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NOVEMBER 5TH 2023 | THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



Somewhen and somewhere to start

One of the things we always looked for when students were making application to enter university was that their supporting statement included reference to them taking on additional responsibilities in some way. The nature of the responsibility was not so important as their having served their community.

The difficulty is that responsibility can at times engender an increased sense of personal importance. Leading can give way to domination and intimidation, enabling can give way to belittling. Responsibility if not discharged properly can transform into abuse. But we have to start somewhere. What we sought were students who had embarked on that journey of learning and self-discovery.

As is often portrayed to us in the Gospels, some of the Pharisees rejoice too keenly in the honours and perks of their position and use their authority to abuse others. This Sunday Jesus takes us a little further in our learning, he beckons us to be discerning in the path and teaching we follow, listening to "God's message and not some human thinking" as St Paul writes to the people of Thessaloniki.

There are teachers who enable their pupils to understand why, and then there are others; just as there are leaders and other leaders. And we all have to start somewhere, and that somewhere has to be centred on the word of God.

Jesus' vision is utterly liberating. It is a community of sisters and brothers whose thirst is for the healing power of God's Word in their hearts, who allow themselves to be transformed, and to speak and to act from the guidance of the Holy Spirit. From within this community people are called to the service which is leadership. And yes, it is easier said than done, but we have to start somewhere. There may well be tensions, there will be mistakes - and what was missed by some of those Pharisees, the need to receive and show mercy.

This community, this parish, our parish has an almost surfeit of groups in which, and with whom, we can participate and we can learn how to lead in some way, and importantly to help others to learn through our support and guidance. Join a group, and if you are not certain which, ask someone, we do try to be merciful, we do try to be enabling. We all started somewhen and we all started somewhere.

Dcn Andy

A Message from Bamenda on this Bamenda Sunday

Please read our annual newsletter, which can be accessed online at bamendaandportsmouth.com, for all the latest on the the Ntenefor Mission Station, how the Laudato Si group in Guernsey and some of our twinned schools imaginatively approached raising funds to help their brothers and sisters in Bamenda, as well as details on how to donate. Most importantly, please remember to pray for the intentions of the people of Bamenda and for the restoration of peace and justice throughout the region. Finally, please save the date of Saturday 6 July 2024 to join Bishop Philip and Archbishop Andrew of Bamenda at our Cathedral in Portsmouth to celebrate Mass to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Bamenda-Portsmouth Link.

Today's Notices

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to **Canon Michael Dennehy** our new parish priest who joins us for his first weekend Masses

No Retiring Collection this week

Next Sunday Notices

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Retiring Collection for Bamenda

Sacraments

Baptism Application Form



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

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



First Holy Communion Programme 2024

The official registrations will be 9am and 11am Masses in St Edmund's and 10am Masses at St Joseph's only on the 5th, 19th and 26th November.

Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate with you either on your phone or hard copy.

The fee is £35 either cash or bank transfer to the Parish Bank Account

Children must be Year 4 and up, and a parent must attend the workshops with their child and regularly attend Mass

The main email for FHC queries is:

fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org



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

John 5:24-29

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 has started 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>



Let us pray for all those who are alone and suffering with a terminal illness in hospital or hospice care, that they might experience the love of Christ from their carers and that their suffering might be eased.

Lord hear us



Adoration St Edmund's needs more Adorers during the week. Adoration is the a type of personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament outside of the Mass. Please contact Anna or the Parish Office on 07956 379 542 or via email if you feel able to join!

Adoration currently runs: Tuesdays Mass - 8pm, Thursdays 11am - 4pm and Fridays 1pm - Mass. We would like to offer Adoration earlier on Thursdays and are considering re-establishing on Mondays.

Afternoon Tea for HCPT Group 170 - raising money to take sick, disabled and disadvantaged children on pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes at Easter. 3-5pm on Sunday 19th November at St Anne's School. £15 adults, £10 children, babies and non-oral eaters free. Please book by emailing group170@hcpt.org.uk

Are You a Co-op member? If you are, you can help the work of Caritas Portsmouth to support people struggling with social isolation by choosing us as your local Co-op cause through their Local Community Fund. Each time you shop at Co-op using your card, we receive a donation at no cost to you. To select us, just visit our profile page and click on the 'choose this cause' button and please spread the word to family, friends and in parishes. Not a Co-op member yet – not a problem! You can join for £1, just click on the link below to find out more. Thank you for your support. Caritas page <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/81956>

Coop membership page

<https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>

ACN Prepare for Christmas with ACN's range of Advent and Christmas essentials. Your purchases will allow ACN to support the suffering Church around the world.

<https://acnuk.org/shop/>

56th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act 27 October 2023 marked 56 years since the Abortion Act received Royal Assent in 1967. Since then, a staggering 10,256,050 unborn babies have lost their lives to abortion across England, Wales and Scotland.

Right To Life UK has published an article about this anniversary, which you can read on this link:

www.righttolife.org.uk/56years

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

What's going on?

Parish 9-16 Youth Group beginning January!

We have a group of volunteers who are planning to launch a Youth Group in St Edmund's Hall on the 1st & 3rd Fridays in the month. Keep an eye on the newsletter for any group events planned before Christmas. If your child or young person would be interested in joining please register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/YMD3LSTSk9>



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.

I Mark: to be performed in St Edmund's at 7pm on Friday, 24th November (£5 per person: any 'profit' will go towards the Organ Fund). Listening to a gospel in its entirety in one sitting enables us to grasp the whole picture and message. It is certainly beneficial for us to hear it in one sitting before we begin to listen to it little by little.

Rt Rev Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury said: "Sometimes it takes a living voice to make you hear the Bible for the first time - a voice that presents some saying or episode not as a stray fragment but as part of the rhythm and pace of a story that goes on gathering momentum. Mark's gospel has just that kind of momentum, and this performance gives a memorably strong sense of it."

Watch an extract: <https://youtu.be/tg5-eW-W-xc> (The Last Supper). The Eventbrite link to book is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/i-am-mark-tickets-711430175807?aff=oddtcreator>

The Insight Course The course is designed for those who wish to:

- explore and increase their knowledge of our Faith;
- develop their own spirituality & relationship with God;
- deepen their prayer life;
- learn skills for spreading the good news to others (evangelisation).

There are no prerequisites for those attending the course and all are welcome.

Our invitation is to those who would be interested and who would be able to make a commitment to attend most meetings.

We will take generous breaks around Christmas, Easter and over the summer period.

The course will be given every fortnight on Thursday evening at **7:30pm starting on Thursday 28 October**.

The sessions will last for 1 hour 30 minutes.

A draft timetable is available on request. The course will only be given in face-to-face mode, and normally in the Sister's house at 33 Elmsleigh Gardens Southampton, SO16 3GF (just off Glen Eyre Road).

Registration by email to

sistryadira@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Counters Are you interested in becoming a counter? We are currently looking for people to volunteer as parish counters. Training will be provided and you will then join a monthly rota. Counting is Monday morning or Tuesday evening in the Parish Office. Banking collection is dependent on counters and we need new counters urgently. If you are interested, please **complete** the form using the link or QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/YYB032V8s7>



Christmas Gifts for the Elderly. As we approach Advent, we'd like to invite you to treat our elderly folk to a gift at Christmas. Previous years have been so successful with unwrapped gifts to suit an elderly person. The carers choose a gift to suit the individual; for some it's an extra treat, however we have some who have very little in their lives for whom the gift needs to be practical so no gift is too small. Baskets will be at the back of both churches after Masses on **18/19 Nov, 25/26 Nov & 2/3 Dec**. Rather than a Christmas gift for a client you might consider a Christmas donation to Catholic Home Care or maybe set up a standing order. Donations are always welcome & would help with our running costs.

Our bank details: Account name: **Catholic Home Care** Sort code **30-93-04** Account number **00903338**.

Phone Xanthe or Marina for information **023 8017 0498**.

Sunday 9am Choir St Edmund's : Mary Berridge is looking for people who could take over her role at 9am:

- Planning hymns** for the choir, usually months ahead (using tools like the Parish Mass Book and Laudate).
 - Emailing the choir members** with the list of hymns.
 - Teaching new hymns**, with the object of encouraging the congregation to sing.
 - Choir practice** once a month (usually on the last Wednesday of the month after the 7pm Mass).
 - Play the piano** to accompany the choir on Sundays.
- Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to take this on. We already have one person who is happy to share the tasks and offer cover when needed, it would be lovely to have a few people to tackle the role.

Gift Aid Declaration Forms are available at the back of church or can be posted / emailed from the Office if requested. If you are a taxpayer the Parish can claim back a percentage of the tax you have already paid so your donation increases by 25%, at no extra cost to you. If you are a gift aider we can claim on donations on anything eligible as long as we can identify it is yours.

Jingling Bells It is with sadness that due to a recent bereavement, we have decided to cancel Jingling Bells this year. We very much appreciate Mary Berridge's beautiful playing and your generous support for this fun Sunday afternoon carol singing, charitable giving and yummy tea event in past years. We wish you a blessed and holy time this Christmas. Jenepher

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

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

Saturday 4th Nov	6:15pm	SJ	Moyra & Peter Clearkin RIP
Sunday 5th Nov	9:00am	SE	People of the Parish
<i>Thirty-first Sunday</i>	10:00am	SJ	Margaret Golding RIP
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	11:00am	SE	Father Vincent 75th Birthday Blessings
	7:00pm	SE	Hans & Rosa Weingart RIP
Tuesday 7th Nov	10:00am	SE	Cornelius Wall Thanksgiving
Wednesday 8th Nov	7:00pm	SE	Christina Complin RIP
Thursday 9th Nov	12:15pm	SJ	Praying for peace throughout the world
Friday 10th Nov	7:00pm	SE	Mass for the Bereaved
<i>St Leo the Great</i>			Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
Saturday 11th Nov	11:00am	SE	Alice O'Donnell RIP
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	6:15pm	SJ	People of the Parish
Sunday 12th Nov	9:00am	SE	Money & resources needed to get things done
<i>Thirty-second Sunday</i>	10:00am	SJ	Mrs Maria Coppetta RIP
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	11:00am	SE	
	7:00pm	SE	

5th November

Psalm Response

Keep my soul in peace before
you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is
listening; you have the
message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

12th November

1st Reading:

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm: 62

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 1-13*

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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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our 9am Sunday Mass in St Edmund's offers a
children's liturgy of the word for all children
3+ up until the children have received their
First Holy Communion.

We have a great number of children join each
week but we need more volunteers to be able
to continue. This will be a term time
commitment only. If you don't want to lead a
session you do not need to, we mainly need
DBS'd adults for our safeguarding ratios.

If you are interested in joining please email

Anna on:

safeguarding@

southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

We will need to process a DBS for you for
children before you can begin in the role.

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!