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JULY 16TH 2023 | FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



Being a parable for others

Stories catch our attention, they grip our imagination, they move our feelings, and we are guided by them. That is really the point about stories, they are simple in structure, and difficult to forget. The parables of Jesus are just that, unforgettable accounts about real life which do not change over time. Each parable is a homily in itself.

We are all, by virtue of our Baptisms anointed with the sacred Chrism to be Priest, Prophet and King, so that through our lives we should imitate the Christ by our preaching. Indeed, all of us are called to preach by what we do and what we say. This need not require us to pick up our soap box and stand in Southampton shopping precinct and sound off. There is a good argument that this would provide, at best, a few minutes of entertainment for the spectators and no convincing testimony to the Truth who is God.

But we have listened to the Gospels, we have heard the Truth, and it has been explained to us all. We can learn all this for ourselves, then, quietly, and blessedly, learn to share it with people we may know. Perhaps people who would well have had none of it until we had shown them something of it. The Spirit of God has taught us to be as Jesus, meek and humble of heart, never 'holier than thou', like the poor Pharisees who sacrificed love for the sake of rules. We have parables to tell, maybe, of our failures, our sufferings, our embarrassments, and our joys; and most importantly what we have learned from them.

There is good, there is so much good in our faith filled lives. We surely must have stories to tell, of good things done by good people whom we know. Might we even have good things to tell them about, in all modesty, good things done by ourselves in the exercise and praise of our faith all emulating from He who was the first parable?

Dcn Andy

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. According to Pope Francis (The Angelus 12th July 2020), no one, not one person, is excluded from receiving the seed (God's Word). What kinds of things might you do to allow such seed to grow?
2. 'As the rain.....comes down from heaven.....so the word goes forth from God's mouth.....' we hear from Isaiah (1st reading). How do you 'allow' that Word to be part of you? To affect your way of thinking and living?
3. 'We know that all creation is groaning in one great act of giving birth', St Paul writes (2nd reading). Does God continually create us moment by moment? Are we willing to continually be 'reborn'? To change? To grow?

Vincent Harvey (Adapted from Anne Osdieck)

Today's Notices

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Retiring Collection is for Catholic Home Care **Statement** on the 10 year Diocesan Plan
Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the churches

Next Sunday Notices

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No Retiring collection

Baptism at St Edmund's

Small Groups Fayre in St Joseph's 6.15pm

This Week...

Tue Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's
Alpha @ 7pm in St Edmund's Hall

Wed Evening Prayer @ 6pm... to join email Dcn Andy

Thu EST meeting in the Presbytery

Fri Activated Disciple via Zoom

Sun Evening Prayer @ 6pm... to join email Dcn Andy

For Info...

Mon Day off: VH/JP

Wed Clergy Team: VH/AP/JP

Sat Ordination to Priesthood of Dcn David
Bateman: VH/JP

Prayers



Pope's Prayer Intention for July *For a Eucharistic life*

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



Downing Street has announced that the **Rt Reverend Philip Mounstephen** has been appointed as the new Anglican **Bishop of Winchester**. Winchester has been 'vacant' for a substantial period so this will be good for the Diocese. It also means that a Church of England Bishop, **Debbie Selin**, returns to Southampton!



Please keep Bishop Mounstephen in your prayers as he undertakes this new role.

Please remember especially in your prayers

Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Michaela, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue, Paul Hughes, Oliver, Carla Forte, Donna Cowan & all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or distressed.



A Few Words...

The weeks seem to be zooming by, though it is probably my age as weeks are 'equal' - within a few milliseconds! 'Remote' plans are being made by Father Johnpromise for his move to Fleet and Church Crookham; my retirement a bit further down the line so currently simply preparing the 'ground work' as it were! And, of course, Father David Bateman will be arriving in August.

*This coming Thursday (20th July) **Father Johnpromise celebrates the 4th Anniversary** of his Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood. Father Johnpromise, be assured of our prayers for your anniversary and as you prepare to leave us for new pastures!*

***Pray for Deacon David Bateman** who will be Ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood this coming Saturday in St John's Cathedral. Fr Johnpromise and I will be at the Ordination (so no 11am Mass nor Confessions that day). We pray for his family and all who have supported him and continue to support him. After a holiday he will then be arriving the week Fr Johnpromise leaves.*

***I wish all our pupils, families, staff and all involved with our Schools** as they break up, a lovely Summer Holidays: enjoy the summer, make the most of the few weeks and be 'refreshed' for the forthcoming academic year.*

***A 'New Catholic' wishes to go to Lourdes** to help when and where possible. He requires at least another £300 to reach his target for the fare and accommodation. Can anyone help? Please see or email me (Mgr Vincent Harvey). **Thank you to the Parishioner** who recently gave **£200** towards the target.*

Have a good, satisfying, and holy week. Thanks Vincent H

Sacraments

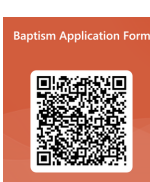
Please pray for Franciszek and Arpad who are being Baptised this month.

Pray for Peter James Bundy who died last month. His Requiem Mass will be 21st July at 2.30pm in St Edmund's. We remember also his wife Suzanne and family in prayer.

Pray for Alice O'Donnell who died peacefully on Saturday 24th June. May she rest in peace. We pray for Caroline, Elizabeth and Rory. Alice's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 26th July at 12.15pm in St Edmund's Church.

Pray also for Susan Coyle, daughter of Roselyn, who died unexpectedly a week ago. May she rest in peace. Her Funeral will be at the Crematorium on 2nd August.

If you would like your child baptised please fill in the online application form. Once filled in Anna or Joy will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation



What's going on?

Thank you to all who attended Mass at the 6.15pm in St Joseph's & the 11am in St Edmund's last weekend and who took part in our fire drills. Both churches took just over 2 minutes to empty which was a positive number! Some notes to remember...

- In the event of a fire **do not bring your hymn books and sheets to the back of church as you exit.** This causes some clogging at the porch which blocks the doors. All possessions should be left in the pews where you were sitting to be collected only when you are told it is safe to do so.
- Remember there are **two exits to each church** - both via the front door and through the sacristy. If you are sitting at the front of the church it would make more sense that you exit through the sacristy exits as this helps cut down the time it takes to empty the church. *However, if you have mobility issues and sit near the front you should try exit via the front doors to avoid the steps if they present a challenge to you.*

We aim to have fire drills at the 10am and the 9am and 7pm at some point in the future so do keep these points in mind.

Did the excitement of the fire drills make you want to get involved in health and safety in the parish? Great! We are still looking for volunteers to check exits, check emergency lights and test fire alarm call points periodically. These tests should really be done weekly and so if we can build a good number of volunteers we hope that this would become something you do only every 6 weeks or so. Please get in touch with Anna to discuss if you feel able to help the Parish in this way :)

Springhill Catholic Primary School are looking for Foundation Governors. A foundation governor is a practising Catholic. You don't have to have any experience in education - training will be provided. Meetings are once a month on a Monday evening. Having school governors is essential as the role of the governor is to support the school by asking questions. If you'd like to find out more, please contact the school office on info@springhillcatholic.net and the head teacher will give you more information about the role before you make a decision if it is something you can commit to.

If you have received a parking ticket for parking correctly in St Ed's back carpark (i.e., the gravel), please call 01202 757 050 & speak to Abby who can assist here. The Parish office will not be able to speak on your behalf. Do not pay the fine, speak to Abby first! We cannot refund you unfortunately.

Green Living

With pollution levels high in our waterways why not try using some natural cleaning solutions to help out?

In the Kitchen you can keep your fridge fresh and clean by using 1tsp of bicarbonate of soda in hot water. Remove limescale from your kettle with distilled white vinegar and leave overnight.

The Brown Door keys at St Joseph's have been changed!!!! We are trying to come up with a full list of key holders and so are asking that everyone with a key returns the key to a member of the clergy **before the 20th July**. If you could put your name with the key on/in an envelope then we can match up who needs the new keys. **If you need your key returned before the 27th July then just call Anna to say you have the key.** The new lock will be used from the weekend of the 29th July and so if you have not returned your old key you won't be able to get in the building!!!!

St Mary's in Gosport would like to invite you for a Filipino Mass on 22nd July – Saturday at 1:00pm. The celebrant will be Fr Claro Conde who is the parish priest at St Hugh Farringdon in Oxfordshire, and also the Diocese Ethnic Chaplain. He will be accompanied by Fr Jufel Baldado of Southampton, and Den Kim Cabatana who is one of our Chaplains at QA Hospital. We will also commemorate this day in remembrance of St Pedro Calungsod, the venerated Filipino saint who holds patronage over migrants, altar servers and catechists. Representatives from the CFC-Couples for Christ will give a short talk about their ministry. **For more info see office@stmarysgosport.org.uk.**

Come and find out about CAFOD's work! CAFOD Portsmouth is hosting two meetings in September so that volunteers and supporters can find out more about our work. The first meeting is on **Saturday 9th September** at St Bede's Church hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX from 10:30 am to 12:30pm where Philippe Mougine CAFOD's Emergency Response Leader will talk about our work in Pakistan after last years floods. The second meeting is on **Saturday 16th September** at St Michael & All Angels Church hall, Dunsbury Way, Leigh Park PO9 5BD from 10:30am to 1:30pm (lunch is provided) where Sara Moreno from CAFOD's Partner SIEMBRA from Colombia will speak about her work with human and environmental rights defenders. Everyone is welcome but please book (so that we have an idea of numbers) by emailing Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

The next parish pilgrimage will be to the Holy Land next year. The pilgrimage will begin **29th February and will finish on the 7th March 2024**. If you would be interested in the Holy Land do let Fr Vincent know, or collect an info package at the back of church. Cost £1,475 for a shared room with single available for a supplement. **Deposit and booking required by 14th July.** Details in the information package alongside sign up information.

Food banks please see link for urgent needs

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 16TH JULY

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

Saturday 15th July <i>St Swithun, Bishop</i>	6:15pm SJ	Fr Emery, Fr Peter & Fr Eladio RIP
Sunday 16th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am SE	Noreen Beaumont RIP
	10:00am SJ	People of the Parish
	11:00am SE	Noel Phelan RIP
	7:00pm SE	Joel Stoy, Happy Birthday
Tuesday 18th July	10:00am SE	St Anthony, Thanksgiving
Wednesday 19th July <i>Feria</i>	7:00pm SE	Henry Izuka & family, God's Protection and Guidance
Thursday 20th July <i>St Apollinaris</i>	12:15pm SJ	Thanksgiving for Fr Johnpromise on his 4th Ordination Anniversary
Friday 21st July <i>St Laurence of Brindisi</i>	7:00pm SE	Intentions of Jose Leonardo
Saturday 22nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	11:00am SE	Mass cancelled due to the Ordination of Dcn David Bateman at the Cathedral
	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
Sunday 23rd July <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am SE	Sean Davis RIP
	10:00am SJ	People of the Parish
	11:00am SE	Christopher Wong RIP, 1st Anniversary
	7:00pm SE	Canon John Watson, 50th Anniversary of Ordination

16th July

Psalm Response

Some seed fell into rich soil,
and produced its crop.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is
listening; you have the
message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

23rd July

1st Reading:

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

Psalm: 85

2nd Reading:

Romans 8: 26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

Parish Bank Details

Setting up a standing order
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Bank Account Name

CDP SOUJE

Sort Code 30-93-04

Number 00888223

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Diocesan Website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our 9am Sunday Mass in St Edmund's offers a children's liturgy of the word for all children 3+ up until the children have received their First Holy Communion.

We have a great number of children join each week but we need more volunteers to be able to continue. This will be a term time commitment only. If you don't want to lead a session you do not need to, we mainly need DBS'd adults for our safeguarding ratios.

If you are interested in joining please email

Anna on:

safeguarding@

southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

You will need to have DBS for work with children before you can begin in the role. Contacting Anna above will begin this process.

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!