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MAY 14TH 2023 | 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS!!!

On the 10th of May 2023, the first batch of priests and deacons working in our diocese gathered in Basingstoke for their Annual Safeguarding Training. This is a mandatory training for any clergy who wants to continue in active ministry in our diocese. Among the many videos we were shown was a video testimony of Johnny who as a young man was very devoted to God and the Church; however, his entire world collapsed when he was abused by a priest whom he trusted, admired, and looked up to. Although Johnny is in his late 40s presently and has gone through a lot of healing processes, at one point in the video, he broke down, wept bitterly, and said - 'he took my human dignity and has condemned me to a life of sorrow'. As I watched the video, I was enraged due to the indescribable suffering Johnny has been subjected to due to the despicable action of an ordained minister. I wanted to reach out to Johnny and apologise that a church that should have been his safest space, turned out to be his worst nightmare. I equally wanted to ask the perpetrator why he inflicted such an unforgettable wound on such an innocent soul, and it dawned on me that the perpetrator and others like him have no clear comprehension of Genuine Love.

In this Sunday's Gospel which is part of Christ's Last Discourse with His disciples, He told them - "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Although God's love is there for all of us and unmerited, it behooves on us to respond to it before it becomes active in our lives. One crucial way to respond to God's love is to keep His Commandments which is to love Him and to love our neighbours. If we truly love God, we will never abuse anyone in our churches. If we truly love God, we will never abuse anyone in our families. If we truly love God, we will never abuse the environment. If we truly love God, we will never abuse the poor, needy, homeless, migrants, beggars, and the marginalised. For us to truly love God, we need Allon Parakleton - Another Helper/Advocate, in the person of the Holy Spirit. Like the people of Samaria in today's First Reading, let us await His descent with open minds and hearts.

Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. The Father "will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever." (Gospel). Who is 'The Advocate' for you? Does this give you comfort? Why/Why not?
2. Why did the crowds welcome "the message Philip preached" (1st reading)? What 'gets your attention' in terms of spiritual matters?
3. "...have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you have", St Peter says (2nd reading). What is your answer/s?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Retiring Collection is for our ongoing support of Catholic Home Care

Please continue to sanitise hands on entry to the churches

Next Sunday Notices

Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Retiring Collection is for Catholic Communications Network

Confirmation Candidates gather in Ashurst for a final day, including Mass

Thank you to the priest from St Boniface who is presiding at 9 & 11am Masses whilst Fr Johnpromise is away

This Week...

Tues SLT Meeting

Prayer & Meditation Group at 6pm in St Michael's

Wed Evening Prayer online 6pm to join email Dcn Andy

Thurs Ascension, a Holyday of Obligation

Sat Confirmation Gathering in St Joseph's, Ashurst

Sun Evening Prayer online 6pm, to join email Dcn Andy

For Info...

Mon Day off: JP/VH

JP holiday 17th-25th May

Tues Divine Renovation clergy support: VH

St George Governors: VH

Wed Springhill: VH

Mayor Making in the Civic Centre: VH

Thurs Ascension Masses x3: VH

St George Govs: VH

Springhill Service for KS1: AP

Fri Clergy Support Group: VH

Sacraments & Prayers

Pray for Iain Rylands (Head of RE at Springhill) who died unexpectedly during the Easter holidays. May he rest in peace. His Requiem Mass will be in St Edmund's on Tuesday, 23rd May, at 1:30pm. Pray also for Margaret, his mother, Kevin, his brother and the Springhill Community.

Pray also for Margaret Murray who has died in Countess Mountbatten Hospice in West End. May she rest in peace. Margaret's Requiem will be on Wednesday, 24th May at 10.30am in St Edmund's.

Also **pray for Jose Tew** who died in the General Hospital at the beginning of last week. May she rest in peace. Details of Jose's Funeral yet to be arranged.

Please pray for all those in our parish who are to be Baptised this month: *Hanna, Julia, Levana, Sukhman and Ivana-Mara*. We remember them in our prayers as they enter the Faith, and also remember their families and godparents.



Baptism Application Form



Seeking Baptism for your child? Please use the QR Code here, or go to our Parish Website, Sacraments, then to 'Baptism'. Once you have filled in the online form Anna will be in touch.

A Few Words...

I hope you enjoyed the **Coronation** last weekend wherever you 'stand' in terms of Monarchy! I had a wedding so missed most of it: **Congratulations to Rosie Cassar & Ian Eyers** whose wedding I celebrated in St Edmund's, followed by a relaxed Reception out of Town.

In June we are beginning a new series of '**Alpha**' on a Tuesday evening in St Edmund's Hall. Alpha presents our Christian Faith in an easy and interactive way. Soon we will be producing flyers and advertising. Do think who you could encourage to come along! Remember one of our tasks, as people of faith, is to 'evangelise' by at least inviting others to consider Catholic Christianity.

You may know that the Organ in St Edmund's is in a bad state of disrepair. Bryn, ably assisted by Keith, are keeping it chugging along. But the time is coming when it will no longer be usable, and a conservative estimate is that it would **cost £250,000** to repair (possibly thousands more). So we are looking at an alternative solution using a '**digital organ, costing in the region of £30-£40,000!**' We will need to fund raise so watch this space!

Plans for the '**International Day**' on **Sunday 4th June**, consisting of Brazilian afternoon with food and music, and the 7pm International Mass followed by food provided by all our communities, are well on the way. **Put it in your diary! Watch this space!**

Finally thank you to all who purchase the **cards made by Julie Jack**. She donated another £100 to Catholic Home Care.

Thanks.....Vincent H

St Joseph's and St Edmund's Parish,
Part time Assistant Parish Administrator
Flexible, 15 hours per week Salary of £12ph

SOUJE Assistant Parish Administrator



A role has arisen for an Assistant Parish Administrator to support life in a busy parish office, helping with secretarial services for the clergy, supporting day-to-day administration of the parish, sacrament registrations, phone and email correspondence.

We're looking for someone with office experience, confident in use of MS Office 365, self-motivated, diplomatic, approachable, with good timekeeping and telephone manner.

Closing date for applications: **Wednesday 29th May 2023**
Interviews: **Friday 2nd June 2023**

For more information and an application, either email the office, use the link below or the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/VwQjFW9Vie>

Please remember especially in your prayers *Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Michaela, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue, Paul Hughes &* all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or distressed.

What's going on?

Vacancies at Springhill - Teacher positions available, see school website for details www.springhillcatholic.co.uk

Koro Filipino are celebrating 17 years singing with us and in the City. Come for a social in St Ed 's Hall from 3pm on Sunday 21st May & for 7pm Mass afterwards.

Caritas Portsmouth supports parishes and schools to become the 'church beyond walls' to help meet the needs in our local communities. Our volunteer team help make this happen, by running and supporting specific projects, promoting our work within the community and fundraising so we can get new projects off the ground. We would be delighted if you would join us. Visit website for details (<https://caritas.org.uk/act/>) or email Jenny at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Save the date! Springhill Primary will be holding a summer fete & festival on **June 10th from 12-3pm**. There will be games, refreshments, stalls and entertainment! We will send out more details via the newsletter. If you would like to volunteer or hire a business stall pitch then please email springhillpa@gmail.com

St Vincent de Paul St Boniface Conference SVP is a global Society, that has been in existence for 190 years, inspired by the example of St Vincent de Paul who worked tirelessly in helping people in need in his community. A part of that larger Society, we are a local conference of lay volunteers, who come together in a spiritual fraternity, using our talents and time to offer and provide practical help to those in need. Following referrals, we respond to those living locally who need help. They may be sick, housebound or lonely, they may be struggling with obtaining essentials such as food, clothing or shelter, or simply struggling to make ends meet. Whatever their need, with the guidance and support of the Holy Spirit, we aim to provide a practical response. If you are so moved, why not join us. We are a small but growing group. Your time and talents, however small or large, will be very welcome; OR, you might like to make a donation to support our work; OR, you might know of someone who is in need, so you could make a referral to us. To get in touch please contact us through the St Boniface parish website SVP page, or by email using svp@st-boniface.org.uk

The Catholic Association to Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 August 18th-25th. If you are interested in joining either as an assisted pilgrim, able-bodied pilgrim, volunteer or a health care professional there are details on their website: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk> If you have any questions you can talk to Tina or Fr Vincent.

Paul Hughes is looking for a lift to Lymington as he has to attend physio there every two or three weeks. Public transport to Lymington is extremely difficult with his disability and expensive. If you think you could offer him the occasional lift can you please contact on ph3n19@soton.ac.uk There are a few interested, so if we could encourage a few more it would share the load.

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord is this Thursday 18th May. Ascension is a Holyday and Masses are at 7am & 7.30pm in St Edmund's and at 12.15pm in St Joseph's

Festa Junina! All are warmly welcome to join this Brazilian Festival. We will have music by DJ Alex Silva, dancing (Quadrilha) with Brazilian food and drink available for sale. **1pm – 5pm Sunday 4th of June** in the Polish Club (507 Portswood Rd, SO17 2TH).

Book tickets online at Eventbrite £2 per person, Children under 12 free. Tickets at the door subject to availability.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/festa-junina-tickets-630251628587>

International Mass at 7pm Sunday 4th June - Come and join us in St Edmund's Church for a Mass celebrated in multiple languages. There will be a gathering in the hall after Mass so please bring food from your home countries to share with family and friends afterwards to celebrate your nationality. Feel free to wear your traditional costume!

Help Your Marriage Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential info or to register for the next programmes (commencing 6-9th July (Virtual) or 13-15th Oct (In Person)) contact **07887 296983** or **07973 380443** or retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Engaged and Married Couples Retreat - 9th - 11th June - aimed at nurturing the communion in the couple, by strengthening the marital bond, with their relationship with God and dialogue with each other. Venue: Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, on the Isle of Wight. For more information, please, contact: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com

Life in the Spirit Seminars Bishop Philip has announced that this year in the diocese is to be the Year of the Holy Spirit. Do you wonder about what the Holy Spirit is doing in your life? Have you made the time to really consider the issue? Why not come and join the Life in the Spirit course running after Pentecost! This will be held on Zoom from Thursday 1st June until Thursday 13th July from 7.30pm until 9pm. Get involved in Praise and Worship of the Lord. Listen to sound teaching on the Holy Spirit. Meet up with other members of the diocese - and beyond - to discuss what you believe. It is in articulating our thoughts that we really come to know what we do believe. Register for the course on <https://tinyurl.com/LiS-2023>



Food bank

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 14TH MAY

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

Saturday 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
Sunday 14th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	9:00am SE	Birthday & Thanksgiving Blessings
	10:00am SJ	People of the Parish
	11:00am SE	Gretta Phelan RIP
	7:00pm SE	Eugene Devaney RIP
Tuesday 16th May	10:00am SE	Gavin Cato RIP
Wednesday 17th May	7:00pm SE	Intentions of John O'Reilly
Thursday 18th May <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	7:00am SE	People of the Parish
	12:15pm SJ	Ann Leech RIP
	7:30pm SE	For the Manifestation of the New Heaven & New Earth & Glory of God
Friday 19th May	7:00pm SE	Diane Mary Taylor RIP Anniversary
Saturday 20th May <i>St Bernardine of Siena</i>	11:00am SE	Tony Percy RIP & Deceased Family Members
	6:15pm SJ	George Munday RIP
Sunday 21st May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	9:00am SE	Pat Jennings RIP
	10:00am SJ	Sarah Kennedy-Donnelly RIP
	11:00am SE	People of the Parish
	7:00pm SE	For the Needs of the Church and the Whole World

14th May

Psalm Response

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves Me he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We shall come to him."

Alleluia!

21st May

1st Reading:

Acts 1: 2-14

Psalm: 26

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 4: 13-16

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

Parish Bank Details

Setting up a standing order from your mobile or online banking is the easiest way!

Bank Account Name:

CDP SOUJE

Number 00888223

Sort Code 30-93-04

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Diocesan Facebook & Twitter: [@PortsmouthRC](https://www.facebook.com/PortsmouthRC)

Catholic Home Care Manager

We're looking for an energetic, self-motivated, and resourceful individual to take over the role of managing the activities of the Catholic Home Care. This is a demanding but rewarding post which offers the opportunity to lead a team of caring people who make a significant social impact providing domestic support, to enable elderly people to safely remain in their own homes for longer.

You will be making an important contribution to your community and helping local people. The position is part-time, flexible 20 hours per week, days and times to be agreed, based in Southampton.

This post will require a DBS check. For an application or more information call Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce on 023 8017 0498.

Cut off date 22nd May, interviews 26th May.

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!