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NOVEMBER 13TH 2022 | 33RD SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



SIGNS OF THE END OF THE WORLD

Around the year 1998, a powerful visionary arose in Nigeria with a powerful message from God; it was a message that shook the entire Nigeria and made Nigerians quiver and shudder – **THREE DAYS OF DARKNESS IN NIGERIA.**

According to the acclaimed visionary, during the 3 Days Darkness, there would be neither sunlight nor electricity throughout Nigeria; the only source of light would be from candles blessed by Catholic priests. Catholic priests in Nigeria became extra busy over night as many Nigerians bought candles in their truckload and brought them for blessing. My family was not left out in that craze either; mum and dad carved out a corner in the house where blessed candles were stockpiled.

As the days drew nearer, many Nigerians prepared for the end of the world; however, the predicted days passed, and nothing happened. The prophecy then moved on to state that the 31st of December 1999, was going to be the end of the world; many believed it and sold off many of their property. The day came and went without the world disappearing, to the huge relief of so many.

In today's Gospel, Christ was asked for a distinguishing sign/mark (Semeion) that would spell the end of the world. Being the wise person He is, Christ gave them 7 perceptible signs that must come to pass – The Falsification of His name and time,

Incessant Wars, Nationalistic and Imperial Tensions, Cosmic Upheavals,

Persecution of Christians, Betrayals by family members and Hatred by all.

Although any and indeed all the above 7 perceptible signs are weighty enough to sink anyone, Christ was emphatic that the end would not even be imminent.

According to Christ, one sign is necessary and in fact needed – that we endure till the end. The Greek word used there is Hypomone which does not just mean endurance but Patient-Suffering, Perseverance or Steadfastness. On this

Remembrance Sunday, we recall, pray, and give thanks for all those men and women who suffered patiently, persevered in their duties and were steadfast in their services during the Two World Wars and later conflicts, thereby defending our freedoms and protecting our way of life. They are indefatigable signs to us of a world that will never end because it is founded in and on God.

Fr Johnpromise

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. When talking about the 'end of time' in today's Gospel, Jesus says "What do you think he meant? What does this say to you?"
2. Malachi (1st reading) paints a frightening picture of 'the end', except for those who "fear my (God) name". How do you understand that phrase, "fear God's name"?
3. ".....go on quietly working....." St Paul writes (2nd reading). What does that say to you?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass

Remembrance Sunday when we remember and pray for the victims of war

Fr Vincent co-leading the **Civic Service at the Cenotaph**

HCPT Afternoon Tea at St Anne's

Second Collection for xxxx

Baptisms in St Edmund's & St Joseph's

Welcome to Fr Richard who presides over the 11am

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

Next Sunday Notices

Feast of Christ the King

Second Collection Church Maintenance Fund (last one)

Baptisms in St Edmund's & St Joseph's

This Week...

Tues St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm

Alpha Course on Zoom @ 7pm

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

Journey in Faith @ 7.30pm in St Ed's Hall

Thurs EST

Fri Young Adults Group in St Ed's Hall at 7.45pm

For Info...

Mon VH/JP Day Off

Tues Hate Crime Network: VH

SLT: VH/JP/TQ/AP/LS

Wed Team meeting: VH/JP/AP

Thurs Mental Health Network: VH

Fri Love Southampton: VH

Clergy Ministry Group: VH

Sacraments

Please remember especially in your prayers all those who have passed recently.

Jen Bridges's funeral takes place in Romsey on Wednesday, 16th November. May she rest in peace. We pray for Bryn (our 11am Organist) and the family.

Maria Baptista's Requiem Mass takes place on Wednesday, 16th November, at 10am in St Edmund Church. May she rest in peace. We pray also for Helder and Graciela on the death of their mother.

James Beggings passed away last week, please keep in prayers his wife and family in prayer. His funeral will be in St Joseph's on the 2nd of December.

Please keep in your prayers all those who are due to be baptised this month *Alina Crizaldo,*

Pippa Schnugh, Idas & Eris Gallon, Grace

Fernandes, Eden Yizhu Lu, Jakub Gniadek

Gregor, Lanene & Mark Rosal. We pray for them and their families as they enter the faith!



First Holy Communion Update. The official registrations will be 9am, 10am, 11am Masses on 20th and 27th November in St Edmund's and St Joseph's. Please direct first holy communion queries to fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

Just to say, Lorraine is not based in the Parish Office so please use that email to contact her, those coming to the office will not find her! Even if you come twice...

A Few Words...

Hello and welcome to another newsletter which must mean another weekend!

This week, **13th-20th November Interfaith Week**. I hope you manage to get to some of the events planned, especially the 20th November event in the Vedic Temple (see elsewhere). You can follow Inter-Faith Week on social medias...

<https://www.facebook.com/ifweek/>,

<https://twitter.com/IFWeek>, and

<https://www.instagram.com/IFWeek/>.

If you attend St Edmund's you will notice that the **heat is on** a very low setting. We have had to do this to avoid any more water getting into the system! I was hoping to save on heating/energy but have no choice; sadly, the repairs will be costly (they already have been!).

Due to inflation and the drastic rise in the cost of living, we are going to **reduce the number of 'retiring collections'** we have. I am not keen on this affecting Catholic Home Care as this will be in more demand than ever, so we will not have regular retiring collections for 'church maintenance' from next month!

An **'anonymous donor'** has **pledged £500** to clean and repair the large, beautiful, and much-loved statue of **Our Lady** in St Edmund's Church. We have had an estimate for the works of £1000. So, if anyone would like to contribute to reach the total please either do via BACS or a cheque to PRC DTR SOUJE, or via cash (the latter in an envelope to the Presbytery or Office). Please make sure you mark 'statue' as the reference so the money gets to where it needs to go!

We are blessed to have a good number of **Altar Servers** for Sunday Masses (except 7pm!!.....anyone interested?). Please pick up a letter to you all from Father Johnpromise, Deacon Andy and me. **Parents: please return the slip as soon as possible.** If you have not already filled in an Altar Server form, please do so at the same time, these are in the sacristies.

Have a good week... Vincent H

Prayers



Adoration Please contact Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to join Adoration during the week in St Edmund's. New Adorers are needed!

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, Val Perry, Peter Scott, Ivanka Roberts, Maro P, John Morris, Fr Tom Singleton and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

What's going on?

Young Adults Group is starting! We are starting a group for young adults/professionals (roughly age 18-35) to build friendships, deepen our faith and have fun in the process! Our first session will be on **Friday 18th November in St Edmund's Hall after the 7pm Mass** (so starting at around 7:45pm), and fortnightly thereafter. We will provide snacks but feel free to bring something to share. If you have any questions, email Maclyn maclynaugustine@yahoo.co.uk. Hope to see you there!

World Day of the Poor 2022 will be celebrated by the Catholic Church on Sunday 13 November, with the theme of "*For your sakes Christ became poor*" (2 Cor 8:9). Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Bishops' Conference agency promoting domestic social action, has produced a number of resources with Redemptorist Publications, including a novena, reflections, and more...

Day of prayer and reflection for catechists and those interested in this ministry **Saturday 3rd December 2022 9am - 4pm Holy Family Church**. Fr Tom Kleinschmidt leads a day of prayer, reflection and spiritual conferences for catechists and those interested in this ministry. Please bring your own lunch. For more details or to confirm attendance contact ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning "Love one another as I have loved you" - we are called to receive and give God's love. Our special guest speaker and Mass Celebrant is Fr Anthony Meredith, ADoRE Chaplain and Spiritual Director; Vicar General of the Rosminians. Starts with Mass at 10.00 and also includes Adoration, Prophetic sharing, Praise, Testimony and discussion. Please register in advance at bit.ly/ADORENOV2022

Journey in Faith / RCIA Course For anyone looking to find out more about the Catholic Faith - come along and ask your questions, find out what the church teaches and what it means to live as a Catholic. This group also offers preparation for adult (18+) Baptism, Confirmation or Reception as a Catholic. Meetings are **Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall**. Just turn up!

Candles for Home Care. Chris McDaid, a parishioner, will be selling candles of varying sizes and designs to raise money for the Catholic Home Care service. She will be displaying these candles at the 6.15pm Mass in St Joseph's on the 19th November, do bring cash ready to buy! Any leftover will be sold at the 'Winter Warm Up'.

Food Banks Please consider donating to Southampton City Mission Food Bank if you are able to. To check on the current out of stock items please see:

<https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>

Most needed currently are:

Coffee (Small Jars), Custard, Sugar (Small),

Cook-In Sauces (Jars & Packets), Soup (Tins & Packets),

Cold & Hot Meat (Tin), Mixed Veg (Tin).

Tomatoes (Tin), Rice Pudding, Carrier Bags,



Parish Christmas 'Warm Up' Event. As you may be aware, the boilers in St Edmund's have not been well at all recently... expensive fix only to discover another issue caused by a leaky roof which (you guessed it) means even more money needed to fix. To try and offset the cost we have decided to run a Christmas Bazaar to raise funds towards these repairs. **Please put Sunday 4th of December in your calendars**, as we shall have cake stalls, Christmas gifts and repository items for sale alongside a bottle tombola and lucky dips. **We shall begin following the 9am Mass, and continue after the 10am, 11am and 7pm** so hopefully all will get a chance to come.

We are asking for donations of goods, perhaps you might knit/crochet some items, or you may have some old knick-knacks in good condition that need a new home.

Please contact Anna if you might be able to help 'run' a stall, can offer any donations or could make some cakes.

All knick-knack items and alcoholic bottles will be collected in the Parish Office all through November, allowing us to have a sort out in time for the sales. Thanks!

Quiz Night in Stella Maris Hall 26th November 7.30pm.

Fish & Chip supper, bring your own drink. There will be limited numbers, so first come, first served! Tickets are £12 and will be on sale at St Joseph's after Mass on the 6th-18th of November. See Sue for details. All proceeds to CAFOD & Christian Aid.

St Edmund's Church Boiler. We managed to fix the issue from a few months ago, but while the boiler was out of action a leak in the roof flooded into the boiler which is now once again out of commission. One is up and running, constantly on low to keep water out, but the other is not in a good way. Please God we don't have to replace it, but we may & the repair is already very costly.

Southampton Council of Faiths would like to invite you (and your partner) to celebrate our 20th anniversary on Sunday 20th November at the Vedic Temple, Radcliffe Rd, Southampton. Doors open at 6.30; 7.00 Welcome from the Chair; 7.10 Entertainment from different faith groups; 8.00 Buffet meal; 9.30 Finish. Please go to book your free tickets. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/southampton-council-faiths-cultural-evening-tickets-395273592957>

Green Living Update...

It is that time of year where you might be tempted to light a bonfire to dispose of garden waste, but did you know that bonfires are very harmful to people and the planet? Burning wood releases all kinds of harmful gases, polluting the air and affecting the health of anyone nearby. We recommend that you dispose of your waste at the Household Waste and Recycling Centre or via a collection service instead. If you do have a bonfire, please make sure it is kept well away from buildings and overhanging trees, and make sure you check for any hibernating hedgehogs before you light it.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

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

Saturday 12th November <i>St Josaphat</i>	6:15pm SJ 7:00pm SE	Sean, Kathleen and Stewart Adamson RIP Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 13th November <i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am SE 10:00am SJ 11.00am SE 7:00pm SE	Jan Rajko RIP All those who sacrificed their lives for our safer tomorrow and all those faithfully departed RIP People of the Parish Mrs Maria Cappetta RIP
Tuesday 15th November	10:00am SE	Joseph Lee RIP First Anniversary
Wednesday 16th Nov <i>St Edmund of Abingdon</i>	7.00pm SE	JR Personal Intentions
Thursday 17th Nov	12.15pm SJ	Ann Moses RIP
Friday 18th November	7.00pm SE	Andrew Houston's 60th Birthday blessings
Saturday 19th November <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	11:00am SE 6:15pm SJ 7:00pm SE	G's Recovery & Eleanor & James Chambers RIP Thanksgiving for prayers answered Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 20th November <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	9:00am SE 10:00am SJ 11.00am SE 7:00pm SE	Olivia Holland Birthday blessings People of the Parish Uche Izuka Birthday blessings Vinko Delina RIP

Opening: Laudate Omnes Gentes, laudate Dominum, Sing praises, all you peoples, Sing praises to the Lord

Offertory: Wait for the Lord His day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart.

Communion: Stay With Me, Remain here with me, Watch and pray.

Recessional: Jubilate Deo, omnis terra, servite Domino in laetitia. Alleluia, alleluia, in laetitia.

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness. Alleluia, alleluia with gladness

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13th November

Psalm Response:

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stand erect,
hold your heads high,
because your liberation is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Readings 13th November

First Reading:

Malachi 3: 19-20

Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12

Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

6th Nov 1st Collection

SO: £623.66

Cash: £873.82

TOTAL: £1,497.48

Thank you.

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SO: £160.50

Cash: £345.70

TOTAL: £506.20

Thank you.

Catholic Home Care Gifts While you're out shopping may we ask you to think of their elderly clients who are often lonely & without friends or family around them, so to receive a special gift means so much to them. Please consider picking up a small item or two for us to give on your behalf. Gifts can be toiletries, chocolates, biscuits, socks, scarves etc. They should be new and unwrapped so that individual health & dietary requirements can be considered when our carers select gifts for their clients.

Baskets will be available in each porch on the weekends of 27th November and 4th & 11th December. These gifts make a big difference - thank you!

Confessions are 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!