JAN 14TH 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





# SEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S



City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton

# This Weekend's Notices

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time No Second Collection this week

# **Next Weekend's Notices**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time **Second Collection** is for the Cathedral

# **General Notices**

Parish Youth Group for 10-16 year olds 19th January at 7pm in St Edmund's Hall. The Youth Group will be in St Ed's Hall on the 1st & 3rd Fridays in the month. Please register here: https://forms.office.com/e/YMD3LSTSk9



#### CAFOD School Volunteers needed.

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? Supported by CAFOD with training and all resources provided please consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Jo Lewry jlewry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447

St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs Parish, Winchester, are recruiting for an Operations Manager. The role is Full time: 37.5 hours per week Mon-Fri, but with flexibility to allow at least one Sunday morning per month (approx. 4 hours) and occasional evenings and weekends. Salary: £40-45k Closing date for applications: Friday 9th February 2024, 12 Noon. Interviews: Fri 1st March.

For a full job description and person specification, plus details of how to apply, please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**HCPT Group 170** is the Southampton based branch of a national charity taking sick, disabled, and disadvantaged children on free pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes at Easter. This year we will be taking 7 local children, at a cost of around £1500 each, and 20 adult helpers, many of whom are City Centre parishioners. The helpers pay their own fares (£905), but many are students or on low income, so if you would specifically like to help them with their fares (the children can't travel without them) please speak to the volunteers at the back of the church. We will have a week filled with faith, fun and friendship. HCPT pilgrimages really do change lives. Find out more at www.group170.org.uk

# Looking, seeing and seeking

We have all come to Jesus through the entreaty of a litany of other people. The story of our faith in Jesus is a line of witnesses stretching back to Andrew in Sunday's Gospel, bringing his brother Simon to Jesus the Christ. If we believe Jesus is worth knowing, we, like Andrew, will bring others to Jesus by our own quiet witness. Today is a day to reflect on who it was who brought us closer to Jesus, and we might want to dare and ask ourselves who it has been who we have brought to Jesus.

John the Baptist looks hard at Jesus and Jesus looks hard at Simon Peter. Today is as good a day as any to notice the way Jesus looks at us, and to contemplate how we look back at Him. And surely we are mistaken should we believe that once we have found Jesus our search is over.

Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves and the more we search for Him the more we discover just who we truly are. There are times, perhaps when we pray, and it is so much easier to talk at God and rush away, than to stay and listen. "What do you want?" Jesus asks, and He will ask it again in our Gospel readings later in the year. That is the question we must keep asking ourselves.

Dcn Andy

Would you consider fostering? Foster carers provide safe and loving homes for children who can't live with their birth families at the current time. The children are from a wide variety of backgrounds and all have different reasons for being in care. Sometimes children stay with foster carers for a few days, and some stay for a few years, but the difference a foster carer makes, may last a lifetime. For information on fostering and requirements please see https://www.southampton.gov.uk/childrenfamilies/fostering/

A key challenge in Southampton at the moment is an extremely high rate of domestic abuse which is creating a huge pressure on children's services and the need to find more foster parents. The council have asked if we churches could help find more foster carers.

The next Soup Lunch will be on 18th January 2024 at 1:00pm at the Stella Maris Club. All proceeds go to CAFOD and Christian Aid. All are most welcome and encouraged to attend!



#### **Prayers**

#### Adoration currently runs in St Edmund's:

Monday 6pm until 7pm Mass Tuesday beginning after 10am Mass until 8pm Thursday 10am until 5pm Friday 2pm until 7pm Mass.

We would like to offer Adoration Monday day to 6pm & Fridays morning - 2pm. Thinking of joining? Great news! You can email the office, call us or text 07956 379542.

We pray for the families & friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother & child, & that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy & beyond.

Lord hear us

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

## **General Notices**



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

John 5:24-29

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Tyler who sadly passed away. We pray for her daughter, Christine, and family, that they may have comfort at this time. May Jean rest in peace.

Would you like to 'Go Deeper' in your faith, grow in prayer and develop your spiritual life? Why not join our Carmelite group that meets on the third Saturday monthly for mutual support in spiritual growth. We have times of liturgical prayer and silent prayer, discussion of Carmelite text, and social time. We meet from 10:30am to 3pm at the St Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Waters, Romsey, Hampshire. For more information, contact Samantha Harris on 07840 756078 or samanthaharris218@gmail.com.

**Vic Stevens** is still seeking local overnight lodging for the days he supports his elderly cousin. Contact him if you can help vicstevens2003@yahoo.com/0744852 1663

#### Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

SJ is St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street & SE is St Edmund's Church, The Avenue		
6:15pm	SJ	Thanksgiving for the life & service
		of Father Vincent Harvey
9:00am	SE	People of the Parish
10:00am	SJ	Mary O'Reilly Health and Wellbeing
11:00am	SE	Matthew Rickard RIP
7:00pm	SE	John Dorling RIP
7:00pm	SE	John O'Reilly Health and Wellbeing
10:00am	SE	Moyra & Peter Clearkin RIP
7:00pm	SE	Healing of Shawn Prestoza
12:15pm	SJ	Thanksgiving for the Year 2023
7:00pm	SE	Thanksgiving to God for
		His Blessings & Gifts
11:00am	SE	Thomas James Crowley RIP
6:15pm	SJ	Colin Carter RIP
9:00am	SE	Father Vincent Harvey Healthy Retirement
10:00am	SJ	People of the Parish
11:00am	SE	Simon Parry RIP & Dominic Parry RIP
7:00pm	SE	M & T God's Blessing and Thanksgiving
		Wedding anniversary
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Today's Readings

# **Confessions** St Joseph's

Thurs at 11:45am, Sat at 5:45pm, Sun at 9:30am St Edmund's

6:30pm, Tues at 9:30am, Sat at 11:30am Sun at 8:30am &

Mon, Wed & Fri at

10:30am & 6:30pm

Parish Bank

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