



AUGUST 7TH 2022 | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Yesterday has gone, tomorrow is in the hands of God, live for today

Today we are presented with a number of accounts of deep faith and trust. We can only marvel at these men and women: Abraham, with Isaac and Jacob who left all that they had to go to a land to which God was calling them; Sarah who was beyond child bearing age confident that the Lord would give her a son; Abraham who was prepared to sacrifice his own son in obedience to God's command.

For those of us who have been part of "Called and Gifted" we would understand this charism as the gift of extraordinary faith: faith that would have expectations and confidence in the seemingly impossible (only possible to God) but more than that: ultimate trust that God will provide.

The common theme and thread in each of these accounts is the hope of greater things and ultimately in the Kingdom of God.

This leads us into the gospel message where we are extolled to focus beyond the needs and wants of today and strive to a greater hope. But we can only do this by being ready: ready to serve God at every moment of our lives and to be ready to leave everything in this world in preparation for the next.

It is so easy to put off things to tomorrow, to next week and to hope that all will take care of itself but God expects far more than that. He wants us to be on our guard every moment of every day being ready to welcome Him in whatever state of life we are in.

We are all guilty of hoping that we have a bit more time.

I find myself full of good intentions with my lists of all that I need to do or people I need to contact, but the lists get bigger: putting off is not what God wants. He wants me to be ready now and to action those things that He has put on my heart today. A number of us continue to work on the responses from the synod: a synod for the people; to listen to the appeals of those who do not feel listened to, to the alienated and those on the edge and to action their requests, not tomorrow, not next year, but today. We need to act now as people of faith drawing people into a greater hope that will last.

As I continue my day to day work supporting those who are dying, the question often asked is 'How long?'. In a secular/clinical sense it is one of the most difficult questions that we are asked and indeed to answer because God only knows. And yet, if this is pondered in the context of eternity however long is transitory and part of life's journey.

I often introduce palliative care to those who are dying by explaining that it is not about what we cannot do, i.e., take away the illness or add years to life expectancy. It is about what we can do: ensuring that people can be cared for where they want to be, surrounded by those they love.

Today's gospel speaks to us of how we can be prepared for our entry into the Kingdom of God: by being ready, accepting God's will and trusting in His infinite goodness.

Tina Quinn

Questions to Ponder for the Week...



1.'be ready to open the door as soon as 'the master' knocks...." Jesus says in today's Gospel. In what way are you 'ready' to encounter Christ? Now? Tomorrow? The 'end' of time?

2. The Book of Wisdom (1st reading) writes about "That night....." when the Israelites celebrated Passover waiting for the Lord to liberate them. From what do you need the Lord to 'liberate' you from? Why? How are you preparing for that liberation (prayer, good works, Mass.....)?

3. The Letter to the Hebrews (2nd reading) says "Only faith can guarantee the blessings we hope for....."

How would you describe your faith? Why? How can you deepen it?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Retiring Collection for Catholic Home Care

We welcome Fr Richard who is presiding at the 9 & 11am Masses

No Children Liturgy at 9am Mass

Baptism Lunch for those who are on the Preparation Course

Please continue to sanitise hands on entry to the churches and we encourage **wearing face masks**

Next Sunday Notices

Assumption of Our Blessed Lady

We welcome a Supply Priest for the 9 & 11am Masses

Baptisms at 11.30am in St Jo's & 12.30pm St Ed's

This Week...

Mon Baptism Preparation

Tues St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm

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

Thurs Richard Rohr group via Zoom

For Info...

Mon VH Day off

JP on annual leave for 2 weeks

Tues SLT: VH/AP/TQ/LS

Wed Team Meeting: VH/AP

Funeral: VH/AP

A Few Words...

The fine weather continues which is lovely, apart from the lack of water; we need to conserve as much as we can!

Father Johnpromise headed home last Tuesday for two weeks. We wish him an enjoyable time with his family.

I am not sure what the **Closer to Christ campaign** in the Parish has reached, though we are at over £260,000, I think. Already money pledge is coming into the Parish Bank Account (as some pledges started at the end of June): thank you if that is 'you'!

Our **Pilgrimage to Fatima** seems to be still on the cards! If you were thinking of coming act now!! Fingers crossed we go!

Have a good week... Vincent H

Sacraments

Please remember all those being baptised this month, Ada O'Brien, Yasmine Barqueiro, Alice Boussot, Ethan Cortez, Chloe Simonetti, Nikola Chlasta, Lena Lorek, Prince Eken, Skylar Brindley, Mia Mikos, Kaja Krampa. **We pray for them and their families as we welcome them into the Faith on this joyous occasion!**



Deaths: Please pray especially for:

Christopher Chi-hung Wong who died last month. His Requiem Mass will be in St Edmund's on Wednesday, 10th August, at 10am. Please pray for his wife, Shirley, and sons, Michael & Stephen. May Christopher rest in peace.

Layton George Cashmore who died tragically. His Funeral will be at St Edmund on Friday, 26th August at 1pm. We pray for his parents and family. May Layton rest in peace.

May Christopher and Layton rest in peace.

Prayers



O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of Your Priests.

Give them deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life.

In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that they are needed by the Church; they are needed by souls; they are needed for the work of redemption.

Lord, send us many holy Priests.

O Loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to Your heart Your sons who are close to You because of their priestly ordination and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much.

Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

Amen.



We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings.

Lord hear us.

Please remember especially in your prayers

Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, the Roberts family, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, Mary O'Reilly, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Diana Elena, Carmen Escorocio, Carol Roe, Simon, Sue, Zoe, Jack Oakley and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.



Please consider joining our Adoration team! We are still in need of Adorers to keep our constant daily Adoration running. Please get in touch with Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to help/join!



The gaps we need filling are:

Monday 1.30pm onwards, Wednesday all day,
Thursday 4-5pm, Friday 10-1pm

What's going on?

Our new parents need you! Do you enjoy meeting new people and making them feel welcome? Are you able to come and support our young families in the church and talk to them about Baptism?

Our parish Baptism Preparation team needs new members to support this important ministry. We are currently Baptising up to 12 children every month and this is **the first and most important sacrament** that our children will receive. To continue to welcome children and families into our community we need more hands-on deck. You will be part of a team and training will be given. Do think and pray about it and contact Tina or the Parish Office for more information. **Thank you!**

Communion Under both kinds: "The Bishops Conference have been asked to look into the possible resumption of the reception of Holy Communion under both kinds to the congregation. Having taken advice from Professor Jim McManus, it was thought that it would not be prudent to resume this at the moment, but that this would be kept under review as further research becomes available. It was noted that most parishes are taking sensible options over the Sign of Peace where nods rather than shaking hands were becoming more commonplace. It was noted that clergy could decide for themselves if they wished to continue to wear face masks to distribute Holy Communion."

Consultation on a Draft Southampton Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2022-2027.

Members of the public, agencies, businesses and community organisations are invited to comment on the draft. This draft strategy has been developed by public services and agencies across Southampton. This is our partnership approach to tackling domestic abuse and violence against women and girls in Southampton. Please see:

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/SotonDAVAWG>

The 9am Choir will be taking a break for the first three weeks in August, and will return on the 28th.

St Ed's family of four (2 adults & 2 children) looking for short term rental accommodation from end of August to mid November. Kindly contact the Parish Office if you can help who will put you in touch with the family.

Safe Families for Children. Since starting in Southampton Local Churches has made an impact. **757 children** across Southampton have benefitted from finding love and belonging! **337 families** have been supported through some of the most challenging times. "More than Sundays" <https://vimeo.com/669476636/483d02f1c> "Tam's story - Someone to believe in me" <https://vimeo.com/545966647>

Safe Families for Children appreciate any funding or donations possible: <https://safefamilies.uk/donate/>

Food Banks The best place to check what donations are really needed is: <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate> Please keep bringing extra items to church to donate, if you can!

Closer to Christ Update

See my 'few words'! **Vincent Harvey**



Local Clergy Moves...



Immaculate Conception: Fr Antony Gatt retires this coming September and will be replaced by Fr Anthony Chiatu who is currently in Winchester. Coming also from Winchester is Deacon Gerard Dailly, who is currently a deacon in St Peter & The Martyrs. **St Boniface:** Fathers Emmanuel and John are leaving in September and Fr Godwin from Nigeria and Fr Alex from the Philippines will be joining Father Tom.

Please keep them all, and their parishes, in prayer.

Pilgrimages: Day and Longer....

1. Celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on Monday, 15th August

at Harvington Hall (Kidderminster). Leaving St Boniface at 8am. The cost of the day, which includes guided tours, lunch and the cost of the journey, is £57.50 per person. If you would like to go please book your seat by contacting **07395 228 841** or stjosephscentre@mail.com. Closing date for booking is this Sunday - 7th August!!!

2. A visit/pilgrimage to Portugal culminating in

Fatima: 12th-19th October. In Lisbon we visit the birthplace of St Anthony where we will celebrate Mass and visit the museum dedicated to his life. We then visit Pastes de Belem and the Cathedral which dates from the 12th Century. On Saturday we depart for Fatima via Sintra. In Fatima we will visit all the important sites and participate in the evening candle light procession. The cost is £895 (sharing) which includes breakfast & evening meals (except for one fish lunch), pilgrims are responsible for lunch if desired.

For full details please refer to the brochure available from the back or church or from Godfrey Doyle godfreydoyle@gmail.com.

3. ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning

August 10.00-1.00 "Lead us not into temptation - we pray to be helped through times of testing".

Our special guest speaker is Jenny Baker, national leader of Celebrate conferences and presenter of CaFE videos. Starts with Mass at 10.00 and also includes Adoration, Prophetic sharing, Praise, Testimony and discussion. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREAUG2022

Weekly Green Living Suggestions...

As many of us know from this Friday (5th Aug) Southampton, Winchester, Andover and the Isle of Wight will be under a **Temporary Use Ban** as Southern Water urgently works to reduce the demand on the River Test and River Itchen.



Last month we focused on 'water use', so hopefully some of the ideas we discussed will help us to be responsible as we lessen our water use to help with these efforts.



The average daily use is 450 million litres of water a day, but in July this rose to an average of 631 million. Couple this with the dry spell we are experiencing... no wonder we are in a tricky position!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST

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

Saturday 6th August

The Transfiguration

Sunday 7th August

*Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

6:15pm SJ

7:00pm SE

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Valerie Smith RIP 2nd Anniversary

Msza Polska / Mass in Polish

David C. Andrew GB+T

Baptism of the Holy Spirit for all Believers, New Converts and the Unborn

Ernest & Berthie Gellseite Thiereelinon

Catherine (Kitty) Cummings RIP

Kathleen (Paddy) Chandler RIP

Intentions of Leonardo & Family

Kate & Simon Wedding Ann.

Joan Dowding RIP

For the Prosperity of the Holy Gospel, Priests, Ministers of God & of His Lamb

Jan Rojko RIP

Msza Polska / Mass in Polish

Vivian C Andrew God's Blessing & Thanksgiving

Joan Dowding RIP

Dr Laura & Andy's Wedding Ann. & B'day

Blessings & Prayers for Family

For all the Intentions of the Blessed Mother, Her Intercession, Maternal Preference & Love

Parish Census/Registration

Please scan the QR code to fill in our online form

This is the same as the paper form, so if you cannot use this then please take a paper one to complete!

Scan to see the Parish Website



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7th August

Psalm Response:

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

Readings 14th August

First Reading:

Apocalypse 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26

Gospel:

Luke 1: 39-56

St Ed's Repository is open this Sunday 9am!

We intend to open the shop the 1st Sunday of the month, and alternate days we will publish ahead of time! Do come along if you can...

31st July Parish Collection

SO: £440 Cash: £809.57 **TOTAL: £1,249.57**

Thank you

Today's Second Collection: Catholic Home Care

Next Week: None

August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

In this month we pray especially to dedicate ourselves to follow the example of the Mother of God. The Blessed Virgin desires nothing other than the Will of her Son; we ask her to intercede for us, that we may know His Will and live it in our lives.

Confessions: **St Joseph's:** Thursdays 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm

St Edmund's: Saturdays after 11am Mass

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.