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FEBRUARY 5TH 2023 | 5TH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



Glimpsing the face of the Father.....through you!

The disciples of the gospel
have reflected before all
Your light,
Jesus,
and the world glimpses
the face of the Father.

*Little by little,
the fire of love repels the night.*

Blessed are those who see in each one Your light:
In their houses, they are sources of light.

*Little by little,
the fire of love repels the night.*

Blessed are those who are forgiven:
In their turn, they radiate peace.

*Little by little,
the fire of love repels the night.*

Blessed are those who open their hands and give:
The joy of God shines upon them.

*Little by little,
the fire of love repels the night.*

Commission Francophone Cistercienne

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. Jesus says (Gospel) “*You are salt of the earth.....You are the light of the world.....*” You!! Yes you!! In what way are you ‘salt’ and ‘light’?
2. Isaiah, in the first reading says, “*...your light will rise in the darkness..*” if you ‘share your bread’, ‘shelter the homeless’, ‘clothe the naked’, if you ‘do not turn away from your own kin’. Do you do these things? Could you do these things? When? How?
3. “*Faith*”, St Paul says in the 2nd reading, “*depends on the power of God*”! Do you let God be God?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Next Sunday Notices

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Talk & Promotion of 'Cell Groups' during Masses

Baptism in St Edmund's

This Week...

Tues St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm
Pre-Marriage Course on Zoom

Wed Evening Prayer @ 6pm.... to join email Dcn Andy
Journey in Faith @ 7.30pm St Edmund's Hall

Thurs Richard Rohr Group @ 5pm on Zoom

For Info...

Mon Day off: JP / VH

Tues King Edward College: VH
SLT: VH/JP/TQ/AP/LS
St George Govs: VH

Wed Team Meeting: VH/JP

Fri Jesu Caritas: VH
Clergy Ministry Group: VH

Sacraments

Please remember especially in your prayers all those who have died recently.



Pray for **Kimberley Slater** who died recently, remembering also her parents & family in your prayers.



Please pray for **Ariella** who will be baptised this month. We remember her in our prayers as she enters the Faith, and also remember her parents and godparents as they undertake the promises involved in baptism.

This will be the last baptism in the Parish before Easter, as we enter Lent in a few weeks. The ancient model of Lent is a desert period of dryness and preparation, where we avoid sacraments like baptism to allow us to reflect on the privilege it is to have the sacraments throughout the rest of the year.

Prayers

Adoration We are in need of more parishioners to cover the following days and times: **Mondays 3-6pm, Tuesdays 1-3pm, Wednesdays 2-6pm & Fri 12-2pm.**

Please contact Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to join Adoration during the week in St Edmund's!



The Pope's Prayer Intentions:

February - For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Please remember especially in your prayers **Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Peter Scott, Vasile, Michaela** and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or experiencing distress.

A Few Words...

I had a good **5 days break** two weeks back, with plenty of sleeping, walking, eating and.....! Thank you Father Johnpromise for holding the fort.

Thank you to the few individuals who have given a few hundred pounds towards our **heating expenses**. Most thoughtful, kind and helpful. Some were able to **'Gift Aid'** what they gave which added a substantial amount to the total. Thank you!!

Lent is on the horizon (Ash Wednesday 22nd February) so begin to think of what you could do during Lent, or not do in terms of 'change', and how you could maybe alter your schedule to make Lent a time of spiritual and personal growth! **Early Mass** on a Wednesday? **Stations of the Cross** on a Friday & Sunday? **Evening Prayer online** on a Wednesday & Sunday? Participate in a **Lent Group** ('Belong & Believe' course on line; a couple of courses reflecting on care of the environment)...**watch this space and the newsletter in general!**

Father Tom Grufferty has put together a YouTube video on **Saints in February**. You might enjoy it:

<https://youtu.be/y6Rf1GdBhtw>

Have a good week... Vincent H

A Valentine Opportunity for Married Couples

Portsmouth Marriage and Family life team are hosting their first 'Breakthrough' workshop on the **11th February**. This could be a lovely gift for spouses during National Marriage Week and a precursor for their Valentine's Day celebration.

Breakthrough offers couples some opportunity and strategies to overcome communication 'gridlock'. We often hear that it takes Two to Tango BUT we demonstrate that it takes ONE to change the dance.

Breakthrough is an individual experience. Spouses may attend as a couple or come alone. There is NO sharing. Rooted in sound psychology and Catholic theology, practical insights and tools are on offer for participants. All you need to bring is a pen for the exercises. Contact the MFL office for more details on marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

The Workshop will take place on **Saturday 11th February 10am-2.30pm** at Holy Family in Southampton SO16 4PL, To register, kindly settle your invoice of £15/ person or £25/couple, in advance of the workshop and email the marriage family life with your names and any dietary requirements. The money is payable to Marriage and Family Life (MFL) Portsmouth Diocese. The MFL details are as follows: Name of Account:- CDP MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE; Sort Code 30-80-27 Account number 34526960. Please use reference "your surname- BT"

What's going on?

If you're looking for a focus for Lent, the Dominican Sisters are running 6 online sessions explaining the sacrament of **Reconciliation** to adults through scripture and art, which will also serve as a **Lenten retreat**, every Tuesday evening during Lent. The details are here:

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/reconciliation-anchoring-you-in-happiness-2023-02-28-19-30>

Poetry Share. We are hoping to restart Poetry Share in March 2023, and if you are interested in this group we would be delighted to hear from you.

To find out more about the Poetry Share group, and register an interest in joining us, please email Kate Greaves at poetryshare@btinternet.com

St Edmund's Repository is stocked with statues, medals, candles, rosaries, faith jewellery, religious gifts and books. We also have a selection of missals, bibles and cards. If you would like to purchase something from the repository it is open throughout the month at various times depending on volunteers, but it is open every first Sunday of the month after the 9am and before the 11am Mass. It is possible to pay via cash or to use the contactless machine at the back of church.

Marriage Encounter are pleased to offer you the opportunity to refresh, deepen and bring joy into your relationship by attending one of our enrichment experiences either in person or online. The experience offers precious quality time to support lifelong relationships, personal and spiritual growth, all in a Catholic faith context. Our next Marriage Encounter experiences are: **(in person) Swindon on the 3-5 March 2023 and on (online) 13/14 May**. Full details of all our experiences can be found at <https://wwme.org.uk>.

Bishop Philip on the Ten Year Plan I wish hereby to thank all the parishes and individuals who responded to the consultation about our ten-year mission plan 'You will be My Witnesses'. We have had over 60 parish responses and 46 individual responses. The feedback will now be analysed to inform the final shape of the plan. A group of clergy and lay people are helping us with this so that the detail can be further tested and refined. The work will include a small number of meetings and comment on the material as it is developed. If you are interested in helping with this aspect of the plan, please let us know via the dedicated email address: missionplan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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. To check on the current out of stock items please see below link.

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



Donating to the Parish

Recently several people have approached the Office to ask how they can donate to the church, which has prompted us to share with the wider parish. Your generosity to the Parish really makes a difference.



Bank Account Name CDP SOUJE
Number 00888223
Sort Code 30-93-04

- 1) Standing Orders** are reliable predictable income which helps the parish to budget. You can easily set up a standing order with your bank: online, by telephone, by post or by visiting a local branch.
- 2) Bank Transfers** are equally easy as long as the bank account reference is clearly in your name.
- 3) Cash in the Collection** during Mass. The Parish then counts this money whereas via bank transfer the money is paid directly to the account and easier for us to process.
- 4) Cheques** (made payable to CDP SOUJE) put in the collection or sent to the Parish Office.
- 5) Contactless Machines** at the back of each church.
- 6) Online** via the link on the website or the QR code on the front page of the Newsletter.

Gift aid can be claimed on all of the above where appropriate, which brings an additional 25% to the donations!

Perhaps you have had your current standing order at the same amount for several years. We would invite you to consider increasing this if you are in a position to. Our bills have increased substantially in recent months, and we directly rely upon increased contributions from Parishioners to make ends meet.

The current Cost of Living crisis is affecting all of us in different ways, some more than others, so if you are unable to increase your donation this is understandable. In Mark's gospel the story of the widow's mite describes a widow who gives two small copper coins to the temple treasury. Jesus witnesses this offering and describes how great her gift is, because it represents a greater proportion of her wealth than the larger gifts of other religious leaders.

We are all called to support the church where we can and how much we can give looks different for each of us. Ask yourself: **"What are my two copper coins, and how can I give them?"**

I can't afford to donate to the church financially at this time, is that okay? Absolutely. We 'donate' to the church in many ways, financially when we are able but also through the gifts of our time, talents and prayer. Perhaps in place of a Sunday offering you could commit to praying for the development of our parish each Mass?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

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

Saturday 4th Feb <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	6:15pm SJ	People of the Parish
Sunday 5th Feb <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am SE 10:00am SJ 11:00am SE 7:00pm SE	Stella & Fred Winter RIP Stefan & Mirosława RIP Mary O'Reilly, Health & Wellbeing Staff of Highland caring for Mary O'Reilly
Tuesday 7th Feb <i>Feria</i>	10:00am SE	Jane Wastall (4th), all the Children in the World, Birthday Blessings & Good Health
Wednesday 8th Feb	7:00pm SE	Intentions of Jose Leonardo & family
Thursday 9th Feb	12.15pm SJ	Eileen & Peter Coles RIP
Friday 10th Feb <i>St Scholastica</i>	7:00pm SE	Kathleen Lyons RIP
Saturday 11th Feb <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	11:00am SE 6:15pm SJ	Christopher Wong RIP Thanksgiving
Sunday 12th Feb <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am SE 10:00am SJ 11:00am SE 7:00pm SE	Tony Patterson & John Freeman RIP & Ellen & George Patterson RIP & Bernadette Kerr RIP Sarah Kennedy-Donnelly RIP People of the Parish Birthday Blessings Leegy

5th February

Psalm Response:

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows Me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

29th Jan 1st Collection

SO: £265 Cash: £879.34

Contactless: £278

Gift Aid: £38.75

TOTAL: £1,461.09

Thank you.

12th February

1st Reading:

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Psalm: 118

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel:

Matthew 5:17-37

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Green Living Update...

A course for Lent. *Plenty (Joy in Enough)*

Plenty is a six week small group discussion resource for churches equipping Christians to understand more about the economic drivers of the current ecological crisis such as climate change and biodiversity loss. It looks at why we are facing these crises and what we can do about it. Plenty is a Christian initiative which works through churches to advocate for a fair and green economy. We will be running this course jointly with ASA on zoom on Monday evenings during Lent commencing on Monday 27th February.

If you would like to find out more please email Tina tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or to sign up or register your interest please fill in this form

<https://forms.office.com/e/SVdrGYngng>

'Reducing the causes of climate change is essential to the life of faith' - Archbishop Justin Welby

Confessions

St Joseph's on Thursdays at 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm

St Edmund's on Saturdays after the 11am Mass

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!