



JULY 10TH 2022 | FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



## Who is my neighbour ?

*Neighbours in the conventional sense are those geographically near to us or linked to us through twinning or a something in common.*

*But the neighbours that Jesus refers to in this Sunday's gospel are very different to this. Jesus challenges us to reach out to those on the edges, the marginalised, those with no voice. These are the people that we were encouraged to reach out to when we are looking at our synodal process. They have a voice and they have so much to teach us from the place where they are coming from.*

*Pope Francis in his encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* exhorted us to smell of the sheep, to minister in the ditches, to be a field hospital for all who are lost. There is an account of a journalist who was spending time with Mother Theresa in the slums of Calcutta. He walked the streets with her trying to get a sense of her work and her mission. At one point the reporter lost Mother Theresa, he retraced his steps, looked to the left and the right but she was nowhere to be found. What he has failed to do was to look down. Mother Theresa was in the gutter on her hands and knees ministering to those on the ground. Mother Theresa lived her charisms of Love and Mercy. The psalmist tells us that the commandments of God should be written on our hearts: they should be part of our very being.*

*I was speaking to a priest recently about our relationship with the LGBT community. As I sought to gain a deeper understanding of what my response should be he pulled me up and asked me why I referred to members of this community as 'them' or 'they'. Surely he said, they are us. He was absolutely right. We are all children of God and there should be no differentiation. We are constantly told about 'others': the refugees, asylum seekers, the unemployed. It should not be us and them: we are all the children of God and they are our neighbours.*

*In the gospel we are presented with three persons: two of them passed by without stopping to help. It is all too easy to find excuses as to why we should not be the person to assist. We are being asked at this time to respond to 'Closer to Christ': to support our Catholic Home Care charity, our own buildings and the training and support of our clergy. The good Samaritan gave in abundance: can we respond in a similar way to those in our community supported by Catholic Home Care and our priests who serve us? Who are our neighbours?*

Tina Quinn

## Today's Notices

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Sea Sunday)

**Children Liturgy** at 9am Mass

**Retiring Collection** Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)

**Closer to Christ Campaign** thanksgiving for contributions and final appeal for the campaign

Please continue to return your **Parish Registration Forms** to the Office or to the Welcomers/Priests

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

## Next Sunday Notices

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Sea Sunday)

**Children Liturgy** at 9am Mass

**Interfaith Peace Walk** 12.30pm at the Peace Fountain, visiting the Abu Bakr Mosque, the Synagogue, and Friends Meeting House.

**Retiring Collection** for Catholic Home Care

## Questions to Ponder...

1. "Who is my neighbour?" the lawyer in today's Gospel asks! Who is **your** neighbour? How do **you** define your neighbour? Why?
2. Moses (1st reading) tells the people to keep the "commandments and laws" of God that "are written in the Book of this Law...." What are these 'Laws'? Do you keep them? Which ones are difficult? Which ones easy? Why?
3. St Paul (2nd reading) says "...the Church is His (Christ Jesus') body.." How do you understand that? Are you part of the Body of Christ? How? Why?

Vincent Harvey

## Prayers

We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage the mother to continue with her pregnancy and find peace in what the future holds. **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, Simon, Sue, Zoe and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

**An Appeal for new (or returning!) Adorers...** Please consider joining our Adoration team, either as a coordinator or an Adorer. We still have lots of gaps...

**Please get in touch** with Anna (07956 379 542) if you feel able to help/join!

The gaps we need filling most desperately are:

**Monday 1.30pm onwards, Wednesday from 3pm - 6.30pm (i.e., until Mass), Thursday 10-11am, Thursday 3pm onwards, Friday 10-11am & 12-1pm**

**Tues** St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm **For Info...**

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

**Thurs** Richard Rohr Group via Zoom

**Fri** Green Living Group @ 7.30pm

## A Few Words...

Another week gone and another weekend arrived! I hope your week has been good and that the weekend proves to be enjoyable.

The Parish **Closer to Christ** campaign to raise funds for the training and support of active & retired priests has reached £230,000..... £10,000 to go!! Please do consider contributing. More about this at Masses today. Thank you for your patience, especially those I have approached personally; and thank you for your response! To date **52 people have contributed, so imagine if another 50-100 responded** we would exceed our target, which would have great benefit for the Parish, let alone the Fund!

Happy 48th Wedding Anniversary to **Deacon Andy and Myra**.....with best wishes from us all.

On Saturday 16th July James Lewis will be **Ordained to the Priesthood** in our Cathedral of St John in Portsmouth (note: **no 11am Mass nor Confessions** at St Edmund's!). Pray for him and for David Bateman, whose diaconal ordination was at Oscott recently and for Edward Hauschild, ordained at Our Lady of the Snows, Palazzola during the week. Pray also for Andrew Collins (Diocese) and Dr. Timothy Graham (Ordinariate) whose ordination to the Permanent Diaconate is on Sunday 17th July at the Cathedral.

We have now installed a '**Contactless Giving**' point in St Edmund's and waiting to do the same in St Joseph's (the Wi-Fi was relatively easy and inexpensive to extend at St Ed's thanks to Steve, Nathan, Kris and Anna; we are getting a company to install one into St Joe's).

Continue to be **cautious in terms of COVID** infection and cross-infection. We don't need to alter our activities and social engagement with others, but do need to be thoughtful when in a crowd; or speaking with someone and not directly into their face! Statistically we have 3, 4 or 5 people with COVID at Sunday Masses!! Hence requesting those who receive the Eucharist on their tongue to come last! As with all things, we must think of others; especially the vulnerable!

**Have a good week... Vincent H**

**Mon** VH/JP Day off

**Tues** SLT: VH/JP/AP/TQ  
St George's Governors: VH

**Wed** Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP/NK  
Clergy Conference: VH/AP/JP

**Thurs** CIC Meeting: VH

**Fri** Teams of Our Lady: VH

**Sat** Ordination to the Priesthood in the Cathedral: VH/JP

## This Week...

## What's going on?

### Parish Pilgrimage to Portugal culminating in Fatima 12-19th October 2022...

A brief 'synopsis' of the plans: The flight times have yet to be confirmed, but a coach has been organised.

In Lisbon we visit the birthplace of St Anthony where we will celebrate Mass at 10.00am. We will also visit the museum dedicated to his life. We then visit Pastes de Belem for coffee and the traditional custard pastry. This is followed by a visit to the Cathedral which dates from the 12th Century!

On the Saturday we depart for Fatima via Sintra passing through some magnificent country. Once in Fatima we will visit all the important sites and participate in the evening candle light procession.

The cost includes breakfast and an evening meal, except for a fish lunch on one day where pilgrims are responsible for their own lunch if wanted...

A good number have signed up, but it would be lovely to have some more people from the Parish come! Brochures available in church, or via contacting the Parish Office.

**World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023** *Calling all young people across the diocese!* If you are going to be aged 16 or above by July 2023, you are invited to join with like-minded young people from across the diocese to journey on pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day. This world-wide gathering is planned to take place 1st - 6th August 2023. This is a life changing experience for all those who accept the invitation and this pilgrimage, led by Bishop Philip, is set to be the best one yet!

But hurry, spaces are limited! Please register your interest ASAP to get your name on the list. Fill out this form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aXEQD-Bnr06EKJ6fBeloq4Ug0oGaaJ9FufUVxIRZLQxUMkdUODIW RjJDRVJPWjJJSkVVUllFSohXQy4u>

### St Edmund's family of four (2 adults and 2 children)

looking for short term rental accommodation in Southampton from end of August to mid November 2022. If anyone has a one or two bedroom flat to rent short term, or knows someone who does, kindly contact the Parish Office who will put you in touch with the family.

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

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

The **Universe Catholic Weekly's** new online newspaper:

<https://universecatholicweekly.createsend1.com/t/d-l-awjiiy-l-y/>

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**Southampton Council of Faiths** invites you to join us to celebrate our **20th anniversary Peace Walk** - Sunday 17th July 12.15. This walk will start at the Peace Fountain - East Park, Southampton visiting Abu Bakr Mosque, Synagogue, and Friends Meeting House. Just turn up! Abu Bakr will provide refreshments.

**A wonderful day has been planned for the Pastoral Area to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Monday 15th August 2022.** We will meet at 8.00am outside St Boniface Catholic Church, Shirley Road, Southampton, SO15 3JD. The coach will take us to **Harvington Hall** in Kidderminster. A tour of the house has been planned and this will be followed by lunch. Early afternoon, we will go to **The Oratory of Saint Philip Neri Edgbaston**, the home of Saint John Henry Newman. Having spent time hearing about the Oratory, visiting the national museum dedicated to the life and times of the Saint we will **celebrate Holy Mass** in honour of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, our mother and our hope. We will return to Saint Boniface Church Southampton around 8.30pm in the evening. The **Holy Rosary** will be prayed throughout our journeys.

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 by phoning, texting or emailing **07395228841 - stjosephscentre@mail.com** Closing date for booking: 7th August 2022. If you book a place, please do come!

**Fanning The Flame Summer Camp: 15th - 19th August (for ages 11 - 21).** Join us for 5 days in the New Forest where we explore our faith and learn more about living with hope and joy in Jesus Christ. Full of faith, fun and fellowship. Run by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. Just £130. For more info: [www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk](http://www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk)

### Weekly Green Living Suggestions...

Thanks to all who are bringing in **foil for recycling**. Hampshire Refilleries kindly collects this from us. A reminder: all foil items to be **washed** and **flattened**...

Sadly **we can no longer collect coloured plastic bottle tops** as the places who were collecting from us are no longer able to do so. If anyone knows of anywhere that still offers this recycling service please email in!

This month we are focusing on **ways to save water**, and the good news is we can all do it!

Some simple things we could do are things like **fixing drips, leaks and overflows** - we often put off these small tasks, but a tap that drips each second can waste as much as 4-5 litres in a day... that's nearly enough to fill a bath!

Although not practical for everyone, some of us could collect the 'run off' from when we leave the tap running to get the water just cold enough to drink, or hot enough to use. Saving this water for use in the house or garden is a great way to prevent waste. It is all too easy to just let the water run down the plughole until it becomes hot enough!!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 10TH JULY

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

<b>Saturday 9th July</b>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	John Foley
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Sunday 10th July</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Thanksgiving for 48 years of Marriage
<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Sid Barnes RIP
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	HRH Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee God's Blessings & Thanksgiving
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Natalie & Theresa for Recovery & Strength
<b>Tuesday 12th July</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Sheila O'Connell RIP
<b>Wednesday 13th July</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Jan Rojko RIP
<b>Thursday 14th July</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Gretta Phelan RIP
<b>Friday 15th July</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	JR Personal Intentions
<b>Saturday 16th July</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	<i>Mass cancelled due to Ordination</i>
<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Sean, Kathleen and Stewart Adamson
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Sunday 17th July</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Birthday Blessings & Thanksgivings for Mildred
<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Cllr Parveen Damani, Adrienne H, Dr Shanti & Rev Sydney, Dr Umanga & family - B'day Blessings & Thanksgiving
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	For the private intentions of the family of Mr & Mrs Ifeanyi Ofomata

Please scan the QR code to be taken straight to our Website!



### 10th July

#### Psalm Response:

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

The sheep that belong to Me listen to My voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow Me.

*Alleluia!*

### Readings 17th July

#### First Reading:

*Genesis 18: 1-10*

#### Second Reading:

*Colossians 1: 24-28*

#### Gospel:

*Luke 10: 38-42*

### 3rd July Parish Collection

SO: £2,132.25 Cash: £1,060.97

**TOTAL: £3,193.22**

*Thank you*

#### Confessions:

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

**St Edmund's:** None Saturday 16th

#### Second Collections:

*Today: AoS*

*Next Week:*

**Catholic Home Care**

#### "You pay God a great

**compliment by asking great things of Him"**

*-St Teresa of Avila*

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### A Litany of Endurance

From piled exhaustion, *pull me through, my Jesus.*

From searching for a shortcut, *pull me through, my Jesus.*

From desire for a lighter cross, *pull me through, my Jesus.*

From desire for an easier road, *pull me through, my Jesus.*

From unnecessary pit stops, *pull me through, my Jesus.*

From temptations to quit, *pull me through, my Jesus.*

That You are the sustenance of all my life, *Lord God of hosts, strengthen me.*

To offer my struggle for Your glory, *Lord God of hosts, strengthen me.*

For a heart fully resolved to keep the faith, *Lord God of hosts, strengthen me.*

**Amen.**

### 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.