



ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



LIVING THE NEVER ENDING LIFE



Mrs Jones was the Head Teacher throughout the 6 years of my primary school education in Nigeria. She was associated with several habits that left us all howling with laughter. One of such habits was her tenacity to lead the daily school's assembly which she ended with her favourite hymn which we all sang thus "Eternal Life, Eternal Life. I want to live in Eternal Life, God save my soul. I want to live in Eternal Life, God save my soul. Oh my Saviour, when you come to collect your people, remember me O Lord, remember me O Lord. When you come to collect your people, Remember me O Lord, My God." Mrs Jones will then remind us to always earn for eternal life while being our best possible selves there and then. As the Church's liturgical year is gradually coming to an end, we are focused heavenward with the emphasis on eternal life in this Sunday's Gospel. The Greek word for eternal life ***Aiōnion Zōēn*** – the life without beginning and end, which does not start when we die but was purchased for and given to us by Christ and is here with us. To appreciate the length, width, and breadth of eternal life, we need to pray, entreat, esteem, and prefer Wisdom principally as we heard in today's First Reading. It is the absence of Wisdom that prevented the rich young man in today's Gospel from understanding that the only way we can appropriate eternal life is by loving God and our neighbours – concretising that by sharing what we have with the less privileged around us. This nameless rich young man (who can be anyone of us surely) did not allow the lovely gaze of Christ to reveal his blind spots to him. As St John of the Cross tells us – God's gaze is also His love; that is why no created thing can hide from Him as we heard in today's Second Reading. May we, like Mrs Jones, aspire for eternal life by allowing God's gaze to reveal to us everything we need to do to appropriate it.

Father Johnpromise

Thoughts for the Week...

Writing about the Synodal approach, Pope Francis writes: "Dear Brothers and Sisters, a synodal process is about to begin, a journey in which the whole Church is engaged around the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission", three pillars. Three phases are foreseen, which will take place between October 2021 and October 2023.

"This itinerary was thought out as dynamism of mutual listening. I want to stress this: a dynamism of mutual listening carried out at all levels of the Church, involving all the People of God. The Cardinal Vicar and the Auxiliary Bishops must listen to one another, the priests must listen to one another, the Religious must listen to one another, the laity must listen to one another and then, all inter-listening to one another; to listen to one another; to talk to one another and to listen to one another. It's not about gathering opinions, no. This is not a survey, but about listening to the Holy Spirit....." (See the Document on the Parish Website)

VINCENT HARVEY

Today's Notices

Alpha Prayer: pick up a 'Prayer Card' and write on it the names of three people you would like to pray for in terms of faith/Alpha. Take it home and pray for them daily! Also take home an Alpha 'invitation' card! Alpha 'talk' at the end of all Masses.

A Few Words...

At last we are back to a sense of normality in terms of Masses. Thanks to all those who have responded for 'welcoming', 'reading' etc. We still need altar servers and, fairly soon, Eucharist Ministers.....if you want to volunteer for anything do let me, Father Johnpromise or the Office know.

As you will see from the Front Page we will soon be invited to engage with the Synodal Approach. I invite you to read the Synodal Document which you will find on the front page of the Parish Website.

Please see the items about **Alpha, COP 26**, and climate change and some of the activities we can get involved in; also note the item on **First Holy Communion**.

We need to also be alert to the needs of those around us: those we know and don't know; this includes those whose low income creates major issues, and refugees who are being housed in the City. Also if you know anyone who would appreciate a home visit do let us know.

If you have ideas/or initiatives in any of these areas let us know so that we can look at a response (let Tina Quinn, Chair of EST, or Fr Johnpromise or myself know).

*Have a good weekend and **thank you for reading this**..... Vincent H*

Funerals

Memorial Service for Matt Conrad of Avenue Road in St Edmund's at 11am on Saturday 30 October to celebrate the life of Matt Conrad, a local resident, entrepreneur and businessman who sadly died aged 43 at the end of June earlier this year. Matt's funeral took place in July at Brentwood Cathedral in the parish where he and his family grew up. His family have arranged a memorial service here at St Edmund's in the city Matt made his home after he read music at Southampton University. Refreshments will follow the service at the Orange Rooms on Vernon Walk and thereafter at Oktoberfest Southampton (both of which are among the local businesses of Matt's). Those joining us include old friends of Matt's from his halls of residence and rugby team at Southampton University, his neighbours and members of his local resident's association, colleagues and business associates from Matt's many local ventures, clients and suppliers of Matt's web development consultancy, fellow dog walkers on Southampton common and dear friends who supported Matt recently on his brain cancer journey. *You are all very welcome.*

Sanitising of hands on entry to the churches continues and we strongly recommend wearing **face masks** (unless not possible for health reasons).

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

This Week...

Week Information

Tues Meditation Group: 6pm @ St Michael's
Wed Evening Prayer @6pm..... to join email Dcn Andy

Sacraments

First Holy Communion 2022 During November we will be inviting registration for First Holy Communion preparation.

Children must be 8-9 years old (e.g.: Year 4 at school) or above. They should be parishioners who come to Mass at St Joseph's or St Edmund's (6.15pm, 9, 10, 11am or 7pm).

Registration will take place after the 9am, 10am and 11am on Sundays the 7th, 14th, 21st or 28th November. You must register in person.

If you have already approached the Parish Office you must still come to one of these registration mornings. These days/times are the official registration.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA): For anyone looking to find out more about the Catholic Faith - come along and ask your questions, find out what the church teaches and what it means to live as a Catholic. This group also offers preparation for anyone interested in adult (over 18) Baptism, Confirmation or Reception as a Catholic. Meetings are Wednesday evenings at 7:45 pm. To register, or find out more, please send your contact details to the Parish Office. A warm welcome awaits you, come and see.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann O'Neill who died recently. May she rest in peace. Ann's Requiem Mass will be on Friday, 22nd October at 10am in St Joseph's.

What's going on?

Alpha is starting again! Our next Parish Alpha course starts on Tuesday October 26th and will run for 12 weeks online with one or two opportunities to meet face to face. If you haven't experienced Alpha, now is the time to sign up. An amazing opportunity to ask those big questions:

- *Is there more to life than this?*
- *What is the purpose of it all?*
- *Wondering what is next?*



If you have already attended then why not invite someone else? **Everyone is welcome.** To sign up, contact the parish office or register on alpha.org.

COP 26 is on the horizon (31st October to 12th November). This is what is happening locally to support Climate Change:

Climate Change Sunday: 24th October

Pulpit swap: Father Vincent preaching in Avenue St Andrews at 11am and Rev Sarah Hall preaching at 7pm Mass in St Edmund's.

Litter picking at 12.30pm. A joint activity with Avenue St Andrews. Gather outside St Edmunds Church to litter pick in the Bedford Place area (Hi-viz jackets and litter pickers will be provided). We will be looking for 10 volunteers.....watch this space....

Recycling Bins: There are recycling buckets at the back of both churches for: blister packs, plastic milk bottle tops, coloured bottle tops, and stamps and postcards. Please do read the poster of the notice board about recycling in Southampton.

Lobby your MP. You will find a template letter on the website, with bullet points and suggestions of those to target. Please send a letter to your MP to raise their awareness

CLIMATE CHANGE: ACT NOW!

Prayer Corner

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL to keep up to date with the vigil please join the 40 days for life group follow the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/choose.life.southampton>).

PLEASE PRAY FOR Margaret Hicks, Joe and Maureen Lee, Marissa Tellegen, Dolores Smyllie, Zeljko Uvanovic, Margaret ('Molly') Jarvis and all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

Rotary Shoebox Appeal is back again (being cancelled last year due to the Pandemic!). Take home a shoebox AND a leaflet. The leaflet is essential as it gives instructions of the items being sought for 1-3 yr olds, 4-7 yr olds etc. We have to follow the instructions as certain items cannot be sent. How to wrap + £1.50 towards transportation all explained. **Please collect today: shoebox + leaflet..**

Please return to the Office/Church no later than 24th October.

Mission Sunday Mass Bishop Philip will be celebrating Mission Mass (Universal Mission Sunday) on Tuesday 19th October 2021, 12.15pm at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. There will be a Mission talk after Mass. You are very welcome. For more details please contact Fr. Innaiah Maddineni (023 9237 6151 or email: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)"

Symposium – Saturday 6th November 2021 on Politics and Religion – is timed to coincide with COP26 and will be held online on Saturday 6th November 2021. The keynote speakers are the Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg MP and Ruth Kelly MP, former Education Secretary. Workshops will be run on a range of topics by Lord David Alton, Rt. Hon. Mark Hoban, Dr. Elizabeth Slinn, Dr. Mary Sutton, George O'Neill from the Cardinal Hume Centre and Dr. David Goodill OP, from Blackfriars, Oxford. David Wells, the popular inspirational speaker, will be front of house as presenter and guide. More information can be found on the Diocesan website or through Eventbrite.



Scheduling Changes...

Saturday 23rd 11am we will celebrate 'Confirmation' This will be for the Confirmation Candidates only and their families (therefore Confessions will be cancelled).
Saturday 30th 11am there is a Memorial Service (not Mass) for Matt Conrad who died during lockdown.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED WEEK COMMENCING 11TH

Due to family illness I will be out of office next week, I thank you for your patience in advance and I would advise you to contact the Parish Office via Email should you have an urgent matter.

I thank you for your prayers at this time.

Anna Smyllie

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please hold the candidates for Confirmation in your prayers this week as they prepare themselves for the Mass on October 23rd. May the Holy Spirit come down upon them and light a fire in their hearts.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER 2021

(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)

Sat	9 OCT	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	6:15PM SJ Kate Griffiths (RIP) 7:00PM SE Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sun	10 OCT	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE Lawrence Rodrigues RIP 10:00AM SJ Bill Burke RIP 11:00AM SE Benedict Rozario RIP (1st Anniversary) 7:00PM SE Ljudevit Palosh RIP 10:00AM SE Patrick McCarthy RIP
Tues	12 OCT	ST WILFRID	7:00PM SE Jan Rojko RIP
Wed	13 OCT	ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR	12.15PM SJ Maureen & Gerry Dowd (50th wedding anniversary)
Thurs	14 OCT	ST CALLISTUS I	7:00PM SE Kevin Potheary RIP
Fri	15 OCT	ST TERESA OF AVILA	11:00AM SE Marisa Tellegen - G/B & T
Sat	16 OCT	ST HEDWIG	6.15PM SJ Fr Paul Beaumont (F) 7:00PM SE Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sun	17 OCT	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE Lyn Gwynne RIP 10:00AM SJ Jeremy Fredric Warburg RIP 11:00AM SE Janet Browse (70th), Gillian Murphy, Suraugi & Sandeep Chahal, Birthday blessings 7:00PM SE Don & Imelda Weingart - G/B & T 10:00AM SE Jana's Personal Intentions
Tues	19 OCT	ST PAUL OF THE CROSS	7:00PM SE Maria Sebastian - Thanksgiving
Wed	20 OCT	FERIA	12.15PM SE Bill Burke RIP
Thurs	21 OCT	ST JOHN PAUL II	7:00PM SJ Aleixo Fernandes RIP 1st Anniversary
Fri	22 OCT	DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER & REPARATION FOR LIFE	11:00AM SE CONFIRMATION MASS
Sat	23 OCT		6.15PM SJ Lloyd RIP Alpha 7:00PM SJ Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sun	24 OCT	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE Phos Aletheia - Thanksgiving (F) 10:00AM SE Kevin Duggan RIP 11:00AM SJ Eugene & Kitty Cummins RIP Sonnie & Pat Cummings RIP (F) 7:00PM SE Concetta Longo RIP (F)

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Prayer of the Church Week 4 & 1

10th Oct 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response:

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia!

17th Oct 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response:

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Alleluia!