



MAY 8TH 2022 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



The Good Shepherd leads us to life.....

*The Shepherd,
with His familiar voice, cries:
"A new earth!"*

*He has crossed the ravines of death,
we leap toward the source of living water.*



*Shepherd who frees us,
eternal love!*

*"The lost sheep,
I go to seek out.*

*The sick sheep,
I carry in My arms.*

*The scattered sheep,
I gather around Me.*

*The sheep of My flock,
I lead to My mountain."*



Commission Francophone Cistercienne

Questions to ponder for the week....

1. "I know them and they follow Me" Jesus says in today's gospel. In what way do you follow Jesus? Thought? Word? Deed?
2. What Paul and Barnabas said "...made the pagans very happy....." (1st reading). What aspects of your faith make you 'happy'? What 'message' of Christ uplifts you? Why?
3. The Book of Apocalypse (2nd reading) says ".....God will wipe away all tears from their eyes". What 'tears' do you need to have 'wiped away'? Place them in God's hands whenever you pray!

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Fourth Sunday of Easter & Day of Prayer for Vocations

Welcome to **Nathan King** who is training for the Priesthood at Allen Hall (London); he will be speaking at the 6.15pm, 9 & 11am and 7pm Masses

Retiring collection toward the training of clergy

Children Liturgy at 9am Mass

Baptisms at St Joseph's & St Edmund's

Concert in aid of Ukraine at 3pm in St Edmund's: see elsewhere...

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

Next Sunday Notices

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Children Liturgy at 9am Mass

Interfaith Peace Walk around various places of worship (including St Edmund's): see elsewhere in the newsletter...

This Week...

Mon Church closed all day / Percussionist Concert at 7pm

Tues Alpha online @ 7pm
St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm

Wed Evening Prayer @6pm..... to join email Dcn Andy
Journey in Faith 7pm

Thurs Richard Rohr Group meet online

Sat FHC families meet in St Edmund's at 3pm

A Few Words...

Thank you to all who worked hard to enable Father Johnpromise to celebrate his 40th Birthday last Sunday.

Thank you to the 9am Team who provided refreshments and cake galore! It was also great that some of his family and many of his friends from around the country could not only join him, but bring food to feed the Parish!! And feed the Parish they did after 11am Mass! Their enthusiasm to celebrate with and for Father Johnpromise was infectious!! Many of us (me for a few moments!) danced the afternoon away! I think some 'knees and hips' paid the price on Monday!!

Parish Teams! Did you know we have at least 46 different Parish Teams/Groups, and about 6 or so more which are currently inactive! The SLT (Senior Leadership Team); that is Tina Quinn, Lorraine Swann, Deacon Andy, Father Johnpromise and myself, have allocated all the Parish groups to be overseen by one of us so that the Team/Group coordinator has someone they can relate to and work with! **Watch this space!**

*Slowly various teams are regrouping, but we have some way to go: 9am refreshments, 9, 11 & 7pm welcoming, collection collectors etc. **What can you get involved with?***

Citylife Church has written to thank us for the £1000 towards the 'Rent Deposit Scheme' and £1000 to CLEAR (City Life Education and Action for Refugees)

Have a good weekend... Vincent H

For info

Mon Day Off: VH/JP;

Priest's Funeral VH

Tues Alpha online: JP

St George Steering Group: VH

Wed Clergy Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP

Mental Health Network: VH

Thurs IAG Police Force: VH

Fri Jesu Caritas: VH

Clergy Ministry Group: VH

Sun Peace Walk: VH

Thankyou

to all who donated and came to the Stella Maris Soup Lunches during Lent. With the help of the government

£3,400 was raised for Ukraine.



PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR MY BIRTHDAY PARTY

One of the first songs I learnt in our children Catholic Sunday School was "Count Your Blessings, Name Them One By One." The song ends by remind us that if we count our blessings, it will surprise us what the Lord has done. I use this medium to thank Mgr Canon Vincent Harvey and all of you our parishioners, for showering me with lots of prayers, love, gifts, and your presence as I celebrated my 40th Birthday last Sunday. It was a magical day, and I was blown-away by your love and support. Thank you immensely. I reaffirm my desire to serve you all with everything I have got. May God bless you and replenish your pockets. I have counted my blessings and I can categorically state that Southampton City Centre Parish is indeed the BEST!!!

Fr Johnpromise

Prayers

Pope's Prayer Intention for May. For faith-filled young people! *We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.*

*We pray for unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them. **Lord hear us***

Please remember especially in your prayers Laneisha Vaz, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Maria, Mark Evans, Erica Burden, John, Mary O'Reilly, Christopher Browne, Simon and Sue and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

Adoration in St Edmund's is steadily growing, with increasing popularity of our evening Adoration on a Tuesday and a Friday. We are looking for co-ordinators and adorers who are able to commit to regular slots. Please get in touch with Anna in the Parish Office if you feel able to help!

St Edmund's used to offer regular daily Adoration, **but presently our numbers of Adorers are low.** The Lord is calling us all to examine our schedules to see if we have any time to devote to this beautiful time of prayer... *"Can't you stay awake with me for just one hour?"*



What's going on?

Our next Restored Lives course starts Monday 9th. This course helps people to recover from the experiences of divorce or relationship breakdown and rebuild self-confidence. The course outlines the journey from breakdown to recovery, exploring communication, handling conflict, conflict resolution, managing other relationships and letting go.

There are six online evenings starting on Monday 9th May (7-9pm). The course is founded on Christian principles but open to all. You will meet with others at different stages of broken relationships and will have the opportunity to share and explore in a safe and welcoming environment.

To register please contact the parish office or fill in this form <https://forms.gle/BUxcyaxw4GEmitdL9>

Our Alpha course is running... The course may have started, but that doesn't mean you can't still join... the sessions are Tuesdays at 7-9pm on Zoom.



Alpha is a course designed to give people the opportunity to discuss important faith questions in a welcoming environment. We're here for those with faith, those without and all those in between! Just follow the below link to the form, or email the office to register!

<https://forms.gle/Y5oMa9PzenFC3oLJ7>

CAFOD Group Calling all those with green fingers: we are **planning a PLANT and CAKE SALE.** If you can prepare seedlings, plants, especially herbs, fruit, or veg to donate suitable for sale on Sunday 29th May please let us know. mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Ukraine Aid The Polish Social Club collection point is former ToysRUs building. They will be open **Wednesday 4pm-7pm / Thursday 12pm-7pm and Saturday 11am-2pm.** Below is an updated list of the most needed items:

- Non-perishable food •Protein bars •UHT milk
- Baby food and milk •Medical supplies
- Women's hygiene products •Toiletries

Food Banks. Please when shopping buy 'one' extra item to bring to church and put in the box in the porch. The best place to check what donations are needed is:

<https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>



Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima 12-19th October 2022
Brochures available so please get in touch if you feel you might like to join. Currently a good number have joined!

18-22nd July 2022 Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Bishop Philip Egan will be leading the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes and invites you to join him. <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes> or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 07780 221686

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Gospel Charity Concert for the Ukrainian survivors

You are invited to the Gospel Charity Concert for the Ukrainian survivors. Presented by DJ Chilor and friends featuring various Gospel artists and singers. The support through CAFOD fundraising campaign. **Sunday 8th of May 2022 at 3.00pm to 5.30pm** at St Edmund's

Percussionist Concert in St Edmund's Monday 9th May 7pm all welcome, free tickets, donations welcome which are shared with the church and the performer.

Interfaith Peace Walk on Sunday 15th May: Commencing at the Peace Fountain in East Park at 12.15pm and finishing at St Edmund's at 4.15pm (having visited Medina Mosque and Nanaksar Gurdwara). **Come and join us!**

Vocation Sunday takes place this Sunday. This year's theme is 'the Journey', chosen due to the paths we all take on the road to holiness. All details can be found at: <https://www.ukvocation.org/vocations-sunday>

The paradox of abundance... Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, **a third is wasted.** St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

A Deeper Understanding of Welcome- Zoom 12th May 7-9pm 'Accompaniment' learning how to journey with others in faith in everyday conversations. Register for free on <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-xmvmlop> or contact lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for dates in May, June and July (3 or 5 two hour sessions). Our Parish is strong on 'welcome' and inclusivity. You may be interested to learn more... attend & let us know how we can improve!

Running for rice pudding! On Sunday 24th April, Cameron Kerr ran the Southampton Marathon for Southampton City Mission, (Food Banks). By the grace of God he made it to the end (in one piece), in a time of 4:56:24. If anyone would be kind enough to sponsor him (retrospectively) they can do so at <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/marathon>

Weekly Green Living Suggestion...

It is of course more of an effort to reduce use of our personal vehicles. It is often much more convenient, and sometimes cheaper, to jump in our cars than to plan an alternative journey. BUT we should consider the following where possible...
Car sharing. <https://liftshare.com>
Walking more. www.ramblers.org.uk/ www.walkingforhealth.org.uk
Cycling. www.sustrans.org.uk/nationalcycycle-network www.visit-hampshire.co.uk/dbimngs/Southampton%20Cycling%20Map.pdf
Getting an electric bike <https://cyclinguk.org/article/guide-electric-bikes>
Using buses and trains when possible (especially if alone!)



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 8TH MAY*(CHURCH KEY TO CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC MASSES BELOW: SJ = ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BUGLE STREET, SO14 2AH AND SE = ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, THE AVENUE, SO17 1XJ)***Prayer of the Church
Week 4**

Saturday 7th May <i>Easter Weekday</i>	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen and Stewart Adamson RIP
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 8th May <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	9:00am SE	Ana Rodrigues Birthday Blessings
	10:00am SJ	Speedy Recovery for Dr Tracy, Dr Rochelle & Family Dominic Parry RIP
	11.00am SE	Mirosława Gawronska RIP
Tuesday 10th May	7:00pm SE	Canon Nick Wellbeing and blessings
Wednesday 11th May	10:00am SE	Licia Seranadas RIP
Thursday 12th May <i>Ss Nereus & Achilleus</i>	7:00pm SE	Tony Percy RIP & deceased family members Jan Rojko RIP
Friday 13th May	12.15pm SJ	Get well to Anna Smyllie & all the Parish Office staff
Saturday 14th May <i>St Matthias</i>	6:15pm SJ	George & Signe Plomer RIP
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 15th May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	7:00pm SE	JR Personal Intentions
	9:00am SE	Joao Silvino RIP & deceased family members
	10:00am SJ	
	11.00am SE	Graeme Ellison RIP 1st anniversary
	7:00pm SE	Karen Simpson health thanksgiving

8th May
Psalm Response:
We are His people, the
sheep of His flock.
Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord; I know My
own sheep and My own
know Me.
Alleluia!

Readings 15th May
First Reading:
Acts 14: 21-27
Second Reading:
Apocalypse 21: 1-5
Gospel:
John 13: 31-35

Second Collection Appeal
Church Maintenance Fund
SO: £49.50
Cash: £129.85
Total = £179.35
Gratefully Received

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Pope Francis' comments on Vocation Day
He underlined that the word "vocation" should not be understood as referring only to priests and religious.
"All of us are called to share in Christ's mission to reunite a fragmented humanity and to reconcile it with God, each man and woman, even before encountering Christ and embracing the Christian faith, receives with the gift of life a fundamental calling: each of us is a creature willed and loved by God; each of us has a unique and special place in the mind of God.
At every moment of our lives, we are called to foster this divine spark, present in the heart of every man and woman, and thus contribute to the growth of a humanity inspired by love and mutual acceptance."

1st May Collection
SO: £1,160.78
Cash : £1,151.01
TOTAL: £2,311.79

2nd Collections:
Today: **Clergy Training Fund**
Next week : **None**

Confessions:
St Joseph's: Thursdays 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm
(before Mass)
St Edmund's: Saturdays 11.30am *(after Mass)*