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SEPTEMBER 11TH 2022 | 24TH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



Everyone Matters

It is said that how a society treats its most vulnerable, be that the unborn, the infirm, people who are elderly, asylum seekers, those socially and economically disadvantaged, is the measure of its humanity and civility. This is even more so during a time of increasing inequality, economic downturn and global uncertainty.

Our readings this Sunday call us to care for the weak and to create a community where the common good is at the heart of its agenda. The message of compassion, mercy and love within God's vision of communion, solidarity and distributive justice is set against what might be seen as a competitive, harsh,

survival of the fittest mindset of the world. We are beckoned to stretch the limits of our capacity to love in a way that emulates the unbounded mercy of God Himself. Only by living and witnessing to the message of compassion, mercy and love can we be authentic disciples of Jesus and the voice of conscience for our society.

Our Gospel reading illustrates the parameters of divine pity. Jesus challenges the status quo that favours the privileged and calls us to a new way of seeing, judging and acting in respect of the marginalised and the vulnerable. The Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin demonstrate God's maternal love, He does not rest until everyone has been accounted for. In an interview in 2013, Pope Francis reflected that the Church for him is not a museum for saints nor an enclosure for the virtuous but a field hospital for the wounded. It is this open solidarity with people at the margins, that made him an object of criticism.

Jesus, too, was criticised for welcoming tax collectors and sinners. Perhaps that is the cost of love from which we may not retreat. We are called to practise an ethic of concern, care, support for one another so that no one is excluded from the table nor left behind. We are challenged to be a community of hospitality, compassion and inclusion, which is an alternative to populist politics of self-interest, of individual prosperity and security at the expense of the poor. The ethic of Jesus pokes at any sense of entitlement. May we as the body of Christ learn to be the conduit of mercy, the sign of hope and the voice of conscience for our society.

Dcn Andy



HM Queen
Elizabeth

1926-2022

May she rest in peace

Today's Notices

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Requiem Masses for HM Queen Elizabeth at the

6.15pm, 10am, 11am and 7pm Masses

Welcome to Father Richard who is presiding at the

9am & 11am Masses

Baptisms at St Joseph's 11.30am and St Edmund's

12.30pm

Please continue to sanitise your hands upon entry to

the church

Next Sunday Notices

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptism Preparation Lunch after the 11am Mass

Second Collection for Home Mission Sunday

This Week...

Mon JP day off

Wed VH Holiday until 24th September (apart from one weekend!)

For Info...

Tues St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm

Adoration in St Ed's until 8pm (weekly - do join!)

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

Sun Baptism Preparation Welcome Lunch after 11am

What's Going On?

As you will recall, some months ago we invited all parishioners to complete an up to date registration/census form for the Parish. **We have had a total of 397 complete the form, which tells us that almost more than half of our parishioners have not done so.**

Using the database to send bereavement cards, to contact volunteers who signed up to help but didn't leave a contact, being able to tell whether we have enough wardens and medics for each Mass... all things the office has relied upon this week alone. Please consider completing a paper form, using the link on the website or scanning the QR code on the back page.



Calling all Adorers! St Edmund's is still in need of new (or returning) Adorers during the week. Please get in touch with Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to help/join! The gaps we need filling most are:

Monday 12 - 5pm, Wednesday 11am - 4pm and 5-6.30pm, Friday 12 - 2pm

Sacraments

First Holy Communion. Many parents are contacting the Parish Office repeatedly about FHC. We would like to emphasise once more that **registration has not started yet** and as soon we have plans to begin registration we will be announcing via the Newsletter, Website and at Mass. To register your interest in the programme, please see the FHC page on the website and fill in your name and email on the appropriate form. All this means is we will email you specifically details of the course when we have them available. This is not registration. Responding to the same requests is taking considerable time, so we would kindly ask people to wait for updates in due course.

<https://www.southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org/first-holy-communion>

Prayers

For the happy repose of HM The Queen

Almighty God,

You are the author and sustainer of all human life;

grant that Your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,

whom You granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands

may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life

promised to all those born again

in the water of baptism and power of Your Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,

Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever,

Amen.

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord,

And let Perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace. **Amen.**

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,

Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Prayer for the Royal Family

Almighty God, source of all consolation,

we pray for the members of the Royal Family who mourn the loss

of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

Uphold them in Your love

and pour out on them the consolation of Your healing Spirit.

Let them find in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ

comfort in their sadness,

certainty in their doubt

and courage to live through this hour.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

Amen.

Please remember especially in your prayers

Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, John, Mary O'Reilly, Valerie, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Carmen Escorcio, Simon, Bernadette, Sue, Clifford Cross, Kelly and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.



Parish Rosary Group. If you would be interested in joining an in-person rosary group please follow this QR code, or contact the Parish Office. It would be lovely to restart an evening group if there is an appetite.



For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities. Lord hear us

What's going on?

DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal. Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at cafod.org.uk/give

Welcomers' Evening, Save the Date! An invitation to all Welcomers to an evening get-together on **Thursday 29th September in St Edmund's Hall at 7.30pm** to say "Thank you", to review our welcoming and to hear from you how we can develop this ministry further to be a more inclusive, culturally diverse and unconditional in our approach. We want to respond to some of the comments from the synodal survey particularly around diversity and inclusion.

There will be some input, opportunities for brainstorming and most importantly some food and drink and time to socialise. We would ask that you think of someone that you can bring along to join our welcoming teams. We are approaching the time of our international Mass again (**23rd October**) and it would be exciting to work towards a real international flavour as well as a mixture of age groups joining our welcoming teams our teams. If you are a Welcomer already or would like to welcome, please come along!

Record numbers took part in this year's **March for Life UK** which was held in central London on **Saturday 3rd September**. Over 7,000 people marched, with record numbers of young people. The 'tag line' this year was '10 Million Too Many' as this year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. We keep this matter in our prayers.

Alpha starts soon! We will once again be running an Alpha Course in the Parish beginning on the 4th of October in St Edmund's Hall. Next weekend we will begin an 'Alpha Prayer Campaign' where we invite parishioners to pray especially for our course's success, and for those people we invite to join. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from Alpha please sign up via the website or use this form: <https://forms.gle/VWui4B5XszsuS6178>

Diocesan Day for Catechists an experience of support, fellowship, prayer, advice & encouragement. Plans for diocesan formation and support will be presented too. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diocesan-day-for-catechists-registration-337127185487>

Food Banks To check what donations are really needed see <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>

The most needed currently are:

Coffee (Small), Custard, Sugar (Small), Mixed Veg (Tin), Squash, Tomatoes (Tin), Rice Pudding, Soap & Shower Gel, Deodorant, Toothpaste



Volunteers needed!

First Aiders for the church.

A day of training has been organised **9am-4pm on the 17th of September** in St Edmund's Hall (with break included).

We need people from every Mass - weekdays and weekend. Please do examine if you can give up this time to help the church, the training will be valid for three years.

Contact Anna in the Parish office, or speak with the clergy.

Parish Office Admin Assistant

The Parish Office is in need of a volunteer admin assistant to help with the day to day running of the office. The individual will be comfortable answering phones, dealing with the door and offering support in simple administrative areas. Comfortable use of computers required, knowledge of Microsoft 365 preferable, but not necessary. Preferably 3 days a week, hours and days flexible. Please contact Anna in the office to discuss.

Parish Safeguarding Minister

Training will be provided & a full discussion of the role given, but supporting DBS applications and record keeping will be the key components. Please contact Anna in the Parish Office for further details, or to chat about the role.

Baptism Preparation Team Members

Baptism is the first and most important sacrament that our children will receive. We need more hands-on deck. You will be part of a team and training will be given. Please contact Tina (tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or the Parish Office (office@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org) for more information.



Donation Updates

Mary's Meals have extended a thank you to all the in the parish who raised money for them during this year, and for the recent donation of £86. These contributions greatly help us to maintain our vital work, thank you.

Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners who raised £150.00 through the church collection, for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging. Please continue to remember FHL and those we support in your prayers.

Weekly Green Living Suggestions...

Up to now we have been looking at what we can do as individuals to support Green Living. This month we are looking at **Community involvement**. There are many organisations we can support which contribute to the health of our planet. One of the most important things we can do to reverse climate change is to plant trees. Maybe if you have room in your garden now would be a good time to consider planting a small tree perhaps a native species that would support wildlife like Rowan, Silver Birch or Crab apple. You could also consider joining or supporting:

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk, www.treesforcities.org,

<https://onetreeplanted.org>, <https://treesisters.org>,

<https://treecouncil.org.uk> or

www.internationaltreefoundation.org. You would find other organisations by searching through **Ecosia** which we remind you is a search engine committed to planting trees.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

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

Saturday 10th September	6:15pm SJ	Intentions of Leonardo and Family
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 11th September	9:00am SE	Gretta Phelan RIP
<i>Twenty-fourth Sunday</i>	10:00am SJ	Christopher Wong RIP
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am SE	Jose Paes RIP
	7:00pm SE	Joseph Brian Njenga
Tuesday 13th September	10:00am SE	Jan Rojko RIP
<i>St John Chrysostom</i>		
Wednesday 14th Sept	7.00pm SE	Joseph Lee RIP
<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		
Thursday 15th September	12.15pm SJ	Josie MaCauley Wellbeing
<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>		
Friday 16th September	7.00pm SE	Peter Clearkin
<i>Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</i>		
Saturday 17th September	11:00am SE	Helena Peczenenko RIP (1st Anniversary)
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen and Stewart Adamson
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 18th September	9:00am SE	Anne Leech RIP
<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday</i>	10:00am SJ	Ray Goddard RIP
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am SE	Rose Wicks RIP
	7:00pm SE	Angus & Dolina MacKinnon RIP

***In light of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth passing on the 8th of September, some weekend Masses have been changed to **Requiem Masses** by instruction from Bishop Philip.

We have elected to do so for the 6.15pm, 10am, 11am and 7pm Masses.

11th September*****Psalm Response:**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord: Whoever believes in Me will never die.

Alleluia!

Readings 18th September**First Reading:**

Amos 8: 4-7

Second Reading:

1 Timothy 2: 1-8

Gospel:

Luke 16: 1-13

4th Sept 1st Collection

SO: £1833.25 Cash: £648.33

TOTAL: £2,481.58

Thank you.

"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some people will hear today."

- St Francis of Assisi

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"I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late queen's eternal rest and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in His promises."

- Pope Francis



Confessions are held at **St Joseph's** on Thursdays at 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm and at **St Edmund's** on Saturdays after the 11am Mass

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!