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AUGUST 13TH 2023 | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website

## Journeying in the Boat

*We live in a world where strength is often measured in terms of huge forces, big numbers, the power to dominate others and so forth. Joseph Stalin was once cautioned by Winston Churchill to give weight to the Pope's opinion in world affairs. Stalin was at the height of his power, and sarcastically asked how many divisions the Pope had. A few decades later, the seemingly unthinkable happened: the mighty Soviet Empire collapsed, thanks in no small part to the moral leadership of Wojtyła, Pope St John Paul II.*

*Today we read how Elijah has fled to the holy mountain, Horeb, reputedly Mount Sinai. This is where the 10 commandments, amidst thunder and lightning, were given to Moses, a place of encounter between God and His people, yet God manifests Himself to Elijah in a tiny, whispering sound. This is God who is all powerful and at the same time insignificant and weak, all because He loves us just as He loved the Prophet Elijah.*

*The Word of God on this Sunday challenges the worldly notion of greatness. It teaches us that God reveals Himself to us in powerlessness and invites us to a new way of living and relating. We must be prepared to let go of our desire to be in control and accept the way of God with humility and courage.*

*Our Gospel introduces Peter receiving an important lesson on Lake Galilee. It was not physical strength, alpha-male bravado nor capability that he needed but the strength of faith, trust and surrender. It was strength in gentleness and vulnerability that would see him through. He and his fellow disciples must discard any notion of power to dominate, and follow Jesus in His way of trusting in God and acting in complete powerlessness.*

*No matter what happens in our lives, no matter how hopeless it seems, when we think God is far away by reason of sickness or illness, or straightforward fear and desperation, when we begin to doubt ourselves and the people around us; this is the time that we accompany Jesus, who walks across water to put us back into the boat with Peter. Getting back in to that boat and resuming our journey takes us home to the Father and thereby live forever in the presence of Jesus the Christ.*

*Dcn Andy*

## Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. ".....why did you doubt?" Jesus asks Peter, as Peter begins to 'sink'!! (Gospel). What makes you doubt God?....doubt the Gospels?.....doubt faith? Ask the question openly and place that doubt in God's hands!
2. Elijah experiences God in the unexpected (1st reading). Have you experienced God in places/experiences/people which took you by surprise? Ponder them?
3. Paul in our 2nd reading says he would willingly be "cut off or condemned" if it would help others. What would you do 'for' others? How far would you go?

Vincent Harvey

## Today's Notices

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Retiring Collection** is for Catholic Home Care

**Small Groups Fayre** in St Edmund's 7pm

**Take home 'envelopes'** for Fr Johnpromise's 'farewell'

**Welcome to Fr Michael Cronin** who is presiding at the 9 & 11am Masses

**Baptisms** in St Edmund's

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

## Next Sunday Notices

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Walk for Life** appeal at the end of Masses

**Retiring Collection** is for Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru's Leaving Parish Donation

## This Week...

**Sun** Group Fayre in St Edmund's

**Tue** Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's  
Feast of the Assumption: a Holyday  
Alpha @ 7pm in St Edmund's Hall

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

**Thu** Richard Rohr to meet on Zoom

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

## For Info...

**Mon** Day off: VH

Short break (7th-17th): JP

**Wed** Funeral: VH

**Fri** VH on pilgrimage to Lourdes (18th – 25th August)

## Prayers



### Pope's Prayer Intention for August For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

### Solemnity of The Assumption of Our Blessed Lady

Tuesday 15th August

Masses at St Edmund's: 7am & 7.30pm; St  
Joseph's: 12.15pm

The Assumption is a Holyday of Obligation



"Whoever hears My word and believes has passed  
from death to life."

John 5:24-29

Please pray for **Nicola Kenny** who has died suddenly. Her Funeral is on 17th August at the Crematorium. May Nicola rest in peace.

Please remember especially in your prayers

Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen,  
Christopher Browne, Michaela, Peter Scott,  
Vasile, Sue, Paul Hughes, Mike, Oliver, Carla Forte, Donna Cowan & all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or distressed.



## A Few Words...

The Solemnity of the **Assumption of Our Blessed Lady** takes place on Tuesday, 15th August. So do make a note of this Holyday. Masses as usual: 7am & 7.30pm in St Edmund's and 12.15pm in St Joseph's.

The **small group fayre** is in St Edmund's this weekend. Do have a look at the groups: Prayer & Fellowship; Prayer & Support; Evening Prayer; Evening Rosary; St Joseph's Choir; 9am St Edmund's Choir; 11am St Edmund's Choir; 7pm Music Group; 7pm Koro Filipino Group; Richard Rohr; Lectio Divina; Activated Disciples; Morning Rosary & Coffee; Young Adults; Poetry Share; Green Living; Bethany (bereavement support).  
You may wish to join one! You may wish to form one!

**We say 'farewell' to Father Johnpromise** on Sunday 27th August before he takes up his appointment as Parish Priest in Fleet & Church Crookham. **On the 19th & 20th August (next weekend)** Fr Johnpromise will preside at the **6.15pm & 10am** in St Joseph's: after the 10am there will be a gathering in the Hall. He will preside **on the 27th** at the **9am, 11am and 7pm** so that everyone can have the opportunity to say 'goodbye'. **After the 9am there will be 'extra' refreshments and after the 7pm there will be food to share in the Hall.**

**Father David Bateman** (taking over from Father Johnpromise) is visiting the Parish on Tuesday (Feast of the Assumption) to say 'hello' to me and to give us the opportunity to talk about his arrival.

**Purely for info at present:** I am scheduled to leave the Parish the week beginning 22nd October; we will have a 'farewell' Mass and reception the week before... details to be confirmed.

Finally do see the **Novena and 'Called and Gifted'** planned in St Boniface.

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

## Sacraments

Baptism Application Form



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.

RCIA Journey in Faith Course



**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 begins in September, 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/USMmJ9JK9J>

## What's going on?

**Madeline Halliday, 9am altar server, is fundraising for Alopecia UK** and would really appreciate our support! Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Alopecia UK, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity. You can donate to their JustGiving page by clicking here [https://www.justgiving.com/page/paul-halliday-1690744308760?](https://www.justgiving.com/page/paul-halliday-1690744308760?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fpaul-halliday-1690744308760&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pf-p-email)

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JustGiving sends your donation straight to Alopecia UK and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more. Thank you for your support!

**Novena to St Boniface at St Boniface, 413 Shirley Road, SO15 3JD** Rosary every day 6:30pm followed by Mass & Novena at 7pm (29/8 till 8/9). Sunday 3/9: Rosary at 5pm and followed by Mass and Novena at 5:30pm. Feast Day Friday 8/9, Procession at 6:30pm, followed by 7pm Mass. **Feast Day 8/9 Dinner Party:** All are welcome after the 7pm Mass at the St Boniface Church Hall!

**March for Life London Sat 2nd September** There is a coach travelling from Holy Family Catholic Church (Millbrook, Southampton SO16 4PL) departing for London at 07:15. The coach returns from London at 5pm, due back in Southampton 19:30. The cost is £28 per seat. Children's tickets will be cheaper, the price will depend on the number of children on the coach to cover the cost of coach hire.

If you would like to book a seat please email Holy Family Catholic Church [office@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk](mailto:office@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk) or call the office 023 8077 8203. For information about the March for Life visit [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

**Called & Gifted Coming to St Boniface in September!** A Catholic organisation approved by Bishop Philip. Sherry Weddell, co-founder of the Catherine of Siena Institute introduced the C&G Charism Discernment process to the diocese in 2014.

Please consider joining us on a special teaching day that will be held on **9 September 2023** St Boniface church hall. This will be followed by **one-to-one discernment conversations** via Zoom or in-person with a trained facilitator to help us unlock our potential charisms. Finally, we will be encouraged to begin "experimenting" with our discerned charism by putting it into **concrete practice**. There is a minimal fee involved. We will give you more details as we get closer to the teaching day. Please consider taking part in this special event.

**Time to register!!** Please contact Jane Stephenson (07941755323) or Augustine Odukoya (07883014954) or send an email to: [calledandgifted@st-boniface.org.uk](mailto:calledandgifted@st-boniface.org.uk). Please give your full name and contact details.

## URGENT Gift Aid Forms (UPDATED..)

All gift aiders to the parish **must please send a new Gift Aid Declaration as soon as possible** to the Parish Office. As the Diocese has changed to the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth we have been asked to fill in new forms under the new name. If you have changed address or have a new name you must also fill in a new form. Forms are available at the back of church or can be posted / emailed from the Office if requested.

**Our current claim (money received January - June) pending submission will drop if we have to remove those donors whose forms we're still waiting to receive.**

**How can I donate to the parish so they can identify me as a gift aider?** As long as we have your gift aid form all donations you make (that we can identify!) we claim on:

- **Standing Orders** with the donor's name are the easiest way for the Parish to identify gift aiders, and the reliable predictable income helps the parish to budget.
- **Bank Transfers** are equally easy to match to a gift aider
- **Cheques** made payable to CDP SOUJE

**Can the parish claim on the cash donations put in the collection?** No! Any gift aiders who are putting cash in the collection basket, sadly we cannot claim gift aid on your donations any longer. We do not have enough counters to reinstate the gift aid envelopes and so we are asking all those who donate via cash to consider bringing the cash to the office instead, where it can be claimed on, or donating in other ways (standing order etc).

**Cash must be in an envelope** marked with your name, or can be brought directly into the Parish Office.

**Contactless Machines** take care of the gift aid forms automatically once you donate (if you donate to the parish by ways other than the contactless machine, you will still need to fill in a new gift aid form for us to claim on that).



**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 King in Castleford Management who can assist here. The Parish office will not be able to speak on your behalf.

**Married Couples' Workshop**, St John's Cathedral Hall Saturday 30th September 9.30am - 4pm. Cost: £20 couple. Donations are welcome. Register by 30th August via [marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST

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

<b>Saturday 12th August</b>	<b>6:15pm SJ</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 13th August</b>	<b>9:00am SE</b>	Joan Dowding RIP
<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10:00am SJ</b>	For all those who have Helped us in Love & those Still Helping Birthday Blessings Zephan
	<b>11:00am SE</b>	Eddie Commons RIP
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday 15th August</b>	<b>7:00am SE</b>	Joan Dowding RIP
<i>The Assumption of Our Blessed Lady</i>	<b>12.15pm SJ</b>	Caroline Price Healing
	<b>7.30pm SE</b>	Vivian C Andrew God's Blessings & Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday 16th August</b>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Dot Mammett RIP
<i>St Stephen</i>	<b>12:15pm SJ</b>	Flying Officer Denis Charles Goodwin RIP
<b>Thursday 17th August</b>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Jose Tew RIP
<i>Feria</i>	<b>11:00am SE</b>	Sean , Kathleen Stewart Adamson RIP
<b>Saturday 19th August</b>	<b>6:15pm SJ</b>	Peter Edwards RIP
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>9:00am SE</b>	Kevin & Marguerite Duggan RIP
<b>Sunday 20th August</b>	<b>10:00am SJ</b>	Thanksgiving to St Jude
<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>11:00am SE</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	

13th August

### Psalm Response

Let us see, O Lord, Your mercy and give us Your saving help.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

*Alleluia!*

20th Aug

### 1st Reading:

*Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7*

### Psalm: Psalm 66

### 2nd Reading:

*Romans 11:13-15,29-32*

### Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

### 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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## Fr Johnpromise Leaving Collection

Fr Johnpromise has been with us for 2 years and is now off to be a Parish Priest in Fleet. We wish him well!

If you would like to contribute to the collection for Fr Johnpromise you can do so in various ways...

**Bank Transfers** with the reference "JP Leaves" to the normal Parish Bank Account

**Contactless Giving** at the back of church

**Online Giving** via the website/donate QR code

**Cheques** to CDP SOUJE with a note advising their purpose

**Cash** in the retiring collection next week (19th/20th August)

**Cash / Cheques in the Brown Envelopes**

**If you are eligible for gift aid** we can claim an extra 25% on your donation (at no cost to you) and add this to Fr Johnpromise's Leaving Total.

## 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!