



1 FEBRUARY 2015

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**



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

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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 Extraordinary in Ordinary Time

We are now in one of the liturgical periods of ordinary time: the time between the Baptism of our Lord and the beginning of Lent. On face value this can seem uninteresting and common place compared with the rich liturgical seasons we celebrate at Christmas and Easter. However the church teaches us that this is a time to order our lives, a time to be faithful and to persevere. It is a time to oil our lamps, to focus on our prayer life and to be open to God's grace.

And it is within this time that we can experience and be open to the extraordinary.

There is much that is extraordinary within our churches at the current time both nationally and internationally. Our Holy Father Pope Francis is giving us some extraordinary messages of hope for those who have felt separated and excluded from the church. (Green is the colour of ordinary time, signifying hope). Just this week we have seen the ordination of the first woman bishop within the history of the Church of England, and whatever we think of this : it is extra-ordinary!

In our own Eucharistic community we have extraordinary ministers and we preserve the mass under the extraordinary form.

The Readings in ordinary time focus on Jesus' ministry. Jesus spoke with authority and authenticity and all were amazed. I can remember clearly my first mission as a young adult in the church and being sent out to speak to groups of parishioners about the faith. I felt very inadequate and waited with bated breath to receive feedback at the end of the mission. But on return the lead chaplain affirmed us and remarked that we had spoken with authority. Extraordinary and not of our own doing!

Liturgically this is a time when no particular aspect of the Mystery of Christ is celebrated but rather the mystery of Christ himself is honoured in its fullness. We have an extraordinary God who can do extraordinary things if we order our lives according to his purpose.

Prayer for Ordinary Time:

God of Eternity. As I walk the path of ordinary time, help me to count the many ways that you are present - In the comings and goings of family, friends, co-workers and acquaintances. In the sounds of summer and the beauty of your magnificent creation; In the daily routines of responsibilities that make up the rhythm of my days. Make all time extra-ordinary as I seek to become more attuned to your presence. Amen. (Anon) Tina Quinn

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. When have you been astonished, amazed or shocked at Jesus' teaching?
2. Has your reaction affected your faith or the way you live it out?
3. In what areas of life do you need to grow towards integrity of word and deed?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2015

THE CRIB the final weekend to visit.

RETIRING COLLECTION—Catholic Education Service. Education Sunday when we pray for all in the world of Education, especially in our Catholic Schools. Our 'School Ambassadors' from St George will be speaking at the 9am & 10am Masses. **Education Sunday theme:** 'All Gifts and All People'. We thank God for our Catholic Schools, our dedicated and professional teachers and staff and our committed governors. We thank God for the gifts they all bring to education

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

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



- **Rosie Synock-White**, daughter of Clare & Ben
- **Estelle & Arno Musahari**, daughter and son of Vital & Ivelina
- **Jack Lim**, son of Hock Kim

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

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA—SPIRITUAL BOUQUET:

February's prayer and dedication: 'When Did We See You Sick?' In the month that has the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, we consider the sick. We think especially of the rights for life from cradle to grave, disabled rights, the fight against euthanasia etc.

ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE meet 2pm today (Sunday) at Matley Wood (New Forest) car park.

YOUTH CHOIR 7pm Mass, rehearsals at 6pm.

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION: Mon: Day Off: VH.

Tues Springhill School Mass: VH. SCOF: VH

Wed Study Day: VH. SSSR: VH

Thurs Cathedral Innovation Centre meeting: VH

East Southampton Clergy Meeting: VH

Pre-Marriage course: VH

Fri University Oversight Committee: VH.

St Anne's Mass: VH.

Sat FHC 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!

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK 7:00pm Monday 2 February at St Joseph's in Ashurst.

PASTORAL AREA CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD meeting 7:00pm Monday 2 February in St Edmund's Hall.

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

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting 7:30pm Wednesday 4 February in St Edmund's Presbytery.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE on Thursdays 5, 12 February 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall for couples getting married in the Parish in 2015. *Fully booked.*

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION: *Coffee, Cakes and Competitions!* 9am to 5:30pm Friday 6 February at Leighton's Opticians (Stag Gates, 68 The Avenue). See Notice Board.

ST ANNE'S YEAR 8 MASS 2:15pm Friday 6 February in St Edmund's Church.

DISCOVERING OUR IDENTITY young adult group meet Fridays at 7:45pm in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome!

NEXT WEEKEND

A DAY WITH MARY: 8:45am–5:00pm Saturday 7 February at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. (Bring a packed lunch). Contact Trevor Downs 020 8641 6418. See Notice Board for full programme.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 10:30am - 12noon Saturday 7 February; Workshop No. 3 for parents and children at the Stella Maris Centre.

AUDIENCE FOR THE BIG QUESTIONS BBC1: live broadcast from Southampton BBC studios, audience to be seated by 8:30am Sunday 8 February. If you would like a seat in either of the audiences (*front row to ask questions or elsewhere to be audience*), please contact Leona Buchanan, leave a contact phone number, email: lbuchanan@mentorn.tv or Tel. 0141 611 9638.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION for candidates from 2:00pm - 5:00pm Sunday 8 February in St Boniface Hall.

'CHASING SNOWFLAKES' CONCERT 3:30pm - 4:45pm Sunday 8 February in St Edmund's Church. Tickets £5 (£3 concessions). *All proceeds are for 'Against Breast Cancer' charity (a pink theme will prevail).* Contact Jenepher 07891 733 939 to book and if you can help. See Notice Board. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

BLESSING OF COUPLES TO BE MARRIED will take place at 7:00pm Mass Sunday 8 February in St Edmund's.

NEXT WEEK

PASTORAL AREA SUPPORT GROUP meeting 7:30pm—9:00pm Tuesday 10 February in St Edmund's Lodge.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP—PRAISE & WORSHIP before the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar from 8:00pm Friday 13 February in St Edmund's Church.

ADORATION—VALENTINE'S DAY—YOUNG ADULT GROUP from 8:30pm Saturday 14 February in St Edmund's Church, 'to pray for those we love and those who are unloved in the world'.

ANNUAL GOA CARNIVAL DANCE PARTY 1:30pm - 6:30pm Sunday 15 February at Holy Family Church Hall, Redbridge Hill, Southampton, SO16 4PL. To book contact Dina - 023 8078 0774, Text Dr Tracey - 07725 316 180; Roque - 07816 195 002 or 02380 482909. Email : roquevaz@yahoo.co.in. Tickets £10.00, children (5 -12) £6. Children under 5 free. *Dress : Carnival Theme.* Raffle funds will be donated to Holy Family Church.

GENERAL ITEMS



'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.

ST EDMUND'S NEW CLEANING ROTAS now available in the Sacristy.

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.

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 / Tel. No. 015 3472 5963.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: The Catholic Church is one of the first providers of schools and universities in the country and remains a fundamental part of our national education system. Across England and Wales the Catholic Church is the largest provider of secondary schools, and the second largest provider (after the Church of England) of primary schools, therefore making up 10% of the total maintained education sector. Catholic schools and colleges are established to support Catholic parents in their responsibility to educate their children in the Catholic faith. As well as providing a high standard of academic education, Catholic schools aim to instil within their pupils, moral values based on Christian teaching. This is why the Church is committed to making Catholic education available for every Catholic child.

HOMELESSNESS ... at the Ecumenical Gathering for the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' at Avenue St Andrews we were given questions about homelessness and common perceptions. Here are a few (**answers on back page**):

1. How many single people are estimated to be 'hidden homeless' in the UK (e.g.: hostel, refuge, squat, friend's floor or sofa, at risk of violence if they stay in current accommodation etc.)?: a. 190,000, b. 230,000 c. 380,000?

2. Roughly how many people in the UK can expect to experience homelessness in their lifetime? a. 1 in every 10? b. 1 in every 60? c. 1 in every 200? What is the main underlying long-term reason that people become homeless? a. Mental illness? b. Poverty? c. Addiction?

LENT IS ON THE HORIZON so must be Ash Wednesday! **Bring your old palms** (from last year) to the churches (leave in the labelled box in the porches) to be collected and burnt for ash on Shrove Tuesday to use on Ash Wednesday.

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

TEACHER VACANCY—MATERNITY LEAVE COVER: from April 2015 at St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School, Chandler's Ford to teach Year 2. Visits to the school are welcome. Phone the Headteacher, Ursula Clark, to book. Tel. 023 8026 6210.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: The Eucharist is the most precious gift we have: Christ's Body and Blood under the form of bread and wine. To receive Christ's Body and Blood in this way is a gift beyond measure as it unites us fully with the Godhead, one another and the Church Universal. We need to receive this great gift with faith, in awe, with reverence and understanding. When approaching, and just before receiving, it is fine to acknowledge the great gift about to be received with a profound bow or genuflection (but behind the person about to receive).

After a profound 'Amen' we receive on the tongue (the universal norm) or on the hand (a powerful gesture which gives us a little extra time to ponder the significance of what we are receiving). If receiving on the hand it is important that the Blessed Sacrament is consumed in front of the priest/extraordinary minister (or just to one side). We must not walk away without having consumed (as this is open to abuse ... and sadly has happened!). On returning to our place in the church we spend time in thanksgiving (the name of the Mass!) ... thanksgiving for this gift which can transform us now into images of Christ Jesus. Be reverent, respectful, and deliberate in action and benefit from this Divine Gift.

VACANCY—SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION CHAIR PERSON: Safeguarding Commissions provide a regulatory advisory and supportive function in all matters relating to safeguarding and exist in each Roman Catholic Diocese in England and Wales.

The Diocese are currently seeking an independent lay person to chair their Safeguarding Commission in the Diocese of Portsmouth. The Commission meets 6 times a year. The term of office is 4 years and may be extended for a further 4 years. **This is a voluntary role so the Chair is unpaid but expenses can be reimbursed.** References required. See website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk (safeguarding section). For an informal discussion about the role, contact Angela McGrory (Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator) Tel: 023 9281 6396 / amcgrory@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. To apply, send CV, covering letter and two referees' contact details (to include phone number(s) and email address) to Soraya Ciccarone email: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Closing Date 5pm Friday 13 February. Interview Date: Friday 6 March.

EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAMS: As you know, the Church in our time is calling us to the work of new evangelisation. We are Christ's missionary disciples, and He has given us many charisms and talents for this work. Now we want to set up in every Pastoral Area an Evangelisation Strategy Team, comprised of clergy and laity, to direct the work of mission at the local, parish level. How will this happen in our Pastoral Area?

1. In the next couple of weeks leaflets will be available for parishioners to increase awareness of this project.
2. Sometime in February, there will be a Holy Hour to pray for this initiative.
3. If you feel God may be calling you to join your Pastoral Area's team, please approach your Parish Priest or Co-ordinating Pastor.
4. During Lent, the Co-ordinating Pastor will meet with potential team members.

The Strategy Team is a new body to replace the Pastoral Council. It should represent all ages and types. It's all about vision! Its purpose is to sponsor mission-projects across the area. Teams will meet once a term. **Take home a leaflet to learn more.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR Peter Scott, Gail February, Sita Hearn, Nelum (Anushka's sister), Marge Whiteman, Sheila Morris, Phyllis Grattan, Maria Gibzinska, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Patricia Penny, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Peter Hunt, 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 FEBRUARY 2015

SAT	31 JAN		6:15PM SJ	JOSEPH CROFTON RIP (MH)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	1 FEB	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	P J PHELAN RIP (HP&GC)
			10:00AM SJ	GRACE BAXTER RIP (MG)
			11:00AM SE	JULIA BROOKING RIP (F)
			7:00PM SE	ELLEN BROPHY INTENTIONS (F)
TUES	3 FEB	ST BLAISE	10:00AM SE	SISTER BERNARD XAVIER RIP (LA SAINTE UNION—EX HEAD OF ST ANNE'S SCHOOL) (MR)
WED	4 FEB	4th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE	FATHER PAUL LEONARD—HEALING & WELLBEING (MR)
THURS	5 FEB	ST AGATHA	12:15PM SJ	RITA O'CALLAGHAN RIP (MK)
FRI	6 FEB	ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	7:00PM SE	SEXTON FAMILY (JH)
SAT	7 FEB	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE	FATHER PAUL LEONARD—HEALING & WELLBEING (ANUSHKA)
			6:15PM SJ	GRACE BAXTER RIP (BM)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	8 FEB	FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE	SHEILA DORAN RIP (GS&SS)
			10:00AM SJ	NANCIE SWAINSTON RIP (EB)
			11:00AM SE	ERIC CLARKE RIP (MC)
			7:00PM SE	BERNADETTE WISE RIP (LG)

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/

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

Springhill Primary 023 8033 3954
 St Anne's School 023 8032 8200
 St George College 023 8032 2603
Homelessness answers (Page 3): 1: c: 380,000. 2: a: 1 in 10. 3: b: Poverty

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2015
4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Psalm Response

O that today you would listen to his voice!
 Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and
 earth, for revealing the mysteries of the
 kingdom to mere children. **Alleluia!**

READINGS SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2015
5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23
 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Prayer of the Church week 4

2nd COLLECTION TODAY 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Collections	25/1/15 1st	25/1/15 2nd HOMELESSNESS
Total	£2,267.30	£833.11
Cash	863.08	552.99
S / O	1,139.85	113.50
Gift Aid Tax	264.37	166.62

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