



MARCH 13TH 2022 | SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



We wait: transfigure our lives!

We have left our arduous ways
In order to taste rest, near You;
Lord, You know we seek the Father.
Teach us to pray.

Shall we know how to watch when the flesh is weak?
The desire for You sustains us in faith;
Lord, we believe: You know the Father,
Show us His beauty.

For an instant our eyes have glimpsed Your glory:
Here You are radiant with splendour.
Lord, our joy, You have seen the Father,
Your face is light.

In the night of times Your face was hidden:
The prophets announced Your coming:
Lord, today, we recognise You
As Your Father's voice.

We must continue to endure trials,
We must go with You through other nights;
Lord, Son of God, lead us to the Father,
Transfigure our lives.

Commission Francophone Cistercienne

A Few Words...

Please continue to pray for the situation in and around Ukraine. See the item re support in terms of useful items and financial support. Also, the Disasters Emergency Committee are raising funds.

We are beginning to look at the 'Synodal Way' responses (which I hope will be on the Parish website this weekend). The EST (Parish Pastoral Group) will begin trying to pull out priorities when they next meet. Interestingly various aspects of 'Welcome' run through many of the responses... Welcoming in terms of coming to Mass, engaging with others, attitudes to those who are not known, who are visiting, or strangers, or simply on their own; also in terms of interaction with each other!

Remember that all through Lent there will be a 6.30am Mass in St Ed's, as well as the usual 7pm Mass. Also Stations of the Cross in both churches (see elsewhere). See also 'Working Through Lent 2022' in the Lent link on our website.

We are still looking to build our welcoming, serving, refreshment, collection.....etc., teams. Let us know. Thank you to those who have sponsored me for my 'cycle against hunger' for CAFOD..... keep it coming!!

The whole collection this weekend will be given to CAFOD!

Have a good weekend... Vincent H



Questions to ponder...

1. In the blinding light did Peter know what he was saying? Think of some times that you have seen/experienced the divine, not in a transfiguration, but in the ordinary.
2. God Promised Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars (1st reading). Will Abraham cling to this promise as he raises the knife to kill his son (Gen 22:9)? Do you have 'blind' (full?) trust in God?
3. Is your mind occupied with earthly things (2nd reading)? Who or what helps you in your struggle toward your "homeland in heaven"?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Second Sunday of Lent

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip

CAFOD collection from Family Fast Day (last Friday)

Children Liturgy at 9am Mass

Stations of the Cross at 6.15pm in St Edmund's Church

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Next Week

Third Sunday of Lent

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Weekly Green Living Suggestion...

Shopping local and shopping seasonal is best for the planet. Perhaps try and shop at farm shops or independent greengrocers with local suppliers. Just search online for 'Veg boxes Southampton' and a whole range of places present themselves.

NB. Take care with your plastic recycling. Most plastic will have the triangular symbol which means it is recyclable BUT Southampton and Hampshire do not currently have the facility to recycle anything plastic that isn't shaped like a bottle! **If you put anything else in the bin it contaminates the whole lot and it will end up in landfill.**

This Week...

- Tues** St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm
Wed Evening Prayer @6pm..... to join email Dcn Andy
Journey in Faith 7pm
EST Meeting
Thurs Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's: 11.30am
Richard Rohr @ 5pm
Fri Stations of the Cross at St Edmund's: 6.15pm
CAFOD prayer online
Sat FHC 'First Confessions' in St Edmund's
(11am Mass cancelled)

For info

- Mon** Day Off: VH/JP
Tues Supervision: VH
Wed Clergy Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP
Clergy Group Meeting: VH
Fri CTC Fundraising: VH
Clergy Ministry Group: VH

Prayers

Please pray for Fr Michael Peters who is seriously ill.

Join our parish CAFOD Prayer Group for Justice and Peace. Fridays in Lent, on Zoom at 8:15pm. To join, email Marina mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Please remember especially in your prayers Ivanka and Jayden Roberts, Laneisha Vaz, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Gary, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Mary O'Reilly and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

Pope's prayer intention for March: *Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges. May they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.*

Please join our Lenten Rosary Prayer Chain for this Lent. It just involves you taking and praying one decade of the Rosary each day throughout Lent from home in private at any time of the day. It's a very powerful way of uniting us all in Prayer to the Lord through Our Blessed Mother! Please contact Catheryn on 07534110228 or by e-mail to catherynhulme1@hotmail.com to receive your decade and details.

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

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways Lord, so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

What's going on?

Appeal for aid for Ukraine. The Polish club on Portswood Road, opposite the Immaculate Conception church, are collecting much needed goods to support the people of Ukraine who have had to leave their homes over this past week. Below is a list of the most needed items. Any donations you can give would be very gratefully received and can be dropped off this week each day between the hours of 6 pm – 8 pm or on Saturday 10 am – 12 noon.

- Thermal Blankets • Sleeping bags • Sleeping mats
- Sanitary products for kids and adults • Bandages, plasters, wound dressings, tourniquets etc.
- Thermal socks, hats, gloves (no other clothing at the moment) • Underwear for children and adults - both thermal and normal, **must be brand new**
- Hand/feet warmers • Thermos/vacuum flasks for hot drinks and meals • Baby formula - including that for allergic/lactose intolerant babies • Instant soups • Torches

Making a financial donation

As the dreadful events unfold in Ukraine, we stand in solidarity with our Caritas Colleagues in Caritas-Spes as they continue to assist those vulnerable and in need in that country. Until recently, Caritas-Spes had been working in East Ukraine with the displaced families from the ongoing conflict in the disputed territories, including Avidiivka which has been under heavy shelling. If you would like to support Caritas work in the emergency in Ukraine, please visit their website and donate - and please pray for all those affected.

<https://www.caritas.org/donate-now/>

There is also a virtual collection run by the Polish charitable donations portal 'Sie Pomaga' and anyone who wishes to donate anything, can do so by clicking this link (British cards are accepted).

<https://www.siepomaga.pl/southamptondlaukrainy>

Musician required for St Vincent de Paul Music Ministry

We are seeking an experienced Musician to accompany the Choir at 9:30am Sunday Mass in St Vincent's. Playing the Organ is not essential, any instrument would be helpful. If you or if anyone you know would be interested, please contact the following email account,

svpoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Food Banks. Please when shopping buy 'one' extra item to bring to church and put in the box in the porch. No perishables. Southampton City Missions Basics Bank are very low on the following: **tinned carrots, cold tinned meat (Spam, ham in a can, corned beef etc.)** as well as small bags of **sugar, rice pudding, milk and coffee.**

CONCHORD Singers Following our much-lauded concert in aid of local asylum seekers, Conchord is preparing a newly-composed work commemorating the sailing of the Mayflower and looking to recruit new members. No audition. Just come along to our next practice at Christ Church, Freemantle SO15 3BS at 1930h on Friday 18th March. For further details please email:

sineadnicdaithi@yahoo.co.uk

Evening Adoration is available Tuesdays and Fridays in St Edmund's 5-7pm. **We rely on your attendance to be able to offer this opportunity.** We are called to do more than just attend the Mass. Why not commit this period of Lent to visiting Our Lord in Adoration?

Stations of the Cross: Thursday 11.30am in St Joseph's
Fridays & Sundays 6:15pm in St Edmund's.

Wednesdays in Lent: Masses at 6.30am & 7pm in St Edmund's.

CAFOD Our 'Common' Walk Against Hunger - Sat 26 March. Join the Journey in Faith team walking against hunger this Lent. Start at St Edmund's Church from 2pm - or any time that afternoon. Walk up to 5km on the Common. Return to St Edmund's Hall for tea, coffee & cake - donations in aid of CAFOD ('Cafe' open 2:00 - 4:30pm). Please let Marina know if you would like to help with refreshments or donate cakes. Donations of cakes welcome - drop off on the day please from 1 pm. Contact Marina : mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
See our Walk Against Hunger page:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/southampton-journey-in-faith-group>

CAFOD Family Fast Day 11 March. Small acts of love can make big things happen. Thanks to your generous giving on previous Fast Days CAFOD was able to respond very quickly to the current emergency by sending £100,000 to our partner agencies Caritas Poland, Moldova and Ukraine. Donating to CAFOD this Lent will enable local experts across the world to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent

Stop new abortion threat. Baroness Sugg has tabled an amendment to the Health and Care Bill that would make 'DIY' at-home abortion permanent. It is vital that as many Peers as possible oppose this amendment. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to send an email to a randomly-assigned Peer asking them to oppose the amendment. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat to contact your MP now. It only takes two minutes.

Over the last few months we have not been reporting in the Newsletter the totals for **second collections**, so please see the below totals for September to February:

Catholic Home Care	£2,311.37
Home Mission Sunday	£82
Catholic Education Service	£22.55
CAFOD:	£562.50
Afghanistan:	£312.10
Ukraine:	£306.50
Cathedral:	£644.50
Church Maintenance Fund:	£431.50
Clergy Assistance Fund:	£84
Racial Justice:	£4
World Mission Sunday:	£117.50
HCPT:	£160.50
Crib Collection:	£351.25

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 13TH MARCH

(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)

Prayer of the Church
Week 2

Saturday 12th March	6:15pm	SJ	Sean, Kathleen, Stewart Adamson RIP
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	7:00pm	SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 13th March	9:00am	SE	Eric Clarke RIP
<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	10:00am	SJ	Ginnie Palser
	11:00am	SE	Chrissie MacIntyre RIP
	7:00pm	SE	Jan Rojko RIP
Tuesday 15th March	10:00am	SE	Thanksgiving to Jesus of Prague
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>			
Wednesday 16th March	6.30am	SE	Ann Leach RIP
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	7:00pm	SE	Father Emmanuel Rivara - founder of St Edmund's
Thursday 17th March	12:15pm	SJ	Hanora Reading RIP 1st Ann.
<i>St Patrick</i>			
Friday 18th March	7:00pm	SE	21st Birthday Blessings for Geo
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>			-- Sat 11am Mass cancelled --
Saturday 19th March	6:15pm	SJ	Dr Sarah Macauley
<i>St Joseph</i>	7:00pm	SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 20th March	9:00am	SE	Mrs G Clements RIP
<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	10:00am	SJ	Fanny Shek RIP
	11:00am	SE	Jeffrey Voller RIP 2nd Ann.
	7:00pm	SE	Repose of the soul of Rosa Weingart 9th Ann.

13th March
Second Sunday in Lent
Psalm Response:
The Lord is my light and my help.
Gospel Acclamation:
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Readings 20th March
First Reading:
Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15
Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12
Gospel:
Luke 13: 1-9

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Weekly Collection 27th Feb	6th March
Standing Orders: £291	£1877.25
Cash Donations: £374.06	£641.27
Total : £665.06	Total : £2,518.52

Won't you consider coming to Adoration?
The key is to simply begin somewhere. It doesn't have to be entire Holy Hour right away, but start with ten or fifteen minutes and build the habit on a weekly or monthly basis.
Jesus is pleased with everything you give Him, no matter how small, and will bless you abundantly.
"Our hearts, our minds and our actions cannot help but radiate Christ to the world if we continually place ourselves before the Lord, face to face."

Fr Britton Hennessey

Second Collections:
This week: **CAFOD Lenten Fast Day**
Next week: **No second collection**

Confessions: St Joseph's:
Thursdays 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm
(before Mass)
St Edmund's:
Saturdays 11.30am (after Mass)