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APRIL 2ND 2023 | PALM SUNDAY

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



The Way of Salvation

See, the gates of the city open for the king:

Hosanna! Blessed are you, Lord!

Why will you close over me the tombstone in the garden?

God Saviour, forget our sin, but remember your love

when you come into your kingdom!

I am coming, riding on a donkey colt, as the sign of my glory:

Hosanna! Blessed are you, Lord!

Why will you lead me out among evildoers and accursed ones?

God Saviour, forget our sin,

Your streets are strewn with cloaks thrown on my way:

Hosanna! Blessed are you, Lord!

Why will you defile my body with purple and spittle, my body delivered for you?

God Saviour, forget our sin,

Your hands lift branches at the hour of triumph:

Hosanna! Blessed are you, Lord!

Why will you bruise my forehead with thorns and reeds while mocking me?

God Saviour, forget our sin.

Text of D Rimaud (Fiche de chant H 96)

Fr Vincent

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?' the people asked..." (1st Gospel) Who is Jesus of Nazareth to you us now in 2023?
2. According to Pope Francis, where is Christ crucified today? "*When we resort to violence, we show that we no longer know anything about God, who is our Father, or even about others, who are our brothers and sisters. We lose sight of why we are in the world and even end up committing senseless acts of cruelty. We see this in the folly of war, where Christ is crucified yet another time. Christ is once more nailed to the Cross in mothers who mourn the unjust death of sons and husbands. He is crucified in refugees who flee from bombs with children in their arms. He is crucified in the elderly left alone to die; in young people deprived of a future; in soldiers sent to kill their brothers and sisters. Christ is being crucified there, today*".

Pope Francis Palm Sunday Homily 2022

Vincent Harvey (adapted from Anne Osdieck)

Today's Notices

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Palms blessed at all Masses

St Joseph join with St Michael's at the West Gate for blessing and procession

Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the church

Next Sunday Notices

Easter Sunday: The Lord is Truly Risen.....Alleluia!

The collection is our 'Easter Gift' to our priests.

This Week...

Mon Penitential Service at 7.30pm in St Edmund's Church

Tues 10am Mass cancelled because of Chrism Mass in the Cathedral at 11am

Meditation Group at 6pm in St Michael's

6pm Altar Servers' practice for Holy Week: St Edmund's

Wed Evening Prayer online 6pm

Journey in Faith at 7.30pm

Thurs/Fri/Sat: The Sacred Triduum.....see elsewhere

Sun Evening Prayer online 6pm

For Info...

Mon Day off: VH/JP!

Tues Chrism Mass: VH/JP/AP

Wed Team Meeting: VH/AP/JP

Holy Week Services

Lenten Penitential Service: Monday, 3rd April at

7.30pm in St Edmund's. Visiting priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Maundy Thursday (6th April)

Family Mass of The Lord's Supper in which the children participate more fully: 6.15pm in St Joseph's
Mass of The Lord's Supper and 'Watching' at the Altar of Repose: 8pm in St Edmund's

Good Friday (7th April)

10am Stations of the Cross in St Edmund's Church

11.30am Passion/Stations led by our children/young people in St Joseph's Church

Solemn Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ at 3pm in St Edmund's Church

Holy Saturday (8th April)

Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at 9pm in St Edmund's Church

Easter Sunday: 9am & 11am and 7pm in St Edmund's
10am in St Joseph's

Sacraments

Please pray for all those in our parish who will be Baptised this month: Tutu, Lewis, Etubechi, Sajan, Reuben, Annabelle, Pola, Chizaram, Tsarina & Cruz

We remember them in our prayers as they enter the Faith, and also remember their families and godparents.



A Few Words...

Today is 'Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord' and commences **Holy Week:** the most important week in the Church's Year. **Holy Week** often called the **'Great Week'** because it is when the Church celebrates, in a solemn way the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. In this **'Great Week'**, we are invited to journey with Jesus through His passion to His death and subsequent resurrection.

On Holy Thursday - 8 pm in St Edmund's (6.15 pm for families in St Joseph's) - we celebrate the Lord's Supper, when Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, a Passover with a difference. This was to be His last until the eternal banquet. At supper He not only gave them an example of service (washing of feet), He gave them Bread and Wine, His Body and Blood: "Do this in memory of Me". Then, after Judas left to betray Him - night fell - and Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. We are invited to 'watch' with Jesus until midnight.

After His arrest, trial and sentence, Jesus is led up to Calvary to be crucified and die: **Friday at 11.30am for families at St Joseph's; 3pm at St Edmund's.**

After burial and on the **'first day of the week'** the tomb is empty. Jesus has risen. New life has broken the bonds of sin and death. **This is celebrated at the Easter Vigil at 9pm on Saturday at St Edmund's**, with the Liturgy of Light, Liturgy of Baptism and the Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist.

On Easter Sunday we again celebrate the Resurrection with Masses all day: 9am, 11am and 7pm at St Edmund's and 10am at St Joseph's.

Come and join the Parish as we celebrate that which is central to our faith: Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection.

To prepare us to celebrate Holy Week well we begin with a Penitential Service on Monday (3rd April) **at 7.30pm in St Edmund's Church.** Priests from around the Deanery will be available to hear 'confession'. Do come along and celebrate God's love, mercy, and forgiveness of us all.

Make the Triduum - The Lord's Supper, Crucifixion and Resurrection - **a priority in your week.** The 'Three Days of Salvation' are, to all intents and purposes, one long, three-day, celebration of Salvation History!
Come.....come.....come!

Enjoy Holy Week! Have a good week... Vincent H

Please remember especially in your prayers Michaela, Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue, MH, Anna & all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or distressed.

What's going on?

Catholic Home Care Co-ordinator. We're looking for an energetic, self-motivated, and resourceful individual to take over the role of co-ordinating the activities of the Catholic Home Care. This is a demanding but rewarding post which offers the opportunity to lead a team of caring people who make a significant social impact providing domestic support, to enable elderly people to safely remain in their own homes for longer. You will be making an important contribution to your community and helping local people. The position is part-time, flexible 20 hours per week, Monday to Friday based around core working hours of 9am to 5pm. Office based in Southampton. This post will require a full DBS check. For an informal discussion or more information call Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce **023 8017 0498**. Contact hr@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for job description & application form. **Closing date for applications 10 April with interviews on 14 April 2023.**

One adult, one teenager looking for a room/flat in the SO14 or SO15 area. Looking for around 6 months to a year, please contact 07340 544 615 if you can help.

The Catholic Association to Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 August 18th-25th. After a fallow few years due to Covid 19 the CA have been working hard to ensure that this year we have a medically supported pilgrimage for Adult Assisted pilgrims who need care and support during their journey and time in Lourdes. This requires a nursing and medical team but most importantly a large number of volunteers to support the smooth running of the pilgrimage. Volunteering includes a wide range of roles from making teas and coffees, to pushing wheelchairs. Lourdes is a very special place, and everything is geared around making it a positive and memorable experience for the sick. But for those of us who volunteer it is a week that we never forget, & Our Lady always gives us something in return. If you are interested in joining either as an assisted pilgrim, able-bodied pilgrim, volunteer or a health care professional there are more details on the Catholic Association website: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk> If you have any questions you can also talk to Tina or Fr Vincent who will be going again this year

Thanks to all who came to or supported the joint Southampton Parishes' CAFOD Big Lent Walk this Saturday. If you would still like to support Marina and Jude as they continue the Lenten walking challenge then please see <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/southampton-city-journey-in-faith>

Food Banks Please consider donating to Southampton City Mission Food Bank if you are able to. You can do this by making use of the collection baskets in supermarkets when you go shopping, or by bringing items with you to church to place in the boxes in the porches.

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



Please join CAFOD and Christian Aid on Friday 21st April at 11:15am at St Johns Church Waterloo to pray for leaders to take the action we need to tackle the climate emergency and declare we have no faith in fossil fuels. After the service you can join us we walk together on a short pilgrimage to Parliament. When we reach Westminster, we can join thousands of other people calling for fossil fuels to be consigned to history. Please register here **No faith in fossil fuels: Service and pilgrimage to Parliament (cafod.org.uk)**

Round Britain Sailing Pilgrimage! Celebrating Stella Maris' 100+ years of service to Seafarers & Fishers. Please come and join the launch event and bon voyage Mass, celebrated by Fr Elijah Fru, at our St Joseph's church 11am on Saturday 29th April. Hospitality will be provided in the hall afterwards, hosted by Charles Stuart, Stella Maris Port Chaplain, followed by a stroll down to see the boat off from Ocean Village. This voyage of 2,200 miles over 10 weeks will stop in over 50 ports and holy sites around the UK eventually returning to Portsmouth for a closing celebration at the Cathedral on Sunday 9th July.

Parishioners are welcome to take part in the sailing, or any of the shoreside Gatherings - for details <https://sailingpilgrimages.co.uk/stella-maris/> To apply for a sailing slot, please email

sailing.pilgrimages@gmail.com To join a Gathering, please email info@stellamarismail.org

Green Living

The Green Living Group and our application for the Eco Church Bronze Award

'Eco Church 'is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes. It provides a framework to support your church and its leadership to take practical action on caring for God's earth. It includes a toolkit of resources, an online award survey, The Eco Church survey, with its suite of supporting resources, will help you 'go green' in all areas of your church life. The work will all count towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold Eco Church award. Our survey and its supporting resources are designed to equip your church to express care for God's world in your worship and teaching; in how you look after your buildings and land; in how you engage with your community both locally and globally; and in the personal lifestyles of your congregation. Our survey will guide you and help you assess your progress in five key areas of church life.'

The Green Group Living have just submitted our application for the Bronze Award and now hope to work toward the next level. Ecochurch have asked for a donation to support our application and for the plaque that we will receive. If any parishioners would like to support this award with a financial contribution please contact Fr Vincent, Tina Quinn, or the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 2ND APRIL

SJ REFERS TO ST JOSEPH'S (BUGLE STREET, SO14 2AH) & SE IS ST EDMUND'S (THE AVENUE, SO17 1XJ)

Saturday 1st Apr	6:15pm	SJ	Tkg & God's Blessings Uche Izuka
Sunday 2nd Apr	9:00 am	SE	People of the Parish
<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	10:00am	SJ	For Divine Mercy, Purity, Justification, Holy Love & Favour
	11.00am	SE	Robert Smyllie Health & Wellbeing
	7:00pm	SE	Clayton Masters RIP 1st Anniversary
Wednesday 5th Apr	6.30am	SE	Birthday Blessings Christopher Izuka & Edward Ezuruike
<i>Of Holy Week</i>	7.00pm	SE	For the forgiveness of sins from Lord God Our Father, and from one another
Thursday 6th Apr	6.15pm	SJ	Thanksgiving to St Jude Thaddeus
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	8.00pm	SE	Matthew Moran RIP
Saturday 8th Apr	9:00pm	SE	People of the Parish
Sunday 9th Apr	9:00am	SE	Easter prayers & Blessings to Lord Jesus, Mother Mary, all religions & faith
<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	10.00am	SJ	People of the Parish
	11.00am	SE	Thanksgiving
	7:00pm	SE	For the reign of Lord Jesus Christ, the salvation of God in all the hearts, institutions, nations, families

2nd April

Psalm Response

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory

There will be no Adoration in the church during Holy Week and the Parish Office will be closed Good Friday to Easter Tuesday.

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At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper the Eucharist is taken in procession from where Mass has been celebrated to the place of repose. After the Blessed Sacrament has been placed in the tabernacle there is period of watching and adoration which continues until midnight. The time of watching is one of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament but is not a celebration of Exposition and Benediction. The consecrated host is not exposed in a monstrance and no words are said by the Priest following the Prayer after Communion. It is as much a time of personal prayer.

The Church's celebration of the Paschal Triduum is a remembering (anamnesis) of the events of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. In the period of watching it is both remembering the events following the Lord's supper and adoration of the Risen Christ, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

"Could you not watch with me one hour?"

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We the people of St Joseph's and St Edmund's City Centre Catholic Parish, Southampton, sisters and brothers in Christ, accept as our mission, in the service of God and as a community of disciples:

- to share God's love with all those we meet

- to welcome all so as to help others find and recognise Christ in their lives

- to exercise mercy and

understanding with ourselves and others.



Join the Parish!