

JANUARY 16TH 2022 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



The Synodal Way working document -

communion/participation/mission - ends by saying:

'We recall that the purpose of the Synod, and therefore of this consultation, is not to produce documents, but "to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands".'

As I wrote back in November, quite a challenge yet one that is essential if, as Church, we are to grow, develop, be relevant in today's world and impact the world that we are part of!

The overarching question is: What changes need to be made – in myself, in our parish and in the Diocese – to make the Church's mission today more vibrant and effective?

The document then asks 10 questions, which we are invited to respond to.

Today Father Johnpromise and myself are going to talk briefly about the principles and thinking behind the synodal way: its theology, its pastoral implications and its affect upon us and our thinking and acting; as Individuals, Parish, Diocese and Church in general.

Take a look at the master document which is on the parish website or can be accessed via a search engine! Please take home the Synodal handout at the end of Mass. If you are part of a church group, or not, or even within your family, take the opportunity to discuss the questions using the process outlined in the document (prayer, scripture, discussion etc.). Remember the key is 'listening', 'attentive listening'! Please bring the handout back with you next week so that we can use some of it during Mass instead of a sermon!

Vincent Harvey

Questions to ponder for the Week...

1. "Do whatever He tells you", Mary says to the servants (Gospel). How do you 'listen' to Jesus? In prayer? Through others? In the Scriptures?
2. "The nations will see your integrity", Isaiah writes (1st reading). Do people say that of you? Could that be written on your grave-stone when you die?
3. All the gifts are the work of the same Spirit (God's Spirit), St Paul says (2nd reading). Which of your gifts/strengths come from God?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Synodal Way input at all Masses + **handout** at the end of all Masses.

Day of Prayer for Peace throughout the world.

Welcome Baptism Lunch for families coming for baptism.

Final opportunity to contribute to the Priests' Christmas collection online (see website)

Please continue to sanitise hands on entry to the churches and we strongly recommend **wearing face masks** (unless not possible for health reasons).

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

Masses are being streamed as usual on our YouTube.

Next Sunday

Synodal Way 'discussions', 'dialogue' at all Masses.

Baptisms at 12.30pm & 2pm at St Edmund's.

A Few Words...

Welcome back to Father Johnpromise from his few days post-Christmas break.

Today I ask you to take home the 'Synodal Way' handout and look at it and, if you can, use it, during the week. Next week we will engage with it a little more. Then in February we have group meetings you can engage with. Do bring it back with you next week..... with notes!!!! Am I asking too much? Please keep your answer/thoughts to yourself!! Hey ho.

This week sees the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: see elsewhere. Pray for our Christian Sisters and Brothers in the other Christian Churches, especially here in the City.

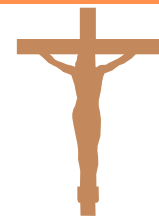
Our Christmas decorations are now down, except the centre aspect of the Crib: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The collection at the Crib for the 'Friends of the Holy Land' continues. Further information on FHL is available on their website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk Thank you.

Have a good weekend and thank you for reading this..... Vincent H

Prayer Corner

PLEASE PRAY FOR Margaret Hicks, Margaret ('Molly') Jarvis, Margaret Murray and *all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.*

This Week...



Tues Pre-Marriage Prep online.

Wed Evening Prayer at 6pm
Journey in Faith after 7pm Mass

Thurs Richard Rohr Group Zoom 5pm
EST meeting

For Info:

Mon Day Off: VH/JP

Tues SLT meeting: VH/TQ/LS/AP;
St George Govs: VH

Wed Clergy Team meeting: VH/JP/AP;
Clergy gathering: VH

Thurs Safeguarding training: VH; St Anne's: VH;
Springhill: VH/JP/AP

Fri CTC campaign: VH

Sat FHC preparation: St Anne's OR online (decision midweek)

Sacraments

First Holy Communion 2022. Welcome to the children and families now enrolled onto the FHC preparation for June/July. Please continue to pray for them (*Next session: 22nd January*).

Baptisms of Elicia Allin and Charlotte Hanson this Sunday. We wish them well on their journey and welcome them into the faith with open arms!

Funerals

Please pray for Jenny O'Farrell who died recently. Jenny was a devoted reception teacher at Springhill for many years and will be fondly remembered by many. May she rest in peace.

Requiem Mass 2pm Friday 21st January at St Boniface Church with tea in the hall afterwards. The Mass will be live streamed on the St Boniface Facebook page.

Please pray for Krzysztof Janiak, 39 years old, father of a pupil at Springhill who died unexpectedly. May he rest in peace. He leaves his wife and two children. Springhill have set up a 'GoFundMe' page to cover the funeral costs: https://www.gofundme.com/f/krzysztof-janiaks-funeral-fund-raiser?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer

The funeral will be held at St Edmund's on Monday the 24th of January at 11.30am.



Pope's prayer intention for January: For those who suffer religious persecution: *"that those who suffer discrimination and suffer religious persecution, may find in the societies in which they live the rights and dignity that comes from being brothers and sisters".*

What's going on?

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning. January 22nd 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Our Father in Heaven" - Knowing who we are as children of our loving Abba. Our special guest speaker is Charles Whitehead KSG, acclaimed international renewal author and speaker who was appointed by Pope Saint John Paul II to run the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal office in Rome. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJAN2022

The Diocesan Formation team Courses:

- Essential Training for Catechists (10th Jan – 7th Feb, 7.30 to 9.00 pm)

- Further Training for Catechists (21st Feb – 21st March, 7.30 to 9.00 pm)

Please go to: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/> to register.

Are you considering a Vocation to the Sacred Priesthood?

Canon John Cooke, our Diocesan Vocations Promoter invites you to join others in a similar position at the Seeker Group which meets on the first Friday of every month from 7-9pm... If you would like to attend, please contact Canon John Cooke at **01329 318869** or email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Christian Unity. The week of prayer for Christian Unity starts on the 18th January 2022 until 25th January (Feast of the Conversion of St Paul). Theme: We saw His star in the East.....

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice and love.

Donations of Bibles urgently needed. Refugees are flooding into Poland at the moment and sending requests for Bibles to be sent over. Very kindly a lady from Southampton is collecting Bibles and children's books to send over, and would welcome contributions from the Parish. The Faith is such a stronghold during difficult times and having a Bible would be a real blessing to those who have fled their homes with nothing.

Congratulations to Timmy Cunio-Browne who received his 'Silver St Stephen Medal' over the Christmas period at St Joseph. This is awarded for over 10 years of faithful, reliable and good altar serving. Well done Timmy. Timmy is currently at University.

The Verbum Dei Friday Evening prayer Group. Spring 2022. The Group meets fortnightly on Friday evenings at 7.30pm for approximately one hour. The title of the series is "Our Mother Mary in the Gospels".

Each meeting involves a welcoming prayer, a scripture reading, a short reflection on the reading, silent prayer and meditation, a short final sharing and prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

You would be very welcome to join online via Zoom or in person. For more details or a programme please email: sisteryadira@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Next weekend we take the annual collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. Appeal envelopes are available at all Masses for those who do not have Gift Aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family.

In response to some of the Covid-19 precautions taken a 'Give as you Live' page was also created at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1>

Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support your cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

Defibrillator outside St Edmund's CATHSOC Students & the Catenians are raising money for this important project. Please pass on any donations to the Parish Office in a clearly marked envelope.

RECYCLING TIP OF THE WEEK

Consumers can drop off their used **plastic confectionery and biscuit tubs** at Greene King's pubs, restaurants and hotels across the UK. The tubs will be transferred to a specialist recycling facility and processed into granulated recycled plastic.

Each tub equates to approximately 8p and money is raised by selling the recycled plastics, with the profit going to Greene King's charity partner, Macmillan Cancer Support.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 16TH JAN 2022*(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)*Prayer of the Church
Week 2

Saturday 15th Jan	6:15pm SJ	Christine Mary Diarden RIP
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 16th Jan	9:00am SE	Karen Nugent RIP
<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	Thomas James Crawley RIP
	11:00am SE	Sister Rita Rafferty - God's Blessings & Thanksgiving
Tuesday 18th Jan	7:00pm SE	Teresa Filipaska RIP
<i>Feria</i>	10:00am SE	Terry Clarke RIP
Wednesday 19th Jan		
<i>Feria</i>	7.00pm SE	Indu Dissanyake & Ajit D. 75th birthday
Thursday 20th Jan		
<i>Ss Fabian & Sebastian</i>	12:15pm SJ	Albert Tan RIP
Friday 21st Jan		
<i>St Agnes</i>	7:00pm SE	John Crofton RIP
Saturday 22nd Jan	11:00am SE	Janet Gargaro RIP
<i>St Vincent</i>	6:15pm SJ	Paul McDermott RIP
Sunday 23rd Jan	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am SE	Jo Lee RIP
	10:00am SJ	Healing Alcohol Addiction
	11:00am SE	Poitiers Foodbank staff & volunteers
	7:00pm SE	Malgosia & Tom Wedd. Ann. God's Blessings & Thanksgiving

16th Jan
Second Sunday in OT
Psalm Response:
Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.
Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Readings 23rd Jan

First Reading:
Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel:
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Second Collections:

This week: **Catholic Home Care**
Next week: **Cathedral**

2nd January Weekly Collection

Standing Orders: £599.52
Cash Donations: £658.84
Total : £1,258.36

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Protect the Young

O Little St. Agnes,
so young and yet made so strong
and wise by the power of God,
protect by your prayers
all the young people of every place
whose goodness and purity are threatened by
the evils
and impurities of this world.

Give them strength in temptation
and a true repentance when they fail.
Help them to find true Christian friends
to accompany them in following the Lamb of
God
and finding safe pastures in His Church
and in her holy sacraments.

May you lead us
to the wedding banquet of heaven
to rejoice with you and all the holy virgin
martyrs in Christ
who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.
... St Agnes, Pray for Us ...

Confessions

Saturdays 11.30am St Edmund's