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JULY 2ND 2023 | THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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Contradictions and affirmations

The statement made by Jesus in today's gospel: 'Anyone who finds his life will lose it and anyone who loses his life for My sake, will save it', is one of a number of apparent contradictions that we find in Scripture. 'The last shall be first, He became poor in order that we might become rich, the Son of Man came to serve not to be served...'

And Jesus' opening instruction to His disciples 'Anyone who prefers mother or father to Me is not worthy of Me' presents yet another challenge. Jesus is not trying to say that the love of our children or parents is in opposition to our love for Him. Eleonore Stump in her spiritual reflections for this Sunday reminds those who are mothers of those feelings when a second child is born ...can we love this one as much as our first born? I remember this well. It was hard to imagine how I could find the depth and extent of that love that I had for my first son a second time without diluting my love for him. And when my younger son had to have open heart surgery for a heart defect I also found myself pondering the question.... How would I cope if either of my sons were taken away from me through death or illness?

St Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds the Church that if we are prepared to die with Christ, we shall also live with Him. We must be prepared to empty ourselves to be filled with God's love and God's life and it is this love which enables us to give love to others in ways that we cannot comprehend. It has allowed me to accept that my children (now young adults) are a gift from God and that they are not mine to hang onto if God has other plans.

In our First Reading we witness life being given and life being taken away. The childless woman is given a son; he dies as a young man but when Elisha visits as God's emissary he brings the child back to life.

Jesus also mentions the need to place our fathers and mothers second in ranking in His instructions which does not sit comfortably with our reading of the fifth commandment 'Honour your Father and Mother'. In the context of families and relationships I am reminded as I prepare for another Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes that those whom I travel with and serve year on year, have become another family, a God given family and I would also say that of our own parish that it is also family. When my mother died in 2017, I found the loss extremely hard and wondered how I would manage without an earthly mother. God in His love and kindness has given me my spiritual mother and Our Lady calls me and my pilgrimage family back to see Her in Lourdes each year.

In our Alpha meeting last Tuesday, we wrestled with the question of 'Why did Jesus die?'. He died that we might live! These apparent contradictions in Scripture and in our understanding of faith encourage us to go deeper to make sense of them and to become the empty vessel in order that we can be filled with God's love and God's life, which is not in competition but in affirmation.

Tina Quinn

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water.....he will most certainly not lose his reward" (Gospel). When have you 'welcomed' someone in need (our mission statement!)? When have you reached out to another?
2. Elisha is recognised as a 'holy man' in our 1st reading. What makes someone holy? What are the indicators of 'holiness'?
3. We were "...baptised in 'Christ's death'.....so we might live a new life" St Paul writes (2nd reading). What does that 'new life' mean to you? How do you live it? Do you live it?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Family Mass where children participate more fully in the Mass at 9am & 10am

Our thanks to Fr Tom for presiding at the 9 & 11am Masses so that Fr Vincent can participate in Ambrose Chou's Ordination to the Diaconate

The Retiring Collection is for Peter's Pence which is a fund used at the Pope's discretion for charitable purposes

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

Next Sunday Notices

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Retiring Collection is for Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea)

Baptism in St Edmund's

This Week...

Tue Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's
Alpha @ 7pm in St Edmund's Hall

Wed 'Arrival' of Relics of Scottish Saints: St Edmund's
Evening Prayer @ 6pm... to join email Dcn Andy

Thurs Richard Rohr Group @ 5pm on Zoom

Fri Activated Disciple via Zoom

Sun Evening Prayer @ 6pm... to join email Dcn Andy

For Info...

Sun VH in St Mary's, Oscott

Mon Day off: VH/JP

Tue Springhill Chaplaincy: VH/JP/AP
St George's Governors: VH

Wed Clergy Team: VH/AP/JP
Mass at St Anne's: VH

Thurs SLT with Fr Mark: VH/LW/TQ/JP/AP

Fri Interviews for CHC manager
Clergy Support Group: VH

Sat Wedding: VH

Prayers

Pope's Prayer Intention for July For a Eucharistic life



We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

When is there Adoration in St Edmund's?

Tuesdays 10.30am - 8pm / Wednesdays 10am - 12pm

Thursdays 10am - 5pm / Friday 1pm - 7pm

If you would like to join please get in touch with Anna

Please remember especially in your prayers Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Michaela, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue, Paul Hughes, Pat, Oliver, Carla Forte, Donna Cowan & all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or distressed.

A Few Words...

Today I am at St Mary's, Oscott, to concelebrate at the **Ordination to the Diaconate of Ambrose Chou**. Ambrose, you may remember, spent a week with us here at the beginning of the year working in the Parish. Please pray for him as he takes this major step on the way to Ministerial Priesthood.

Welcome to Joy Mullin who will be working with Anna in the Parish Office to deal with 'routine' calls, bookings, Mass Intentions and the like. Joy starts with us this week.

On Tuesday **Deacon Andy** celebrates the 19th anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate. Happy Anniversary Andy; and thank you for your ministry with and among us.

The Relics of some Saints of Scotland will be in St Edmund's on Wednesday evening. For more information see elsewhere in the newsletter.

If you wish to join the **Holy Land Pilgrimage** which I am leading in 2024 please ask for a brochure (some at the back of churches). We need to book before 14th July.

Finally, and importantly, in the next week or so we will be having a **'fire test'** when the emergency alarms will be set off in St Joseph's and St Edmund's to test how quick we evacuate the building!! Which Masses? Ah.....that's a secret.....**just be alert!**

Keep cool and have a good, satisfying, and holy week.

Thanks Vincent H

Sacraments

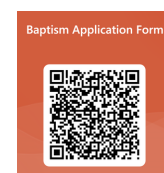


Please pray for Franciszek and Arpad who are due to be Baptised this month. We remember them in our prayers as they enter the Faith, and also remember their families and godparents.

Please pray for Maria Lovato who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will be Tuesday 4th July at 11.30am in St Edmund's.

Pray for Jose Tew whose Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 11th July at 10am in St Edmund's and then burial in Hollybrook Cemetery. May Jose rest in peace.

Pray also for Alice O'Donnell who died peacefully on Saturday evening (24th June). May she rest in peace. We pray for Caroline, Elizabeth and Rory. May Alice rest in peace. Alice's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 26th July at 12.15pm in St Edmund's Church.



If you would like your child baptised please fill in the online application form. Once filled in Anna or Joy will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation course.

What's going on?

Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle. The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation** hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm. Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar. All welcome.

Peter's Pence Collection Annual Collection: An important collection in the work of the Holy See in favour of the Holy Father's apostolic and charitable ministry. See the website <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/giornate-dell-obolo.html>.

Peggy Bell RIP The Olding family wish to thank parishioners and friends who came to celebrate Peggy's Requiem last week, and for their prayers for such a resilient, kind lady. Your friendship, prayers, welcome and the refreshments were so appreciated and made such a difference to the celebration of her life!

Springhill Catholic Primary School are looking for Foundation Governors. A foundation governor is a practising Catholic. You don't have to have any experience in education - training will be provided. Meetings are once a month on a Monday evening. Having school governors is essential as the role of the governor is to support the school by asking questions. If you'd like to find out more, please contact the school office on info@springhillcatholic.net and the head teacher will give you more information about the role before you make a decision if it is something you can commit to.

If you have received a parking ticket for parking correctly in St Ed's back carpark (i.e., the gravel), please call 01202 757 050 & speak to Abby who can assist here. The Parish office will not be able to speak on your behalf.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break. **Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July.** It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection enables Stella Maris to continue its important work so please give generously.

Green Living & Gardening!



If you are making 'Bug Hotels' for St Ed's garden then please **bring them to church weekend of July 9th.** Here's a helpful step by step guide...

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/09/how-to-build-a-bug-hotel/>



KSC National Relics Tour 2023 - coming to this Parish!

This coming Wednesday the Relics of St Columba, St Margaret and St Andrew will be coming to St Edmund's Church, along with the Fraternal Cross and the St Columba Cross. This is part of a National Tour of the Relics and we are very honoured to be able to bring these Relics to your Parish and allow Parishioners to venerate these Relics after 7pm Mass.

The relics on display encompass a diverse array of saints, each with their own compelling story and heavenly intercession. Among the treasures to be showcased are relics of Saint Andrew, Apostle and Martyr, who was the brother of Saint Peter the First Pope; relics of Saint Margaret of Scotland, whose charity and piety was well known throughout her realm; and relics of Saint Columba of Iona, the patron saint of The Order of the Knights of Saint Columba, renowned for their missionary work and founding of monasteries.

The relics will then progress down through Hampshire via Basingstoke, Eastleigh, Southampton, Park Gate, I.O.W., & then Poole & Glastonbury. The Relics come to St John's Cathedral Portsmouth on Saturday 15th July and depart the Cathedral after 6pm Mass Sunday 16th.

"The National Relic Tour 2023 is an extraordinary occasion for all Catholics to come together, be inspired by the lives of the saints, and experience the power of faith," said Henry Welsh, Supreme Knight of the Order of the Knights of Saint Columba. *"We invite everyone, from the young to the old, to join us on this remarkable journey of spiritual enlightenment and renewal."*

We thank Fr Vincent for allowing us to bring these Relics to your Church and Fr Johnpromise who will welcome the Relics and lead devotions.

CAFOD update on the conflict in Sudan. Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Your donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries. Find out more on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>

The next parish pilgrimage will be to the Holy Land next year. The pilgrimage will begin **29th February and will finish on the 7th March 2024.** If you would be interested in the Holy Land do let Fr Vincent know, or collect an info package at the back of church. Cost £1,475 for a shared room with single available for a supplement. **Deposit and booking required by 14th July.** Details in the information package alongside sign up information.

Food banks please see link for urgent needs <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 2ND JULY

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

Saturday 1st July	6:15pm SJ	People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd July	9:00am SE	Phyllis Steinberg RIP
<i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	Thanksgiving for the person, gift, the giving of Chimaobi Atipe Chukwuneke
	11:00am SE	Theos Elohim Thansgiving
	7:00pm SE	Lhima Obia Chukwuneke God Blessings & Thanksgiving
Tuesday 4th July	10:00am SE	For Strength, Faithfulness & Peace of the Persecuted Children & Servants of the Lord Our God
<i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>		Suliette White RIP
Wednesday 5th July	7:00pm SE	Cecilia & Peter Marshall RIP
Thursday 6th July	12:15pm SJ	Alfred Azzopardi RIP
Friday 7th July	7:00pm SE	
Saturday 8th July	11:00am SE	MASS CANCELLED DUE TO WEDDING
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
Sunday 9th July	9:00am SE	For Children & Christian Homes to be One in God & in Christ
<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	Dot & John Philpott RIP and Ricardo Cruz RIP
	11:00am SE	Elia Ouseph RIP
	7:00pm SE	People of the Parish

2nd July

Psalm Response

I will sing for ever of Your love, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

9th July

1st Reading:

Zechariah 9: 9-10

Psalm: 144

2nd Reading:

Romans 8: 9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Parish Bank Details

Setting up a standing order from your mobile or online banking is the easiest way!

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CDP SOUJE

Sort Code 30-93-04

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Diocesan Website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our 9am Sunday Mass in St Edmund's offers a children's liturgy of the word for all children 3+ up until the children have received their First Holy Communion.

We have a great number of children join each week but we need more volunteers to be able to continue. This will be a term time commitment only. If you don't want to lead a session you do not need to, we mainly need DBS'd adults for our safeguarding ratios.

If you are interested in joining please email

Anna on:

safeguarding@

southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

You will need to have DBS for work with children before you can begin in the role. Contacting Anna above will begin this process.

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!