employed people in 2010-11? : a] 44%, b] 68%, c] 93%? (Answers on back page).

**PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, UKRAINE AND SLOVAKIA: 20 - 30 JULY 2015:** Exciting pilgrimage led by Fr Marcin Drabik, to include many beautiful places and historic sites, including Krakow, Lviv, and Spis Castle in Slovakia. For more information, contact Fr Marcin on email [mdrabik@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mdrabik@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**MEDJUGORGE 2015:** 14—21 September flying from Gatwick. Cost £534pp sharing. Group leaders Barry and Jo Henwood Tel. 012 0239 8126. See Notice Board.

**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, Youth Ministry Co-ordinator at St Bede's email [acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:acarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) / Mob 07713567161 / website [www.youthstorm.org.uk](http://www.youthstorm.org.uk).

**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](http://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.

**ST ANNE'S YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR: Congratulations to Maria Takeuchi (winner) and runners up Emily McCann, Simisola Onangua, Helena Charlton, Susannah Paice,** pupils at St Anne's Catholic School, for the various awards won at the Young Musician of the Year event started 3 years ago by the Head of Music **Gemma Nichols.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** 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 15 FEBRUARY 2015

SAT	14 FEB		6:15PM SJ	SEAN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	15 FEB	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM SJ	SARAH KENNEDY-DONNELLY RIP (F)
			11:00AM SE	MARY O'SHEA & FAMILY INTENTIONS (MO'S)
			7:00PM SE	ELLEN & GEORGE PATTERSON RIP & BERNADETTE KERR RIP (F)
TUES	17 FEB	6th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE	MARY C HUBBARD'S INTENTIONS (F)
WED	18 FEB	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	6:30AM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			12:15PM SJ	TOM & CATHY ALFORD—SPECIAL INTENTION (MK)
			7:30PM SE	AGNES MARY FALLON RIP (F)
THURS	19 FEB	AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	12:15PM SJ	FRANK O'HANLON—HEALING & WELLBEING (MK)
FRI	20 FEB	AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	7:00PM SE	MAUREEN & PATRICK SHARPE RIP (LJ)
SAT	21 FEB	AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	11:00AM SE	ANTHONY 'CESS' WOOD RIP (AW&FAMILY)
			6:15PM SJ	ROY HUGHES RIP (TONY'S DAD) (TH&VH)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	22 FEB	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9:00AM SE	AIDEN WHELAN RIP (DP&GP)
			10:00AM SJ	NIJOLE STANISLAVA VILIME RIP (SM)
			11:00AM SE	ELIZABETH & JOHN WARD RIP (F)
			5:00PM SE	LENTEN SERVICE—(FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT)
			7:00PM SE	MARGARET TURKINGTON RIP (LG)

*Homelessness answers: 1: c: Approximately 15,000 young people under 16 are kicked out of home in the UK annually. 2: c: Approximately 1 in 4 homeless young people will attempt suicide. 3: c: 93% of claims made in 2010-11 were made by people who were working. This flies in the face of common perceptions of Housing Benefit claimant and of the current government rhetoric of benefits claimants being 'shirkers not strivers' which is being used to justify benefits cuts.*

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

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### SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2015 6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

#### Psalm Response

You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that  
we can see what hope his call holds for us.

**Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Church Week 2

### READINGS SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2015 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15  
 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22  
 Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

<b>NO 2nd COLLECTION TODAY</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY LIFE</b>	<b>2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC CARE</b>
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Collections	8/2/15 1st	8/2/15 2nd—CHURCH MAINTENANCE
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,409.23</b>	<b>£270.32</b>
Cash	1,005.01	142.82
S / O	1,139.85	127.50
Gift Aid Tax	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