



JULY 3RD 2022 | FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Do not be afraid.....

In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus sending out seventy-two others ahead of Him, in pairs, to all the towns and places He himself was going to visit. We ought to think about how Jesus sends us out today. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we are sent to accomplish the Lord's will, to try and align our will with His.

St Charles de Foucauld lived his Christian faith with simplicity and intensity. In his early years he describes himself as totally selfish and full of vanity, engulfed by a desire for what is evil. In 1880 Saint Charles travels to Algeria and that is where everything changes for him. His fundamental principle is simple: Carry the Gospel with you, not by preaching it with your mouths, but by preaching it through your examples; not by proclaiming it, but by living it.

The work of discipleship is deeply challenging. Yet today's readings keep pulling us back to joy. We hear over and over "rejoice". In the face of challenges, God will always be there to console us, comfort us, and bring us everlasting peace.

I recently got back from a silent retreat at Minsteracres near Durham. Initially I did not want to go, as it was a very long journey, it was an unfamiliar location and there wasn't much to do there. I went there with a list of all the things I wanted God to do for me, but He showed me that my problems weren't that important. It was better for me to listen to God. Like in our Gospel, being sent out into the world helps us to keep our eyes raised up towards heaven, focused on the eternal life that God has promised us through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

How many ways of teaching do you have Lord? How gentle and caring You are when we are at our weakest and lowest. Teach me to rest in You, teach me to trust in You, teach me to love You. Give us the strength we need Lord to do Your will.

Nathan King

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. ".....ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest" Jesus says in today's Gospel. What does He mean? What is the 'harvest'? Who are the 'labourers'? Does this speak to you at all? How?
2. "Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her!" Isaiah writes (1st reading). How can one love a city? What is Isaiah meaning? What is he saying? Does he see it as more than just a city?
3. Can you, like Paul, boast about the 'cross of our Lord Jesus Christ' (2nd reading)? How? Do you 'suffer' for the sake of others? When?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Canon John Cooke at 6.15pm & 10am to talk about vocations to the Ministerial Priesthood

Family Mass at 9 & 10am when the children get more involved in the celebration

Journey in Faith social gathering

Please continue to return your **Parish Registration Forms** to the Office or to Welcomers

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

Next Sunday Notices

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sea Sunday)

Children Liturgy at 9am Mass

Retiring Collection for Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)

This Week...

Mon Restored Lives @ 7.30pm

Tues St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm

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

Sat Final FHC Celebration in St Joseph's Ashurst

For Info...

Mon VH/JP Day off

Tues SCOF: VH

Wed Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP/NK

Supervision: VH

Thurs Baptism: VH

Deanery Meeting: VH/JP/AP/NK

Fri Jesu Caritas: VH

Clergy Ministry Meeting: VH

A Few Words...

I hope you have had a good week and managed to avoid COVID. I seem to know more people with COVID now than I did in the height of the pandemic! It does show us that, although we must get back to ordinary life, we must just be cautious in terms of people's personal space and also our personal hand hygiene!

Deacon Andy celebrates his 18th anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate tomorrow (4th July). Thank you Andy for your ministry, especially amongst and with us here in City Centre Parish. Thank you also to Myra for willingly supporting him in this ministry.

This weekend we welcome again **Canon John Cooke** who will be presiding and preaching at the 6.15pm & 10am Masses in St Joseph's and preaching on vocations to the Ministerial priesthood.

The **Parish Closer to Christ** campaign to raise funds for the training and support of active & retired priests has reached £226,000..... **£14,000 to go!!** Please do consider contributing. More about this at Mass and next week. If we can go over the target it would be amazing.

Have a good week... Vincent H

What's going on?

The National Holocaust Centre & Museum and the Jewish Museum of Greece have launched '**Ordinary Objects, Extraordinary Journeys**' which provides a unique and interactive experience, following the journeys of four individuals affected by the Holocaust through an interactive map and objects belonging to them. Have a look: <https://www.hmd.org.uk/news/ooej-launches/>

Nagina Kaleem in Southampton produces very attractive needlework and also leads a sewing class in which fellowship and cross-cultural exchange can take place; these classes are free and are held weekly at Mayfield Nursery in Weston. She also runs a number of projects: **Operation Joy for Asia** - Supporting Girls' Education in Pakistan; **Health First Asia** - Aiming to help Girls' & women's personal needs not only in Pakistan but also here; **Cross Culture Hub** - a sewing group to provide immigrants a platform to learn new skills and make friends in a new country instead of living in their own pockets; **Cancer Awareness Campaign** - to educate people that early treatment and seeking medical help can save many lives. See these articles: <https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/20054982.asian-cancer-survivor-breaks-cultural-taboos-stigmas/> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-61326163?> Contact Nagina: crossculturehub@gmail.com

Prayers

Requiem Mass for Frankie Bennett on Tuesday, 5th July at 11.30am in St Joseph, followed by interment in Hollybrook. Please pray for Frankie and also for his mother, Sadie and Liz & John (sister and brother).

We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life.
Lord hear us.

Please remember especially in your prayers Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, Doreen Nelson, the Roberts family, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, Mary O'Reilly, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Diana Elena, Simon, Sue, Zoe and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

An Appeal for new (or returning!) Adorers... Please consider joining our Adoration team, either as a coordinator or an Adorer. It is so lovely to see our numbers rising, but we still have lots of gaps... **Please get in touch** with Anna (07956 379 542) if you feel able to help/join!

The gaps we need filling most desperately are:
Monday 1.30pm onwards, Wednesday from 3pm - 6.30pm (i.e., until Mass), Thursday 10-11am, Thursday 3pm onwards, Friday 10-11am & 12-1pm

What's going on?

Welcome to Canon John and Mrs Clare Ryan at the 6.15pm & 10am Masses to talk about vocations to the Ministerial Priesthood (they were in St Ed's a few months ago).

World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023 *Calling all young people across the diocese!*

If you are going to be aged 16 or above by July 2023, you are invited to join with like-minded young people from across the diocese to journey on pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day. This world-wide gathering is planned to take place 1st - 6th August 2023. This is a life changing experience for all those who accept the invitation and this pilgrimage, led by Bishop Philip, is set to be the best one yet!

But hurry, spaces are limited! Please register your interest ASAP to get your name on the list. Fill out this form:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aXEQD-](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aXEQD-Bnr06EKJ6fBeloq4Ug0oGaaJ9FufUVxIRZLQxUMkdUODIWRjJDRVJPWjjJSSkVVUllFSohXQy4u)

[Bnr06EKJ6fBeloq4Ug0oGaaJ9FufUVxIRZLQxUMkdUODIWRjJDRVJPWjjJSSkVVUllFSohXQy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aXEQD-Bnr06EKJ6fBeloq4Ug0oGaaJ9FufUVxIRZLQxUMkdUODIWRjJDRVJPWjjJSSkVVUllFSohXQy4u)

CAFOD - FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM Wednesday 6th July in Christ the King and St Colman's church at 7.30pm we will meet to go through 7 stations to understand and learn why the food system is failing those in third world countries. We will pray and learn how we can take action to ask the government to put local communities at the centre by backing agricultural systems that tackle the climate crisis. To find out more look at CAFOD.ORG.UK or better still come along!

The largest youth gathering of Catholics, Flame, is back, taking place at the OVO Arena, Wembley on Saturday 4th March 2023, with the theme 'Rise Up!'.

All young people attached to our parish, school or university are WELCOME! The only stipulation is that they are in at least year 9, so around 14.

Flame Tickets cost £24 each as an 'Early Bird price' which applies to all tickets paid for before 31/10/22. Bishop Philip will be at the event to 'welcome' us all, and the Diocese will organise a coach from St John's. If you or your child are interested, then **please be in touch with the Parish Office so we can attempt to organise a group.** A reminder closer to the time will be about!

Any questions you have about the event can be answered by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phoning **07780 221686**.

St Edmund's family of four (2 adults and 2 children) looking for short term rental accommodation in Southampton from end of August to mid November 2022. If anyone has a one or two bedroom flat to rent short term, or knows someone who does, kindly contact the Parish Office who will put you in touch with the family.

Cleaning Volunteers needed at St Edmund's. The commitment is just once every six weeks. **Please get in touch with the office if you feel you may be able to help.**

Southampton Council of Faiths invites you to join us to celebrate our **20th anniversary Peace Walk** - Sunday 17th July 12.15. This is the second of four events that we have planned, visiting some of the faith communities in the city. This walk will start at the Peace Fountain - East Park, Southampton visiting... Abu Bakr Mosque, Synagogue, Friends Meeting House and Central Baptist Church. Just turn up! Abu Bakr will provide refreshments.

Roe v Wade decision. As you have probably seen in the media, on Friday 24 June, the US Supreme Court struck down the Roe v Wade decision, returning the matter of abortion legislation to individual states.

There has been much misinformation spread online about the implications of this decision. Lord Alton has published an excellent piece that sets out the key facts on the decision: <https://thecritic.co.uk/reversing-a-tragic-half-century-of-lost-lives/>

Songs of Praise and Radio 2 have joined forces for the third year running to find the **BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2022**. Entries are now being accepted, with a closing date of midnight on Monday 4th July 2022. Singers aged 10-16 apply online by submitting two short films of themselves singing a Christmas carol or song and a sacred song such as a hymn, classical solo, spiritual, inspirational, gospel or worship song.

From everyone who applies, five boys and five girls will be chosen to sing at the TV and Radio Semi-Finals at The Monastery, Manchester in October, before a panel of judges. One singer will be crowned BBC Young Chorister of The Year 2022. They'll win a trophy plus the opportunity to feature on Songs of Praise and BBC Radio programmes.

For more details or to apply see <https://bbc.in/3v9WVjL> Any questions? Email sopcompetitions@avantimedia.tv

Father Seán has had published... **Title:** Night Poetry **Author:** Seán Tobin **Publisher:** Austin McCauley **Cost** £6.99; Available from <https://seantobin.ampbk.com/>

Fanning The Flame Summer Camp: 15th - 19th August (for ages 11 - 21). Join us for 5 days in the New Forest where we explore our faith and learn more about living with hope and joy in Jesus Christ. Full of faith, fun and fellowship. Run by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. Just £130. For more info: www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk

Weekly Green Living Suggestions...

Climate change and global warming have resulted in 16 of the 17 warmest years since 2001. The sea is predicted to rise by a metre by 2080. There is an increased risk of both drought and flooding with annual rainfall possibly falling by as much as half. In light of this what can we do to use water more carefully? Over the course of this month here are gentle reminders of water saving tips which we all know but might not always follow through. Go to <https://www.southernwater.co.uk/help-advice/how-to-save-water>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 3RD JULY

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

Saturday 2nd July	6:15pm SJ	Mary & Elizabeth Doherty RIP
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 3rd July	9:00am SE	Theos Elohim & Chima Obia Chukwuneke
<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	God's Blessings & Thanksgiving
	11.00am SE	Phyllis Steinberg RIP
	7:00pm SE	For Those in Need
Tuesday 5th July	10:00am SE	Audrey Windsor RIP
Wednesday 6th July	7.00pm SE	Juliette White RIP
Thursday 7th July	12.15pm SJ	Albert Tan RIP
Friday 8th July	7.00pm SE	Judy Brown RIP 3rd Ann.
Saturday 9th July	11:00am SE	Gretta Phelan RIP
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	6:15pm SJ	For Peace in the World
	7:00pm SE	John Foley
Sunday 10th July	9:00am SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	Thanksgiving for 48 years of Marriage
	11.00am SE	Sid Barnes RIP
	7:00pm SE	HRH Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee
		God's Blessings & Thanksgiving
		Natalie & Theresa for Recovery & Strength

Please scan the QR code to be taken straight to our Website!



3rd July

Psalm Response:

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Readings 10th July

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Second Reading:

Colossians 1: 15-20

Gospel:

Luke 10: 25-37

Confessions:

St Joseph's: Thursdays 11.45am
& Saturdays 5.45pm

St Edmund's:

Saturday after 11am Mass

Second Collections:

Today:

No Second Collection

Next Week:

Apostleship of the Sea

26th June 2nd Collection

Peter's Pence

SO: £25.50 Cash: £309.57

TOTAL: £335.07

Thank you

26th June Parish Collection

SO: £196

Cash: £1,314.18

TOTAL: £1,510.18

Thank you

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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.

CONFESSION: ITS ESSENCE

"We sometimes hear some statement such as this: 'I never could believe in confession. If I do wrong, I'll tell God I'm sorry in the secrecy of my own heart and God will forgive me, I don't have to tell my sins to any mere man in order to obtain forgiveness.'

First of all, the question is not whether we like confession, or whether we would prefer to have our sins forgiven in some other way. The question is, **how does God want it done?**

By requiring us to explicitly confess our sins, God protects us against the universal human weakness of self-justification. It is very well to say that in the secrecy of our own heart, we will tell God that we are sorry, and God will forgive us. If that were all that is required of us, it would be so easy for us to fool ourselves into thinking that we were sorry, while we blithely forth to sin again and again. But when we have to drag our evil out into light, to get on our knees and put our wrongdoing into words, then we have to face the facts. It is no longer easy to deceive ourselves."

- 'The Faith Explained' by Leo J. Trese