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APRIL 16TH 2023 | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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## THERE IS NO CHRIST WITHOUT HIS MARKS OF CRUCIFIXION

*One of my favourite paintings of all times is Salvador Dali's 'Christ of Saint John of the Cross' which is Scotland's most favourite painting. Salvador Dali sketched this painting of 'A Cosmic Christ' without any marks of suffering on His body to depict Christ's willingness to suffer and die for us. This painting presently hangs in Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow and is worth more than \$80 million. My love for this painting is so profound that it is one of the sacred paintings that hangs on the wall of the prayer corner in my sitting room in the presbytery. The major criticism against this painting of Salvador Dali is that IT IS TOO NEAT and a far-cry from the ordeals Christ endured because of His love for us. The marks of the crucifixion are the distinguishing marks on the body of Christ that even in heaven He bears them gallantly and triumphantly as His marks of mercy for us. Yes, there is no Christ without His marks of crucifixion.*

*In our readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday, we experience palpably the merciful love of Christ in the marks of His crucifixion. These marks are indelible on His Sacred Body and in today's Gospel He asked Thomas to rummage through them to resolve his unbelief. Christ endured and bears these marks of His crucifixion as a testament of His mercy for us which we hear of in today's Second Reading. My friends, we all go through lots of sufferings in the world and these sufferings leave us with scars on our bodies, souls and spirits. We should not be afraid of our scars or cover them up; each of those scars has so much influenced us to make us who we are today. God does not promise to erase them but to give us the grace to triumph over them and be victorious. Remember, those scars are our passports to heaven, and we should be proud of them.*

*If you are free this Sunday, why not join us at 3pm at St Edmund's Church for Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass, and Adoration, to implore the mercies of God. May we with one heart and voice pray: **For the sake of His sorrowful passion – Have mercy on us and on the whole world!***

*Fr Johnpromise*

### Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "...the doors were closed.....Jesus came in and stood among them." Can any doors be locked tight enough to keep Christ out? Do you have any "locked doors"? How is peace connected with forgiveness of sins?

2. In 2013 Pope Francis wrote: "Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. Each day in our world beauty is born anew, and it rises transformed through the storms of history. Values always tend to reappear under new guises, and human beings have arisen time after time from situations that seemed doomed. Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power". **Evangelii Gaudium, #276**

Vincent Harvey (adapted from Anne Osdieck)

## Today's Notices

**Divine Mercy Sunday** when we reflect on God's unlimited mercy. Divine Mercy Devotions & Mass in St Edmund's at 3pm (Father Johnpromise in church at 2pm for Confessions)

**The retiring collection** is for Catholic Home Care  
**Anyone who wishes to give to second collections via Standing Order** please contact Anna to receive a copy of the Second Collection calendar commencing April or pop your name on the sheet at the back of church  
**Please continue to sanitise hands on entry** to the churches

## Next Sunday Notices

### Third Sunday of Easter

#### This Week...

**Tues** Meditation Group at 6pm in St Michael's

**Wed** Evening Prayer online 6pm

**Thurs** EST via Zoom

**Sun** Evening Prayer online 6pm

#### For Info...

**Mon** Day off: JP

**Mon-Sat:** VH away

**Sat** Deanery Meeting at Holy Family: VH/JP/AP + others

## Sacraments & Prayers

**Please pray for all those in our parish who will be Baptised this month:** Tutu, Lewis,

Ebubechi, Sajan, Reuben, Annabelle, Pola, Chizaram, Tsarina & Cruz

We remember them in our prayers as they enter the Faith, and also remember their families and godparents.



**Please pray for all those in our parish who are being Confirmed and Received into the Church this month:**

Aleksandrs, Anastasija, Moureen, Rachel, Victoria, Maria Elena. **We welcome you!**

**David Deboys** Please pray for David, formerly Vicar of St Michael the Archangel, Bugle Street, as he is received into the Catholic Church on St Catherine's Day, Saturday 29 April. David's reception will be at the Dominican Sisters Convent where he worships.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kevin Gillespie** who died last month. We pray for his daughters at this time. His funeral will be 12pm in St Edmund's on Friday 21st. May he rest in peace.

**Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Noreen Beaumont** who died during Holy Week. We pray for her family. Her funeral is yet to be arranged. May she rest in peace.

### 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.

Baptism Application Form



## A Few Words...

*I hope you have had a good and holy Easter Week with time to be with family and friends and time to ponder the mystery of resurrection!*

*We welcome back HCPT Group 170 from their Pilgrimage to Lourdes; no doubt exhausted but content and enriched!*

*Thank you to all our Triduum volunteers, be it decoration of churches, planning of liturgies, serving, reading, stewarding, music, the Parish Office, and all the multitude of things that had to be done. We were blessed with enjoyable and faith-filled liturgical celebrations throughout Holy Week. Thank you! The Lord is risen! Alleluia!*

*Congratulations to the young people from the Polish Parish who were Confirmed last Wednesday and apologies to those who were expecting 7pm Mass (including myself!). A slight misunderstanding of timings.....I think! But it gave me an opportunity to catch up with some Parishioners over a cuppa!*

*Apologies to Mary Clarke and family as Mass was for the repose of Eric's soul.*

*Welcome back to our Schools: the staff and pupils. I hope you had a good break and will have a good Summer Term.*

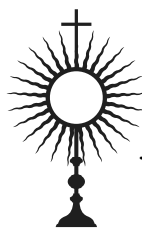
*I am going on the Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes in August (18th-25th) and hoping to lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March next year (29th February-7th March). If you would be interested in the Holy Land do let me know; the one to Lourdes is in the newsletter already.*

*I am away from the Parish from today to visit my family in Guernsey. It will be nice to be 'back home' for a few days!*

Vincent H

**Adoration** We are in need of more parishioners to cover the following days and times:

**Mondays 3-6pm, Tuesdays 1-3pm,  
Wednesdays 12-6pm &  
Fri 12-2pm.**



**When is there Adoration in St Edmund's?**

Mondays 11am - 3pm  
Wednesdays 10am - 12pm  
Tuesdays 10.30am - 8pm  
Thursdays 10am - 5pm

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

## What's going on?

**The Catholic Association to Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 August 18th-25th.** After a fallow few years due to Covid 19 the CA have been working hard to ensure that this year we have a medically supported pilgrimage for Adult Assisted pilgrims who need care and support during their journey and time in Lourdes. This requires a nursing and medical team but most importantly a large number of volunteers to support the smooth running of the pilgrimage. Volunteering includes a wide range of roles from making teas and coffees, to pushing wheelchairs. Lourdes is a very special place, and everything is geared around making it a positive and memorable experience for the sick. But for those of us who volunteer it is a week that we never forget, & Our Lady always gives us something in return. If you are interested in joining either as an assisted pilgrim, able-bodied pilgrim, volunteer or a health care professional there are more details on the Catholic Association website: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk> If you have any questions you can also talk to Tina or Fr Vincent who will be going again this year.

**Paul Hughes**, a new parishioner, 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 also expensive. If you think you could offer him the occasional lift can you please contact on [ph3n19@soton.ac.uk](mailto:ph3n19@soton.ac.uk) It would help him immensely. I hope someone can!

**8-Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2023 led by Fr Claro Conde** (Chaplain to Filipino Communities Diocese of Portsmouth): It will be on the 21st to 28th of November 2023 departing Luton, London. Fr. Claro Conde will lead the group. The price is from £1339 per person based on twin sharing. For more details, please contact Fr. Claro at 07803191502 or Nelia of All Saints Travel at 01793881166. Book on website <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/dates-and-prices/>

Please join **CAFOD and Christian Aid** on **Friday 21st April** at 11:15am at St John's Church, Waterloo to pray for leaders to take the action we need to tackle the climate emergency and declare we have no faith in fossil fuels. After the service you can join as we walk together on a short pilgrimage to Parliament. When we reach Westminster, we can join thousands of other people calling for fossil fuels to be consigned to history. Please register for the 'No faith in fossil fuels: service and pilgrimage to Parliament' via [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**Food Banks** Please consider donating to Southampton City Mission Food Bank if you are able to. You can do this by making use of the collection baskets in supermarkets when you go shopping, or by bringing items with you to church to place in the boxes in the porches.

To check on the current out of stock items please see below link. <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>

**Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions in St Edmund's 3pm 16th. Confessions at 2pm, Chaplet at 3pm followed by Mass and Adoration.** All are warmly invited to take part in the small gathering! This message of the Divine Mercy, revealed to St. Faustina and to our present generation is not new, **it is a powerful reminder of who God is and has been from the very beginning.** This truth that God is in His very nature Love and Mercy Itself, is given to us by our faith and God's self-revelation. The veil that has hidden the mystery of God from eternity was lifted by God Himself. In His goodness and love God chose to reveal Himself to us and to make known His eternal plan of salvation. In the person of Jesus Christ, conceived through power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, the unseen God was made visible. When St. Pope John Paul canonised Sr Faustina, he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday (the feast day associated with the message) as a feast day for the entire Church. The feast day falls on the Second Sunday of the Easter season. On that day, John Paul II declared, **"This is the happiest day of my life."**

**Round Britain Sailing Pilgrimage!** Please come and join the launch Mass, celebrated by Fr Elijah, in St Joseph's 11am on Sat 29th April. Hospitality will be provided in the Stella Maris hall afterwards, followed by a stroll to see the boat off from Ocean Village.

<https://sailingpilgrimages.co.uk/stella-maris/> To apply for a sailing slot, please email [sailing.pilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:sailing.pilgrimages@gmail.com) To join a Gathering, please email [info@stellamarismail.org](mailto:info@stellamarismail.org)

### Caraway Community

Caraway resources, runs and supports events that provide safe spaces to encourage friendships, share life and faith, and bring joy to those who come along. Through COVID connecting community continued as gatherings were restricted, with our:

- Holiday @Home
- Vintage Adventure @Home
- Classic Cuppa Newsletters
- Dementia Zoom Soirees Creating community to share memories, laugh together and learn from each other is hugely beneficial to the wellbeing for those in their later years.

Contact them via email on: [caraway@caraway.uk.com](mailto:caraway@caraway.uk.com) or see the website [www.caraway.uk.com](http://www.caraway.uk.com)

### Green Living

To help reach our CAFOD Walk Target we are hosting another Green Living Walk. All are invited! Starting at 10.30am outside St Edmund's Church on Saturday 22nd April we will walk around the Common before finishing in Avenue St Andrews with tea, coffee and cake. All proceeds raised will go to our CAFOD Lenten Walk page.

If you are unable to come on the walk but would still like to support see <https://cafod.enthouse.com/pf/southampton-city-journey-in-faith>

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 16TH APRIL

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

<b>Saturday 15th April</b>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Augustine Izuka RIP
<b>Sunday 16th April</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Alan Cunningham RIP
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	For divine provisions & divine solutions to current situation
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Gillian Barry
<b>Tuesday 18th April</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Mr Reg Farrington RIP
<b>Wednesday 19th April</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Roger Peregrino RIP
<b>Thursday 20th April</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Max Bacon RIP
<b>Friday 21st April</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	For baptism of the Holy Spirit for all believers, new converts and the unborn to be led by the Spirit of God Almighty in all things
<i>St Anselm</i>			Bill Burke RIP
<b>Saturday 22nd April</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Thanksgiving to St Lucy
<i>of 2nd Week of Easter</i>	<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	God's blessings on Georgiana & Marius
<b>Sunday 23rd April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Jennifer Donneruma Birthday Ann RIP
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	For the prosperity of the Holy & everlasting Gospel, priests, leaders of church, ministers of the Lord God our Father & of His Lamb
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	

## 16th April

### Psalm Response

*Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end.*

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Jesus said: "You believe because you can see Me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."  
*Alleluia!*

## 23rd April

### 1st Reading:

*Acts 2: 14, 22-33*

### Psalm: 15

### 2nd Reading:

*1 Peter 1: 17-21*

**Gospel:** *Luke 24: 13-35*

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**Vocations:** [www.portsmouthvocations.org/](http://www.portsmouthvocations.org/)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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

## Catholic Home Care Co-ordinator.

We're looking for an energetic, self-motivated, and resourceful individual to take over the role of co-ordinating 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 9th May, interviews 12th 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!