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MARCH 10TH 2024 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website

This Weekend's Notices

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Second Collection this week for Clergy Assistance Fund

Next Weekend's Notices

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Second Collection for Easter Flowers



General Notices



We are hiring a Parish Administrator in City Centre Parish. 20-25 hours a week,

£12ph. The role will support a busy

parish office, helping with secretarial services for the clergy, supporting day-to-day administration of the parish, hall bookings, sacramental registrations & record keeping, alongside phone and email correspondence.

We're looking for someone sympathetic to the teachings of the Catholic Church, with office experience, confident in the use of Microsoft Office 365, self-motivated, diplomatic, friendly, approachable, good timekeeping and telephone manner.

Closing date for applications: Monday 18th March 9am

Interviews held: Wednesday 20th March

For a job description, more information and an application, contact

recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Please have some patience with the Parish Office over the next little while as we replace the Administrator.

Stay Awake is taking place on Saturday 13 April, 2024

from 10:00 – 19:00 Weymouth. Looking to go deeper with

Jesus? Come along for some inspiring and thought-provoking talks, Holy Mass, kids' activities, praise and worship and pizza! This is an event for everyone and anyone. Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under, £10.00 for those in Year 10 – 13, and only £12.50 for everyone else! Tickets available now, online from

www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024

If you would like your child baptised please fill in the online application form. Once filled in, the office will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation.



Couples seeking marriage are invited to fill in the form on our website, or using this

QR code. If you are marrying abroad you also need to fill in this form - and the Diocese requests a minimum of 6-12 months' notice. We will then be in touch.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Those preparing for baptism at Easter celebrate the scrutinies this Sunday at the 10am Mass at St Joseph's. Lent for them, and for us who have been baptised, is a time to carefully scrutinise our lives. We undertake this self-reflection to identify the presence of sin, turn to God in repentance and receive God's forgiveness in confession. What a great gift it is to have the gift of God's forgiveness available to us when we fall short in living out our life in Christ established in baptism.

At our Sunday Masses (other than the 10am Mass) we will hear about a man called Nicodemus who comes to Jesus by night. He is not quite able to step into the light and he could not fully understand Jesus or his message.

However, he continued to grapple with his misunderstanding and defended Jesus at his trial. Later he would anoint the dead body of Jesus. In this last act of homage, Nicodemus embraced Jesus as King, thereby becoming his disciple.

To believe in Jesus means more than accepting an idea; it involves a transformative trust in the sacrifice of God's only Son, leading to being born again and obtaining eternal life. Nicodemus's final act of faith is a reminder that even if one begins the Christian journey half-heartedly, what matters in the end is the ultimate giving of one's life and destiny to Christ. This act of faith is not just acknowledging sin but seeing it overcome by God's mercy, leading to salvation and a new life in Christ.

Fr Michael

Pope's Prayer Intention for March:

For the New Martyrs

"We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm."



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

John 5:24-29



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Samantha

McMahon who died last month. We pray for her family at this time. Her funeral will be in St Joseph's on the 12th March at 12.30pm. May Samantha rest in peace.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard

O'Mahony who died recently. We pray for his family at this time. Richard's funeral will be in St Edmund's on the 5th April at 1.30pm. May he rest in peace.

Prayers

Adoration currently runs in St Edmund's:

Monday 6pm until 7pm Mass

Tuesday beginning after 10am Mass until 7pm

Thursday 10am until 5pm

Friday 2pm until 7pm Mass.

Saturday after the 11am Mass.

Thinking of joining? Great news! Email the office, call us or text **07956 379542**.

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We now have Adoration in St Joseph's:

Thursday after the 12:15pm Mass until the 7pm Polish Mass

Thinking of joining? Email the office, call us or text **07956 379542**. There are also sign up sheets in the porch.

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Please remember especially in your prayers *Gordon Bradley, Carina, Sr Maria Innocenta, Theresa Kimber, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue, Clare Burden, Paul Hughes, Mike, Carol, David, Oliver, Carla Forte, Donna Cowan, Steph, Francis Ponniah, Jack Oakley, Terry Lennon, Helmy & all in who are ill, undergoing treatment feeling distressed.*

General Notices

On the solemnity of St. Joseph's there will be a 06:15 pm mass at St. Joseph's on March 19th. We eagerly anticipate your presence as it will truly enrich our celebration.

Pianist (or two!) needed from 31st March for 9am Mass in St Edmund's. Join our music team where rehearsals/choice of hymns are organised separately. Mary Berridge is retiring after 33 years of playing. Please contact Mary, our priests, or the Parish Office if able to help.

Holy Week Timings 25th - 31st March

Monday Penitential Service 7pm in St Ed's

Tuesday 9am Mass in St Ed's / Altar Server Triduum Rehearsal in St Ed's at 5.30pm

Wednesday 7pm Mass in St Ed's / Joint Choir Practice after

Maundy Thursday 6.15pm Family Mass of Lord's Supper in St Joseph's / 8pm Mass of Lord's Supper in St Ed's / Watching until midnight at the altar of repose

Good Friday 11.30am in St Joseph's Solemn Family Celebration of the Passion of the Lord/ 3pm in St Ed's Solemn Celebration/ Verbum Dei to lead prayers round the cross at 5pm

Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil Mass in St Ed's

Easter Sunday 9, 11, 7pm in St Ed's / 10am in St Joseph's

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

SJ is St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street & SE is St Edmund's Church, The Avenue

Saturday 9th March	6:15pm	SJ	Gabrielle & James Hall RIP
Sunday 10th March	9:00am	SE	Alan Cunningham RIP 2nd Anniversary
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)</i>	10:00am	SJ	Kathleen and Patrick Moran RIP
	11:00am	SE	Helena Luraniec & Bronisaw Luraniec & Antoni Hajduk RIP
	7:00pm	SE	People of the Parish
Monday 11th March	7:00pm	SE	Father Steven Ortiger RIP
Tuesday 12th March	10:00am	SE	Eileen and Alex Aitben RIP
Wednesday 13th	7:00pm	SE	Kate Wilson RIP
Thursday 14th March	6:30am	SE	Vera Morris RIP 6th Anniversary RIP
<i>of 4th Wk of Lent</i>	12:15pm	SJ	Bill Burke RIP
Friday 15th March	7:00pm	SE	Sheila, John & Julian Herbert RIP
Saturday 16th March	11.00am	SE	Kevin Martin RIP
<i>of 4th Wk of Lent</i>	6:15pm	SJ	People of the Parish
Sunday 17th March	9:00am	SE	Thomas Lennon RIP
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	10:00am	SJ	Vocations to the Priesthood
	11:00am	SE	Monique Tshibuba & Nicle Ngoya RIP
	7:00pm	SE	Founder of St Edmund's Church, Father Emmanuel Rivera

Today's Readings

First:

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16 16, 19-23

Psalm:

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Second:

Ephesians 2: 4-10

Gospel:

John 3: 14-21

Confessions

30 Minutes before every Mass & after Mass as announced

Also

Saturdays in St Ed's after the 11am Mass

Parish Bank

Details

Bank Account Name

CDP SOUJE

Sort Code 30-93-04

Number 00888223



Join the Parish!

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