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ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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WINNERS NEVER QUIT, JUST HANG IN THERE A BIT LONGER

One of the stories that spurs me on is that of the British author and philanthropist – J.K. Rowling. In the early 1990s, J.K. Rowling saw herself as a failure. She was jobless, a divorced single mother who was on state benefits, struggling with depression, and with a child that needed 24hour constant care. In 1995, she approached several major publishing companies with her Harry Potter script and was rejected by 12 of them. However, a small publishing house – Bloomsbury, accepted her script and gave her a cheque for £2,500. Within days of Harry Potter’s debut, the American publishing giant – Scholastic had bid more than \$100,000 to have the publishing rights. J.K. Rowling’s books went on to scoop several awards and she is one of the most successful women authors around the world. In 2004, Forbes reported that J.K. Rowling was the first person to become a billionaire by writing books. Yes, she believed in herself and persisted amidst so many obstacles along her way. According to her: “Anything is possible if you have enough nerve.”

It is this profound persistence exhibited by J.K. Rowling that the readings of this Sunday encourage us to imbibe in our prayerful life as disciples of Jesus Christ. Christ Himself taught us this with the parable of the widow and the unjust judge; although this judge was a snob, he met his match in the nameless widow who was determined to give him intolerable annoyance (Hupopiazō) till she got the defence (Ekdikeō) that was her due. It is this helping hand in our persistence to get what is due to us that we encountered in the First Reading. To ensure victory for the Israelites against the Amalekites, Aaron and Hur had to be the supporting pillars to Moses’ hands from sunrise to sunset, leading to the annihilation of their enemies. Although God is not Harry Potter with a magic wand that grants all our wishes; the fact remains that we should never give up asking for what is dear to us because God answers all prayers even when His answer is a NO! With today’s Psalmist, may we remember that our help will always come from the Lord; you and I might be the ones the Lord is nudging today as the answer to others’ prayers.

Fr Johnpromise

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. “Jesus told His disciples a parable about the need to pray continually.....” How do you pray? When do you pray? What do you pray for? Do you find it difficult (if so ‘join’ the club!)?
2. In our 1st reading from Exodus Moses gets tired praying and needs support! What support do you need: advice/books/devotional aids.....?
3. “Proclaim the message” St Paul writes to Timothy (2nd reading).What do you think ‘the message’ is? Hope? God’s presence? Good News?.....?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip to be read at all Masses

Welcome to Fr Kieran Flynn who is at 9 & 11am Masses

Second Collection for HCPT. Our local group will be taking sick/disabled children to Lourdes next Easter

Blessing of Pre-Marriage Couples at 7pm Sunday Mass

Please continue to sanitise hands on entry to the churches

Next Sunday Notices

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass

Wedding of Ian and Rebecca in St Joseph's.

Baptism in St Edmund's

Second Collection for World Missions

This Week...

Tues St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm

Alpha Course on Zoom @ 7pm. Come along!

Adoration in St Ed's until 8pm (weekly - do join!)

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

Journey in Faith @ 7.30pm in St Edmund's Hall

Thurs Richard Rohr Group meet on Zoom

EST meeting @ 7pm

For Info...

Mon JP Day Off

Wed VH Returns from Fatima Pilgrimage

Fri VH Baptism Meeting

Sacraments

Please pray for Jan Magdziarz whose Funeral will be on Friday, 21st October, at 10am in St Edmund's. **We pray also for the family**, especially his wife, Susan, and their children, Sophie and Adam. **May Jan rest in peace.**

Please keep in your prayers all those who are due to be baptised this month *Cadence Castillo, Oliver Alexandru Joshua and Oliver Gough, Eleanor Bradley, Natalia Tunczyk, Mark and Lanene Rosal, Valentina Da Silva and Jakub Gniadek-Gregor.* We pray for them and their families as they enter the faith!

First Holy Communion Update. We have not begun registering for the course, but any parents wishing to discuss the course requirements are invited to come to St Edmund's Hall on **Tuesday 18th October** between 3-5pm. For those unable to attend on Tuesday there will be another discussion in St Edmund's Hall on **Tuesday 25th October, 3-5pm.** This is not registration but an opportunity to talk to our lead catechist and learn more about the programme. **You must bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate with you.**

The official registrations will be 9am, 10am, 11am masses on 6th, 20th and 27th November in St Edmund's.

St Edmund's Church Boiler Sadly the boiler is out of action for a few weeks as a major (and expensive) fault has occurred. Sorry! At least we will save energy!!!! But not money! **Hall Users** please be 'sparing' in the use of heating as our costs will rise about 4 fold! One way to save: to switch off before meetings finish and not just when everyone has gone and all is tidy!

A few words...

When you read this I will be on the Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima. We will have spent a few days in and around Lisbon and then moved north to Fatima for the weekend. You are in our prayers. Pray also for us!

Our International Mass takes place next Sunday at 7pm. Do come along. See more details elsewhere in this newsletter!

As you know COVID cases are rising. So be cautious, wash your hands frequently and if in crowded places maybe wear a mask (acts also as a warning to others that the infection is around!)

Have a good week... Vincent H

Prayers

Please remember especially in your prayers

Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, John, Mary O'Reilly, Valerie, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Carmen Escorcio, Simon, Bernadette, Sue, Clifford Cross, Kelly, Val Perry and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.



Parish Rosary Group. If you would like to join an in-person rosary group please follow this QR code...



Thank you to those who have shown interest, Tuesday evenings seems a popular choice. Please get in touch if you also would be interested.



Adoration. St Edmund's needs more Adorers during the week. Please contact Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to join! The gaps we need filling most are: **Monday 12 - 5pm, Wednesday 11am - 4pm and 5-6.30pm, Friday 12 - 2pm**

What's going on?

Praise & Worship Evenings, Sacred Heart Parish, 3rd Fridays of the Month @ 7.30pm. Come and join us for our new monthly parish enterprise. An evening of praise and worship at St Philip Howard Church, Fareham on the third Friday, starting Friday 21st October at 7.30pm. We will sing praise of God, hear from God's Word, spend time in Adoration and prayer together.

It is a community event and open to all. After our evening in the church, we will head into the hall for some refreshments and hospitality - everyone is welcome.

Directions: Easy access to the church from the M27.

St Philip Howard Church, Bishopsfield Road. PO14 1ND

Parking What3words location [///brings.swanky.watchdogs](https://www.what3words.com/brings.swanky.watchdogs)
Hall - What3words location is [///punctured.chapels.crop](https://www.what3words.com/punctured.chapels.crop)

Come as you are, and set your hearts, minds and souls on things above as we praise the Lord of Lords. For more details, please contact us at; **01329 318 869** or email farehamportchester@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

What's going on?

Please keep our Alpha course in your prayers. Alpha is a lovely opportunity to meet new people, to talk on some of life's big questions and a place to feel at home. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from Alpha please sign up or invite them to do so via the website or <https://forms.gle/VWui4B5XszsuS6178>

International Mass Our Annual 'International Mass' takes place at 7pm on Sunday, 23rd October in St Edmund's. The Scripture Readings and Intercessions will be read in various languages to reflect the diversity of our Parish and the Universality of the Church. **Please make a note of the date.** Come along in your **national costume**; please bring **food to share after Mass**. Let the Parish Office know if you are able to bring food. Email on the back page.

Southampton Council of Faiths would like to invite you to celebrate our 20th anniversary on Sunday 20th November at the Vedic Temple, Radcliffe Rd, Southampton. Doors open at 6.30. 7.00 Welcome from the Chair; 7.10 Entertainment from different faith groups; 8.00 Buffet meal; 9.30 Finish. Please go to book your free tickets. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/southampton-council-faiths-cultural-evening-tickets-395273592957>

Flat search: Sawani, a Solent University Student and new parishioner is looking for a flat to rent for herself and family. Please get in touch with any relevant information at sawanifdo@gmail.com or on **07340544615**. Many thanks.

Bedsit sought: Pella Dobbs, a new parishioner, is seeking a house-share/bedsit. If you can help do contact her: pelagiadobbs@gmail.com; **07495992489**

2 Bedroom Accommodation sought: A new parishioner, Daisy Jacob, is looking for a 2 Bedroom House/Apartment nearby SO14/SO15 or on the way to Botley. Please contact her on **07570303555** to help.

Apartment/Flat sought: Ijeoma Ezika from Nsukka (Nigeria) has taken up a Research Post in Southampton University and is looking for accommodation for at least 6 months. Ideally a 2 or 3 bedroom flat to rent until she can purchase a house for herself and the family. Near a primary school would be ideal. The family are Catholics. Can you help? Contact her on ijeoma.ezika@unn.edu.ng

Running for Rice Pudding (again) Cameron Kerr ran the TCS London Marathon to raise awareness of food poverty and hopefully some donations (financial or the tinned variety) for Southampton City Mission (Food Banks). There is still time to sponsor him, which can be done securely at <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/marathon>. For items that are urgently needed see <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>. Thank you.

Rotary Shoebox Appeal. All shoeboxes were requested to be returned this weekend as they will be collected on Wednesday from St Edmund's. **If you still have a shoebox you must return it to St Edmund's by Wednesday morning at the latest.** Any shoeboxes still left after that date will have to be kept at home until next year as the Parish cannot store them. Thanks to all who contributed to this cause.

Journey in Faith / RCIA Course For anyone looking to find out more about the Catholic Faith - come along and ask your questions, find out what the church teaches and what it means to live as a Catholic. This group also offers preparation for adult (18+) Baptism, Confirmation or Reception as a Catholic. **Meetings are Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall.** No need to register, just turn up!

CAFOD Soup Lunch. You are invited to a soup lunch in St Edmund's Hall on Tuesday, 25th October, starting at 11.30am. Jointly organised by our church & Christ the King. Offers of help are greatly welcomed. Please contact Deirdre Fairman at fairmans@ntlworld.com if you can help. Hope to see you there, supporting our brothers and sisters in East Africa. All donations given will go towards The Family Fast Day appeal.

Seeker Night, 7-9pm, Fareham Friday 4th November. Our monthly Seeker Night is for all those who are discerning their path in life and seeking the will of the Lord. The evening follows a very simple pattern - a meal, a time of discussion and we close with prayer and Adoration.

Sometimes our vocation is not always obvious to us, and it's important to seek opportunities to recognise what our life's mission is to be. That's where discernment comes in.

Discernment is being aware and reflective of your heart, to see how God is moving and leading you.

Recently Pope Francis said '*Discernment involves hard work. According to the Bible, we do not find set before us the life we are to live. God invites us to evaluate and choose. He created us to be free and wants us to exercise our freedom. Therefore, discerning is demanding*'. For more info...

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Volunteers needed!

Baptism Preparation Team Members. Baptism is the first and most important sacrament that our children will receive. We need more hands-on deck. You will be part of a team & given training. Please contact Tina or the Office for more info.

Parish Office Admin Assistant. The Parish Office is in need of a volunteer to help with the day to day running of the office. The individual will be comfortable answering phones, dealing with parishioners coming to the door and offering support in simple administrative areas. Preferably 3 days a week, hours and days flexible. Please contact Anna in the office to discuss.

Preparing Meals. Prior to Covid the Parish had a small rota of volunteers who would occasionally prepare meals for Parish Groups, it would be great to get this going again. If you might be able to help please contact Anna in the Office to discuss.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER

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

Saturday 15th October	6:15pm SJ	Father Paul Beaumont RIP
<i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 16th October	9:00am SE	Ann Hogg RIP
<i>Twenty-ninth Sunday</i>	10:00am SJ	Jeremy Fredric Warburg RIP
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	11:00am SE	Reynaldo & Marie Cruz RIP
	7:00pm SE	Dolores Smyllie RIP 1st Anniversary
Tuesday 18th October	10:00am SE	Intentions of Dionisio & Family
Wednesday 19th October	7:00pm SE	For 2022, God's Will, Understanding,
<i>St Paul of the Cross</i>		Wisdom, Guidance, Protection, Blessings,
		Graces, Prosperity and Presence
Thursday 20th October	12.15pm SJ	Thanksgiving for Maria & B'Day Blessings
Friday 21st October	7:00pm SE	Lucky, Sujatha Dissanayake, Ajith
<i>Feria</i>		Wegodapola 1st Anniversary RIP
Saturday 22nd October	11:00am SE	JR Personal Intentions
<i>St John Paul II</i>	6:15pm SJ	For all the Desires and Plans of Abba
		(Father), the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy
		Spirit, the Church & the Saints
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 23rd October	9:00am SE	Richard Haynes RIP
<i>Thirtieth Sunday</i>	10:00am SJ	Rita Tildesley RIP
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	11:00am SE	Phos Aletheia Thanksgiving
	7:00pm SE	Eugene & Kitty Cummins RIP, &
		Stonnie & Pat Cummins RIP

16th October

Psalm Response:

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is something alive and active; it can judge secret emotions and thoughts.

Alleluia!

Readings 23rd October

First Reading:

Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Gospel:

Luke 18: 9-14

9th Oct 1st Collection

SO: £836.40 Cash: £792.54

TOTAL: £1,628.94

Thank you.

9th Oct 2nd Collection

SO: £80.50 Cash: £656.29

TOTAL: £736.79

Thank you.

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Confessions

St Joseph's on Thursdays at 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm and at **St Edmund's** on Saturdays after the 11am Mass

Green Living Update

Did you know that most chewing gum contains plastic? Neither did we!

Changing from normal chewing gum to a plastic-free brand is one small way in which we can make a big contribution towards reducing plastic usage and waste.

Why not try some of these brands?



True Gum, Milliways, Nuud

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!