



JULY 17TH 2022 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



## Inviting God to come under our roof

*Encountering God, receiving Him under our roof as we collectively say after the invitation to Communion is perhaps the theme of our readings today. It will not surprise us that a shared meal is central to these encounters.*

*Having been made redundant from the NHS in 1994 I made daily Mass central to my week and on Thursdays I helped the Marthas with church cleaning. In those days, at that place, 'the Marthas' were always ladies. Every year they went out together for a simple meal and generously invited me to join with them. I had arrived! These were stalwarts of the parish, prayerful, committed, engaged, with cleaning as their forte and on occasion rather formidable.*

*Luke recounts how Martha seemed to challenge the Christ complaining that Mary was not doing her share of the work, and asked that she be told to help. The Christ's enigmatic reply that Mary 'has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her' has attracted considerable comment. They are seen as opposing types of the Christian life, with the contemplative life, represented by Mary, as higher and better than the active life, represented by Martha. Not a completely easy read for a deacon - a servant.*

*Comfortingly, others argue that Martha's remark is not a complaint, nor criticism, but a recognition that a Christian life lived to the full demands that which has been learnt by listening to God must be shared by words and action. The answer given by the Christ was not a rebuke, but an assurance that when Mary reached spiritual maturity she, too, will be ready to engage in the active life. Martha's seeming protestation and provocation, leads to her being the recipient of an important truth that neither contemplation nor activity is of itself necessarily the full expression of the Christian life. The Christian life demands us to be both Martha and Mary.*

*This encounter with the Christ is not just about these two women but also about our own conflicting ideas of encountering God. If we are to follow the Christ we must allow Him into our lives, under our roof, and allow His word to make us whole. It is only then that the Martha and Mary in each of us will find their single voice and expression.*

Den Andy

## Questions to Ponder for the Week..

1. Are you Martha or Mary? (Today's Gospel). Are you a little of each? Would you be agitated with Mary for not pitching in? If you were Martha what would you have done differently? Is it possible to be contemplative and active in ministry at the same time? How?
2. What does this story of Abraham's hospitality, in the 1st reading, signify? Why is hospitality important? How would you compare it to Martha's hospitality in the Gospel reading?
3. If you had a task today like Paul's (2nd reading), to take God's love to places where it is not known well, what would you use? How might you employ the hospitality of Abraham in the 1st reading and Martha's in the Gospel?

Vincent Harvey (adapted from Anne Osdieck)

## Today's Notices

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Children Liturgy** at 9am Mass

**Retiring Collection** Catholic Home Care

**Interfaith Peace Walk** sadly cancelled due to the heat!

**Parish Registration Forms** continue to hand in  
Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the churches and we encourage **wearing face masks**

## Next Sunday Notices

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Children Liturgy** at 9am Mass

**Retiring Collection** for Church Maintenance Fund

## A Few Words...

*I hope you have 'survived' the heat, even been able to enjoy it (though the real blast is this weekend!).*

*We say 'farewell' to Nathan King as he heads off home to South Africa to spend time with his family. We thank him for his time with us, which gave him a 'little' insight into parish life, and wish him well for his future studies for the priesthood. Maybe we will see him again... "Nathan there is a space for you here whenever you wish".*

*This Wednesday Father Johnpromise celebrates his 3rd Anniversary of Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood. We not only wish him every prayer and blessing for the day, but thank him for exercising the priestly ministry amongst us. Ad Multos Annos!*

*Last Wednesday we had a Diocesan Conference for priests and deacons on the future possible development of the Diocese. More about this later when we have had time as a parish to absorb the material, suggestions and steps to take, to fulfil the vision presented to us.*

**A 'St Vincent de Paul Society' (SVP)** is in the early stages of being set up in St Boniface. If you wish to get involved (and it would be good for all parishes to engage and create a City Wide group) do come to a meeting in St Boniface Church Hall at 7pm on Tuesday, 26th July. Let Fr Tom know on [tkleinschmidt@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tkleinschmidt@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

*Thank you for your response to the 'Closer to Christ campaign' that last week was presented to the whole parish. See elsewhere for more details. Donations are still warmly welcome (Fr Vincent or Anna can let you have a pack: some are in the church porches)*

**Have a good week...** Vincent H

## This Week...

**Tues** Springhill Leavers' Mass @ 10am St Edmund's  
St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm  
**Wed** Evening Prayer @ 6pm.... to join email Dcn Andy  
**Thurs** EST @ 7pm.... via Zoom  
**Fri** Green Living Group @ 7.30pm  
**Sat** Bethany Group Meeting @ 9.30am in St Edmund's

## For Info...

**Mon** VH/JP Day off  
**Wed** Father Johnpromise's Third Anniversary of Ordination  
Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP  
Clergy Gathering: VH  
**Thurs** Interfaith Meeting: VH  
**Fri** Safe Families for Children Meeting: VH  
Green Living Group: VH  
**Sat** Bethany Group: VH

## **The Parish Office would like to thank all who handed back a completed Parish Registration Form...**

All returned forms have now been added to the new Parish Database, giving us a **total of 367 Parishioners**.

Given that our numbers at Mass each weekend are far far higher than that, **we can only conclude that a large number of parishioners have not yet completed their form!**

Please, please take a form and return it to the Parish Office via the priests, the Welcomers or directly into the Parish Office.

This is a **completely new database**, not relying on any legacy information from the old databases. We need to collect from scratch the **current data** from every parish family, be they new or old!

This information is only for the priests and the Parish Office, and is kept securely to prevent any other access. Keeping our records as complete and up to date as possible helps us in so many ways in the day to day running of the Parish.

## Prayers

*We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage the mother to continue with her pregnancy and find peace in what the future holds. Lord hear us.*

**Please remember especially in your prayers** Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, the Roberts family, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, Mary O'Reilly, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Diana Elena, Carmen Escorcio, Carol Roe, Simon, Sue, Zoe and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

**Please consider joining our Adoration team!** We are still in need of Adorers to keep our constant daily Adoration running. Please get in touch with Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to help/join! The gaps we need filling are:

**Monday 1.30pm onwards, Wednesday 3pm - 6pm,  
Thursday 10-11am & 4-5pm, Friday 10-11am & 12-1pm**

## What's going on?

### **The St Edmund's 10am Tuesday Morning Coffee Group have been raising funds to support the Catholic Home Care.**

We are pleased to note that the amount raised in May and June this year has come to **£76.58**. Many thanks to all for their generosity. All are invited to join the group!

**Fanning The Flame Summer Camp: 15th - 19th August (for ages 11 - 21).** Join us for 5 days in the New Forest where we explore our faith and learn more about living with hope and joy in Jesus Christ. Full of faith, fun and fellowship. Run by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. Just £130. For more info: [www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk](http://www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk)

**Food Banks.** Please when shopping buy 'one' extra item to bring to church and put in the box in the porch of each of the churches. The best place to check what donations are really needed is:

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

**Pope Francis has included Monday 25th July 2022** as a new day in the church calendar on the occasion of the second **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. Grandparents have no agenda; they simply want the best for their grandchildren. They want them to be good, decent human beings, to know the difference between right and wrong, able to make good moral decisions and, if they go astray along the way, to be able to find their way back to a loving, forgiving, non-judgemental God. Grandparents' vital contribution to the family, the Church and society was never as important as now. We pray for you all!

### **Closer to Christ Update**

Thank you so much for your generosity! Last weekend we completed the public phase of the Closer to Christ Campaign in our parish. I'm delighted to tell you that based on the cards filled out by parishioners at Mass last weekend, **our total raised currently stands at £263,000!**

To allow us to draw a line under the campaign we need to make sure that all pledges have been recorded properly. If you completed a small card at Mass recently, you will have received a pledge form for completion in the post or via email this week. I ask that you return the form at your earliest convenience to either the parish office, to me, Fr Johnpromise or Dcn Andy after Mass or directly through the post. While you may not wish to start your pledge immediately I do ask that you return your form, indicating a start date and method of payment that is convenient to you. Our hope is that parishioners will consider what they can as every pledge counts and all gifts will bring us closer to our shared goal.

We would like to receive the majority of pledges **within the next two weeks** so that we can see exactly how much has been raised. I will give you a further update in a few weeks' time...

**Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success** of the Closer to Christ Campaign in our parish and the Diocese.

**Vincent Harvey**

**St Edmund's family of four (2 adults and 2 children) looking for short term rental accommodation** in Southampton from end of August to mid November 2022. If anyone has a 1/2 bedroom flat to rent short term, or knows someone who does, kindly contact the Parish Office who will put you in touch with the family.

### **Pilgrimages: Day and Longer...**

- 1. 75th Anniversary of the Canonisation of Father De Montfort on Wednesday 20th July** commencing at 10am and finishing at 8pm in St Joseph, Ashurst. A day of talks, prayer, the Holy Mass and Rosary finishing with a BBQ and night prayer in the evening. See poster for more details.
- 2. Celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on Monday, 15th August** with a 'Day Away' visiting Harvington Hall in Kidderminster (see poster). Leaving St Boniface at 8am. The cost of the day, which includes guided tours, lunch and the cost of the journey, is £57.50 per person. If you would like to go please book your seat by phoning, texting or emailing **07395 228 841** or [stjosephscentre@mail.com](mailto:stjosephscentre@mail.com). Closing date for booking 7th August.
- 3. A visit/pilgrimage to Portugal** (Led by Father Vincent) **culminating in Fatima: 12th-19th October**. In Lisbon we visit the birthplace of St Anthony where we will celebrate Mass at 10.00. We will also visit the museum dedicated to his life. We then visit Pastes de Belem for coffee and the traditional custard pastry. This is followed by a visit to the Cathedral which dates from the 12th Century. On the Saturday we depart for Fatima via Sintra passing through some magnificent country. In Fatima we will visit all the important sites and participate in the evening candle light procession. The cost is £895 (sharing) which includes breakfast & evening meals (except for one fish lunch), pilgrims are responsible for lunch if desired. For full details please refer to the brochure available from the back or church or from Godfrey Doyle [godfreydoyle@gmail.com](mailto:godfreydoyle@gmail.com). We have had assurances from Special Pilgrimages that the current issues with flights will not impact our trip. The flights have been changed from BA to TAP Portugal who have had very few issues recently.

### **Weekly Green Living Suggestions...**

Our greatest use of water is for flushing the toilet, approximately 30%!! Most new toilets are designed to use less water when flushed but if we have an older one, we could put something in the cistern to reduce its capacity. <https://www.hippo-the-watersaver.co.uk>  
We could also flush toilets less often!!

Washing up and washing machine use accounts for approximately another 30%. We could also save dishes for washing up until we have a good basin full, recycling the water afterwards onto the garden. We can make sure we have a full load for the washing machine, select a cycle that uses less water if possible and wash clothes less often. We don't need to change what we wear every day!



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17TH JULY

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

<b>Saturday 16th July</b>	<b>6:15pm SJ</b>	Sean, Kathleen and Stewart Adamson
<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	<b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Sunday 17th July</b>	<b>9:00am SE</b>	Birthday Blessings & Thanksgivings for Mildred
<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10:00am SJ</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>11:00am SE</b>	Cllr Parveen Damani, Adrienne H, Dr Shanti & Rev Sydney, Dr Umanga & family - B'day Blessings & Thanksgiving
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	For the Private Petitions of the Family of Mr & Mrs Ifeanyi Ofomata
<b>Tuesday 19th July</b>	<b>10:00am SE</b>	B'day Blessing for Henry Izuka and Protection for the whole Izuka Family
<i>(Springhill Leavers Mass)</i>		
<b>Wednesday 20th July</b>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Thanksgiving for Fr Johnpromise on his 3rd Ordination Anniversary
<i>St Apollinaris</i>		
<b>Thursday 21st July</b>	<b>12.15pm SJ</b>	Peace in Ukraine and the Whole World - God's Mercy & Blessings
<i>St Laurence of Brindisi</i>		
<b>Friday 22nd July</b>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Cecilia & Peter Marshall RIP
<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>		
<b>Saturday 23rd July</b>	<b>11:00am SE</b>	John Valetine O'Boyle RIP & GB & T for Kris
<i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	<b>6:15pm SJ</b>	For the Forgiveness of Sins from God, from one another & Thanksgiving for the Divine Mercy
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	<b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Sunday 24th July</b>	<b>9:00am SE</b>	Terry & Goretta Lennon Blessings on 50th Wedding Anniversary
<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10:00am SJ</b>	Pope Francis' Intentions & Healing
	<b>11:00am SE</b>	God's Healing Touch on Mohamed, Steve W, Francis P, Michael M, Marie M and all sick
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Jean Kaye RIP 5th Anniversary

Please scan the QR code to be taken straight to our Website!



### 17th July

#### Psalm Response:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Open our Heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.*

*Alleluia!*

### Readings 24th July

#### First Reading:

*Genesis 18: 20-32*

#### Second Reading:

*Colossians 2: 12-14*

#### Gospel:

*Luke 11: 1-13*

### 10th July Stella Maris

SO: £57.50 Cash: £257.40

**TOTAL: £314.90**

*Thank you*

### 10th July Parish Collection

SO: £3,724.15 Cash: £732.92

**TOTAL: £4,457.07**

*Thank you*

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## Second Collections:

Today: **Catholic Home Care**

Next Week: **Church maintenance fund**

*"Criticism of others is thus an oblique form of self-commendation. We think we make the picture hang straight on our wall by telling our neighbour that all his pictures are crooked."*

- **Venerable Fulton Sheen**

## Confessions:

**St Joseph's:** Thursdays 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm

**St Edmund's:** Saturdays after the 11 am Mass

*"Prayer knocks at the door; fasting obtains; mercy receives."*

- **St Peter Chrysologus**

## 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.