

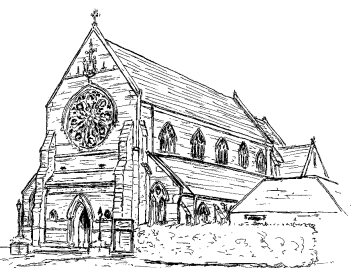
12 JULY 2020
FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME



**ST JOSEPH'S &
 ST EDMUND'S**
CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC
PARISH SOUTHAMPTON
 ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
 PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

STELLA MARIS DEANERY
INCLUDES:

- **ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY**
- **HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK**
- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
LORDSWOOD**
- **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
PORTSWOOD**
- **CHRIST THE KING &
ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE**
- **OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION,
HEDGE END**
- **ST BRIGID, WEST END**
- **ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON**
- **THE ANNUNCIATION,
NETLEY ABBEY**



ODD, CONFUSING, ENIGMATIC AND REVELATORY

Most years, I go out to buy seedlings for the garden and hanging baskets. This year Covid-19 and shielding meant I had to buy seeds online and grow my own. Each and every seed became very precious for me. And then I read this Sunday's Gospel, and how the sower is seen to be scattering his seeds without discrimination and all over the place. No care taken as to how the seeds are broadcast, they fall on rocks, on the path, among the thorns, and on the ground which has presumably been prepared. It is all somewhat haphazard. He has left it to chance. It is odd.

Just after telling the parable to the people, Jesus tells the disciples, His closest followers, "the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them." Now I am a little confused. Soon after saying this Jesus quotes Isaiah to them with an enigmatic explanation, that parables both reveal and conceal the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. Even though they hear the words of a parable, many refuse to recognise the voice of God calling them to conversion of heart and to healing.

Then it begins to become clear. The good news of the kingdom of God has been sown in abundance, even indiscriminately, everywhere in the world. Despite all of the despair and violence that we feel threatens us, we can live in hope. Through the God made incarnate, Jesus, God's kingdom has already come, and what's more it will continue to grow, and will ultimately triumph. The human-and-divine mystery of God's kingdom means that we cannot grasp its meaning as we might do the realities of this world, but when we adopt a humble attitude of prayer, then we become the recipients of faith's understanding and a conversion of heart. Yet, Jesus alerts us, worldly anxiety or greed may demolish our Christian life.

And so today, and every day, let our prayer be that the Holy Spirit will grant us perseverance to live according to Jesus the Christ's Word, so that God's kingdom will flourish in abundance. *Dcn Andy Philpott*

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. God's Word/Grace is lavishly given like a sower scattering seed anywhere and everywhere (Gospel). How would you describe your 'reception' of God's Word/Grace? Are you like 'the edge of the path', the 'rock', the 'thorns' or the 'rich soil'? Why? What do you need to 'do' to be fruitful?
2. God's Word returns having carried out God's will and succeeding (1st reading). How can you assist God's Word? How do you open yourself to God's Word?
3. The whole of creation is groaning towards salvation, St Paul writes (2nd reading). Do you 'groan' seeking salvation? Why? Can you support/help creation as it grows towards salvation? How? *Vincent Harvey*

TODAY SUNDAY 12 JULY 2020

SUNDAY READINGS on the Parish website—read / reflect / ponder / pray.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY & ACTIVITY SHEET for Sunday on the Parish website.

MORNING, MIDDAY AND EVENING PRAYER on the Parish website (can be prayed anytime).

EVENING PRAYER via Zoom tonight (Sunday) at 6:30pm with Father Vincent. If you wish to join him send him an email and you will receive the link at 5pm; also every Wednesday at 6:30pm (again email Fr V or the Office). If there are a lot of us then after Evening Prayer we will go into 'breakout rooms' for a little chat!

MASSES ARE BEING STREAMED AS FOLLOWS:

(WHEN 4G WORKS!..... SORRY WHEN THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN):

- ⇒ Saturday 11am and 6:15pm (Sun Vigil Mass)
- ⇒ Sunday 10:30am (these two alternate between the two churches)
- ⇒ Tuesday 10am
- ⇒ Wednesday 7pm
- ⇒ Thursday 12:15pm
- ⇒ Friday 7pm

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen.

VOCATIONS... Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 12, 2020. "Let everyone heed what they hear." Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Father John Cooke email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 013 2931 8869.

MAX SKUPIEN, a parishioner, is participating in the Half-Marathon on the 9th August. Using the 'Lost Now Foundation' he is raising money for 'The School of Joy' in Palestine (West Bank) **AND** our own 'Catholic Home Care'. See www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/max-skupien

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JULY: Universal: Our Families: That today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

It has become the custom of Pope Francis to release a video message detailing his prayer intention for each month. His text for this month is as follows: "The family ought to be protected. It faces many dangers: the fast pace of life, stress... Sometimes, parents forget to play with their children. The Church needs to encourage families and stay at their side, helping them to discover ways that allow them to overcome all of these difficulties. Let us pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance, and especially, that they may be protected by the State".

A few words from Father Vincent:

Hello..... I hope you have had a good week. If you are in the category who can make the best of the ease of lockdown by going to the pub, a restaurant or elsewhere, I hope it was / is worthwhile. If you are not in that category, patience it will happen! Well that's what I am saying to myself!!

The opening of our churches for private prayer has gone well; thank you to the team who reconfigured the churches and our volunteer stewards. Now we **open for weekday Masses**, Tuesday through to Saturday, **commencing on Tuesday 14th July** (see elsewhere for timings). Again thanks to the team who have covered all the health and practical issues, and the stewards who have volunteered to be present to implement safe procedures. Masses will be either preceded or followed by private prayer/adoration.

If you wish to come to Mass you must book by 4pm the day before. Best to book online at **Eventbrite: see parish website**; if you do not have that facility then do ring the Parish Office and Anne will access the online booking system. Everyone needs to book as we need the names and contact details of all participants for 'track and trace' reasons, in line with Government guidelines (note how this proved useful with a couple of Public Houses during the week!). If you do not book you cannot be guaranteed entrance unless all spaces have not been allocated (St Ed: 45; St Joe: 29). Online booking is easy but if not possible, then as already mentioned, contact Anne in the Office (023 8033 3589). Do not contact the presbytery for this.

Holy Communion will be under 'one kind' only (the Precious Host but not the Precious Blood). After the priest has received Holy Communion he will hold a host high and say to the whole congregation: "The Body of Christ"; all respond "Amen". Then, with a mask or face shield, **he will distribute Holy Communion in silence on the hand only. So come up keeping a social distance from each other and from the priest** (e.g. stretch hands out as far as possible and open hand fully as the priest must avoid physical contact). Return via the side aisles.

Streaming of all Masses using an iPad will continue but does mean that everything (Penitential Rite, Reading etc.) has to be done from the altar. The reader for the Mass will be given a printed sheet with the reading which can be disposed of when finished.

Confessions: we would like to provide the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a Saturday morning. This will happen during Adoration (11.45am-1pm) and take place behind the altar (the Reconciliation Room is too enclosed for safety). The priest and penitent will be side by side (not face to face) but socially distant; the priest will wear a face protector. If you wish to avail yourself of this then please either email or phone Fr Vincent.

I have met with a company for streaming. We looked at both churches. I am waiting for quotes. This will be in the thousands for both churches (and depend on being able to get Wi-Fi installed!!). Will keep you informed as to the process. Meanwhile it is the iPad (which will create real issues/challenges when we commence Sunday Masses; but that's for another time!). Have a good week. Hope to see you during the week..... at a distance!!
Vincent H

OPENING OF CHURCHES + MASS TIMES

St Joseph:

Sundays: 2pm—4pm for silent prayer
Thursdays: **12:15pm Mass**; open until 2pm

St Edmund:

Sundays: 4pm—6pm for silent prayer
Tuesdays: **10am Mass**; open until 12 noon
Wednesdays: Open at 5:30pm with **Mass at 7pm**
Fridays: Open at 5:30pm with **Mass at 7pm**
Saturdays: **11am Mass**; open until 1pm

Streaming of all Masses will continue. As streaming is with the iPad, all the readings will have to be at the altar.

Booking for Masses is essential via Eventbrite; link available on the Parish Website. *St Edmund 45 maximum; St Joseph 29 maximum.*

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LISBON 14—21 OCTOBER 2020

Bookings have been made for our Parish Pilgrimage by our agents and to date 13 people have registered. There is still 5 months until the end of October and until the progress of the Coronavirus can be ascertained we cannot be sure that it will go ahead. *Those who have paid their deposits will be covered by their ATOL protection.* Contact me via the Parish Office if you require further information or a brochure. *Godfrey Doyle*

SOME REMINDERS:

- **Support the Parish financially** if you can. Gift Aid Envelopes can be put through the Office or Presbytery letter box **see also the Website for the Parish Account details**
- **Facebook pages** are alive for the Parish:
 - St Joseph & St Edmund City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton
 - St Joseph's 10am crowd
 - Solent Catholics

WIDER CHURCHES RESPONSE IN THE CITY

Food Banks: as you can imagine there is great pressure on the City Food Banks both in terms of food stuffs and finance. Food is collected at main Sainsbury Stores and can be left at the Presbytery also (ring the bell and leave on the door step). More details as to giving: <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/basics-banks>

Uniting the Churches' response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) we in City Centre Catholic Parish are working with other churches to provide a centralised Church response to the Covid-19 crisis. For full details of the partners go to the Love Southampton Website: <http://www.lovesouthampton.org.uk/>

If you are in need of support or would like to refer someone for support, please complete your details on this form: <https://airtable.com/shrKdFltSDP3b1AIA>

If you would like to volunteer with the churches, to help the city, please express your interest on this form: <https://>

CONGRATULATIONS TO EMILIA & WILLIAM PRAGNELL

who were received into 'Full Communion' with the Church during the week. Our prayers for them and their parents, Teri and Tim, and sponsors.

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CARPET CLEANING: Thank you to Nagendra Mishra from Visualytes, Mike, Andy and his Team from M & B Carpet Care and Unity 101 Community Radio for volunteering to clean the carpets in both of our churches (as well as other places of worship). What a difference! We have given them a donation in gratitude.

COMMUNICARE IN SOUTHAMPTON are still looking for volunteers to help with:

- Telephone befriending
- Shopping/delivering orders
- Providing essential transport

Visit their website: www.communicareinsouthampton.org.uk
Email: volunteer@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk
Phone: 023 8021 6023.

PLEASE SUPPORT CAFOD'S CORONAVIRUS APPEAL to help some those most in need around the world. Over 30 people have pledged to each walk at least 4 miles for CAFOD—to cover the length of Portsmouth Diocese (and more) in the 10,000 steps challenge. Including Jude Maleski and Marina Joyce in City Centre Southampton. Look out for us in the blog: <https://cafodportsmouth.wordpress.com/2020/07/06/72-miles-completed-last-week-on-our-challenge-to-walk-the-length-of-portsmouth-diocese/> and please donate if you can at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Cportsmouth-Aldershot>

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS: *July is traditionally the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus* until 1969, when it was combined with the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Feast of the Most Precious Blood was celebrated on 1st July to begin the month devoted to this dedication. Link to the Litany of the Precious Blood which can be prayed

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *Maria Carey (fall & op. recovery), Donna & James (reconciliation), Teresa Hayter, Brig. Daya W, Daphne Cope, Tina Currie, Anushka P, Pastor Michael Cummins, Laneisha Vaz, Catherine Lyne (99), Joseph Connolly, John Jack, Margaret Hicks, Ewa Evans, Ewa Slinn, Teresa Hodges, Sue Hanrahan, Marisa Tellegen, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Madeleine Clarke, Bunty Weerakoon, Christopher Browne, Pat & Don Devers, Azad & Viyille Perera, George Chesworth, Jean White, Sheila Morris, John Hennessy, Pat O'Neill, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Bobby Murphy, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Doris Leggett, John O'Reilly, Bill Eastman, Shane Wing, Kathryn Morley, NW, Carol Butt, Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Joachim Rodrigues, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Noreen Kealy, Colm O'Riordan, Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Jeanette Brookes, Joy Grant, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, Malcolm Cross, Paul Sassu, Peter Scott, Maria Annunziata, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Pauldia Grant and all those who are ill or undergoing treatment or who have been affected by the Coronavirus in any way.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 12 JULY 2020

*(Church key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

	SAT	11 JULY	VIGIL MASS	PETER MICHAEL CLEARKIN RIP (CC)
	SUN	12 JULY		NOEL PHELAN RIP (GP&DP)
			FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	JIM SHINE RIP (AP)
				DR LAURA & ANDY WASTALL'S 7TH WEDDING ANNIV.— THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
				MARY JANE GUY RIP (CC)
TUES	14 JULY		ST CAMILLUS OF LELLIS	CORNELIUS WALL RIP (HP)
WED	15 JULY		ST SWITHUN	JIM SHINE RIP—THANKSGIVING FOR HIS LIFE (EC&MC)
THURS	16 JULY		OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL	MARK OWEN—HEALING & WELLBEING (JB&MB)
FRI	17 JULY		ST BONAVENTURE	JOEL STOY—BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (RB)
SAT	18 JULY		OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	SEÂN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
SUN	19 JULY		SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
				JIM SHINE RIP (JB&MB)
				DAME VERA LYNN RIP, MALJINI (NIECE) RIP, ROCKY DAVIDSON RIP, JOSEPH DE SOUZA RIP (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)

NORMAL PARISHES MASS TIMES (CHECK IF ONLINE MASSES ARE BEING SAID AT THE MOMENT): Holy Family, Millbrook Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 10:30am; 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 09:30; 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. Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End Sun 09:15; St Brigid, West End Sun 17:30; 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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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 3

12 JULY 2020 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response:

Some seed fell into rich soil,
and produced its crop

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

READINGS 19 JULY 2020 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16—19

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 26—27

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24—43

2ND COLLECTION TODAY APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC HOME CARE

PARISH INCOME 5.7.2020	DONATIONS, STANDING ORDERS & GIFT AID REBATE
Totals	£2,280.89
Donations	430.00
Standing Orders	1,498.71
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18