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JUNE 11TH 2023 | CORPUS CHRISTI

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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## BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS & THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

*On the 10th of October 2020, a remarkable history was made in the Catholic Church when the 15-year-old Carlo Acutis was beatified, that is, proclaimed “BLESSED”, by Pope Francis represented by Cardinal Agostino Vallini at St Francis Basilica, Assisi. Blessed Carlo Acutis broke all the records the Church had hitherto held onto regarding saints; he was not only a teenager when he died, he was a computer geek (A nerd) who loved and played lots of video games; at school, he defended children with special needs and those whose parents had gone through a divorce. However, the most central part of Blessed Carlo Acutis’ life was his profound devotion to Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. After making his First Holy Communion when he was 7, Blessed Carlo went to Mass every day and spent time contemplating Jesus in the tabernacle. As an 11-year-old lad, he started visiting countries, churches, shrines, and designated places where Eucharistic Miracles had occurred, and he documented them digitally and painstakingly. He then used his computer wizardry to create and launch a website where all the Eucharistic Miracles around the world could be accessed, studied and contemplated -*

<http://www.miracolieucaristici.org>

*Blessed Carlo Acutis was so inflamed with Eucharistic Love that he always told everyone that “the Eucharist is my highway to Heaven. The more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven”.*

*On this Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Christ reminds us that He is the replacement of the Old Testament Manna and encourages us to eat His Flesh and drink His Blood. Christ used the Greek word Trogo meaning to gnaw/nibble persistently, and the Greek word Sarx which is the human flesh that is prone to selfish acts/motives and decay, to show how desperate He wants us to approach Him in the Holy Eucharist for the redemption of our bodies and souls. To us the hungry and thirsty, He in the Eucharist gives Himself to eat and drink. To us the sinners and guilty, He in the Eucharist grants His mercy and pardon. To us the entrapped and defenceless, the weak, and the sick, He in the Eucharist grants deliverance and protection, security of life and healing of mind and body. God in the Eucharist cares completely for us. With St Thomas Aquinas we say: “In Sanctissimo Sacramento, Adoramus Te, Domine. In Spiritu et Veritate, Adoramus Te, Domine”.*

*Fr Johnpromise*

### Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. “I am the living bread.....” Jesus says in today’s gospel. In what way is Jesus ‘living bread’ for you? Does Him being ‘living bread’ affect your way of living? How?
2. Moses warns the people not to forget “the Lord your God” (1st reading). How do you ‘remember’ God during your day?
3. St Paul (2nd reading) says that we are in “communion with...Christ..” In what way are you in communion with Christ?...With others?...How does it manifest itself?

Vincent Harvey

## Today's Notices

**Corpus Christi** when we celebrate the centrality of the 'Body and Blood of Christ' in our lives of faith

**Baptisms** in St Joseph's and St Edmund's

### No Retiring Collection

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

## Next Sunday Notices

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Retiring Collection** is for Day for Life

## This Week..

**Tue** Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's  
Alpha @ 7.30pm in St Edmund's Hall

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

**Thurs** EST meeting @ 7pm

**Fri** Activated Disciple via Zoom  
Global Rosary Relay after 7pm Mass

**Sat** First Holy Communions in St Edmund's

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

## For Info..

**Mon** Day off: VH/JP

**Tue** DR Clergy Meeting: VH  
Independent Advisory Group at Police HQ: VH

**Wed** Annual Safeguarding Day: VH/AP

**Fri** Clergy Support Group: VH

## Prayers

**Day for Life 18th June** The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year the theme is '**Listen to Her**' focusing on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. The 2023 Day For Life message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation.

### Pope's Prayer Intention for June *For the abolition of torture*

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



**Please remember especially in your prayers** Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Michaela, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue, Paul Hughes, Pat & all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or distressed.

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

Baptism Application Form



## A Few Words...

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** was celebrated last Friday in St Edmund's. Bishop Philip conferred the Sacrament on thirty-five of our young adults during the 7pm Mass. It was an uplifting occasion. Thank you to all involved, not just during the Mass, but in preparation these last few months; especially Ruth Cunio and Team.

**Monsignor Canon Nicholas France** (Father Nick!) celebrated his 55th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood last Thursday. We thank God for his many years of active, dedicated, and fruitful ministry around the Diocese; and here also among us. **Father Nick:** congratulations and 'thank you' for your commitment and fidelity. Ad Multos Annos!

**Alpha commences on Tuesday, 13th June, at 7pm in St Edmund's Hall.** Do think who you could encourage to come along...

**The Brochure for the Holy Land Pilgrimage 2024** is now available at the back of the churches or obtainable from me via email.

**First Holy Communion** celebrations begin this coming weekend with two Masses on Saturday, 17th June, in St Edmund's at 10.30am and 2pm. Please pray for all the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this week and next (Confessions will be cancelled on these Saturdays).

Finally, **congratulations to St George College** who recently had a "Catholic Schools Inspection" on the "Catholic Life & Mission of Saint George Catholic College". The Inspectors highly praised the students, staff and governors. See the newsletter for more info.

Have a good, satisfying, and holy week. Thanks Vincent H

## Sacraments



**Please pray for Henry, Micheal, Aaron and Aritz who are due to be Baptised this month.** We remember them in our prayers as they enter the Faith, and also remember their families and godparents.



**Please pray for Peggy Bell who died.** May she rest in peace. Her Requiem will be on Tuesday, 20th June at 10am in St Edmund's.

**Pray too for Jose Tew** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Details of Jose's Funeral yet to be arranged.

**Pray for Philippa Godfrey**, daughter of Pam & Martin, who died a couple of weeks ago. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will be the 16th June at 11am in St Joseph's.

**Also pray for John Dorling** who died recently. His funeral will be held at the Crematorium on the 21st June.

## What's going on?

**Is your spouse or partner not a Christian?** Have they ever asked you questions or expressed curiosity about what Christianity is all about? If the answer is yes, why not suggest them coming along to the next **Alpha course** running in the parish? It's a weekly course with open discussion covering major aspects of what it means to be a Christian. If you or they are interested you can sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/qPLu7ekVd2>

**Our next course starts 13th June in St Edmund's Hall!**

**The World Priest Virtual Rosary Relay** to pray for Pope Francis and his intentions on Global Rosary Relay Day this coming Friday 16th June at 7.30pm in St Edmund's.

**Springhill Catholic Primary School are looking for Foundation Governors.** A foundation governor is a practising Catholic. You don't have to have any experience in education - training will be provided. Meetings are once a month on a Monday evening. Having school governors is essential as the role of the governor is to support the school in asking questions. If you'd like to find out more, please contact the school office on [info@springhillcatholic.net](mailto:info@springhillcatholic.net) and the head teacher will give you more information about the role before you make a decision if it is something you can commit to. Our wonderful school needs governors.

**If you have received a parking ticket for parking correctly in St Ed's back carpark** (i.e., the gravel), please call 01202 757 050 & speak to Abby who can assist here. The Parish office will not be able to speak on your behalf.

**St George College Catholic Schools Inspection Report**  
Catholic Life & Mission of Saint George Catholic College

St George College's staff and governors are excited to share our recent Catholic School inspection report. Overall the school is graded Good, and the Catholic Life and Mission of the College is Outstanding. We are immensely proud of the positive feedback we received around students' exemplary behaviour, the culture of continuous improvement, and the dedication of our staff and governors. The report also recognises our inclusive approach, empowering students of all backgrounds and abilities to actively contribute to our vibrant community and our commitment to religious education and impactful liturgical events. We invite you to read the full report on their website at [www.stgcc.co.uk](http://www.stgcc.co.uk)

## Green Living & Gardening!

You (hopefully) will have noticed that we are appealing for a gardening team to form at St Edmund's to maintain our small garden and weed where necessary...

The Parish Green Living Group have decided to tackle the big jobs and invite others to join and help **on Saturday 15th July 9.30am for a 'gather and garden'**. More details to come... but do think about whether you might come along and help out!

**A message from Daniel Adams at Mary's Meals** *Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your precious gift of £161.75, which is helping us to transform the lives of hungry children around the world with a nutritious daily meal in school. Your kindness is bringing food, joy and hope to the children who eat Mary's Meals, allowing them to make the most of their education and giving them the chance of a better future.*

*Our meals make a huge difference to children like 14-year-old Mona from Yemen, who says: "The meal is delicious with varied food. I really feel full with this and it helps my family to save money that we really need." Today, more than 2.4 million hungry children in 18 of the world's poorest countries - including South Sudan, Ethiopia, India and Yemen - are sitting in classrooms with full stomachs, and learning how to read and write, thanks to supporters like you.*

*Together, we are bringing the hope of a brighter future to so many little ones who depend on the promise of a daily meal in school. I thank you, with all my heart, on behalf of the children who eat Mary's Meals.*

**Bishop Philip invites you to join him** and many others from across the Diocese on this year's pilgrimage to **Lourdes**, leaving from Bournemouth airport on **Monday 17th July and returning on Friday 21st July**. Once in Lourdes we will stay for four nights at the Hotel La Solitude, celebrate Mass daily, and take part in all that Lourdes has to offer. If you would like to know more about joining either as a pilgrim or as a youth helper, serving our pilgrims and helping to make our pilgrimage a success, please email

[lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**The Catholic Association to Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 August 18th-25th.** If you are interested in joining either as an assisted pilgrim, able-bodied pilgrim, volunteer or a health care professional there are details on their website: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk> If you have any questions you can talk to Tina or Fr Vincent.

We are currently in the process of organising the next **parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land** next year. The pilgrimage will begin **29th February and will finish on the 7th March 2024**. If you would be interested in the Holy Land do let Fr Vincent know, or collect an information package at the back of church in the next few weeks! Cost £1,475 for a shared room with single available for a supplement. **Deposit and booking required by 14th July**. Further details will be included in the information package alongside details on how to sign up via Special Pilgrimages. So far eleven people have shown an interest. Plenty of time!

**Food banks** please see link for urgent needs <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>





## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 11TH JUNE

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

<b>Saturday 10th June</b>	<b>6:15pm SJ</b>	Jude Noronha RIP
<b>Sunday 11th June</b>	<b>9:00am SE</b>	Ann Hogg RIP
<i>Corpus Christi,</i>	<b>10:00am SJ</b>	Salvation & Fullness of God for
<i>The Body &amp; Blood of</i>		all Israel, Igbo, Nigeria, UK & Rome
<i>Christ</i>	<b>11:00am SE</b>	Cissy Catinho RIP
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday 13th June</b>	<b>10:00am SE</b>	Marina's Intentions
<b>Wednesday 14th June</b>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Past & Present Members of the Hopkins
<i>Feria</i>		& Facchino Families
<b>Thursday 15th June</b>	<b>12:15pm SJ</b>	Past & Present Myles, McAtier Family
<i>Feria</i>		& Friends
<b>Friday 16th June</b>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Saturday 17th June</b>	<b>10:30am SE</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
<i>The Immaculate Heart</i>	<b>2:00pm SE</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
<i>of Mary</i>	<b>6:15pm SJ</b>	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
<b>Sunday 18th June</b>	<b>9:00am SE</b>	Thomas Henry Newell RIP
<i>Eleventh Sunday in</i>	<b>10:00am SJ</b>	People of the Parish
<i>Ordinary Time</i>	<b>11:00am SE</b>	Rosalyn Lane RIP 30 year Anniversary
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Judy Brown RIP B'Day Anniversary

11th June

### Psalm Response

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

I am the living bread, which has come down from Heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live

forever

*Alleluia!*

18th June

### 1st Reading:

*Exodus 19: 2-6*

**Psalm: 99**

### 2nd Reading:

*Romans 5: 6-11*

**Gospel: Matthew 9: 36-10: 8**

### Parish Bank Details

Setting up a standing order from your mobile or online banking is the easiest way!

#### Bank Account Name

CDP SOUJE

**Sort Code** 30-93-04

**Number** 00888223

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

## Health and Safety in the Parish

Ever an exciting topic, I'm sure you will agree!

In order to keep our buildings secure it is important that we regularly check our emergency lights, fire alarm call points, hallways and trip hazards. Having 9 properties means this is a large job!!

Could you spare time helping us to tackle these sorts of tasks? Maybe you have time to pop into church during the week, or maybe you could stay behind after Mass for just a little bit of time every week or so?

Please email Anna to advise if you can join our small group of Health and Safety volunteers.

Our Parish belongs to us all, we each have a duty to help the church where we can - maybe this is your calling to get involved?

### 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!