



MAY 1ST 2022 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



IT IS NOT ALL ABOUT YOU AND/OR ME!!!

*My years of seminary formation at St John's Seminary Womersley are years I will forever treasure for three things (**The 3 Fs**): the **Formation** I received, the **Friends** I made and the **Formators** who formed me. My House Formator – Mgr Gerry Ewing and my Spiritual Director – Canon Luke Smith, contributed enormously in shaping my priesthood and spirituality. In a seminary where young men with varied vitalities, visions and vocations are trained, Canon Luke Smith who was our in-house spiritual director always reminded us that – **IT IS NOT ALL ABOUT US!** This statement always had me and my classmates bursting with laughter because one of the modules we studied in Pastoral Theology class was – **IT IS ALL ABOUT ME!** Since I was the one who perfectly diagnosed the pastoral situation, my classmates nicknamed me – **IT IS ALL ABOUT ME!** In today's readings which are centred on recognising the Lord, we hear John the Beloved, telling Peter – **IT IS THE LORD (HO ESTIN KYRIOS)**! This statement which appears three times in our gospel pericope of today, reminds us of who is always in charge. Because the Lord is in charge, Peter, and the other apostles in today's first reading told the Sanhedrin that obedience to God comes first before obedience to men.*

*As I celebrate my 40th Birthday today (1st May 1982), I remind myself that – **IT IS THE LORD! It is the Lord** who blessed me with amazing parents, family members, friends, teachers, folks, and parishioners. **It is the Lord** who chose me as one of His ministers even though I have betrayed Him countless times like Peter. **It is the Lord** who gave me little gifts to help build-up His Church and not for my own self-aggrandisement. Like St John the Beloved, I pray that through my personal life and priestly ministry, I will always point everyone to the Lord and not myself. I join today's Psalmist in praising the Lord who rescued me from the pit of destruction I was plunged into in the past and did not allow my enemies to rejoice over me. Let us always remember, it is not all about us but the Lord. To Him be all praise, honour, glory, and power, forever and ever, Amen.*

Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru

Questions to ponder for the week...

1. "Do you love me?" Jesus asks Peter three times!! (Gospel). Why? Peter appears annoyed! How would you feel in Peter's shoes? Why? How would you respond?
2. "They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus." (1st reading). Do you willingly talk about Jesus with colleagues and friends? If no, why not? If yes, why?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Father Johnpromise's 40th Birthday: Happy Birthday and many Happy Returns Father Johnpromise!

Family Mass at 9am & 10am

Baptism of Grace Dickinson in St Edmund's

Retiring collection towards the maintenance of our churches

Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the churches and we encourage wearing **face masks**

Next Sunday Notices

Fourth Sunday of Easter & **Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Children Liturgy at 9am Mass

Baptisms at St Joseph's & St Edmund's

Concert in aid of Ukraine at 3pm in St Edmund's: see elsewhere

This Week...

Tues Alpha online @ 7pm

St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm

Wed Evening Prayer @6pm..... to join email Dcn Andy
Journey in Faith 7pm

Thurs Richard Rohr Group meet online

For info

Mon Day Off: VH/JP;

Tues Alpha online: VH/JP

SLT: VH/JP/TQ/AP

SCOF meeting: VH

Wed Clergy Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP

Thurs Deanery Clergy Meeting Ashurst

Fri St George: VH

Clergy Ministry Group: VH

CTC: VH

Sat Baptism: VH

Sun Baptism: VH/JP

A Few Words...

Happy 40th Birthday Father Johnpromise! We wish you a 'good' and 'enjoyable' day today (1st May) and pray to God for very many more birthdays! Enjoy! **Bring it on!!!!**

Slowly we are getting back to some form of **normality** both socially, religiously, at work and at home!! We still need to be careful but should be trying to live life as normally as possible. The important thing is to **think of others and be careful** for their sakes, if not our own.

This week we were able to give a **£1000 each** to four charities in the City: **Basic Banks; Poitier Care; Rent Deposit Scheme;** and **CLEAR** (works with refugees). Thank you for your donations (via 'The Poor Box').

Thank you to those who have volunteered to get involved with refreshments (after 9am Mass), though we have struggled contacting some of them! If you have not been contacted do have a word with me! We also need to build on our **welcoming teams** at 9, 11 & 7pm Masses, as well as collectors! Interested? Let me know!

Have a good weekend... Vincent H

Prayers

Pope's Prayer Intention for May. For faith-filled young people! *We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.*

On Thursday, we celebrated the feast of St Gianna Beretta Molla, patron saint of mothers and unborn children. We pray that we, like her, may have the courage to stand up for the lives of unborn children. Lord hear us

Please remember especially in your prayers Laneisha Vaz, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Maria, Mark Evans, Erica Burden, John, Mary O'Reilly, Christopher Browne, Simon and Sue and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

Adoration in St Edmund's is steadily growing, with increasing popularity of our evening Adoration on a Tuesday and a Friday. We are looking for co-ordinators and adorers who are able to commit to regular slots. Please get in touch with Anna in the Parish Office if you feel able to help!

St Edmund's used to offer regular daily Adoration, but presently our numbers of Adorers are low. The Lord is calling us all to examine our schedules to see if we have any time to devote to this beautiful time of prayer...
"Can't you stay awake with me for just one hour?"



Fr Vincent, Dcn Andy, the Parish Office and all in the parish would like to wish Fr Johnpromise a fantastic 40th birthday!

"On your birthday let your heart leap for joy, and praise God with song!" — Psalm 28:7

What's going on?

Interfaith Peace Walk takes place on Sunday 15th May: Commencing at the Peace Fountain in East Park at 12.15pm and finishing at St Edmund's at 4.15pm (having visited Medina Mosque and Nanaksar Gurdwara). Come and join us!

Vocation Sunday takes place on the 4th Sunday of Easter (8th May). The National Office for Vocation has planned a week of events leading up to the day and on the day itself which will help celebrate people living out their vocation and also to encourage discerners as they listen to God's call. This year's theme is 'the Journey', chosen due to the paths we all take on the road to holiness.

All details can be found at:

<https://www.ukvocation.org/vocations-sunday>

What's going on?

Tuesday night marked the start of our Alpha Course and it was fantastic to see everyone who could make it! The course may have started, but that doesn't mean you can't still join... the sessions are Tuesdays at 7-9pm on Zoom.

Alpha is a course designed to give people the opportunity to discuss important faith questions in a welcoming environment. We're here for those with faith, those without and all those in between!



Just follow the below link to the form, or email the office to register! <https://forms.gle/Y5oMa9PzenFC3oLJ7>

CAFOD Group Calling all those with green fingers: we are **planning a PLANT and CAKE SALE**. If you can prepare seedlings, plants, especially herbs, fruit, or veg to donate suitable for sale at the END OF MAY please let us know. mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Appeal for aid for Ukraine. The Polish Social Club have a new collection point - the former ToysRUs building in the city centre. They will be open **Wednesday 4pm-7pm / Thursday 12pm-7pm and Saturday 11am-2pm**. Below is an updated list of the most needed items:

- Non-perishable food •Thermos Flasks
- Liquid containers/canisters (10-20L capacity)
- Bandages •Baby food and milk
- Medical supplies
- Women's hygiene products •Painkillers



Volunteers needed to help sort out donations. Please contact them via FaceBook if you feel able to help.

Financial donations for Ukraine welcome here:

<https://www.caritas.org/donate-now/>
<https://www.siepomaga.pl/southamptondlaukrainy>
https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&_Appeal=123770

Food Banks. Please when shopping buy 'one' extra item to bring to church and put in the box in the porch. The best place to check what donations are needed is:

<https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>

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Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima 12-19th October 2022

Brochures available so please get in touch if you feel you might like to join. Currently a good number have joined!

18-22nd July 2022 Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Bishop Philip Egan will be leading the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes and invites you to join him. We will be flying from Bournemouth airport direct to Tarbes, Lourdes and staying at the hotel La Solitude. All rooms are en-suite and full board. To find out more visit <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes> or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone **07780 221686**

Gospel Charity Concert for the Ukrainian survivors

You are invited to the Gospel Charity Concert for the Ukrainian survivors. Presented by DJ Chilor and friends featuring various Gospel artists and singers. The support through CAFOD fundraising campaign. **Sunday 8th of May 2022 at 3.00pm to 5.30pm** at St Edmund's Catholic Church, Southampton SO17 1NJ

Running for rice pudding!

Last Sunday, Cameron Kerr ran the Southampton Marathon for Southampton City Mission, (Food Banks). By the grace of God he made it to the end (in one piece), in a time of 4:56:24. If anyone would be kind enough to sponsor him (retrospectively) they can do so securely at <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/marathon> or please consider dropping an item at a food collection point: Tesco, Asda, Lidl, Co-op, Waitrose and Sainbury's.

Restored Lives. *'The Church needs to be a safe environment where everybody is welcomed and included no matter their situations and/or circumstances in life; especially young people, women, divorced and/or remarried couples.'*

In our recent Synodal survey where open, exploratory questions were asked, individuals contributed with a number of heartfelt and troubled responses. An area that we still need to work at as church and society is the way we treat those whose marriages have failed for whatever reason, and particularly where people feel alienated. If this applies to you, we have listened and want to respond.

In 2 weeks' time we are offering another opportunity for individuals to join our "Restored Lives" Course. This course helps people to recover from the experiences of divorce or relationship breakdown and rebuild self-confidence. The course outlines the journey from breakdown to recovery, exploring communication, handling conflict, conflict resolution, managing other relationships and letting go.

There are six online evenings **starting on Monday 9th May (7-9pm)**. The course is founded on Christian principles but open to all. You will meet with others at different stages of broken relationships and will have the opportunity to share and explore in a safe and welcoming environment.

To register please contact the parish office or fill in this form <https://forms.gle/BUxycyaxw4GEmitdL9>



Weekly Green Living Suggestion...

This month we are concentrating on transport. Try to **reduce fuel use** by using good driving techniques etc. The RAC and the Energy Saving Trust both have useful tips ranging from good car maintenance to optimum use of air con and heating. See www.rac.co.uk/driv/advice/how-to/fuel-saving-tips www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/efficient-driving Even if you think you know all about this subject it's always good to have a timely reminder.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 1ST MAY*(CHURCH KEY TO CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC MASSES BELOW: SJ = ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BUGLE STREET, SO14 2AH AND SE = ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, THE AVENUE, SO17 1XJ)***Prayer of the Church
Week 3**

Saturday 30th April	6:15pm SJ	Iain MacFirbisigh RIP
<i>St Pius V</i>	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 1st May	9:00am SE	John Smyth RIP
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	10:00am SJ	Kataryna Rojkova RIP (Ann.)
	11.00am SE	Special Intentions
	7:00pm SE	Sean Carrigy RIP
Tuesday 3rd May	10:00am SE	Intentions of Fr Johnpromise
<i>Ss Philip & James</i>		
Wednesday 4th May	7:00pm SE	God's Healing for Jennifer Izuka
<i>The English Martyrs (1535-1680)</i>		
Thursday 5th May	12.15pm SJ	Iris Kuitenbrouwer Birthday Blessings
Friday 6th May	7.00pm SE	Alma Philips RIP
<i>Easter Weekday</i>		
Saturday 7th May	11:00am SE	Thiereelin Family
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen and Stewart Adamson RIP
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 8th May	9:00am SE	Ana Rodrigues Birthday Blessings
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	10:00am SJ	Speedy Recovery for Dr Tracy, Dr Rochelle & Family
	11.00am SE	Dominic Parry RIP
	7:00pm SE	Mirosława Gawronska RIP

1st May
Psalm Response:
I will praise you Lord, you
have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the
scriptures to us. Make our
hearts burn within us as
you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Readings 8th May**First Reading:***Acts 13: 14, 43-52***Second Reading:***Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17***Gospel:***John 10: 27-30***Second Collection Appeal**

for Catholic Home Care

SO: £64.50

Cash: £162.36

Total = £226.86

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As you will have noticed, or be beginning to notice, we are steadily returning to 'normal' with a vast majority of our ministries and voluntary roles. Thanks to those who have come forward to allow us to resume collections during Mass.

As we have restored the collection during Mass we are back to having 'proper' second collections. Any cash donated at the end of Mass will go to the retiring collection that week, if there is one.

24th April Collection

Standing Orders: £387

Cash Donations: £778.66

TOTAL: £1,165.66**2nd Collections:**This week: **Church Maintenance Fund**Next week: **Clergy Training Fund****Confessions:****St Joseph's:** Thursdays 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm (*before Mass*)**St Edmund's:** Saturdays 11.30am (*after Mass*)