

**18 AUGUST 2019**

**TWENTIETH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME**

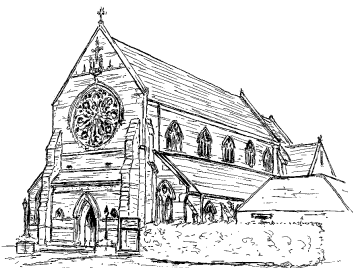


**ST JOSEPH'S &  
ST EDMUND'S  
CITY CENTRE  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
SOUTHAMPTON**

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



## THE FIRE THAT BRINGS NEW LIFE

Part of the final stage in preparation for the 11am Mass in St Edmund, just as the servers are about to light the incense in the thurible, is that one of them closes the door, so that the smoke does not trigger the fire alarm. Fire is dangerous and it is right and proper to be very cautious of it. Even my 2-year old grandson knows this, as he approaches the cooker he raises his hand and says "hot, hot".

But the fire that Jesus speaks of this week is not the destructive fire which razes homes to the ground, or which ravages rain forests in the search for cheap land. This is a Holy fire, a fire that cleanses and purifies; the fire of heat and light. This is the fire of God's presence in the pillar of fire leading the Israelites from slavery; in the burning bush that Moses saw; and in the tongues of fire at Pentecost in that cenacle, the upper room, where the bringing of fire was an endorsement to the disciples, and to the Church, to all of us. As a ritualised fire it can also bring pain and purification, but it eventually leads to conversion and liberty.

Jesus' impassioned impatience is most manifest. He yearns for His baptism, just as He pines to share the Passover with His disciples. This is not another baptism in the Jordan, that was nine chapters ago in Luke's Gospel. This baptism is to come on Calvary, which we refer to and make very clear at the Easter Vigil, when the catechumens are 'buried' three times under the water in baptism and rise in triumph with Christ. Jesus' eagerness is not for the pain of this 'baptism' but for the beneficial effects it produces for all of us.

As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Today we are reminded that those who commit to Him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family. A commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus as in today's Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, the loving thing is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus did not take the easy way and avoid conflict. Today He reminds us His followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and maybe conflict as well.

*Deacon Andy Philpott*

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. "I have come to bring fire on earth..." Jesus is quoted saying (Gospel). What does He mean? Destruction? Death? Purification? How do you see it?
2. Jeremiah 'foretold' the truth, and because of this the soldiers tried to kill Him (1st reading). Do you find it difficult/easy to tell the truth? Why? Do you find it difficult/easy to accept the truth? Why?
3. As witnesses we should "throw off... the sin that clings so easily..." What sins 'cling' to you? Why? What can you do about it? What should you do about it?

*Vincent Harvey*



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Fionn O'Donovan and Rachel Gomez** who were married yesterday (17.8.19) in Reading. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

**MISSION APPEAL TODAY:** We welcome Father Paul Annis who will be preaching the Annual Mission Appeal on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries and their work in Africa, Latin America and Asia, and in particular in the Central African Republic, South Sudan and the Congo.

**RETIRING COLLECTION** in response to the Mission Appeal.

**FATHER ELIJAH** 'supplying' in Charminster for the Sunday.



**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our faith community: **Edward Axworthy**, son of Thomas and Leona, being baptised at St Edmund Church at 12:30pm **BAPTISM** today.

**VOCATIONS:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 18 August 2019. *"I have come to set the earth on fire," Do you want to carry the fire of the Lord to his people as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?* To explore further, call Father John Cooke on Tel No 01329 318 869. or email: [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**RECENTLY DIED:**

**Margaret McConville** RIP late of Threefield Lane, St Mary's. Funeral 2:30pm Friday 23 August at Wessex Vale Crematorium.

**Patricia Povey**, late of Sholing. Funeral arrangements to be confirmed. Please keep their families in your prayers.

**THIS WEEK**

**FOR INFO:**

- Mon Day off: VH/JP
- Tues Police Force IAG: VH
- Wed Team Meeting: VH/AP/JP/EN  
Summer Camp at St Dominic's: VH
- Fri Depart for Lourdes (until 30th): VH/TQ/AP

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP** meet at St Michael's Church, Bugle Street, Tuesdays 6pm—6:45pm.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TEAM MEETING** 7pm  
Wednesday 21 August in St Edmund Presbytery.

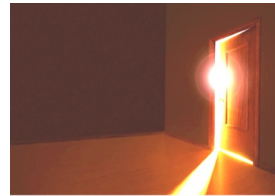
**AL-ANON GROUP** (for families affected by alcoholism) meet 7:45pm—9:15pm Wednesdays at Stella Maris Pastoral Centre, St Michael's Square, Bugle Street, Southampton, SO14 2AH. No appointment needed. Just turn up. Email [enquiries@al-anonuk.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@al-anonuk.org.uk) for more info.

**PILATES WITH HILARY** 10am Fridays in St Edmund Hall. Text Hilary 07786 617 302 to join.

**NEXT WEEK**

**DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH—25TH ANNIVERSARY GARDEN PARTY CREAM TEA** bank Holiday Monday 26 August from 2pm—4pm, Shirley Holms Road, Lymington, SO41 8NH. Tel. 01590 681 874. Entrance Fee: £7 (no charge for children under 5 years). Homemade scones, live music by Forest Folk. See noticeboards.

**FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND** 26 August 2019. £649.00 per person sharing incl. flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com) or tel 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.



**OPEN DOOR RETREAT**

takes place from 7pm—8:30pm on Mondays September 2<sup>nd</sup>—28<sup>th</sup> October in St Edmund Hall, Rockstone Place, Southampton, SO15 2EQ. **Now fully subscribed.**

**LAUDATO SI/ OUR COMMON WORLD WEEK**

In preparation for our celebration of Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' Encyclical on the Environment, we are asking parishioners to help us gather materials needed for our displays. Please, can you collect CLEAN green, blue, clear and white plastic bottles and also any plastic bags? In addition we need cardboard tubes, empty chocolate or biscuit tins (plastic or metal), corrugated card packaging and rigid plastic jars. A box will be provided at the back of the church for collection. *More news and details about our Common World week (28<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October) at St Joseph's will be announced later.*

**A DAY WITH MARY** at St John's Catholic Cathedral, Saturday 7 September starting with Mass at 9.45am celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan and finishing at 5:15pm. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See noticeboards.

**QUIET DAY ~ CALLED BY NAME RETREAT:** Saturday 7 September from 10:30am—4:30pm at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Nunnery Lane, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. Ferry leaves mainland at 9am and returns at 5:30pm. Option of travelling on Friday night on the 8:15pm ferry. Cost is a donation to the Community; lunch is provided and endless coffee and tea. To book a place or for more information contact Patricia Yandell on 07835 948 435 or email [patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk) or Sister Dora on 01983 529 554 or email [doraluzgc@gmail.com](mailto:doraluzgc@gmail.com)

**CAFOD UPDATE MEETING** 18 September 7:15pm to 9pm at St Colman's Church, Portsmouth, PO6 2JJ. Jess Michelmore, Communications Officer for Latin America will be speaking about their work in Colombia and how your donations are making a difference to people's lives. Book by emailing [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)

**CAR PARKING:** Apologies for those struggling to park outside St Edmund Hall during the weekdays (especially for Tuesday Mass or when visiting the clergy). We have been having 'difficulty' with local businesses parking without permission (2 people have permission: a small source of income for us). We are trying to sort the situation!

**MISSION SPIRITUAL QUESTIONNAIRE:** As you know we did a questionnaire in the run up to the Parish Mission to help us plan the Mission. Over the next few weeks we will feedback some of the 'results'. Questions: 518 people filled in a questionnaire (Mass attendance usually between 800-900). To the question 'Why do you come to Mass?'

Fellowship	64	9%
Growth	49	7%
Obligation	44	6%
Prayer	126	19%
Reflection	40	6%
Spiritual Guidance	30	4%
Worship	64	9%
Other	198	29%
No Response	66	10%

### 1ST SEPTEMBER—WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION

A prayer from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales that we can pray:

*Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures  
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of  
Your hands.*

*We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility  
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.*

*In our ignorance we have done damage to our common  
home*

*and our brothers and sisters are suffering.*

*Through faithfully following your Son  
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.*

*Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe.*

*Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You  
have created,*

*using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.*

*Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation  
and drew order out of the chaos*

*help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and  
beauty*

*where the poor of the earth are crying out.*

*You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.*

### PARKING ON 'ROAD WAY' LEADING UP TO THE MAIN DOOR AT ST EDMUND.

Please, please only do this when absolutely necessary as using this space:

- Prevents access for people on mobility scooters
- Means that frail/elderly may have to walk on the grass which can be dangerous.

Please consider others first!

### ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE *Sponsored walk* 10am

Saturday 14 September from Woolston to Hamble and back. Starting point: the car park opposite Southampton Sailing Club, Victoria Road, Woolston, SO19 9EF. All are welcome for the whole walk or a section of it. Alternatively you may wish to do it another time. Directions for the walk will be available. NB: Church members will be raising money for their site redevelopment, but ramblers are welcome to collect for a cause of their choice. See noticeboards.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ... CONFIRMATION ...

**CERTIFICATES:** Not all the First Holy Communion or Confirmation Certificates have been collected/received. If you have not received your Certificate please come into the Inner Sacristy at St Edmund after Mass and collect. Many thanks.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL:** Please sign up for 1 hour/week for 6 weeks 40daysforlife vigil at BPAS Abortion Centre, Royal South Hants Hospital, Brintons Terrace, Southampton, SO14 0YG (if unable to commit each week, whatever you can is much appreciated) ring/text the local co-ordinator Adam Smith-Connor 07535 937 865 or email [40daysforlifesouthampton@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifesouthampton@gmail.com)

**Launch Event:** Tuesday, 17 September (8 days before the vigil starts) 7pm Holy Family Church, Redbridge Hill, Millbrook SO16 4PL. See updates [40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Southampton](http://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Southampton) If you know of anyone who wants to attend the vigil contact Adam to sign them up.

**FATHER VINCENT WILL BE GOING TO LOURDES** on Friday 23rd August. If anyone would like to send petitions, have candles lit please contact him by Wednesday 21 August.

**PRAYER TO PREPARE FOR the Year of God's Word (2020) and the Year of the Eucharist (2021) and for the renewal of our Diocese of Portsmouth. Bishop Philip has asked us to please pray this prayer over the next few weeks for our clergy and laity:**

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we beg you to change us, to convert us and to make us holy. Fill us with a deeper faith, hope and love for you. Send into our hearts the cleansing fire of the Holy Spirit and powerfully renew all the clergy and laity of our Diocese. Unite us in love and respect for one another and unify us as your one, holy people. Grant us a new passion and zeal for the Catholic Faith, for mission, outreach and service. Help us to proclaim your Gospel generously to the poor and needy that many more souls may be saved by finding their way to you in your Church. May Mary Immaculate help us. May St Edmund of Abingdon and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati pray for us. Amen.

Holy Michael the Archangel defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Ewa Evans, Teresa Hodges, Sue H, Karen Bell, Claire Tickell, Anushka Ponniah, Baby Joshuel Sharma, Ranjit, Marisa Tellegen, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Dakshi & Daham Korlage, Madeleine Clarke, Bunty Weerakoon, Jean Mooney, Christopher Browne, Jose Tew, David Spencer, Pat & Don Devers, Valerie Summerton, TG, Roque Vaz, Joanne G, Janet P, Azad & Viyille Perera, Elvira & Rocky, George Chesworth, Margaret Hicks, Jean White, Brian Gardiner, Sheila Morris, John Hennessy, Pat O'Neill, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Eloise Chessman, Bobby Murphy, Abid & Abbas Akperally, Lucky, Sujatha & Mano Dissanayake, 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, Kay Kelly, Colm O'Riordan, Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Alex Boyle, Jeanette Brookes, Joy Grant, Joanne Cunio, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, JL, Malcolm Cross, O'Hanlon family, Paul Sassu, Peter Scott, Maria Annunziata, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Pauldia Grant and all parishioners who are ill.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2019

\*(Church 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	17 AUG	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	SJ	WHEELER & BROOKS FAMILIES—PAST & PRESENT (RK)
SUN	18 AUG	<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM	SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG)
			10:00AM	SJ	BRIAN D'ARCY RIP (BD & GD)
			11:00AM	SE	JUDY BROWN RIP—CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (THEOS)
			7:00PM	SE	LUKE ASABA—FROM MOTHER—WELLBEING (ED)
TUES	20 AUG	ST BERNARD	10:00AM	SE	JUDY BROWN RIP (ROSARY GROUP)
WED	21 AUG	ST PIUS X	7:00PM	SE	ROBERT & FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS (RK)
THURS	22 AUG	THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY	12:15PM	SJ	PETER EDWARDS RIP (F)
FRI	23 AUG	ST ROSE OF LIMA	7:00PM	SE	IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR GIVING US HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST (THEOS)
SAT	24 AUG	<b>ST BARTHOLOMEW</b>	11:00AM	SE	JUDY BROWN RIP—MORNING STAR (THEOS)
			6:15PM	SJ	SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	25 AUG	<b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM	SE	JOSEPHINE RODRIGUEZ RIP (DP)
			10:00AM	SJ	MADELEINE ELIZABETH WARBURG RIP (F)
			11:00AM	SE	JUDY BROWN RIP—ETERNAL JOY (THEOS)
			7:00PM	SE	SIMON BARLOW RIP (SC)

**PARISHES MASS TIMES:** 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 Sat Vigil 17.30; 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 4

**18 AUGUST 2019**  
**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,**  
**YEAR C**

**Psalm Response:**

Lord, come to my aid!

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Open our heart, O Lord,  
 to accept the words of your Son.

**Alleluia!**

**READINGS 25 AUGUST 2019**  
**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18—21  
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 5—7, 11—13  
 Gospel: Luke 13: 22—30

**2ND COLLECTION TODAY:**  
**MISSION APPEAL**  
**COMBONI MISSIONARIES—VERONA FATHERS**

COLLECTIONS 11.8.19	1ST	2nd—Catholic Home Care
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,592.30</b>	<b>£413.24</b>
Cash	831.41	196.94
S / O	1,408.71	148.00
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18	68.30

**CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION**  
**St Joseph: Thursday 11:45am \* Saturday 5:45pm**  
**St Edmund: Saturday 11:30am**