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MARCH 17TH 2024 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website

This Weekend's Notices

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Second Collection for Easter Flowers

Next Weekend's Notices

Palm Sunday

No Second Collection this week



General Notices

We're Hiring

We are hiring a Parish Administrator in City Centre Parish. 20-25 hours a week, £12ph. The role will support a busy

parish office, helping with secretarial services for the clergy, supporting day-to-day administration of the parish, hall bookings, sacramental registrations & record keeping, alongside phone and email correspondence. We're looking for someone sympathetic to the teachings of the Catholic Church, with office experience, confident in the use of Microsoft Office 365, self-motivated, diplomatic, friendly, approachable, good timekeeping and telephone manner.

Closing date for applications: Monday 18th March 9am

Interviews held: Wednesday 20th March

For a job description, more information and an application see recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Please have some patience with the Office over the next few weeks. We aim to remain open Tuesdays 9.30-12pm.

Christian Meditation Group Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9pm St. Ed's Hall. Jude Maleski leads the group, either turn up or contact Jude for more info jdmaleski@hotmail.co.uk

Calling children and young people: the 11.30am Good Friday service at St Joseph's is led by the children and young people of the parish. If you, or a child or young person in your family would like to be involved (in reading, singing, playing an instrument, welcoming, carrying the cross, or veneration) please contact Charlie Pugh via email to charlotte@pughonline.co.uk

Pianist (or two!) needed from 31st March for 9am Mass in St Edmund's. Join our music team. Mary Berridge is retiring after 33 years of playing. Please contact Mary, our priests, or the Parish Office if able to help.

Our thanks go to Imelda (St. Ed's) and Fr Bienn (St. Joe's) who have decorated our paschal candles this year. Due to their generosity of time and talent we kept decorating costs low, and so the paschal candles came to £270. If you would like to contribute towards this cost you are welcome to do so via any usual means of donation.

A Pure Heart Create for Me O God

Ash Wednesday seems a long time ago and we find ourselves in the second half of Lent. The beautiful Responsorial Psalm this Sunday is the Miserere and the most famous of the seven penitential psalms. It asks that hearts be changed, that sins be forgiven, and that strength to walk according to the Lord's commands be given. It is thought to be a direct composition of King David. The powerful King of Israel is brought to his knees in abject sorrow for his sins. He takes full and personal responsibility. There are no excuses.

Verse 5, "a sinner was I conceived" is what the Church has traditionally called "original sin." Thanks to Christ's redeeming sacrifice, whose benefits are bestowed upon us in Baptism, we become filii in Filio (sons and daughters in the Son). However, there is still that residual damage called "concupiscence" – the propensity to sin. We carry around with us the baggage of concupiscence which tilts us in the direction of sin, but we are still essentially good, and under the impulse of divine grace, we can do the good we intend.

The psalmist king prays for a "clean heart", a gift that was ours on the day of our Baptism. Only divine or sanctifying grace can grant us a clean heart. This grace is available to us in the Sacrament of Confession. Pray the words of the Miserere (Psalm 50/1) in preparation for the sacrament before Easter.

Fr Michael

Pope's Prayer Intention for March:

For the New Martyrs

"We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm."



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



"Whoever hears My word and believes has passed from death to life."

John 5:24-29

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard O'Mahony who died recently. We pray for his family at this time. Richard's funeral will be in St Edmund's on the 5th April at 1.30pm. May he rest in peace.

General Notices

Adoration in St. Joseph's:

Thursday 12:15pm Mass - the 7pm Polish Mass

Adoration in St. Edmund's:

Monday 6pm - 7pm Mass, **Tuesday** 10am Mass - 7pm,

Thursday 10am - 5pm, **Friday** 2pm - 7pm Mass.

Saturday after the 11am Mass.

Thinking of joining? Great news! Email the office, call us or text **07956 379542**.

Usual Adoration ceases 28th March to 1st April to allow for the Triduum & Easter Week

Please remember especially in your prayers *Gordon Bradley, Carla Forte, Donna Cowan, Jack Oakley, Terry Lennon, Helmy & all in who are ill, undergoing treatment feeling distressed.*

On a quarterly basis we start the sick list names again. If you would like to add your name to the list, or if you would like your name added back then simply get in touch with the Parish Office.



Holy Week Timings 25th - 31st March

Monday Penitential Service 7pm in St. Edmund's

Tuesday 9am Mass in St. Edmund's

5.30pm Altar Server Triduum Rehearsal in St. Edmund's

Wednesday 7pm Mass in St. Edmund's

Maundy Thursday

6.15pm Family Mass of Lord's Supper in St. Joseph's

8pm Mass of Lord's Supper in St. Edmund's

Watching until midnight at the altar of repose (VD to lead)

Good Friday

11.30am in St. Joseph's Solemn Family Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

3pm in St. Edmund's Solemn Celebration

5pm hour of prayer/meditation around the Cross (VD)

Holy Saturday

2pm: Stations of Light guided meditation - prayerful walk around Southampton Old Cemetery (start/end at St. Ed's)

8pm Easter Vigil Mass in St. Edmund's

Easter Sunday

9, 11, 7pm in St. Edmund's

10am in St. Joseph's

4pm: Easter Resurrection Celebration and sharing with afternoon tea at St. Ed's hall (bring a plate)

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

SJ is St. Joseph's Church, Bugle Street & SE is St. Edmund's Church, The Avenue

Saturday 16th March	6:15pm	SJ	People of the Parish
Sunday 17th March	9:00am	SE	Thomas Lennon RIP
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	10:00am	SJ	Vocations to the Priesthood
	11:00am	SE	Monique Tshibuba & Nicle Ngoya RIP
	7:00pm	SE	Founder of St Edmund's Church, Father Emmanuel Rivera
Monday 18th March	7:00pm	SE	Birthday Mass for Geo
Tuesday 19th March	10:00am	SE	Joe Lee RIP
<i>Solemnity of St. Joseph</i>	6:15pm	SJ	Intercession of St. Joseph
Wednesday 20th	7:00pm	SE	Mary O'Reilly Health and Wellbeing
Thursday 21st March	6:30am	SE	All Orphans
<i>Fifth Week of Lent</i>	12:15pm	SJ	Hanorah Reading RIP 3rd anniversary
Friday 22nd March	7:00pm	SE	Deceased Members of the Grant & Connolly Families RIP
Saturday 23rd March	11.00am	SE	John O'Reilly Health and Wellbeing
	6:15pm	SJ	Peter and Valerie Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 24th March	9:00am	SE	People of the Parish
<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	10:00am	SJ	Moyra & Peter Clearkin RIP
	11:00am	SE	Helena Houston
	7:00pm	SE	Joelyn and Jeyapalan and Lenora Blessings

Today's Readings

First:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm:

50 (51):3-4, 12-15

Second:

Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel:

John 12:20-33

Confessions

30 Minutes before every Mass & after Mass as announced

Also

Saturdays in St Ed's after the 11am Mass

Parish Bank

Details

Bank Account Name

CDP SOUJE

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Join the Parish!

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