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APRIL 9TH 2023 | EASTER SUNDAY


# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website

## Living and dying with the certainty of the resurrection.

 We have journeyed with Christ through His passion, and many of us have faithfully followed the Way of the Cross on a Friday or Sunday evening. In the words of Clarence Enzler, *'Christ Speaks: "These fourteen steps that you have taken I have walked with you. Though you are you, and I am I, yet we are truly one, one Christ, and therefore My way of the cross two thousand years ago, and your way now are also one. But note the difference. My life was incomplete until I crowned it with My death. Your fourteen steps will only be complete when you have crowned them with your life. Go now! Take up your cross and with your life complete your way!"'*\*

The number of stations can vary but on the majority of evenings we stopped at the fourteenth with Jesus being taken down from the Cross. Today we celebrate the most important feast of our faith with a God who faces death frankly but protests about the finality of death. On that first Easter morning Mary and the disciples are greeted by an empty tomb, and a God who refuses to leave the dead forever dead. The Father does not leave Jesus to rest in peace, He gives death no permission to hold Jesus ransom to those who caused His death. Today we celebrate the memory of God's great act of raising Jesus from the dead and trust that our own death will not be the final word.

I am privileged to accompany individuals as they make their final journey from life into death and beyond. It is not unusual to witness a moment of recognition or awareness as individuals take their final breath. It is as if they have seen something or someone or have a vision of where they are heading.

Over the last couple of months, several of us have attended the funerals of two outstanding Christian individuals who have faithfully followed their way of the cross in sickness and in infirmity. Two women who had a deep, deep faith in their risen Lord. Before Gina died, her final acclamation was 'I have seen the Lamb!'. The Lamb of God who had fed her daily and weekly through the Eucharist and was now there to bring her home.

Liz had a rapid illness and spent the last few weeks of her life bed bound and unable to move. As Liz neared the end of her life, she lost her sight and couldn't see but she didn't stop trusting. She spoke powerfully about her belief that Jesus was her stretcher bearer and was carrying her towards Heaven. Shortly before she died, she wrote a text message to her parish priest saying, 'I have found Him, He is walking alongside me as one of my stretcher bearers carrying me home.'

These two moving accounts give us great encouragement that the resurrected Jesus is waiting for us. He is with us in life but has promised that He will also be with us in death.

It is customary for us to message one another as a New Year begins to wish each other a 'Happy New Year'. As Easter Morning breaks, can I encourage you to message your friends and family and say 'Christ is risen, Alleluia!' and they will reply 'He is risen indeed!'.

Happy Easter.

Tina Quinn

*\*Little Way of the Cross*

## Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. What is it that allowed John to "see and believe" (Gospel), to have this kind of clarity? Does love give you knowledge about a person, insights into their behaviour?
2. Peter bore witness in a different manner after the Resurrection (1st reading) than he did before Christ died. Should we witness with more than words? How?

Vincent Harvey (adapted from Anne Osdieck)

## Today's Notices

**Easter Sunday** *The Lord is Truly Risen.....Alleluia!*

**The collection** is our 'Easter Gift' to our priests.

Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the church

## Next Sunday Notices

**Divine Mercy Sunday** when we reflect on God's unlimited mercy

**Divine Mercy Devotions** in St Edmund's at 3pm

Retiring Collection for Catholic Home Care.

## This Week...

**Tues** Prayer & Meditation Group at 6pm in St Michael's  
Diversity Group meet at 7pm

**Wed** Evening Prayer online 6pm

**Thurs** Richard Rohr meet online

**Sun** Evening Prayer online 6pm

## For Info...

**Mon** Parish Office closed

**Tues** SLT meet online at 5pm

**Wed** Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP

**Thurs** Hate Crime Awareness session: VH  
Deanery Clergy meeting: VH/JP/AP

**Fri** Interviews for Catholic Home Care Coordinator

**Sat** Confirmation Candidates meet in St Joseph, Ashurst

## A Few Words...

**I wish you a Happy and Holy Easter** and pray that you can enjoy the long weekend with family or friends. *The Lord is risen.....Alleluia!*

**Please pray for HCPT Group 170** who head off to Lourdes early on Easter Sunday morning. We pray for a safe and fruitful journey for the Children and the Team.

We pray also for all **enjoying a break** during this Easter period; we remember especially our **school staff** who work tirelessly to enable our children to grow in knowledge, understanding and faith. **Thank you!**

**Thank you** to all our volunteers, Parish Office and anyone who supports the Parish and enables the Parish to flourish and be a witness in this part of God's Kingdom. Thank you to all who prepared the churches and enabled us to celebrate liturgies worthy of the Lord and liturgies that might, just might, have changed us in some way.

*The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Vincent H*

## Sacraments & Prayers

**Please pray for all those in our parish who will be Baptised this month:** Tutu, Lewis, Etubechi, Sajan, Reuben, Annabelle, Pola, Chizaram, Tsarina & Cruz

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

**Please pray for all those in our parish who are being Confirmed and Received into the Church this month:**

Aleksandrs, Anastasija, Moureen, Rachel, Victoria, Maria Elena **We welcome you!**

**Please pray for David Deboys**, formerly Vicar of St Michael the Archangel, Bugle Street, as he is received into the Catholic Church on St Catherine's Day, Saturday 29 April. David worships with the Dominicans in Cambridge and his reception will be at the Dominican Sisters Convent.

### 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 note, the Parish Office is under much pressure at the moment so there is a delay with baptism bookings. Rest assured we will be in touch soon. Please only fill in the form once as duplications cause more delays!*



*Holy Mary, help those in need, give strength to the weak, comfort the sorrowful, pray for God's people, assist the clergy, intercede for the religious. May all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection. Amen*

**Adoration** We are in need of more parishioners to cover the following days and times:

**Mondays 3-6pm, Tuesdays 1-3pm, Wednesdays 1-6pm & Fri 12-2pm.**



### When is there Adoration in St Edmund's?

Mondays 11am - 3pm

Tuesdays 10.30am - 8pm

Thursdays 10am - 5pm

Fridays 1pm - 7pm



### Can I come to Adoration?

Yes, you are warmly welcome to attend adoration when you are able! Just come to the church between the times specified above and enjoy quiet time with Our Lord.

If you feel you would like to formally join the Adoration team, then this is a real help and greatly appreciated. Please simply contact Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to join and we can chat.

**We now have a new black notebook register in the Lady Chapel for use during Adoration.** Thank you Pat (and Francine) for the book!

**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.



Baptism Application Form



## What's going on?

**The Catholic Association to Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 August 18th-25th.** After a fallow few years due to Covid 19 the CA have been working hard to ensure that this year we have a medically supported pilgrimage for Adult Assisted pilgrims who need care and support during their journey and time in Lourdes. This requires a nursing and medical team but most importantly a large number of volunteers to support the smooth running of the pilgrimage. Volunteering includes a wide range of roles from making teas and coffees, to pushing wheelchairs. Lourdes is a very special place, and everything is geared around making it a positive and memorable experience for the sick. But for those of us who volunteer it is a week that we never forget, & Our Lady always gives us something in return. 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 also talk to Tina or Fr Vincent who will be going again this year.

**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](mailto:ph3n19@soton.ac.uk) It would help him immensely. I hope someone can!

Thanks to all who came to or supported the joint **Southampton Parishes' CAFOD Big Lent Walk** last Saturday. If you would still like to support Marina and Jude as they continue the Lenten walking challenge then please see <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/southampton-city-journey-in-faith>

**Please join CAFOD and Christian Aid** on Friday 21st April at 11:15am at St John's Church, Waterloo to pray for leaders to take the action we need to tackle the climate emergency and declare we have no faith in fossil fuels. After the service you can join as we walk together on a short pilgrimage to Parliament. When we reach Westminster, we can join thousands of other people calling for fossil fuels to be consigned to history. Please register for the 'No faith in fossil fuels: service and pilgrimage to Parliament' via [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**Food Banks** Please consider donating to Southampton City Mission Food Bank if you are able to. You can do this by making use of the collection baskets in supermarkets when you go shopping, or by bringing items with you to church to place in the boxes in the porches.

To check on the current out of stock items please see below link.



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

**Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions in St Edmund's 3pm 16th.** All are warmly invited to take part in the small gathering. It is important to remember that this message of the Divine Mercy, revealed to St. Faustina and to our present generation is not new. **It is a powerful reminder of who God is and has been from the very beginning.** This truth that God is in His very nature Love and Mercy Itself, is given to us by our faith and God's self-revelation. The veil that has hidden the mystery of God from eternity was lifted by God Himself. In His goodness and love God chose to reveal Himself to us and to make known His eternal plan of salvation. In the person of Jesus Christ, conceived through power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, the unseen God was made visible. When St. Pope John Paul canonized Sr Faustina, he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday (the feast day associated with the message) as a feast day for the entire Church. The feast day falls on the Second Sunday of the Easter season. On that day, John Paul II declared, **"This is the happiest day of my life."**

**Round Britain Sailing Pilgrimage!** Please come and join the launch Mass, celebrated by Fr Elijah, in St Joseph's 11am on Sat 29th April. Hospitality will be provided in the Stella Maris hall afterwards, followed by a stroll to see the boat off from Ocean Village.

<https://sailingpilgrimages.co.uk/stella-maris/> To apply for a sailing slot, please email [sailing.pilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:sailing.pilgrimages@gmail.com) To join a Gathering, please email [info@stellamarismail.org](mailto:info@stellamarismail.org)

## Green Living

**As previously mentioned instead of Google as your search engine you can use Ecosia as they use profits sustainably.**

This year so far we have had over 1,200 searches of the Parish Website from Ecosia!

**Useful website for recycling tips...**

<https://www.ecosia.org>

<https://www.recyclenow.com>

<https://www.soilassociation.org>

**Still looking for tips?** Try these Amazon Kindle books...

**Green Living Made Easy** - Nancy Birtwhistle

**Green Living Made Easy** - Maritza Evangelo

**Natural Homemade Cleaners** - Jennifer Anderson

Don't forget to visit **Bitterne Park Stores** 25 Manor Farm Road for a wide range of personal and household eco products!

**The Green Group Living have just submitted our application for the Bronze Award** and now hope to work toward the next level. Eco Church have asked for a donation to support our application and for the plaque that we will receive. If any parishioners would like to support this award with a financial contribution please contact Fr Vincent, Tina Quinn, or (preferably) make a transfer to the Parish Bank Account with the reference **"GREEN"**.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 9TH APRIL

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

<b>Saturday 8th Apr</b> <i>Holy Saturday</i>	<b>8:00pm SE</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 9th Apr</b> <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	<b>9:00am SE</b>	Easter prayers & blessings to Lord Jesus, Mother Mary, all religions & faith
	<b>10.00am SJ</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>11.00am SE</b>	Thanksgiving
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	For the reign of Lord Jesus Christ, the salvation of God in all the hearts, institutions, nations, families
<b>Tuesday 11th April</b>	<b>10.00am SE</b>	Cecilia & Ronald Mears RIP
<b>Wednesday 12th April</b>	<b>7.00pm SE</b>	Eric Clarke RIP
<b>Thursday 13th April</b>	<b>12.15pm SJ</b>	Eileen Aitken RIP
<b>Friday 14th April</b>	<b>7.00pm SE</b>	For those in peril on the sea
<b>Saturday 15th April</b>	<b>11.00am SE</b>	Oscar Sohna Sohna
	<b>6.15pm SJ</b>	Augustine Izuka RIP
<b>Sunday 16th April</b> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	<b>9.00am SE</b>	Alan Cunningham RIP
	<b>10.00am SJ</b>	For divine provisions & divine solutions to current situation
	<b>11.00am SE</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>7.00pm SE</b>	Gillian Barry

9th April

### Psalm Response

*This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.*

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
*Alleluia!*

16th April

### 1st Reading:

*Acts 2: 42-47*

### Psalm: 117

### 2nd Reading:

*1 Peter 1: 3-9*

**Gospel: John 20: 19-31**

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Sort Code 30-93-04

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**Vocations:** [www.portsmouthvocations.org/](http://www.portsmouthvocations.org/)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Diocesan Facebook & Twitter:** [@PortsmouthRC](https://www.facebook.com/PortsmouthRC)

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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, Monday to Friday based around core working hours of 9am to 5pm. Office based in Southampton. This post will require a full DBS check. For an informal discussion or more information call Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce **023 8017 0498.**

Contact [hr@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hr@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for job description & application form. **Closing date for applications 10 April with interviews on 14 April 2023.**

### 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!