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AUGUST 6TH 2023 | THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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## HAS GOD EVER REVEALED HIMSELF TO YOU AND ME?

*On the 31st of July, I watched the acclaimed Christopher Nolan film - 'Oppenheimer', centred on 'The Manhattan Project' that produced the first nuclear weapons used in bombing Hiroshima and Nagasaki. During the discussions that Oppenheimer had with the theoretical physicist, Werner Heisenberg, before the nuclear weapons were developed, Heisenberg reminded him that **"the real issue here is not whether you can read music, but whether you can hear and feel it"**. Oppenheimer who could hear and feel the music regarding the dangers of what they were about to develop, confided in Albert Einstein that atomic bomb risks triggering an unstoppable chain reaction that could destroy the world. When that predication came to pass in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Oppenheimer told President Truman that he felt he had blood on his hands.*

*On this Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, we encounter in today's Gospel the complete and perfect revelation of God in the person of Jesus Christ, made manifest in the disciples' witnessing of Christ's true metamorphosis (**Metamorphoo**) and the hearing of the voice of the Father commanding them to listen to Him. It is this same theophanic imagery of God's magnificent glory that was depicted in our First Reading and affirmed by St Peter in our Second Reading when he confirmed what they saw, heard, and felt. My friends, has God ever revealed Himself to you and me? Many of us might be praying to see, hear and feel God like the apostles did in today's Gospel but neglect the fact that God has revealed, continues to reveal, and will always reveal Himself to us. Yes, God has revealed Himself to us in the unity that is palpable at the gathering in Lisbon of Pope Francis with thousands of youths from around the globe in the ongoing World Youth Day. God has revealed Himself to us in all the people we meet each day especially in those suffering and on the margins of society. Finally, God has revealed Himself to us in His Creation/Environment which we ought to look after. As Heisenberg told Oppenheimer above, the real issue here is not whether we can see, hear, and feel the music, but whether we are able to see, hear and feel God's revelation of Himself in ourselves, the people around us and in His creation. **As St Irenaeus stated - Man/Woman fully alive, is the glory of God!!!***

*Fr Johnpromise*

### Questions to Ponder for the Week...

- 1. In the Transfiguration the disciples were invited to behold Jesus in His glory and, in a sense, to stop talking and "listen to Him". Do you ask yourself every night if you saw or heard Jesus 'The Christ' during the day?*
- 2. Reflecting on Daniel's vision (1st reading): What things have power over us in our life? Are they good things? Would you like to see some of them lose some of their hold?*
- 3. What and where are the "dark" places in your life that St Peter writes about (2nd reading)? Invite 'The Light of Christ' into them.*

*Vincent Harvey (Adapted from Anne Osdieck)*

## Today's Notices

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Small Groups Fayre** in St Edmund's 9 & 11am (see "A Few Words")

**Remembering** Hiroshima and Nagasaki (see elsewhere)

Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to churches.

## Next Sunday Notices

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Retiring Collection** is for Catholic Home Care

**Small Groups Fayre** in St Edmund's 7pm

**Welcome to Fr Michael Cronin** who is presiding at the 9 & 11am Masses

**Baptisms** in St Edmund's

## This Week...

**Sun** Group Fayre in St Edmund's

**Tue** Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's  
Alpha @ 7pm in St Edmund's Hall

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

**Thu** Diversity Group meeting in Presbytery

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

## For Info...

**Mon** Day off: VH

Short break (7th-17th): JP

**Tue** Clergy support: VH

**Wed** Housebound visits: VH

## Prayers



### Pope's Prayer Intention for August For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

*The intrinsic human dignity that elevates all human beings is sometimes masked by outward appearances. Let us pray that the human dignity of those with disabilities, the homeless, and the unborn is always respected and protected. Lord hear us*



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

**John 5:24-29**

**Please pray for Nicola Kenny** who has died suddenly. Her Funeral is on 17th August at the Crematorium. May Nicola rest in peace.

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



## A Few Words...

**New Parish Structures** will begin to develop during the next few years in line with the Diocesan '10 Year Plan'. Hopefully you saw and read Fr Tom Kleinschmit's article last week. Much work will have to be done to enable this to be of benefit to the Church in the area and our 'mission'.

**Thank you** for the unusually large retiring collection last weekend for the **Organ in St Edmund's**; that bodes well for the fund raising we are going to have to undertake.

The Solemnity of the **Assumption of Our Blessed Lady** takes place on Tuesday, 15th August. So do make a note of this Holy day. Masses as usual: 7am & 7.30pm in St Edmund's and 12.15pm in St Joseph's.

Please see the 'article' on **Gift Aid in the Parish** elsewhere in the newsletter. It is essential that we have as many people as possible signed up to Gift Aid as it is not you giving extra, but us pulling it down from the Inland Revenue.

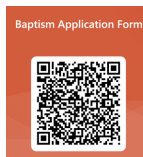
The **small group fayre** has moved to **St Edmund's this weekend**. Do have a look at the groups that have formed over the past 2 years after coming out of COVID in response to Alpha and other initiatives: Prayer & Fellowship; Prayer & Support; Evening Prayer; Evening Rosary; St Joseph's Choir; 9am St Edmund's Choir; 11am St Edmund's Choir; 7pm Music Group; 7pm Koro Filipino Group; Richard Rohr; Lectio Divina; Activated Disciples; Morning Rosary & Coffee; Young Adults; Poetry Share; Green Living; Bethany (bereavement support). You may wish to join one! You may wish to form one!

Finally do see **the Novena and 'Called and Gifted'** planned in St Boniface.

Have a good and satisfying week.

Thanks Vincent H

## 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.



**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/USMmJ9JK9J>

## What's going on?

**The remembrance of the bombing of Hiroshima takes place at Riverside Park at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday August 6th.**

The Sheriff of Southampton, Cllr. Dave Shields, will be in attendance. The event takes place near the children's playground and the entrance is from Manor Farm Rd. This is organised by Southampton CND. All are welcome.

**Novena to St Boniface at St Boniface, 413 Shirley Road, SO15 3JD** Rosary every day 6:30pm followed by Mass & Novena at 7pm (29/8 till 8/9). Except Saturday 2/9: Rosary at 6pm followed by Mass and Novena at 6:30pm. Sunday 3/9: Rosary at 5pm and followed by Mass and Novena at 5:30pm. Feast Day Friday 8/9, Procession at 6:30pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.

**Feast Day 8/9 Dinner Party:** All are welcome after the 7pm Mass at the St Boniface Church Hall!

### March for Life London Sat 2nd September

There is a coach travelling from Holy Family Catholic Church (Millbrook, Southampton SO16 4PL) departing for London at 07:15. The coach returns from London at 5pm, due back in Southampton 19:30.

The cost is £28 per seat. Children's tickets will be cheaper, the price will depend on the number of children on the coach to cover the cost of coach hire.

If you would like to book a seat please email Holy Family Catholic Church [office@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk](mailto:office@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk) or call the office 023 8077 8203. For information about the March for Life visit [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

### Called & Gifted Coming to St Boniface in September!

"Called and Gifted" is a Catholic organisation approved by Bishop Philip. Sherry Weddell, co-founder of the Catherine of Siena Institute (CSI), introduced the Called and Gifted Charism Discernment process to the Portsmouth diocese in 2014. Since then, she and her team of Called and Gifted Teachers and Discernment Facilitators have helped many Catholic parishes and parishioners across the diocese to discern their gifts and put them into practice.

Please consider joining us on a special teaching day that will be held on **9 September 2023** St Boniface church hall. This will be followed by **one-to-one discernment conversations** via Zoom or in-person with a trained facilitator to help us unlock our potential charisms. Finally, we will be encouraged to begin "experimenting" with our discerned charism by putting it into **concrete practice**. There is a minimal fee involved. We will give you more details as we get closer to the teaching day. Please consider taking part in this special event.

**Time to register!!** You can now begin signing up for the Called & Gifted programme beginning in September. To register please contact Jane Stephenson (07941755323) or Augustine Odukoya (07883014954) or send an email to: [calledandgifted@st-boniface.org.uk](mailto:calledandgifted@st-boniface.org.uk). Please give your full name and contact details.

## URGENT Gift Aid Forms

All gift aiders to the parish **must please send a new Gift Aid Declaration as soon as possible** to the Parish Office. As the Diocese has changed to the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth we have been asked to fill in new forms under the new name. If you have changed address or have a new name you must also fill in a new form.

**Out of 643 Gift Aiders only 61 new forms have been returned.** If we do not receive a new form from these gift aiders before **27th of August** we will be removing them from our records and no longer claiming. Please do collect and fill in a new gift aid form if you did not do one this year (from January 2023). Forms are available at the back of church or can be posted / emailed from the Office if requested.

**Our current claim (money received January - June) pending submission will drop substantially if we have to remove the 80 active donors whose forms we are still waiting to receive.**

Gift aid is a tax relief for charities in the UK that increases donations by 25% at no extra cost to the donor. The charity is able to claim back tax that a donor has already paid to the government. We can claim this money at no additional cost to you!

1) **I have filled in the declaration form and signed it, what do I do now?** Now you need to return the form to Anna in the Parish Office. You can hand deliver it, post it, email a scanned copy or you can give your forms to the priests at Mass to return to Anna.

2) **How can I donate to the parish so they can identify me as a gift aider?** As long as we have your gift aid form all donations you make (that we can identify!) we claim on:

**Standing Orders** with the donor's name are the easiest way for the Parish to identify gift aiders, and the reliable predictable income helps the parish to budget.

**Bank Transfers** are equally easy to match to a gift aider as long as the bank account is a donor's name (or the reference).

**Cheques** (made payable to CDP SOUJE) as long as we know the purpose of the donation we can claim.

**Cash must be in an envelope** marked with your name, or can be brought directly into the Parish Office.

Contactless Machines take care of the gift aid forms automatically once you donate (if you donate to the parish by ways other than the contactless machine, you will still need to fill in a new gift aid form for us to claim on that).

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**There are new Brown Door keys, if you still have the old set please return them to the office at your convenience.**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST

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

<b>Saturday 5th August</b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>6:15pm SJ</b>	For the Submersible Lost on Visit to Titanic Wreck RIP
<b>Sunday 6th August</b> <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	<b>9:00am SE</b>	Mrs Catherine (Kitty) Cummins RIP
	<b>10:00am SJ</b>	For all Assistance Received
	<b>11:00am SE</b>	Thanksgiving
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday 8th August</b> <i>St Dominic</i>	<b>10:00am SE</b>	David C Andrew God's Blessing and Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday 9th August</b> <i>St Teresa of the Cross</i>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Kathleen (Paddy) Chandler RIP
<b>Thursday 10th August</b>	<b>12:15pm SJ</b>	Private Intentions
<b>Friday 11th August</b> <i>St Clare</i>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Thanksgiving for all Holy Angels Working with Us & for Us
<b>Saturday 12th August</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>11:00am SE</b>	Joan Dowding RIP
	<b>6:15pm SJ</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 13th August</b> <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:00am SE</b>	Joan Dowding RIP
	<b>10:00am SJ</b>	For all those who have Helped us in Love & those Still Helping Birthday Blessings Zephan
	<b>11:00am SE</b>	Eddie Commons RIP
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	

## 6th August

### Psalm Response

The Lord is King, most high  
above all the earth.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

This is My Son,  
the Beloved,  
He enjoys My favour;  
listen to Him.  
*Alleluia!*

## 13th Aug

### 1st Reading:

*1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13*

### Psalm: 84

### 2nd Reading:

*Romans 9: 1-5*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 14: 22-33*

### 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**

You will need to have DBS for work with children before you can begin in the role. Contacting Anna above will begin this process.

### 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!