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SEPTEMBER 3RD 2023 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



The Cost of Service

This short poem alongside our Sunday readings encapsulates the week that has just passed for those of us who went to Lourdes. Like Jeremiah, many of us may have questioned ourselves about the ordeal that we were going to put ourselves through in a week that is completely dedicated to those who are sick; taking ourselves out of the comfort zone of familiar places of work to an environment that needs to be adapted, honed and with few resources. We were also challenged by those who know us well and questioned as to why we wanted to spend a week of our annual leave, one that we must pay for, engaging on a 'busman's holiday', which would be totally exhausting when we could have been relaxing. But this was also true for the sick, for those we took, who were the focus of our week. They also came away from their usual place of care. They entrusted themselves to complete strangers for a week exposing their vulnerability and illness. For them it was truly a week of self-denial and taking up their crosses. And we as nurses, medics and carers had the privilege of walking alongside them.

We are given moments of clarity

**which give meaning
to what we do**

**without obliterating the fact
of suffering**

**which we have experienced
and know we can experience**

a peace, a joy, a knowing

**that what was begun in us
will be completed in us**

**a desire, a wisdom
a love in us**

**over which we have
no control**

but much control

for this we thank You Father

J. Janda

Jesus remonstrates with Peter when he wants to protect Him from the suffering that is to follow. It was an outcry of emotion from one who understood the significance of what was to follow. Those of us who go back to Lourdes time and time again are passionate about what we do and why we go, and in St Paul's words, in a small way, are happy to offer our bodies to do what we need to do whatever the cost. We are encouraged to model our behaviour on what the Lord demands of each one of us. And yet it is not just a week of cost. Like the psalmist we all come to Lourdes thirsting to meet the Lord spiritually in what we do. Through caring, praying, the sacraments, and with the help of His mother, we all experience that His love is better than life. Pope Francis describes the task of taking up our crosses 'a participation with Christ in the salvation of the world. If we want to be His disciples, we are called to imitate Him expending our lives unreservedly out of love of God and Neighbour'.

Tina Quinn

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "The way you think is not God's way but man's" Jesus tells Peter in today's Gospel. How do you even begin thinking "God's way"? What must you do to align yourself with "God's way"?.... Deeper prayer; contemplation; regularly read the Scriptures and Church teaching?
2. Do you allow God to "seduce" you (1st reading)? How? Remember God loves YOU!
3. Our behaviour, St Paul writes (2nd reading), should be "modelled by your new mind" which is Christ. What must you do for this to happen?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Retiring Collection is for our Church Building & Maintenance Fund

Welcome to Fr David Bateman as he takes over from Fr Johnpromise. Fr David will be presiding at the 9 & 11am Masses today

Next Sunday Notices

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

No Retiring Collection this week

Welcome to a priest from St Boniface who will be presiding at the 9 & 11am Masses

This Week...

Tue Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's Pre-Marriage Course

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

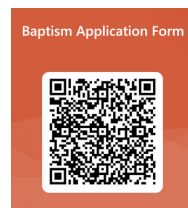
Sun Evening Prayer @ 6pm... to join email Dcn Andy

For Info...

Mon Day off: DB

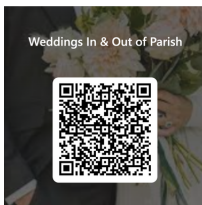
4th - 18th VH on holiday

Sacraments



If you would like your child baptised please fill in the online application form.

Once filled in Anna will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation.



If you would like to be married in the church (either in our churches or abroad/elsewhere) you must give us 6-12month notice minimum fill in the "Weddings In & Out of Parish" Form



"Whoever hears My word and believes has passed from death to life."

John 5:24-29

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Croft** who died last Monday. May he rest in peace. Please also keep in your prayers his wife, Gerry and their children, Nicola and Tony. Funeral details later.

Anyone over the age of 18 who wishes to be baptised, receive Holy Communion, or be confirmed will need to join our RCIA or Journey in Faith course. This course begins in September, Wednesday evenings in St Edmund's Hall after the 7pm Mass.



You are welcome to just attend, but if you would like to register for the course please scan the QR Code or see

<https://forms.office.com/e/8Tnbe7aA4P>

A Few Words...

Today we welcome Father David Bateman to his first Sunday in the Parish. Fr David arrived last Tuesday, so it has been a busy few days 'learning the ropes' in terms of keys, routine, people and the like. I go on holiday on Monday (4th): so, a steep settling in curve for Fr David!! I know I leave him in 'safe hands', and you will support and assist him.

Thank you to all who organised Fr Johnpromise's leaving celebrations in the Parish. He was moved by the turnout of people and the warmth he received and experienced whilst here and, in abundance, over the weekend. **Pray for him** as he takes on the role of Parish Priest in Fleet & Church Crookham.

Welcome back to our schools.....staff, governors, pupils and families. I hope the break was good and relaxing. Now a full term ahead!

I had a good spiritual pilgrimage to Lourdes, though at times it was 39 degrees in the shade! Sadly some of the helpers (Tina Quinn: Chief Nurse; John Morris and others, came back with COVID.....the cost of dedication!)

I am off to Crete for my annual holiday tomorrow (Monday); will see you in a couple of weeks! God willing! Thank you to the St Boniface clergy for helping out the next two Sundays.

My leaving?.....more about that after my holiday (4th-18th September)!

Have a good and satisfying week.... Thanks Vincent H

Prayers

Pope's Prayer Intention for September
For people living on the margins



We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



The Church values birthdays, like the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which we commemorate this coming Friday. Let us pray for the health and safety of all babies born so far this year and due to be born in the months to come. **Lord hear us.**

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



What's going on?

Lectio Divina (Praying with the Scriptures): Verbum Dei Southampton invites you join our Friday evening Group to pray with the Scriptures. We begin on Friday 15 September at 6A Grosvenor Gardens, Highfield, Southampton, SO17 1RS, at 7.30pm. The meeting lasts 1 hour followed by refreshments. We meet every **second** week. It is also possible to attend these meetings by zoom if you wish. This autumn, we will focus on **The Presence of the Holy Trinity in our Lives** followed by **Advent in the Gospels**. Please email Yadira (mayabecalderon@yahoo.com.mx) or Dominic (d.tildesley7@gmail.com) or call (07375 023 949) for more details and information.

Diocesan Day for Catechists, 30th September 10am - 4pm. Join Fr Mark Hogan and the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph for a day of thanksgiving, prayer, fellowship and formation in Winchester Catholic Pastoral Centre. The day is free. Please bring a packed lunch.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diocesan-day-for-catechists-registration-598927286637>

The highlight of the day is the celebration of Mass, offered for all catechists and for all who contribute to Children's Liturgy in the diocese. This day for catechists is also a great source of support and strength, as we meet catechists from all corners of the diocese, share with them our experience, and take time to pray together.

Poetry Share Meeting, Tuesday, 5th September 2023
7.10pm, Stella Maris Hall THEME: POETS LAUREATE We look forward to welcoming poetry lovers to an evening sharing the poems of the Poets Laureate from John Dryden in the C17th through to Simon Armitage, the current poet laureate. Bring your favourite poems to share with the group, or just come and listen. You will be very welcome. For more information, please contact Kate and Fran at poetryshare@btinternet.com

Due to deterioration in the leadwork of the Cathedral West window specialist contractors have removed the glass for restoration costing more than £100,000. Local parishioners and the wider Diocese are encouraged to help fundraise and donate to help with the costs. People may text **WINDOW** to **70560** to donate £10 to the appeal.

The Diocese in partnership with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is hosting an online seminar on **Tuesday 21st November**, at 6 pm for Catholics wishing to bring people closer to Christ led by Evangelist Sherry Weddell. Tickets are £10 per person from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engaging-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-non-religious-persons-tickets-646139539757>

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



Gift Aid Forms / Information

Gift Aid Declaration Forms are available at the back of church or can be posted / emailed from the Office if requested.

What can the Parish claim Gift Aid on?

- **Donations to the Parish**
- **Donations to the Priests**
- **Donations to Diocesan 2nd Collections**

Due to a change in Auditing Standards we can no longer claim Gift Aid on third party collections (e.g., CAFOD).

What methods can I donate by?

- **Standing Orders** (the best way!)
- **Direct Debits**
- **Cheques**
- **Bank Transfers**
- **Contactless Machines**
- **CASH ONLY IF IT COMES TO THE PARISH OFFICE DIRECTLY DURING A WEEK OR IN AN ENVELOPE**

THE PARISH CAN NO LONGER CLAIM GIFT AID ON CASH DONATIONS PUT INTO THE COLLECTION BASKET

If you are donating to Catholic Home Care directly (standing order or otherwise) you should also complete a new gift aid form for them as well. Sadly your parish one won't cover Catholic Home Care... a pain!

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 King in Castleford Management who can assist here. You will be asked to send a photograph or scan of your parking ticket to enquiries@castlefordmanage.co.uk. The Parish office will not be able to speak on your behalf.

Verbum Dei Community Retreat Day - 9th September 2023, 10.30 - 4.30, *Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Nunnery Lane, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight*, "**Come - touch my life again**" will be a quiet space to renew our relationship with Jesus.

The day starts with coffee at 10.30. Please bring with you a Bible and a notebook. There will be a light lunch provided by the resident community. Coffee and tea will be available all day. The cost will be £20. For those coming from the mainland we aim to catch the 9.00am vehicle ferry to East Cowes and return on the 18.00 ferry.

For further information and to book a place please contact Patricia Yandell on 07835948435 or patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk or Sr Margarida Londral on margaridafmvd@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 3RD SEPT

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

Saturday 2nd September	6:15pm	SJ	Olivia Lee RIP
Sunday 3rd September	9:00am	SE	Sebastian Monteiro RIP
<i>Twenty-second Sunday</i>	10:00am	SJ	Madeleine Elizabeth Warburg RIP
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	11:00am	SE	People of the Parish
	7:00pm	SE	Franceschina Ardani RIP
Tuesday 5th September	10:00am	SE	Fr David Bateman Thanksgiving
<i>Feria</i>			
Wednesday 6th Sept	7:00pm	SE	Deidre Convery RIP
<i>Feria</i>			
Thursday 7th September	12:15pm	SJ	Moyra & Peter Clearkin RIP
Friday 8th September	7:00pm	SE	Shane Joseph Fernandes Birthday
<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
Saturday 9th September	11:00am	SE	Thanksgiving to St Joseph
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	6:15pm	SJ	Seán, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
Sunday 10th September	9:00am	SE	Tony O'Donnell
<i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am	SJ	People of the Parish
	11:00am	SE	Kris's Intentions
	7:00pm	SE	John Dorling RIP

3rd September

Psalm Response

For You my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope His call holds for us.

Alleluia!

10th September

1st Reading:

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Psalm: 94

2nd Reading:

Romans 13: 8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

Parish Bank Details

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

Bank Account Name

CDP SOUJE

Sort Code 30-93-04

Number 00888223

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Safeguarding Training

We have not offered in person training since before COVID, we have been using Educare online which some don't find easy to use.

We are hoping to offer in person training **Saturday 9th September in St Edmund's Hall**
10am - 12.30pm for Children
1pm - 3.30pm for adults

We need at least **twelve** people to attend the Child Exploitation and at least **seven** people to attend Vulnerable Adult Training. If we don't have these numbers by 5th September we will have to cancel (only 5 confirmed so far!).

For some ministries in the church this training is mandatory - like CLOW - but for others it is an optional extra - like RCIA. The training is required on a regular basis, so your training may have expired - if unsure check with me!

Child Exploitation Training: Children's Liturgy Team, FHC catechists, Confirmation catechists... etc
Vulnerable Adult Training: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who visit the Housebound, RCIA catechists, volunteer drivers... etc

If you are able to join please email Anna on:

safeguarding@

southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

or call / text **07956 379 542**