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MAY 7TH 2023 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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Allegiance to God and King

This Saturday we will witness the Coronation of King Charles III. For some of us it will be our first experience of a coronation in our lifetime and many of us will be still grieving the loss of Queen Elizabeth II who not only lived, but exemplified allegiance to her country and her God.

As Catholic Christians, what should our approach be to this momentous event?

There are many elements in the coronation ceremony that should be applauded and commended.

King Charles will be anointed with oil that has come from olive trees in a Greek Orthodox Monastery where his grandmother is buried. It has been blessed in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem by a Greek Orthodox Patriarch. A Greek Orthodox chant will be part of the service. The anointing will take place behind a screen, signifying its import and solemnity. The King will enter the Abbey behind a processional Cross he gave to the Church in Wales, and embedded in this cross is a relic of the True Cross, a gift from Pope Francis. The King has asked that the celebration and reception of Communion is part of the Coronation service and it is poignant to reflect on the fact that King Charles will be the first to receive communion in his outstretched hands before all those who are present, who will be invited to follow him in this act of 'Communion'.

However there may be some confusion and consternation prompted by the announcement this week that Charles has asked that all those who are both present and watching the ceremony should recite their allegiance to the King of England. I have to admit that I was one of the sceptical ones, but purely because my ultimate allegiance as a Christian is to Almighty God. 'You cannot serve both God and mammon'. And yet if we return to the gospels it was Jesus who clearly said to the pharisees when they questioned Him about paying allegiance and tax to the Roman authorities, that they should render to the authority what is due to them.

Jesus is saying that we should not separate ourselves from the world or from those who are chosen to lead us, as long as it does not mean compromising our faith. An article in the Tablet last weekend asked the question: Will King Charles be the 'Defender of the Faith' or 'a Defender of Faith'? There is certainly enough evidence within the context of the Coronation to suggest that the future King Charles is embracing ecumenism and all faiths. As a parish community we are seeking to be more diverse and inclusive as we celebrate our multi-cultural routes.

In our readings this weekend St Peter reminds us that as Christians and believers we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart.

The challenge is to live this. But as Christians we also have security in a kingdom that is beyond this world. Jesus reminds us in the gospel there is a place prepared for us in the Father's house. As the 'Thought for the Day' presenter, the Revd Sam Wells, so aptly expressed on Tuesday 2nd May: 'Saturday will be a huge statement of faith, faith in something beyond our own integrity and autonomy, faith that our country is more than a sum of its parts, faith that deserves our loyalty, and faith that beyond all earthly crowns and thrones, there is something or someone worthy of our life, our soul, our all.'

*This is our faith, the faith of our Church and we are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.*

Tina Quinn

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "Do not let your hearts be troubled..." Jesus says in today's gospel. What 'troubles you?' Why? Put it in God's hands.
2. "...in the daily distribution (of food) the widows were being overlooked" we hear in Acts! Do you 'overlook' people? Family? Friends? People in need?
3. We have "been called out of darkness into (God's) wonderful light" (2nd reading). Do you allow God's light to penetrate your 'darkness'? Go on, let it!

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Please continue to sanitise hands on entry to the churches

Next Sunday Notices

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Retiring Collection is for Catholic Home Care

This Week...

Tues Parish Finance Meeting
Meditation Group at 6pm in St Michael's

Wed Evening Prayer online 6pm

Thurs Richard Rohr Group

Sat FHC children meet in St Edmund Church

Sun Evening Prayer online 6pm

For Info...

Mon Day off: JP/VH

Tues Springhill Chaplaincy: JP/AP/VH

Wed Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP

St Anne Mass: JP

Solent Uni Mass: VH

Thurs Diocesan Interfaith: VH/TT

Sacraments & Prayers

Pray for Iain Rylands (Head of RE at Springhill) who died unexpectedly during the Easter holidays. May he rest in peace. His Requiem Mass will be in St Edmund's on Tuesday, 23rd May, at 1:30pm. Pray also for Margaret, his mother, Kevin, his brother and the Springhill Community.

Please pray for all those in our parish who are to be Baptised this month: *Hanna, Julia, Levana, Sukhman, Ivana-Mara and Noah.*

We remember them in our prayers as they enter the Faith, and also remember their families and godparents.

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

Seeking Baptism for your child? Please use the QR Code here, or go to our Parish Website, Sacraments, then to 'Baptism'. Once you have filled in the online form Anna will be in touch. Please only fill in the form once, otherwise delays are caused!

Baptism Application Form



When is there Adoration in St Edmund's?

Tuesdays 10.30am - 8pm

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm

Thursdays 10am - 5pm

Friday 10am - 12pm



A Few Words...

It was great last Wednesday to be invited to participate in the 70th Anniversary of the Polish Chaplaincy here in Southampton. Father Johnpromise was able to join the priests in the afternoon in the Polish Club (then return for the 7pm Mass); and I was able to concelebrate at Mass in Immaculate Conception Church. It was a joyous and faith-filled celebration. The Polish Community certainly know how to sing and 'raise the roof'!

*Due to the demands on Anna that have increased significantly in terms of property, finance and pastoral activities, we have created a role for an **Assistant Parish Administrator** (15hr a week). Applications close **29th May**, see below for job description and details. **Are you interested? Do you know people who could be interested?***

*Plans for the 'International Day' on Sunday 4th June, consisting of Brazilian afternoon with food and music, and the 7pm International Mass followed by food provided by all our communities, is well on the way. **Put it in your diary! Watch this space!***

*The **Bishops' Conference of England & Wales** have asked us to keep Tuesday, 9th May as a **Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse**. Please pray for all who have suffered from, may even be suffering now, from abuse of whatever kind! Also pray for Survivors of Abuse that they can be supported to regain a quality of life. They also ask us to support the **International Day of Prayer** (this year on 14th May) **for the Churches of the East** promoted in this country by Fellowship and Aid to the Churches of the East.*

*As mentioned last week the **Parish** (represented by myself and Jude Maleski) are part of the **Southampton Mental Health Network**. We are looking for others to get involved so that we can be proactive as a Parish. If you are interested do let me know. Thanks... Vincent H*

St Joseph's and St Edmund's Parish, Part time Assistant Parish Administrator

Flexible, 15 hours per week Salary of £12ph

A role has arisen for an Assistant Parish Administrator to support life in a busy parish office, helping with secretarial services for the clergy, supporting day-to-day administration of the parish, sacrament registrations, phone and email correspondence.

We're looking for someone with office experience, confident in use of MS Office 365, self-motivated, diplomatic, approachable, with good timekeeping and telephone manner.

Closing date for applications: **Wednesday 29th May 2023**
Interviews: **Friday 2nd June 2023**

For more information and an application, either email the office, use the link below or the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/VwQjFW9Vie>

SOUJE Assistant Parish Administrator



What's going on?

Save the date! Springhill Primary will be holding a summer fete & festival on **June 10th from 12-3pm**. There will be games, refreshments, business stalls and entertainment for all the family and everyone from the Parish is most welcome! Donations to the tombola and grand raffle are most welcome and we will send out more details on how they can be given in the coming weeks, please keep a lookout in the newsletter. If you would like to volunteer to help us make this happen or, hire a business stall pitch then please email us at springhillpa@gmail.com Many thanks, Springhill Parents Association

The Catholic Association to Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 August 18th-25th. Lourdes is a very special place, and everything is geared around making it a positive and memorable experience for the sick. This requires a nursing and medical team but most importantly a large number of volunteers to support the pilgrimage. Volunteering includes a wide range of roles from making teas and coffees, to pushing wheelchairs. If you are interested in joining either as an assisted pilgrim, able-bodied pilgrim, volunteer or a health care professional there are more details on the Catholic Association website: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk> If you have any questions you can talk to Tina or Fr Vincent.

Paul Hughes, a new parishioner, is looking for a lift to Lymington as he has to attend physio there every two or three weeks. Public transport to Lymington is extremely difficult with his disability and also expensive. If you think you could offer him the occasional lift can you please contact on ph3n19@soton.ac.uk It would help him immensely. There are a few interested, so if we could encourage a few more people it would share the load.

"Grace in a World on Fire": a Retreat on Saturday 20 May, at Douai Abbey near Reading (Woolhampton). The Retreat is concerned with Climate Change and how the Church can and should react to this problem, perhaps the greatest problem facing our generation.

The day is to be given by two tutors from the London Jesuit Centre: Dr Nicolette Burbach and Fr Ladislav Sulik SJ. You can see more about them by following these links: www.londonjesuitcentre.org/tutor/dr-nicolette-burbach; www.londonjesuitcentre.org/tutor/fr-ladislav-sulik-sj How can we mitigate the changes of the ecological crisis without feeling overwhelmed and apathetic? Pope Francis poses the question: "How can we persevere in faith, hope and love so as to keep going?"

Cost £25 with lunch, £15 without lunch but with tea and coffee - discounts available for students and for the unwaged. The day lasts from 10.30 am to 4 pm. If you would like to attend, please contact the Guestmaster guestmaster@douaiabbey.org.uk

Food Banks Please consider donating if you can
<https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>



Tuesday 9 May 2023 marks the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This day invites us on a journey to face the truth of the anguish of those who have been impacted by abuse. In listening to survivors, families and communities, we begin the work of 'preparing a way' for God's healing and renewal through our repentance and desire to respond. *"A bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged until he has established justice in the earth."* **Isaiah 42:3-4.** Many in the Church have been broken and their faith extinguished. Together as people of God, we seek to acknowledge the immense harm that has been inflicted. We intend not to 'grow faint or weary or be discouraged', but with renewed trust, we believe in God's power to bring healing and hope, to victims and survivors, families and communities and the wider church.

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken love, trust and commitment. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October, call/text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Engaged and Married Couples Retreat - 9th - 11th June - aimed at nurturing the communion in the couple, by strengthening the marital bond, with their relationship with God and dialogue with each other. Venue: Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, on the Isle of Wight. For more information, please, contact: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com

Green Living

Let's Go On A Worm Hunt! Healthy Soil has more worms. Worms eat their own body weight in food in one day. Worm poo enriches the soil with vital nutrients keeping it healthy. Soil with worms is 90% more effective in soaking up water. Worms are really important in the food chain and make a tasty meal for birds, hedgehogs and frogs. Healthy soil can help combat climate change, feed the planet's growing population and help prevent droughts and flooding. You can download a Worm Hunt Guide and lots more information on the Soil Association website so you can chart how healthy your garden soil is and sign up for their newsletter for ongoing information.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 7TH MAY

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

Saturday 6th May <i>of 4th Week of Easter</i>	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
Sunday 7th May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	9:00am SE	Liam Mulholland RIP
	10:00am SJ	Joan O'Reilly RIP
	11:00am SE	Thanksgiving
	7:00pm SE	Ligy RIP 23rd Anniversary
Tuesday 9th May	10:00am SE	Thanksgiving to St Anthony
Wednesday 10th May <i>St John of Avila</i>	7:00pm SE	Brenda McCloy RIP
Thursday 11th May	12:15pm SJ	Southampton Chinese Community
Friday 12th May <i>of 5th Week of Easter</i>	7:00pm SE	Herman Peregrino RIP 1st Anniversary
Saturday 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	11:00am SE	George & Signe Plomer
	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
Sunday 14th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	9:00am SE	Birthday blessings & thanksgiving blessing
	10:00am SJ	People of the Parish
	11:00am SE	Gretta Phelan RIP
	7:00pm SE	Eugene Devaney RIP

7th May

Psalm Response

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through Me."
Alleluia!

14th May

1st Reading:

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Psalm: 65

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 3: 15-18

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

Parish Bank Details

Setting up a standing order from your mobile or online banking is the easiest way!

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Catholic Home Care Co-ordinator.

We're looking for an energetic, self-motivated, and resourceful individual to take over the role of co-ordinating the activities of the Catholic Home Care. This is a demanding but rewarding post which offers the opportunity to lead a team of caring people who make a significant social impact providing domestic support, to enable elderly people to safely remain in their own homes for longer. You will be making an important contribution to your community and helping local people. The position is part-time, flexible 20 hours per week, days and times to be agreed, based in Southampton.

This post will require a DBS check. For an application or more information call Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce on 023 8017 0498.

Cut off date 22nd May, interviews 26th May.

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!