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NOVEMBER 12TH 2023 | THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN OT

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



## **A Change of Tone**

*Have you seen your first Christmas advert yet? Or heard anyone talking about Christmas cards and presents? Or seen the Christmas decorations in the shops? Already the rush of Christmas is upon us, the tones from our everyday lives have changed into the theme of Christmas.*

*The tones of our readings this Sunday also have a change of tone, the focus is about preparation. Not just preparation of presents but a spiritual preparation. In the past weeks Jesus has been dealing with the Pharisees and others trying to trick Him by asking Him questions. However, whilst Christmas may be approaching for us, in this part of this Sunday's Gospel the cross is rapidly approaching our Blessed Lord. Jesus is trying to get a message out to His disciples, the ones who will continue the mission of spreading the good news after His resurrection, it would be no good if they didn't know what to say. Jesus is making sure they are awake. Physically awake, spiritually awake, mentally awake. If they are not prepared and fall asleep, this will lead to panic.*

*Jesus is encouraging us to be prepared. Not just for Christmas where we will welcome Him into the crib but also be prepared when He will welcome us into Heaven. Between now and Christmas we can begin to ask the question: am I awake? Am I spiritually awake? Am I awake to what God is asking of me? Am I awake to the gifts that He has given to me? We can be so good at preparing for others, especially at Christmas time so maybe this is a time we can prepare for Jesus.*

*Fr David Bateman*

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## **Prayer for Remembrance Day**

**O God, merciful and strong,**

*who crush wars and cast down the proud,  
be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst  
and to wipe away all tears,  
so that we may all truly deserve to be called Your children.*

*Roman Missal*



## Today's Notices

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Second Collection** for Catholic Home Care

## Next Sunday Notices

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Peace Walk** (weather dependent)  
**No Second Collection** this week



### Adoration in St Edmund's Needs Volunteers!

People come to spend one hour (or more) each week in adoration and prayer. They come to pray for the world, for the Church, for their own needs and for people close to them. They come simply to be with our Risen Lord to place themselves in His presence, to worship Him present in the Blessed Sacrament, to open their lives to the power of His presence.

***"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then.***

***When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now,"***

*– St Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

### Adoration currently runs:

**Mondays** 6pm until 7pm Mass

**Tuesdays** beginning after 10am Mass until 8pm

**Thursdays** 11am until 5pm

**Fridays** 1pm until 7pm Mass.

### We would like to offer Adoration

**Mondays** afternoon until 6pm

**Thursdays** in 9.30am - 11am

### Thinking of joining?

Great news! We need Adorers at all the times currently covered and the times suggested to start. The more people on the rota per hour the better it is when people are away.

You can email the office, call us or text

Anna on 07956 379 542.

## Sacraments & Notices

**If you would like your child baptised please fill in the online application form.**

Once filled in, Joy will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation.



Baptism Application Form



### First Holy Communion Programme 2024

The official registrations will be 9am and 11am Masses in St Edmund's and 10am Masses at St Joseph's only on the 19th and 26th November.

Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate with you either on your phone or hard copy.

The fee is £35 either cash or bank transfer to the Parish Bank Account

Children must be Year 4 and up, and a parent must attend the workshops with their child and regularly attend Mass.

The main email for FHC queries is:

[fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org](mailto:fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org)

**Anyone over the age of 18 who wishes to be baptised, receive Holy Communion, or be confirmed will need to join our RCIA or Journey in Faith course.** This course has started Wednesday evenings in St Edmund's Hall after the 7pm Mass.

You are welcome to just attend, but if you would like to register for the course please scan the QR Code or see

<https://forms.office.com/e/8Tnbe7aA4P>



RCIA Journey in Faith Course



**Parish Office Opening Hours** Joy Elliott is the new Parish Administrator and has been working in the Parish now for just short of 2 months. She is a great addition to the team!

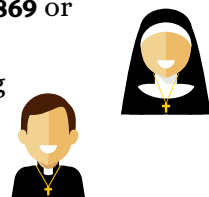
Joy works on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings each week and the Parish Office is open to visitors on **Tuesdays 10am-2pm and Thursdays 9am-1pm.**

Outside of these hours the phones and emails are not always closely monitored. We thank you for your patience.

**Portsmouth Vocations** *"Stay awake and stand ready because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming."* Considering the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life to lead others to the Lord?

Contact Canon John Cooke at **01329 318 869** or [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Please pray for those who are discerning a call to proclaim the hope of the Resurrection as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons.



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

**Afternoon Tea for HCPT Group 170** - raising money to take sick, disabled and disadvantaged children on pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes at Easter. 3-5pm on Sunday 19th November at St Anne's School. £15 adults, £10 children, babies and non-oral eaters free. Please book by emailing [group170@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group170@hcpt.org.uk)

## What's going on?

### Parish 9-16 Youth Group beginning

**January!** We have a group of volunteers who are planning to launch a Youth

Group in St Edmund's Hall on the 1st & 3rd Fridays in the month. If your child or young person would be interested in joining please register here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/YMD3LSTSk9>



### Livestreaming Mass Problems.

Unfortunately at St Joseph's we have had a problem with the system from October onwards which we can't seem to rectify. The parish also received note this week of a planned monthly bill for the WiFi totalling £300+ a month. Our finances are such that we cannot consider meeting such a bill. This issue combined with the fault in the system has prompted us to withdraw streaming of Masses in St Joseph's for the time being. We plan to revisit this decision in the Spring.

GDPR and Safeguarding policies are guiding our decisions to review the timetable of Masses streamed.

**Going forward we plan to stream the 11am Mass in St Edmund's on a Sunday.**

### I Mark: to be performed in St Edmund's at 7pm on

**Friday, 24th November** (£5 per person: any 'profit' will go towards the Organ Fund). Listening to a gospel in its entirety in one sitting enables us to grasp the whole picture and message. It is certainly beneficial for us to hear it in one sitting before we begin to listen to it little by little.

Rt Rev Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury said: "Sometimes it takes a living voice to make you hear the Bible for the first time - a voice that presents some saying or episode not as a stray fragment but as part of the rhythm and pace of a story that goes on gathering momentum. Mark's gospel has just that kind of momentum, and this performance gives a memorably strong sense of it."

Watch an extract: <https://youtu.be/tg5-eW-W-xc>

(The Last Supper). The Eventbrite link to book is:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/i-am-mark-tickets-711430175807?aff=oddtcreator>

**Appeals and Second Collections.** Recognising that the cost of living is high at the moment and that we are all facing financial pressures, we have decided to implement a new policy limiting the number of appeals and collections we have in the Parish. Requests will be considered by the Parish Office and priests when made, but ultimately we are limiting them to no more than 7 a year. The new second collection calendar is now available. Should you wish for a copy to be posted to you or emailed please contact the Parish Office. Please note that Gift Aid can no longer be claimed on external second collections. This may mean you wish to consider donating direct to those charities instead of through us.

**Parking tickets at St Ed's** are dealt with by Castleford Management only. Their contact is 01202 757 050

**Counters** Are you interested in becoming a counter? We are currently looking for people to volunteer as parish counters. Training will be provided and you will then join a monthly rota. Counting is Monday morning or Tuesday evening in the Parish Office. Banking our weekly collection is dependent on counters and we need new counters urgently. If you are interested, please complete the form using the link or QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/YYB032V8s7>



### Monday Masses in St Edmund's at 7pm Weekly.

Fr David will be offering Masses on Mondays in St Ed's and taking Wednesday for his day off. Father Michael will keep a Monday as his day off. For their spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing, it is important that priests take appropriate time away from the parish. They are entitled to and expected to take a weekly 'day off'.

**Christmas Gifts for the Elderly.** As we approach Advent, we'd like to invite you to treat our elderly folk to a gift at Christmas. Previous years have been so successful with unwrapped gifts to suit an elderly person. The carers choose a gift to suit the individual; for some it's an extra treat, however we have some who have very little in their lives for whom the gift needs to be practical so no gift is too small. Baskets will be at the back of both churches after Masses on **18/19 Nov, 25/26 Nov & 2/3 Dec**. Rather than a Christmas gift for a client you might consider a Christmas donation to Catholic Home Care or maybe set up a standing order. Donations are always welcome & would help with our running costs.

Our bank details: Account name: **Catholic Home Care** Sort code **30-93-04** Account number **00903338**.

Phone Xanthe or Marina for information **023 8017 0498**.

**Sunday 9am Choir St Edmund's** : Mary Berridge is looking for people who could take over her role at 9am:

- Planning hymns** for the choir, usually months ahead (using tools like the Parish Mass Book and Laudate).
- Emailing the choir members** with the list of hymns.
- Teaching new hymns**, with the object of encouraging the congregation to sing.
- Choir practice** once a month (usually on the last Wednesday of the month after the 7pm Mass).
- Play the piano** to accompany the choir on Sundays.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to take this on.

We already have one person who is happy to share the tasks and offer cover when needed, it would be lovely to have a few people to tackle the role.

**Gift Aid Declaration Forms** are available at the back of church or can be posted / emailed from the Office if requested. If you are a taxpayer the Parish can claim back a percentage of the tax you have already paid so your donation increases by 25%, at no extra cost to you. If you are a gift aider we can claim on donations on anything eligible as long as we can identify it is yours.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER**

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

<b>Saturday 11th Nov</b> <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
<b>Sunday 12th Nov</b> <i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Alice O'Donnell RIP
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Money & resources needed to get things done
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Mrs Maria Coppetta RIP
<b>Monday 13th Nov</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Sister Maria Innocenta
<b>Tuesday 14th Nov</b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Deceased members of McEwing Family
<b>Wednesday 15th Nov</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Joe Lee RIP
<b>Thursday 16th Nov</b>	<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Intentions of Fr Johnpromise
<b>Friday 17th Nov</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday 18th Nov</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Jose Paes RIP 1st Anniv
	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Divine help, faith, hope & love
<b>Sunday 19th Nov</b> <i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Unch Izuka Birthday Thanksgiving
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Joy Holland Birthday Blessings
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Eleanor & James Chambers RIP

**12th November****Psalm Response**For You my soul is thirsting, O  
God, my God.**Gospel Acclamation***Alleluia, alleluia!*Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the  
hour when the Son of Man is  
coming.*Alleluia!***19th November****1st Reading:***Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31***Psalm: 127****2nd Reading:***1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6***Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30****Parish Bank Details**Setting up a standing order  
from your mobile or online  
banking is the easiest way!**Bank Account Name**

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children's liturgy of the word for all children  
3+ up until the children have received their  
First Holy Communion.We have a great number of children join each  
week but we need more volunteers to be able  
to continue. This will be a term time  
commitment only. If you don't want to lead a  
session you do not need to, we mainly need  
DBS'd adults for our safeguarding ratios.

If you are interested in joining please email

Anna on:

**safeguarding@****southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org**We will need to process a DBS for you for  
children before you can begin in the role.**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!**