

**25 JANUARY 2015**

**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY TIME**



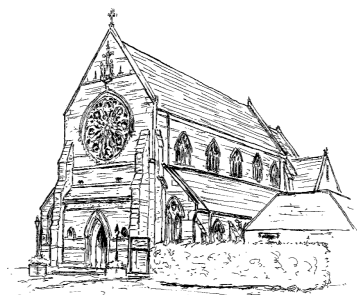
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- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,  
PORTSWOOD
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,  
NETLEY ABBEY



## **LISTENING ... REPENTING ... CHANGING ...**

Last weekend I participated in the 'Called and Gifted' conference in Chandlers Ford. C&G is a process whereby one begins to try to discover what actual gifts (charisms) one has been given by God. The next step, of course, is to use them! Watch this space! We are all called by God, therefore we are gifted by God.

I always expected God's call to somehow be laced with peace, full of happiness and resulting in victory! But scripture generally suggests otherwise. Many prophets (Moses, Jeremiah .... ) were reluctant and hesitant. They often felt not up to the test or unworthy.

Jonah was not only reluctant and hesitant he even appeared to disagree with God's aim of converting the Ninevites! So he runs away. Today we are only given the 'success' of Jonah's mission, but you know the story: onto a boat, into a storm, thrown into the sea and swallowed up by a whale and 'deposited' on the shores of Nineveh! So he reluctantly goes through the City preaching repentance ... and the Ninevites repent! Does that fill Jonah with joy? ..... not a bit of it, he goes and sulks. He sulks because they repent, God relents and does not punish the inhabitants of Nineveh, as he would have.

The call of the disciples in today's gospel is dramatic: Jesus calls, they respond. No doubt Jesus had known them for some time, but even so to leave everything, to down tools there and then, and follow Jesus is inspirational. We know, of course, that later on they have questions, there is in-fighting for power and position, jealousy raises its ugly head. And at the height of Jesus' need they desert him.

Call and response is generally not easy, because of who we are. To hear the call of God and to respond to it seems to require, even demand, a certain detachment, a letting go, a desire to change one's outlook on religion, life and God. There is a need in other words to 'repent'! Repent is not simply about being 'sorry', important though that is. Repent is about a desire to change direction, to turn around 180 degrees, to go the other way. To go not our way, but Christ's way, as did the Magi after encountering the Christ child (they went home by another 'Way' ..... i.e. Jesus' Way).

Are we willing to listen to God, change our way of looking at things and living life, and allow ourselves to walk the way of Christ?

*Vincent Harvey*

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### **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

1. What is 'good' about the 'Good News' for you?
2. How do you thwart the Good News?
3. Are you willing to embrace the cross (suffering!) to bring about the fullness of God's reign?

*Vincent Harvey*

## **TODAY: SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2015**

**RETIRING COLLECTION** is for **Homelessness (the Rent Deposit Scheme this year)**. Frank Capocci will be speaking at all Masses.

**WELCOME** and thanks to Fr Des Connolly for presiding at the 6:15pm and 10am Masses. Also for Tuesday at 10am and Thursday at 12:15pm next week.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE:** An 'Agape' type meal/service to celebrate the work of the 'Churches Rent Deposit Scheme' (which we as a parish support financially): **Venue: Avenue St Andrews Church, today (Sunday) at 1:00pm. Bring food to share - savouries.**

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: INTRODUCTION OF A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET to pray for the return of Family Values in our Country and to pray that Life, from Conception to the Grave, is back at the heart of our society.** The Spiritual Bouquet is a gift of prayer. The Order is starting a journey of prayers, devotional acts or good deeds and invites you to take part on this spiritual path over the next 10 months. Help them build a garland of dedication which started 28 December 2014 on the Feast of the Holy Family and finishes on the Feast of St John Paul II on 22 October 2015. You can take part by gathering as individuals, family or community groups in prayer, worship, meditation and the Holy Rosary for particular chosen intentions. A different intention has been selected for each month. The overall theme of the bouquet is: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs.' (Matt. 25:35-36).

**January's prayer and dedication: 'When did I see you in prison?' In this month dedicated to World Day of Peace, the theme is slavery.** Let us consider all people who find themselves modern day slaves. Many find themselves physically and sexually abused. See Notice Board for more details.

### **THIS WEEK**

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

Tues Team Leaders in Portsmouth: VH  
Holocaust Memorial Event: VH

Wed Chaplaincy to Older People Meeting: VH  
St Anne's School Mass: VH  
CAFOD meeting re schools: VH

Thurs Vicariate for Vocations Winchester: VH  
Strategic Advisory Group Winchester: VH  
Pre-Marriage course: VH

Fri SCOF annual meal: 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!

**OPEN DOOR RETREAT—HOUR OF PRAYER** Monday 26 January from 4pm—5pm in St Edmund's Hall for all who have attended an Open Door retreat in the Pastoral Area.

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY** event at 6pm on Tuesday 27 January in Solent Lecture Theatre, Solent University Conference Centre, Above Bar.

**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.

**CCPG (City Centre Pastoral Group)** meet at 7:45pm Wednesday 28 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** Thursdays 29 January and 5, 12 February 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall for couples getting married in the Parish in 2015. Fully booked.

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

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

**MARK'S MARKET:** from 10am - 12noon Saturday 31 January at St Mark's Church, Archers Road, SO15 2LU . Offering pre-loved crafts, books and much more! Free entry with a complimentary drink.

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING** Saturday 31 January 10:00am - 1:30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX).

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE** meet 2pm Sunday 1 February at Matley Wood (New Forest) car park. Tel. 023 8022 1426.

### **NEXT WEEK**

**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 (CLOW)** meeting 7:00pm Monday 2 February in St Edmund's Hall.

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

**FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION:** Coffee, Cakes and Competitions! From 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.

**A DAY WITH MARY:** 8:45am—5:00pm Saturday 7 February at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. (Bring a packed lunch). Contact Trevor Downs - Telephone 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.

**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.

### **GENERAL ITEMS**

**COLIN DOBSON** former Headteacher of King Edward School has died. Many parishioners will have known him. May he rest in peace.

**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.

**ANNUAL GOA CARNIVAL DANCE PARTY 1:30pm - 6:30pm Sunday 15 February at Holy Family Church Hall, Redbridge Hill, Southampton, SO16 4PL.** For Tickets contact Dina - 023 8078 0774. Text Dr Tracey - 07725 316 180 ; Roque - 07816 195 002 or 02380 482909. Email : [roquevaz@yahoo.co.in](mailto:roquevaz@yahoo.co.in). Tickets £10.00, children (5 -12) £6. Children under 5 free. Authentic Goan-Indian Buffet, Snacks & Dessert. Free Drinks, Spot Prizes, Non-Stop Entertainment & Dancing. *Dress : Carnival Theme.* Event open for everyone. Book in advance.



**'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). Leaflets available in the porch and more info on Notice Board.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: 22 Nov - 2 Dec 2015** ..... see poster on Notice Boards: 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. Details are also available on the diocesan website ([www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)). If people are interested, they can fill in the electronic enquiry form on the diocesan website, in order to receive more details. *Should you wish, do contact the Pilgrimage Organisers Deacon Iain and Cheryl MacFirbhisigh: [blessings41@gmail.com](mailto: blessings41@gmail.com)/01534725963.*

**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 good to acknowledge the great gift about to be received with a profound bow or genuflection (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.

**THE CRIB** has been down-sized and is located in front of the Lady Altar until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Monies collected at the crib are for the Christian Schools in the West Bank in the Holy Land. Thank you to our Polish friends (Parish and Polish Mission) for designing and building the crib and now down-sizing it.

**FLAME 2 - Saturday 7 March 2015.** In 2012, 8000 young Catholics gathered at Wembley Arena for Flame. In March, CYMFED is building on this success by running Flame 2. This event is for young people from Year 10 - young adult. Over 5000 tickets have been sold, and young Catholics from Portsmouth Diocese are going to be a big part of it, as they travel with Bishop Philip on our diocesan coach to Wembley for Flame 2. Places cost just £45 which will include transport, tickets and a hoody! For more information and to book a place, contact Will Hince at [whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or 07780 221 686.

**VISIT OF THE RELICS OF BLESSED LOUIS AND BLESSED ZELIE MARTIN:** The Bishop announced that the relics of Blessed Louis and Blessed Zélie Martin, one of the first married couples ever to be beatified, have been invited to the Diocese this May. Blessed Louis and Blessed Zélie are the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. You can read more about them here: [www.louisandzeliemartin.org](http://www.louisandzeliemartin.org). The programme is as follows:

- Weds 20 May: Liturgy of Reception - St Theresa's, Totton, Southampton
- Thurs 21 May: Day of veneration at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
- Fri 22 May: Mass at Christ the King, Reading.

**'DO YOU LOVE ME?' .....** a book prepared by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales as a practical guide to Catholic Prayer and Spirituality. The book is not an exhaustive study of prayer but seeks to provide a prayerful answer to the question posed by Jesus 'Do you love me?' (John 21), offering some aspects from the Catholic tradition in a reflective manner. Available in St Edmund's porch (£5.95).

**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 January or 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** Gail February, Sita Hearn, Nelum (Anushka's sister), Marge Whiteman, 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 25 JANUARY 2015

SAT	24 JAN		6:15PM SJ	SOPHIA & ALFIE BOWLES AND FAMILY (BM)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	25 JAN	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	FRED & KATE McEWING RIP (MC)
			10:00AM SJ	PHILIP CONWAY (F)
			11:00AM SE	JUNIOR KOONER RIP & FAMILIES' GOOD HEALTH (JF)
			7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUES	27 JAN	<b>ST ANGELA MERICI</b>	10:00AM SE	SR RITA—THANKSGIVING & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (RS)
WED	28 JAN	<b>ST THOMAS AQUINAS</b>	7:00PM SE	JEFFREY STANLEY RIP (MB&JB)
THURS	29 JAN	<b>3rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	12:15PM SJ	DECEASED & LIVING MEMBERS OF THE CLARKE & CUMMINS FAMILIES (F)
FRI	30 JAN	<b>3rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:00PM SE	MARY O'SULLIVAN—HEALING (DO'S)
SAT	31 JAN	<b>ST JOHN BOSCO</b>	11:00AM SE	GEORGE & PADDY (KATHLEEN) CHANDLER RIP (F)
			6:15PM SJ	JOSEPH CROFTON RIP (MH)
			7:00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	1 FEB	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	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)

**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:**

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 St Anne's School 023 8032 8200  
 St George College 023 8032 2603

**SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2015  
 3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**Psalm Response**

Lord, make me know your ways.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is close at hand;  
 believe the Good News.

**Alleluia!**

**READINGS SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2015  
 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

**Prayer of the Church week 3**

<b>2nd COLLECTION TODAY</b>	<b>2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</b>
<b>HOMELESSNESS</b>	<b>CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE</b>

Collections	18/1/15 1st	18/1/15 2nd SPUC
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,389.70</b>	<b>£380.45</b>
Cash	985.48	304.36
S / O	1,139.85	—
Gift Aid Tax	264.37	76.09

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**CONFESSION TIMES:**

**St. Edmund's:** Saturdays 11:30am  
**St. Joseph's:** Thursdays 11:45am; Saturdays 5:45pm