


MAY 15TH 2022 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



## Encouraging one another

 In our readings last Sunday we heard how Paul and Barnabas had focussed their attention on the pagans because they had responded to the gospel message. Throughout this week in our daily readings we continue our journey with the apostles as they faithfully spread the faith through Cyprus and Antioch. They were filled with and led by the Spirit and daily added to their numbers. We have much to learn from this first Christian community.

Paul was joined by Barnabas. Barnabas was a missionary disciple whose name was Joseph but the apostles decided to give him another name, Barnabas, which means 'son of encouragement'.

We first hear of Barnabas in the New Testament due to his simple act of stewardship and sharing. He sold land that he owned and donated the proceeds to the church to be used to give support to the poor. We might ask ourselves: Have we considered stewardship, tithing or becoming involved with the 'Closer to Christ' campaign?

When Paul came to Jerusalem after his conversion, most of the Christians there wanted nothing to do with him for they had known him as a persecutor of Christians. But Barnabas, guided by God and the Holy Spirit was willing to take a calculated risk on Paul. He sought Paul out, spoke with him, and having weighed him up, vouched for him and encouraged him. Do we actively seek and encourage those who are on the margins and give them an unconditional welcome?

We owe much of our New Testament to the work of Paul in his preaching and evangelism. He was used by God in the creation of many of the early Christian communities. Later, Paul and Barnabas travelled far and wide, sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus. Imagine if Barnabas had not been willing to obey God's call? Are we passionate about sharing our faith?

On one journey they took a young man called Mark with them. This travelling ministry was tough and dangerous; and part way, Mark turned back. When Paul and Barnabas were about to set out again, Barnabas suggested taking Mark along again. Mark responded well to the trust given him by Barnabas, the "son of encouragement," and we find that Paul recognises the change in Mark and later speaks of him as a valuable assistant. Barnabas rejoiced in what God did in and through other people. Do we open ourselves up to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and recognise them in others?

Barnabas, who became one of the leaders of the Church was asked to help in the growth of a new congregation in Antioch and both he and Paul grew in their faith and ministry. And the Church grew too: a great many people became Christians – indeed it was here at Antioch that the followers of Jesus were first called 'Christians'. Who can we encourage? Our new Catholics? Those on our Alpha and Restored Lives courses?

Born in Cyprus, Barnabas also died there in AD 61 when he was martyred for his faith. He stayed faithful and willing to give everything right to the end. Is our life and faith inspired by the example of Paul and Barnabas?

Can those outside our community see that we are Christians and people of faith because of our love for one another? Encourage one another!

## Today's Notices

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

**No Retiring Collection** this week

**Children Liturgy** at 9am Mass

**Interfaith Peace Walk takes TODAY** Commencing at the Peace Fountain in East Park at 12.15pm, visiting Medina Mosque and Nanaksar Gurdwara and finishing at St Edmund at 4.15pm. Come and help steward! **Come and join us**

Please continue to **sanitise hands on entry** to the churches and we **encourage wearing face masks**

## Next Sunday Notices

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Children Liturgy** at 9am Mass

**Retiring collection** for Catholic Home Care

**Baptisms at St Edmund's** of Christian Gornik, Theodore Iwanski, Angus McDermott-Hains, Alice Wai-Shan Lewis

## This Week...

**Mon** Restored Lives @ 7.30pm

**Tues** St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm  
Alpha online @ 7pm

**Wed** Evening Prayer @6pm..... to join email Dcn Andy  
Journey in Faith after 7pm Mass

**Thurs** EST meeting in Presbytery

### For info

**Mon** Day Off: VH/JP;

**Tues** Hate Crime Network: VH  
SLT: TQ/LS/JP/AP/VH  
Alpha online: JP  
St George F&R: VH

**Wed** Clergy Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP  
Mayor Making: VH

**Fri** Teams of Our Lady: VH  
Clergy Ministry Group: VH

**Sun** DR Day in Winchester: VH/TQ/LS/AP

## A Few Words...

*Another week further into the Easter Season and closer to Pentecost! A time to rejoice in our faith, to deepen that faith and to witness to it in our daily lives! How? That's for each individual to think about, reflect upon and ponder! And then, act!*

**Parish Teams!** We have now allocated a member of the SLT (Senior Leadership Team); that is Tina Quinn, Lorraine Swann, Deacon Andy, Father Johnpromise and myself, to have oversight of every Team/Group coordinator so that we can support them, and the appropriate team/group, and can work with them in development and spiritual and practical aspects of the team/group. Over the next few weeks we will slowly make contact. Watch this space!

Various teams are regrouping, but we have some way to go: 9am refreshments, 9, 11 & 7pm welcoming, collection collectors etc. **What can you get involved with?**

*Have a good weekend... Vincent H*

## Questions to ponder...

1. "I give you a new commandment....." Jesus says (Gospel). What is that 'new' commandment? Rules? Laws? Morals? "...just as I have loved you, you also must love one another". Do you? How? When? Where?
2. God had "opened the door of faith to the pagans" (1st reading). Who do you 'open the door of faith' to? How? Words.....actions....invitations?
3. "Now I am making the whole of creation new" God says (2nd reading). How do you care for God's creation? What needs to be made 'new'?

*Vincent Harvey*

## What's going on?

**ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat May 28th** with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "We are called to be a People of Praise." Speaker: Alastair Emblem, ADoRE leader and Prayer Group/worship leader for 30 years. Guest worship group: Stay Awake. Live all-day session 9.30am-3.30pm at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. Please bring picnic lunch. No need to book or register for the live session or to watch morning session livestream online 9.30-12.30 at [www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/live](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/live) N.B. Praise song lyrics will not be shown on screen – please download from [www.altonrenewal.com/adore\\_live](http://www.altonrenewal.com/adore_live)

## Prayers

**Pope's Prayer Intention for May.** For faith-filled young people! *We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.*

*We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us*

**Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Greta Phelan** who died peacefully at home last Tuesday morning. May she rest in peace. Pray also for Dee and Mary and the family. Her funeral details to follow next week.

**Please remember especially in your prayers** Laneisha Vaz, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, Mary O'Reilly, Christopher Browne, Simon and Sue and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

**Adoration in St Edmund's is steadily growing**, with increasing popularity of our evening Adoration on a Tuesday and a Friday. We are looking for co-ordinators and adorers who are able to commit to regular slots. Please get in touch with Anna (contact 07956379542) in the Parish Office if you feel able to help!

St Edmund's used to offer regular daily Adoration, **but presently our numbers of Adorers are low.** The Lord is calling us all to examine our schedules to see if we have any time to devote to this beautiful time of prayer... "Can't you stay awake with me for just one hour?"

## What's going on?

**Our next Restored Lives started last Monday, but there is still time to join.** This course helps people to recover from the experiences of divorce or relationship breakdown and rebuild self-confidence. The course outlines the journey from breakdown to recovery, exploring communication, handling conflict, conflict resolution, managing other relationships and letting go.

To register please contact the parish office or fill in this form <https://forms.gle/BUxycyaxw4GEmitdL9>

**Our Alpha course is running...** The course may have started, but that doesn't mean you can't still join... the sessions are Tuesdays at 7-9pm on Zoom. <https://forms.gle/Y5oMa9PzenFC3oLj7>



**Southampton City of Culture (2025)** What do you think of 'culture' in Southampton? What does it mean for you? It would be good to hear from you in terms of what it is about Southampton and culture that you think is good, positive and creative! How can we develop the cultural aspects of the City? Let me know: [vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



The former **ToysRUs site** and the **Polish Social Club** will **no longer be accepting donations** of items for the Ukraine. They thank you for your generosity.

**Food Banks.** Please when shopping buy 'one' extra item to bring to church and put in the box in the porch.

**Urgently needed:** Tinned Hot Meat and Cold Meat; Small Coffee Jars; Cook-In Sauces; Tinned Fruit; Custard; Hot Chocolate; Jams & Spreads; Pet Food; Tinned Carrots; Tinned Mixed Veg; Rice Pudding; Toiletries (Sanitary Products). The best place to check what donations are needed is: <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>

**RE Teacher - St George College** is seeking a full time Teacher of RE to join their successful team in September this year. Details: <https://www.stgcc.co.uk/blog/?pid=10&nid=2&storyid=206>

**Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima 12-19th October 2022**  
Brochures available so please get in touch if you feel you might like to join. Currently a good number have joined!

**Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th-26th August** Detail: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/>  
To book <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association#prices>

**18-22nd July 2022 Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** Bishop Philip Egan will be leading the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes and invites you to join him. <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes> or email [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or phone **07780 221686**

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**CAFOD Group** Calling all those with green fingers: we are planning a **PLANT and CAKE SALE**. If you can prepare seedlings, plants, especially herbs, fruit, or veg to donate suitable for sale on **Sunday 29th May** please let us know. [mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Springhill School** A new **Head Teacher** has been appointed to Springhill School to take over from Miss Ciara Duddy, the current Acting Head. Congratulations and welcome to **Mrs Roxy Ashworth** (a parishioner here at City Centre). With prayers for Miss Duddy as at the end of the Summer Term she leaves; and prayers for Mrs Ashworth as she prepares to join us for the Autumn Term.

**Significant Wedding Anniversary Celebration** Are you celebrating in this year of 2022 a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th anniversary, or an anniversary of over 60 years?

If so you are invited to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 2nd July 2022 at 11am**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

If you would like to go, please email to Liz Murphy at [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). If you know a couple who qualifies and does not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office at St Bede's and they will provide you with the form. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a copy of your wedding photograph. You can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to the above email address. Those without access to the internet you can send a copy along with the completed form by post to St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX (*Please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass*).

**The paradox of abundance...** Over 800 million people go hungry each day, the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, **a third is wasted**. Pope Francis says: "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See [www.cafod.org.uk/food](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food) for more...

**FTF Summer Camp 15th-19th August** This year we will be looking at some of the incredible miracles performed by Jesus Christ, what they reveal to us of Himself, the Word Incarnate, and how we may have new life in Him through the celebration of the Sacraments.

This Catholic camp is a gathering of about 100 young people, who come together to re-connect with old friends and make new ones, to learn more about our loving God and deepen their relationship with Him. It doesn't matter where you are in your relationship with Christ, you are welcome to come and be drawn deeper! Ask questions, spend time with our Lord, receive the Sacraments, have a lot of silly fun, and be renewed in your life and faith!

The camp is run by The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph and an experienced team of volunteers who have been running FTF events for over 20 years. Booking forms via this link: <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp>

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 15TH MAY

(CHURCH KEY TO CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC MASSES BELOW: SJ = ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BUGLE STREET, SO14 2AH AND SE = ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, THE AVENUE, SO17 1XJ)

\*Thursday is the dedication of St John's Cathedral

## Prayer of the Church Week 1

<b>Saturday 14th May</b> <i>St Matthias</i>	<b>6:15pm SJ</b> <b>7:00pm SE</b>	George & Signe Plomer RIP <b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Sunday 15th May</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>9:00am SE</b> <b>10:00am SJ</b> <b>11.00am SE</b> <b>7:00pm SE</b>	JR Personal Intentions Joao Silvino RIP & deceased family members Graeme Ellison RIP 1st anniversary Karen Simpson health thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday 17th May</b> <i>St Dunstan</i>	<b>10:00am SE</b>	Birthday Mass for Anushka, Yasmin, Dakshi, Mary B, Roselyn C, Malika, Pam O, & Birthday Ann. for Judy B RIP
<b>Wednesday 18th May</b> <i>St John I</i>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Maria Special Intentions
<b>Thursday 19th May*</b>	<b>12.15pm SJ</b>	Fr Amy, Fr Peter and Fr Eladio RIP
<b>Friday 20th May</b>	<b>7.00pm SE</b>	Patrick Sharpe RIP
<b>Saturday 21st May</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	<b>11:00am SE</b> <b>6:15pm SJ</b> <b>7:00pm SE</b>	Simon & Benjamin Birthday Blessings Louis Sharpe RIP <b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Sunday 22nd May</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>9:00am SE</b> <b>10:00am SJ</b> <b>11.00am SE</b> <b>7:00pm SE</b>	Tony O'Donnell RIP Sarah Kennedy-Donnelly RIP Roger Peregrino RIP Harry & Terry Curry Special Intentions

**22nd May**  
**Psalm Response:**  
I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.  
**Gospel Acclamation:**  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you".  
*Alleluia!*

## Readings 22nd May

### First Reading:

*Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29*

### Second Reading:

*Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23*

### Gospel:

*John 14: 23-29*

## Second Collection Appeal Clergy Training Fund

SO: £70.50

Cash: £769.80

Total = £840.30

*Gratefully Received*

Next week's Second Collection: **Catholic Home Care**

**8th May Collection**  
SO: £4,268.92 Cash : £982.82  
**TOTAL: £5,251.74**

**Confessions: St Joseph's:** Thursdays 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm  
**St Edmund's:** Saturdays 11.30am

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**The Catholic Home Care is expanding!** Due to increased demand, we need more home care assistants to join our team. If you, or someone you know, likes elderly people & would like a part-time job, is this something that would suit?

Good rate of pay (£9.80 ph.), paid holidays & flexible working through Mon - Fri daytime. Core business domestic support (cleaning & shopping) to help elderly people to stay in their own homes for longer. Car driver an advantage, but not essential. For more details & application pack call Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce on **023 8017 0498**

## Weekly Green Living Suggestion...

For those of us who are able... Consider buying an electric car. For explanation of electric vehicles and impartial advice about how to choose see

[www.fullycharged.show](http://www.fullycharged.show) or  
<https://electriccarhome.co.uk>

For information on public charge points and home chargers to suit your car home and travel needs, see <https://www.zap-map.com/live> <https://pod-point.com> and <https://ubtricity.com>