



MAY 05TH 2024 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER OSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton

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## This Weekend's Notices

Sixth Sunday of Easter Second Collection for CAFOD Sudan Emergency

## Next Weekend's Notices

Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Second Collection** for Catholic Communications Network

## **General Notices**

Pentecost Sunday

Celebrated in multiple languages 19th of May, 2024 / 7pm St Edmund's Church



Join us after Mass for a gathering at the Hall. You are most welcome to bring and share food and drinks.



**Koro Filipino of Southampton** choir members - Past, Present and those who would like to join the Choir, and for all the people who have supported the Choir's ministry in and about our parish area are invited to celebrate our **17th Year of Active Service** and representing the Filipino Community in Southampton through our Music Ministry, we are having a small get together with some foods and drinks to share.

Catch up and updates of the choir's Music ministry and discussions on how we can proactively support the Parish with its Pastoral Ministry. Choir have been leading the 7pm Mass Service every 3rd Sunday of each month for 17 years to date. Please wear something Red as part of the Choir's celebration and the Solemnity of Pentecost. See you all on the 19th of May!

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth being introduced. Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. Take action: To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this link: www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth

# Being Successful in Love

Today's Gospel reading comes from what Jesus said to his disciples just before he went out into the night to be arrested and crucified. It is such a famous passage that it is easy to switch off, because we think that we know it already. Yet if any scripture should trouble us then this must be it. This love is not solely about the easy love that unites couples into marriage, but about loving those we find it hard to like.

Jesus 'commandment to love is a summons to share in his work – his campaign to bring all human beings back into friendship with God. He tells us that the love with which we are to love one another is the love with which he has loved us. That means, love of the kind which can bring great pain to the lover, judging from what happened to Jesus.

Love which breaks down the walls of enmity, the walls of apathy, the walls of segregation, the walls of disunity, the walls of xenophobia, the walls of hatred. This love is thus not optional but a profound duty for us all. It is a necessity and we have no excuse not to love as without love we have no calling with God.

Whenever we say 'Yes 'to God, we are never really alone. For, as Jesus said to his disciples at his Ascension (next Thursday remember): "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth".

#### Dcn Andy

## **Sacraments**

**If you would like your child baptised please fill in the online application form.** Once filled in, the office will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation.





**Couples seeking marriage within the Catholic Church** should fill in the marriage form on the website (or the QR code) to begin the process.



*"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 George Francis Ponniah.** We pray also for Anushka, his wife, and for his family. May he rest in peace.

# **General Notices**

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Edmund's:

Monday 6pm - 7pm Mass, Tuesday 10am Mass - 7pm, Wednesday 6pm - 7pm Mass, Thursday 10am - 5pm, Friday 2pm - 7pm Mass, Saturday after the 11am Mass.

Could you become an Adorer? Great news! Email the office, call us or text 07956 379542.

Please remember especially in your prayers Gordon Bradley, Carla Forte, Donna Cowan, Jack Oakley, Terry Lennon, Helmy & all in our parish who are ill, exhausted, undergoing treatment, or feeling distressed.

'Come and See' Event open to men who feel the call to diaconal ministry. It will be held on Saturday 11th May at The English Martyrs Church, Didcot from 9am - 3pm where you'll get to hear first hand what it's like. If you're married you are welcome to come as a couple. If you'd like to attend, please call Pam on 07883 059529 to book a space and to help with catering requirements. If you can't make it on the day, but would like to know more, call Pam or email diaconate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Ascension is this Thursday, 9th May it is a Holy Day of Obligation, and as such we are having additional Masses.

CAFOD Emergency Appeal this weekend. Sudan is in a crisis. There's been a war in the region for a year with a prolonged drought and shortage of food. The UN says nearly 18 million people are struggling with acute hunger. UN calls it "one of the worst humanitarian crises in recent memory, with potential to trigger the world's largest hunger emergency."

CAFOD has been able to donate a further £250k funds from our emergency response fund and our local partners on the ground are working right now in their communities, providing food, water and emergency cash payments to refugees and displaced people. Please join us and pray for the people of Sudan and peace for their country. If you are able to donate please do so via the collection, or head to https://cafod.org.uk/

Latin Summer Festival Saturday 1st June 2024 in the Polish Social Klub! To buy tickets and see more about what the event has to offer, scan:



<b>Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week</b> SJ is St. Joseph's Church, Bugle Street & SE is St. Edmund's Church, The Avenue				Next Week's Reading First:
Saturday 4th May	6.15pm	SJ	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Sunday 5th May	9.00am	SE	People of the Parish	-
Sixth Sunday of	10.00am	SJ	Alan Walsh RIP	
Easter	11.00am	SE	Jacinta Carillo Nunez	Second:
	7.00pm	SE	Ligy RIP Anniversary	1 John 4:11-16 <b>Gospel:</b>
Monday 6th May	7.00pm	SE	Aliya's Intentions	John 17:11-19
Tuesday 7th May	10.00am	SE	Jose Tew RIP	
Wednesday 8th May	7.00pm	SE	Ana Rodrigues Birthday Blessings	Confessions
Vigil of the Ascension				30 Minutes before
Thursday 9th May	6.30am	SE	Mgr George Hay RIP	every Mass ඊ after Mass as announced
The Ascension of the	12.15pm	SJ	Signe and George Plomer RIP	
Lord	7.00pm	SE	Vaz Family Thanksgiving	
Friday 10th May	7.00pm	SE	Personal Intentions and Healing	after the 11am Mass
Saturday 11th May	11.00am	SE	Margaret Quantrill RIP	Parish Bank
	6.15pm	SJ	Issac Gathecere RIP	
Sunday 12th May	9.00am	SE	Sophie Jinks Birthday Blessings	
Seventh Sunday of	10.00am	SJ	People of the Parish	
Easter	11.00am	SE	Moyra and Peter Clearkin RIP	
	7.00pm	SE	Joelyn, Jeyapalan and Lenora Blessings	Number 00888223
The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday & Friday & 30am- 4 30pm (closed 12 30-1 30)				

### The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8.30am- 4.30pm (closed 12.30-1.30)

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# Join the Parish!

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