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OCTOBER 2ND 2022 | 27TH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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Increase our Faith?

This weekend, as so often happens in the gospel, we are invited to listen in as Jesus teaches His disciples. He warns them not to scandalise others and so lead them into sin. He follows on by saying that when someone seeks repentance you must forgive them, no matter how often they seek forgiveness. It's then that the disciples, probably aware they are unable to do this, say, "increase our faith". Jesus simply responds saying that if their faith were the size of a mustard seed they could cast a mulberry tree into the sea!

I often saw this as a criticism of the disciples and their lack of faith. But it is rather an affirmation of the faith they have, small though it may be. The key is that they do have faith, even if it is as small as a mustard seed! Nevertheless, it is faith, whether strong or weak!

I suppose it is because it is not so much about quantity (how much faith) as about quality (simply having faith). Having faith, small though one may judge it to be, is the key to who we are as followers of Christ, and who we are as Catholic Christians. And faith, of course, is about a relationship: my relationship with God through Christ; my relationship with others to God through Christ.

The Church's teaching, our knowledge of scripture and doctrine, does not replace faith, but can help us to understand more fully what our faith is about, and how we can continue to deepen it, live it, express it, and enable others to experience it and do likewise.

St Paul, writing to Timothy, in our second reading, encourages him to turn into a flame the gift that God gave him. It is, as he goes on to write, something precious: it is so precious that the Holy Spirit lives in us to enable us to live this precious life-giving relationship which we call faith.

Do not judge yourself, and certainly never others, in terms of quantity of faith, but in quality of faith! In other words, you have faith, others have faith, we all have faith, God willing! Our responsibility is to endeavour to deepen the faith we have by prayer, generosity, concern for others, knowledge, and a desire to be the person God has created me/us to be!

Vincent Harvey

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed....." Jesus says to the apostles, you could cast a mulberry tree in the sea! How would you describe your faith: weak or strong? Up and down? At least you have faith! How can you grow it?
2. Habakkuk in our 1st reading thinks God does not listen! Have you had that experience? When? How did you deal with it?
3. ".....fan the gift that God gave you....." St Paul tells Timothy (2nd reading). What 'gifts' do you have that you need to 'fan' so they improve? Can you do that with the gift of faith?

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Today's Notices

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Family Mass at the 9am & 10am Mass

Second Collection for Church Maintenance Fund

CAFOD Appeal talks at the end of all Masses

Mass Counts at all Sunday Masses

Please continue to sanitise hands upon entry to church

Next Sunday Notices

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass

Second Collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day

Fatima Pilgrimage Gathering at 2pm in St Edmund's Hall

Mass Counts at all Sunday Masses

This Week...

Mon Baptism Preparation Course on Zoom @ 7pm

Tues Baptism at St Joseph's

St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm

Alpha Course in St Edmund's Hall @ 7pm. Come along!

Pre Marriage Course on Zoom @ 7pm

Adoration in St Ed's until 8pm (weekly - do join!)

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

Journey in Faith after 7pm Mass

Sat. Bethany Group

EST Reflection Day in St Joseph's Ashurst

For Info...

Mon VH/JP day off

Tues Priests' Conference in Portsmouth: JP
SLT

Wed Team Clergy Meeting: JP/VH/AP

Thurs Clergy Deanery Meeting

Fri St Anne Inset Day in St Edmund's: JP
Clergy Support Group: VH

A few words...

I had a great holiday: 2 weeks in Umbria and a few days with friends and my sister. Now back to the grind!! Not really! I love what God has called me to! Mind you, off again soon to Fatima to lead our Parish Pilgrimage together with Godfrey Doyle.

Saturday Mass this week (8th) will be at 10am and there will be no Confessions, as the EST are having a day of reflection in St Joseph, Ashurst. Pray for them.

Several people, clergy and laity, have died recently, a reminder of our mortality and the importance of faith. Pray for them and their families: see elsewhere. May all who have died rest in peace.

The synodal responses continue to be reflected upon by the SLT and EST and priorities are emerging. As mentioned before, areas/issues like identifying leaders/skills; enabling people to feel good about belonging to the Church; creating structures of discernment (there will be an evening in October on discernment; also possibly more in Advent); young people (post FHC and also teens and older!); enabling people feel and experience being 'welcomed' and 'valued' for who they are. Watch this space!

Have a good week... Vincent H

Sacraments

Please pray for all who have recently died: Fr Wally Beale, Fr Roy Bennett, Mr Keith Duijvesteijn, Fr Kevin Jones, Mr Jan Magdziarz, and Mrs Rose Wicks.

Fr Wally and Fr Kevin's funerals have taken place and Fr Roy Bennett's will be in the Immaculate Conception (Portswood) this coming Thursday (6th) at 12 noon.

Keith Duijvesteijn's funeral will be at St Joseph's, Bugle Street, on Wednesday (5th) at 11am. Our condolences to Helmy, Arno and Marcel.

Mary Rush's funeral will also be at St Joseph's on Friday (7th) at 1pm. Our condolences to Marian, Phil and Joan.

Jan Magdziarz's funeral will be on Friday, 21st October, at 10am in St Edmund's.

May they all rest in peace.

Please keep in your prayers all those who are due to be baptised this month Cadence Castillo, Oliver Alexandru Joshua and Oliver Gough, Eleanor Bradley, Natalia Tunczyk, Mark and Lanene Rosal, Valentina Da Silva and Jakub Gniadek-Gregor. We pray for them and their families as they enter the faith!

First Holy Communion registration has not started yet. and as soon we have plans to begin registration we will announce via the Newsletter, Website & at Mass. Responding to the same requests is taking considerable time, so we would kindly ask people to wait for updates. <https://www.southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org/first-holy-communion>

Prayers

Please remember especially in your prayers

Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, John, Mary O'Reilly, Valerie, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Carmen Escorcio, Simon, Bernadette, Sue, Clifford Cross, Kelly and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.



Parish Rosary Group. If you would be interested in joining an in-person rosary group please follow this QR code, or contact the Parish Office. It would be lovely to restart an evening group if there is an appetite.



We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them.



Lord hear us

Adoration. St Edmund's needs more Adorers during the week. Please contact Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to join! The gaps we need filling most are: **Monday 12 - 5pm, Wednesday 11am - 4pm and 5-6.30pm, Friday 12 - 2pm**



What's going on?

Alpha starts this week! We are once again running an Alpha Course in the Parish beginning on the 4th of October in St Edmund's Hall. Alpha is a lovely opportunity to meet new people, to talk on some of life's big questions and a place to feel at home. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from Alpha please sign up or invite them to do so via the website or see this link:

<https://forms.gle/VWui4B5XszsuS6178> There are cards & posters with QR codes at the back of church

Parish Database Census/Registration. Some months ago we invited all parishioners to complete an up to date registration/census form for the Parish. **There still remains a large number of parishioners not on the database.** Please consider completing a paper form, using the link on the website front page or scanning the QR code on the back of the Newsletter under 'Join Parish'. This Parish Database is brand new, **meaning we have no carried over any old information**, meaning those who did not fill in a new form when we appealed are not on the database.

Organ Donation Awareness Week Ends. Thousands of lives in the UK are saved or transformed each year by organ transplants. If you want to become a donor after you die you could save and improve the lives of up to nine people through organ donation and even more if you also donate tissue. Every day in the UK, someone dies waiting for an organ transplant, because there just aren't enough organ donors. There are currently more than 7000 people waiting for an organ transplant in the UK.

ADORE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning 22 October 10.00-1.00 "Do whatever He tells you" - we pray and act as Jesus did. Our special guest speaker is Allegra Mutanda, Director of Evangelisation and Leadership at St Peter's Winchester. Starts with Mass at 10.00 and also includes Adoration, Prophetic sharing, Praise, Testimony and discussion. Please register for the Zoom at bit.ly/ADOREOCT2022

Maryfield Care Home (formerly Maryfield Convent Residential Care Home, London Rd., Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9LA) has re-opened under new management we are very keen to maintain the Catholic ethos of the home. Mass is celebrated daily in the adjoining convent chapel where residents are welcomed by the Dominican Sisters of Malta. The home provides continuous quality care, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We presently have vacancies. If you would like to arrange a visit, or require further information, please call: **01256 643 508** or email manager@maryfieldcarehome.com

Bedsit sought: Pella Dobbs, a new parishioner, is seeking a house-share/bedsit. If you would like to rent out a room do contact her:

pelagiadobbs@gmail.com; **07495992489**

What's going on?

Rotary Shoebox Appeal. It has been warming to see that all of our boxes have gone! We have been supplied with some more, so do take one home if you want to support where you can. **Boxes must be returned the weekend of 15th/16th of October** as they shall be collected during the week following.

Journey in Faith / RCIA Course For anyone looking to find out more about the Catholic Faith - come along and ask your questions, find out what the church teaches and what it means to live as a Catholic. This group also offers preparation for adult (18+) Baptism, Confirmation or Reception as a Catholic. **Meetings are Wednesday evenings starting this week at 7:45pm in St Edmund's Hall.** No need to register, just turn up! A warm welcome awaits you, come and see...

Volunteers needed!

Baptism Preparation Team Members. Baptism is the first and most important sacrament that our children will receive. We need more hands-on deck. You will be part of a team & given training. Please contact Tina or the Office for more info.

Parish Office Admin Assistant. The Parish Office is in need of a volunteer to help with the day to day running of the office. The individual will be comfortable answering phones, dealing with parishioners coming to the door and offering support in simple administrative areas. Preferably 3 days a week, hours and days flexible. Please contact Anna in the office to discuss.

Altar Servers. Now that the summer has come to a close, we are looking to start training new altar servers and encourage those interested to sign up! This week we have forms at the back of church for all altar servers and their parents (if under 18) to fill in. We need to refresh our altar server database, so all altar servers are invited to fill in the forms. Details of training will be announced once we have collected in the forms and have an idea of numbers.

Preparing Meals. Prior to Covid the Parish had a small rota of volunteers who would occasionally prepare meals for Parish Groups, it would be great to get this going again. Meals are such a powerful way of connecting with each other. If you might be able to help with preparing some food please contact Anna in the Parish Office to discuss.

Designated Alpha Prayer People. We would like a small number of people who would be happy to keep our Alpha groups in their prayers over the course, praying for the team and for our guests that all may be filled with Holy Spirit and brought closer to God. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to support our group in this way.

Weekly Green Living Suggestions...

This Saturday we have celebrated a shared liturgy on the Common with Avenue St Andrews. It was lovely to connect with people from other churches, and to meet some new members of our parish Green Living group. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in coming on board then please get in touch!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER

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

Saturday 1st October <i>St Teresa of the Child Jesus</i>	6:15pm SJ	For the Salvation & Fullness of God for all Israel, Chukwuneke Family, Ikwueke Family, Izuorah Family, Igoh Family, Igbos and Nigeria
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 2nd October <i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am SE	Ann Hogg RIP
	10:00am SJ	For the Manifestation of the Bride of Christ, New Jerusalem & the Sons of God
	11.00am SE	Richard Haynes RIP
	7:00pm SE	Quintus, Gamini G., Indira, Sullakshi, Kumi, Lalith & Kanthi B'Day Blessings
Tuesday 4th October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	10:00am SE	Eileen Frances Kingwell RIP
Wednesday 5th October <i>St Faustina Kowalska</i>	7.00pm SE	Jean Rickman RIP
Thursday 6th October <i>St Bruno</i>	12.15pm SJ	Judith Aguocha Birthday & Protection for Whole Family
Friday 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	7.00pm SE	In Thanksgiving for Our Lady & Her Fiat & for an Increase in Rosary Prayers
Saturday 8th October <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10:00am SE	Barbara Waas RIP
	6:15pm SJ	Seán & Kathleen and Stewart Adamson RIP
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 9th October <i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am SE	Rosalie Smith RIP
	10:00am SJ	Pat Grant Birthday Blessings
	11.00am SE	For the Manifestation of the New Heaven & Earth & the Glory of God
	7:00pm SE	Thanksgiving for Erica

2nd October**Psalm Response:**

O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Speak Lord, Your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life.

*Alleluia!***25th Sept 1st Collection**

SO: £638

Cash: £1,055.18

TOTAL: £1,693.18

Thank you.

Readings 9th October**First Reading:***2 Kings 5: 14-17***Second Reading:***2 Timothy 2: 8-13***Gospel:***Luke 17: 11-19***Pilgrimage to Fatima Meeting**

Sunday 9th 2pm in St Edmund's Hall. All pilgrims welcome, to discuss the day and coach.

Confessions St Joseph's on

Thursdays at 11.45am &

Saturdays 5.45pm and at **St****Edmund's** on Saturdays after the 11am Mass**CONTACT DETAILS****Parish Priest:** Monsignor Canon Vincent HarveyEmail Address: vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 023 8033 4891**Assistant Priest:** Father Johnpromise UmeozuruEmail Address: jumeozuru@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 02380 172 104**Presbytery Address:** 14 Rockstone Place, Southampton, SO15 2EQ**Deacon:** Deacon Andy Philpott aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**Parish Secretary:** Miss Anna Smyllie 023 8033 3589

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Parish Email: office@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.orgParish Website: www.southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org**Pastoral Assistant:**Tina Quinn tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**Catholic Home Care:** catholichomecare@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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The parts required to fix the boilers are on order, but the wait time for their arrival is 3-4 weeks so there is a wait involved.

The only optimistic thing about it is we shall save on the utility bill... but we do encourage you to bring your coats with you to St Edmund's as it will likely be rather cold.

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!**