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AUGUST 14TH 2022 | ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY


ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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Christ's transformation of creation - noblesse oblige?

 In my youth I was a scout and the Scout handbook taught that we should leave the campground cleaner than we found it. It is a noble order originating from Robert Baden Powell's farewell letter to his scouts, "Try and leave this world a little better than you found it." A spot of earth should not suffer because we visited. As the crown of God's creation, our presence should be a blessing to our environment, not a blight. We were not created by God to abuse the rest of His creation, because we are to care for it, remembering that it is God's gift to us and to generations still to come.

Baden Powell's teaching might appear rather esoteric, but we can learn a great deal about our care for the world in the light of Christ's concern for it. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary reveals the reach of the resurrection into the very depths of creation. It is corresponded in the scout teaching to leave what we touch better than we found it. Everything that the Son of God touches is utterly transformed.

Accepting that Jesus is the living God, the Eternal Son of the Father, how could creation not be transformed by His touch, and she who opened herself to God was made what He is: divine. He came among us not only to teach, not only to save, but to grant us God's own life. God the Father did not allow the sinless flesh of the Son to suffer corruption. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Father raised Him up and glorified the Son in His flesh.

At His birth, Christ assumed our flesh. In His return from the dead, His body was not discarded as detritus. Christ assumed the flesh of the Virgin. She is not a mere instrument, used by Him only to procure our salvation. By His grace she gave a complete "yes" to God, enabling the Incarnation itself. In His resurrection and her assumption, we see how radical the outpouring of God's own self upon creation truly is. In Christ, God comes to His creation. In Mary, creation receives its creator and becomes something permanent and pure, something transformed. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb". Everything touched by the Son of God, everything set free from sin, is also transfigured.

And if we think we were made lords of creation without being called to care for it, we do not comprehend the new creation that the resurrection birthed. Through us, as through the Virgin, Christ intends to touch and transform creation, to bless it and to make it holy.

Dcn Andy

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord" Mary says in today's Gospel. How do you 'proclaim the greatness of the Lord'? In words? Deeds? By who you are?
2. "Holy is His name" Mary continues! In what way is God's name 'holy' in your life?
3. "...His mercy reaches from age to age..." Mary's song continues. Have you experienced God's mercy? How? When? Do you live God's mercy by the way you interact with others?



Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Assumption of Our Blessed Lady

Welcome Fr Richard who is presiding at 9 & 11am Masses
Baptisms at St Joseph's 11.30am and St Edmund's 12.30pm
Please continue to sanitise hands on entry to the churches and we encourage wearing face masks

Next Sunday Notices

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection for Church Maintenance Fund
Welcome to Fr Richard at the 6.15pm & 10am Masses

This Week...

Tues St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm
Wed Evening Prayer @ 6pm.... to join email Dcn Andy
Thurs Richard Rohr @ 5pm on Zoom
EST meeting in the hall

For Info...

Mon VH Day off
JP on annual leave for 2 weeks
Wed Team Meeting: VH/AP
Volunteer Health & Safety Meeting: VH
Fri VH departs for Lourdes for 1 week



A Few Words...

The fine weather continues which is lovely but now creating issues with lack of water: please keep an eye on your elderly neighbours, friends and family and ensure everyone is hydrated!

A milestone has been reached: Anna Smyllie has been with us just over a year and **Anne Wheeler** has been left just under a year! *Tempus Fugit!!* Anna it is good to have you with us and Anne we still miss you, though you are still an active member of the Parish! **Father Johnpromise** will be back with us around midweek!

I am not sure what the exact **Closer to Christ** campaign total is but it is around £270,000 which means more will come back towards Catholic Home Care and the decoration of our churches. If you promised a pledge do try to complete it in the next week if possible!

You may have heard of the **damage done to St Edmund Hall** roof, the windows of No 13 (HMO) and the adjacent flats, and the two cars parked on the property: both are written-off; one of them, of course, mine! I am in the process of obtaining a temporary car! The individual responsible was arrested after a 2-hour stand-off. Thank you to those who offered me support over the weekend. A special **'thanks'** to the twenty or so Police Officers who attended the incident and responded professionally and with courtesy, and ensured that we, including the 'bystanders,' were safe. Friday was a late night; and dealing with the aftermath has, as you will know from experience, taken hours out of each day since! Thank you to Anna for chasing up the various agencies.

This coming Friday I go on **pilgrimage to Lourdes** with the Catholic Association. If anyone wishes me to take a petition to put in the 'petition box' at the Shrine, do put them in an envelope titled: Lourdes Petition. Do not put any money in as, eventually, all the petitions are burnt!

Have a good week Vincent H

Sacraments

Please remember all those being baptised **this month**, Ada O'Brien, Yasmine Barqueiro, Alice Boussot, Ethan Cortez, Chloe Simonetti, Nikola Chlasta, Lena Lorek, Prince Eken, Skylar Brindley, Mia Mikos, Kaja Krampa. **We pray for them and their families as we welcome them into the Faith on this joyous occasion!**



Deaths: Please pray especially for:

Freddie Alexandru Ramos who passed away last week. His funeral will be on the 19th of August. Please pray for his wife Dheraimn, who he leaves behind.

Layton George Cashmore who died tragically. His funeral will be at St Edmund's on Friday, 26th August at 1pm. We pray for his parents and family. May Layton rest in peace.

May Freddie and Layton rest in peace.

Prayers

Pope's Prayer Intention for August: Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



Sunday is the feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for his intercession as we the church seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us

Please remember especially in your prayers

Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, the Roberts family, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, Mary O'Reilly, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Diana Elena, Carmen Escorcio, Carol Roe, Simon, Sue, Zoe, Jack Oakley, Kelly and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.



Please consider joining our Adoration team! We are still in need of Adorers to keep our constant daily Adoration running. Please get in touch with Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to help/join!

The gaps we need filling are:

Monday 1.30pm onwards, Wednesday all day, Thursday 4-5pm, Friday 10-1pm

Another small note on Friday's incident...

It is fortunate that nobody was hurt, despite the substantial damage caused to property.

We remember in our prayers the intruder, just as we pray in gratitude for the calm leadership of Fr Vincent in these matters, and for his continued safety.

The parish is grateful to Fr Vincent for sacrificing his day off, and much of his personal time to deal with this issue - including some of the clean up!

Thank you Fr Vincent!

What's going on?

Our new parents need you! Do you enjoy meeting new people and making them feel welcome? Are you able to come and support our young families in the church and talk to them about Baptism?

Our parish Baptism Preparation team needs new members to support this important ministry. We are currently Baptising up to 12 children every month and this is **the first and most important sacrament** that our children will receive. To continue to welcome children and families into our community we need more hands-on deck. You will be part of a team and training will be given. Do think and pray about it and contact Tina or the Parish Office for more information. **Thank you!**

Bishop Philip Egan invites you to an **Ethnic Filipino Mass** in honour of San Lorenzo Ruiz (1st Filipino-Chinese Saint) on **Saturday 10th of September** at St. John Cathedral **1:30pm** (Procession then Mass). Wear your Ethnic costumes. Contact for more info the Filipino Deacon Kim Cabatana on FaceBook (@Dcn Kim Cee) or email cabatanak@gmail.com or Fr Claro Conde on FaceBook (@Claro Conde) or email filipinochaplaincy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages. Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

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 headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information or to register for the next programme commencing with a **Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023**, call or text **07887 296983** or **07973 380443** or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Consultation on a Draft Southampton Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2022-2027. You are invited to comment on the draft. This is our partnership approach to tackling this abuse in Southampton. Please see: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/SotonDAVAVG>

St Ed's family of four (2 adults & 2 children) looking for short term rental accommodation from end of August to mid November. Kindly contact the Parish Office if you can help who will put you in touch with the family.

Safe Families for Children. Since starting in Southampton **Local Churches** has made an impact. **757 children** and **337 families** have been supported through some of the most challenging times. Safe Families for Children appreciate any funding or donations... <https://safefamilies.uk/donate/>

Pilgrimages

1. In September and October this year, **the relics of St Bernadette** will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. Portsmouth Cathedral will be our closest venue, more closer to the time!
2. **A visit/pilgrimage to Portugal culminating in Fatima: 12th-19th October.** In Lisbon we visit the birthplace of St Anthony where we will celebrate Mass and visit the museum dedicated to his life. We then visit Pastes de Belem and the Cathedral which dates from the 12th Century. On Saturday we depart for Fatima via Sintra. In Fatima we will visit all the important sites and participate in the evening candle light procession. The cost is £895 (sharing) which includes breakfast & evening meals (except for one fish lunch), pilgrims are responsible for lunch if desired. For full details please refer to the brochure available from the back or church or from Godfrey Doyle godfreydoyle@gmail.com. Once numbers have been ascertained a coach will be booked at a modest fee for transport to and from St Edmund's and the airport.
3. **ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning 20** August 10.00-1.00 *"Lead us not into temptation - we pray to be helped through times of testing"*. Our special guest speaker is Jenny Baker, national leader of Celebrate conferences and presenter of CaFE videos. Starts with Mass at 10.00 and also includes Adoration, Prophetic sharing, Praise, Testimony and discussion. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREAUG2022
4. **The Camino Way: Reading to Southampton** David Sinclair & Adrian Croft, accompanied throughout by Richard and Sandra Brown, last Sunday completed the Confraternity's rapidly developing quintessentially English Camino, the St James' Way, in a record 2.5 days! They arrived intact at God's House Tower to receive their final stamp, having set off after a blessing by Fr. Chris Heaps beside the Shrine of St James in Reading. David participated in our 7pm Mass and his Confraternity 'Passport' was stamped by Fr V. Enroute they were joined by 23 pilgrims and supporters, and warmly welcomed by 6 parishes. St Cross is where we hope the Santiago Cross monument, a reason for this incredible endeavour, will be sited for pilgrims to stop at as they pass on their way to Santiago de Compostela. If you haven't already sponsored the project, please consider sponsoring a square (suggested donation £10-£100) to help them reach their target of 200 sponsors! This will enable them to finish the painting and commence the installing of the stone way markers and St James' Cross along the route. www.csj.org.uk/Appeal/st-james-way-fund

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST

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

Saturday 13th August	6:15pm SJ	Jan Rojko RIP
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 14th August	9:00am SE	Vivian C Andrew God's Blessing & Thanksgiving
<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10:00am SJ	Joan Dowding RIP
	11:00am SE	Dr Laura & Andy's Wedding Ann. & B'day Blessings & Prayers for Family
	7:00pm SE	For all the Intentions of the Blessed Mother, Her Intercession, Maternal Preference & Love
Tuesday 16th August	10:00am SE	Gretta Phelan RIP
Wednesday 17th August	7:00pm SE	Joan Dowding RIP
Thursday 18th August	12.15pm SJ	Foley Family RIP
Friday 19th August	7:00pm SE	John & Josephine Carvalho RIP & Giles & Florence Houston RIP
Saturday 20th August	11:00am SE	Peace in the world & Ukraine & God's mercy & blessings
<i>St Bernard</i>	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 21st August	9:00am SE	Peter Edwards RIP
<i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
	11:00am SE	Anna Ayles 4th anniversary RIP
	7:00pm SE	Chris Tickell 5th anniversary RIP

Weekly Green Living Suggestions...

It is with regret that we report that the **local charities collecting plastic bottle tops no longer do so**. There seem to be no local drop-off points near to Southampton, and so we must ask that parishioners **stop collecting** and leaving them at church. We will have to put any we collect now into the general waste.



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14th August

Psalm Response:

On your right stands the Queen, in garments of gold.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

Alleluia!

Readings 21st August

First Reading:

Isaiah 66: 18-21

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Gospel:

Luke 13: 22-30

7th August Parish Collection

SO: £995.97 Cash: £1185.50

TOTAL: £2,181.47 Thanks!

7th August Catholic Home Care Collection

SO: £64.50 Cash: £407.80

TOTAL: £472.30 Thank you

Sunday August 14th 7pm mass Chants

Entrance: *Laudate, omnes gentes, laudate Dominum!*

Offertory: *Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est*

Communion: *Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.*

Recessional: *Magnificat, magnificat, magnificat anima mea!*

Confessions:

St Joseph's:

Thursdays 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm

St Edmund's:

Saturdays after 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!