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MARCH 5TH 2023 | 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website

The Land of testing.....a Vision of Hope

Into what land of solitude,
 forty days and forty nights,
 will you go, driven by the Spirit?
 May it test you and strip you!
 See, the times are fulfilled,
 and God invites you to forget
 your ancient servitudes.

On what incandescent summits
 will you hear the Beloved
 speaking to you through the cloud?
 Let Him prepare you for His sufferings!
 Follow Jesus transfigured:
 tomorrow He will be crucified
 to ratify the Covenant.

D. Rimaud, *Les arbres dans la mer.*
Fr Vincent

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. Jesus invited three of his disciples (and us) to gaze at him in his transfiguration (Gospel). Do you ask yourself every night if you saw Jesus during the day? The apostles were in anguish when they heard about Jesus' upcoming death. Jesus takes them up the mountain with him. At times because of moments of darkness do we need to go up the mountain too?
2. What was Abraham's response to God's request (1st reading)? Does this incident relate to your Lenten experience in any way? God called him out of his homeland to start something new. Does God sometimes call you out of your comfort zone or your favourite chair to start something new?
3. Are we all called to become a living Gospel in the world (2nd reading)? Will that involve some hardship? What does Paul's letter to Timothy say about this? Will it involve some joy?

Vincent Harvey adapted from Anne Osdieck

Today's Notices

Second Sunday of Lent

Second Collection for CAFOD in response to the Appeal last weekend and Family Fast Day last Friday
Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the church

Next Sunday Notices

Third Sunday of Lent

Second Collection for Catholic Home Care

1st Scrutiny for those to be Baptised, Received or Confirmed at Easter

This Week...

Mon Plenty group via Zoom

Tues St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm
SCOF Meeting

Wed Evening Prayer @ 6pm.... to join email Dcn Andy
Lectio Divina in Immaculate Conception Church 7pm
Journey in Faith @ 7.30pm St Edmund's Hall

Thurs CAFOD/Christian Aid Lenten Soup Lunch after Mass

Fri Belong & Believe via Zoom at 4pm

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

For Info...

Mon Day off: JP / VH

Mon-Fri VH Retreat

Fri Clergy Ministry Group: VH

Prayers

When is there Adoration in St Edmund's?



Mondays 11am - 3pm
Tuesdays 10.30am - 8pm
Thursdays 10am - 5pm
Fridays 1pm - 7pm



Can I come to Adoration?

Yes, you are warmly welcome to attend adoration when you are able! Just come to the church between the times specified above and enjoy quiet time with Our Lord. If you feel you would like to formally join the Adoration team, then this is a real help and greatly appreciated. Please simply contact Anna on 07956 379 542 if you feel able to join and we can chat.



The Pope's Prayer Intentions:

March - For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Let us pray for the grace to see God's glory in our encounters with those on both ends of life's spectrum, including infants and children, and the elderly, as well as all those who care for them.

Lord hear us

Please remember especially in your prayers

Michaela, Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or experiencing distress.



A Few Words...

Lent has truly begun now as we enter the Second Week!

*Lent is a great opportunity to get 'our house in order' in terms of our spiritual lives and our priorities as people of God. I hope you are managing to make extra time for personal prayer and to join in some of our extra religious activities (6.30am Wednesday Mass; Stations of the Cross on a Friday and Sunday). I am blessed this week with the privilege of **5 days away on personal-led retreat**. Pray for me that I maximise this precious time.*

Lepra have written to thank us for the £817.14 received in response to their recent appeal in the parish. Thank you, we have contributed to curing **33 people** of leprosy!


The Parish Office will be closed from this coming Friday for the entire week following (10th-17th) and will reopen on Monday 20th March. If anything is urgent during this time please contact Fr Johnpromise, Deacon Andy or myself. Routine issues to be left until Anna returns.

Please continue to support the appeals for relief to all involved with the **earthquakes in Turkey & Syria**: CAFOD are, together with other agencies, working in the area and donations can be made to CAFOD via <http://cafod.org.uk/> Please see if you can donate. There is, of course, also the Disaster Emergency Committee: <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>

Thank you to all who have been completing/updating Standing Orders and Gift Aid for the Parish. If you have not done so yet may I encourage you to do so!

Have a good week... Vincent H

Lent 2023

Rosary Chain contact office or Catheryn to join 


Early Mass in St Edmund's at 6.30am (all through Lent)

Stations of the Cross

St Edmund's: 6.10pm on Fridays and Sundays

St Joseph's: 11.30am on Thursdays

Sacraments

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

Pray for Simon Parry who died recently. Remember also in your prayers his mother Jenepher Parry Davies and his partner Sue at this time. His funeral will be in St Edmund's at 10am on the 28th March, all welcome.

Pray for Kathleen Moran who died recently, keeping Michael, Maria and all the family in your prayers. Her funeral will be in St Joseph's on the 10th March at 10.30am.

Please pray for the repose of David Buxton who died early last Sunday morning. We pray for Elaine, his wife, and the family. His funeral will be in St Joseph's at 11am on the 31st March. May David rest in peace.

What's going on?

CAFOD Family Fast Day. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

Belong & Believe an online course on Fridays at 4pm to look afresh at our faith and to what we belong and what we believe. The need for vibrant and welcoming Christian communities has never been stronger. This course is a timely resource drawing on the immense wisdom and inspiration from our Celtic spiritual heritage helping us to find renewed faith and vision together. A five session course to revitalise communities & their mission <https://forms.office.com/e/JviEDzcQQS>

Poetry Share. The first meeting of the new season of Poetry Share meetings will take place on **Thursday, 16th March, 2023 at 7.30pm in St Edmund's Hall.** The meeting will give us the opportunity to meet other people who enjoy poetry, share some of our favourite poems and poets, and to discuss how we want the Poetry Share meetings to progress in the future. We look forward to welcoming you! Please simply attend, or contact Kate Greaves at poetryshare@btinternet.com for more info.

Lenten Lectio Divina Course "Turn to the Lord with all your heart" This Lenten course aims to introduce participants to prayer with the scriptures. Each session will last an hour and include a short input, some helpful background information and tips, and a time of prayer. We would love for you to join us. The meetings will be in the parish hall of the Immaculate Conception Church each Wednesday at 7pm. The address is 346 Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SB and free, unlimited roadside parking is available in the road behind the hall. This is wonderful opportunity to come and pray with another Parish in our Pastoral area. For more info contact the Verbum Dei community on verbumdei.soton@gmail.com

Catholic Home Care is looking to recruit new carers to join a friendly and supportive team undertaking general domestic support, helping older people in their own homes. If you like elderly people and have time spare during the week, this is the job for you with a good rate of pay. Car driver is an advantage (but not essential) and full training given. Success at interview will lead to an enhanced DBS check before appointment. Permanent and holiday cover carers required. Full details from Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce 023 8017 0498
Closing date – **17 March '23, Interviews 21 March '23**

Food Banks Please consider donating to Southampton City Mission Food Bank if you are able to.

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



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

Portsmouth Diocesan "Don Bosco" Boys Camp - 23 to 29 July 2023 We are delighted that this camp will be going ahead again this summer for boys of secondary school age. The camp will be at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £230 (part bursaries may be available on application).

Catholic Family Day of Reflection Saturday March 11th 10am - 2pm St Dominic's Priory, Sway. This day is aimed at families with children up to the age of 7. Suggested donation £10/20. For more information or to book a space for your family, email catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com

Petition to stop the introduction of abortion up to birth
In 2021, abortion campaigners brought forward an amendment to introduced abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth (including sex-selective abortion). This amendment did not go to a vote and pass, but the abortion lobby is expected to make another attempt to introduce this extreme abortion law change shortly. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would introduce one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. Right To Life UK is running a petition to ask the Prime Minister to do everything in his power to stop the introduction of abortion up to birth. **Please add your name to the petition here:**
<https://righttolife.org.uk/signthepetitionorishi>

Plenty (Joy in Enough)



Belong and Believe



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 5TH MARCH

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

Saturday 4th Mar	6:15pm	SJ	Noronha-Andrade Family Intentions
Sunday 5th Mar	9:00am	SE	People of the Parish
<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	10:00am	SJ	Patricia Livett Thanksgiving & God's Blessings
	11:00am	SE	Douglas Munro RIP
	7:00pm	SE	Garth McMullen RIP 1st Anniversary
Tuesday 7th Mar	10:00am	SE	Thanksgiving for Mgr Vincent, Fr Johnpromise & their Intentions
<i>Ss Perpetua & Felicity</i>			
Wednesday 8th Mar	6:30am	SE	Mary O'Reilly's Intentions
<i>St John of God</i>	7:00pm	SE	Thanksgiving
Thursday 9th Mar	12:15pm	SJ	Lawrence Rodrigues RIP
Friday 10th Mar	7:00pm	SE	Grace & Blessings of God for all the Workers in the Parish
<i>Of the 2nd Week of Lent</i>			
Saturday 11th Mar	11:00am	SE	Gillian Barry God's Strength & Comfort
<i>Of the 2nd Week of Lent</i>	6:15pm	SJ	Gabrielle & James Hall RIP
Sunday 12th Mar	9:00am	SE	Fr Ian Kerr RIP
<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	10:00am	SJ	People of the Parish
	11:00am	SE	John O'Reilly's Intentions
	7:00pm	SE	All Living & Deceased members of M's Family

5th March

Psalm Response:

May Your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our love in You.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to You, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is My Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him". *Glory and praise to You, O Christ!*

26th Feb 1st Collection

SO: £285.38 Cash: £817.61
Contactless: £286
Gift Aid: £66.35
TOTAL: £1,455.34
Thank you.

12th March

1st Reading:

Exodus 17: 3-7

Psalm: 94

2nd Reading:

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel: *John 4: 5-15, 19-26, 39-42*

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Hall Usage & Heating Costs

It will not come as a surprise to any of us that gas and electricity bills have risen significantly over the last few months.

Our heating bills for our churches and halls are rather large (into the thousands) each month, and of course we have the heating of our office, student house & presbytery on top of these costs.

The parish has reviewed current hall usage and raised the rents to £25 per hour for groups/parties and £20 per hour for charities.

Parish groups using our halls are at present not charged for hall usage as we know how vital they are to the life of the parish, but we are asking that if groups are able they consider making some sort of contribution to the costs involved in their hall usage (heating/lights/electricity).

Any amount is gratefully received in these difficult financial times.

Confessions are in **St Joseph's** on Thursdays at 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm

St Edmund's on Saturdays after the 11am Mass

Parish Bank Details

Bank Account Name CDP SOUJE

Number 00888223

Sort Code 30-93-04



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!