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SEPTEMBER 17TH 2023 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



How Influential Am I?

“The life and death of each of us has its influence on others”. This is from St. Paul, in our second reading today and the word that struck me was “influence”.

Throughout my life I have constantly been influenced by those around me.

From a young age with my family, growing up in Portsmouth. Or when I started going to church when I was nine and the priest first spoke to me about my faith. A little further on in my life I was a builder which was a completely different experience of influencers. However, all these experiences and people have led me to this moment. I was ordained to the Priesthood in July, and I am now serving as an assistant priest in Southampton.

Here are three questions I want to ask, because these three things have been influential in my life:

1. Do you laugh? Six years in a Seminary, in Birmingham were very happy times for me. However, just like any other walk of life there were those difficult days. However, it is the laughter that I remember most. Nearly every day we laughed at silly things.
2. Are you welcoming? Every day since I have arrived in Southampton, I have been welcomed by someone. Going into a new place can be overwhelming for anyone. I have been made to feel welcome and this influence can be so powerful for anyone who walks through the doors of our Churches.
3. Do you pray? We all have busy lives. I have found it very difficult coming out of the seminary and finding a rhythm of prayer. However, prayer shapes our lives, it moulds us into what God wants us to be. Furthermore, prayer can help influence others.

I am very grateful for the welcome, prayers and laughter that you have all given to me. I am praying for you all every day, please pray for me.

God bless,
Fr David Bateman

Today's Notices

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Retiring Collection is for the Home Mission

Thank you to Fr Goodwin from St Boniface who comes to cover Masses for us while Fr Vincent is away

Next Sunday Notices

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No Retiring Collection

This Week...

Tue Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's
Pre-Marriage Course

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

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

For Info...

Mon Day off: DB

4th - 18th VH on holiday

INSIGHT This insight course will be directed by the Verbum Dei Community, Southampton, with the support of the Senior Leadership Team for the Catholic City Centre Parish of St Joseph's and St Edmund's in Southampton.

The aim of the course: The course is designed to build new capable leaders (apostles) from within the parish. It will focus on leadership through service by expanding the skills and perspectives of the current leaders' team and developing new leaders from the diverse parish community.

The structure of the course: The course will be given in face-to-face mode. The target audience will be current group leaders in the Parish, potential and new leaders (from post university singles, to married couples, and retirees). We are hoping to attract new leaders with many different skills and backgrounds.

It will be delivered in three different blocks of sessions throughout the year:

~ October-December (Christmas and New Year break)

~ January-March (Easter Break)

~ April-June.

The sessions will be every other week on Thursdays at SO16 3GE, 33 Elmsleigh Gardens, from 7.00pm to 8.30 with snacks, coffees and teas.

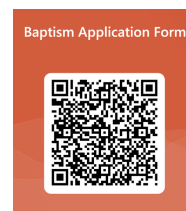
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Food banks please see link for urgent needs and donate if you are able. Most supermarkets have a collection basket <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>

Sacraments



If you would like your child baptised please fill in the **online application form**.

Once filled in Anna will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation.



If you would like to be married in the **church** (either in our churches or abroad/elsewhere) you must give us 6-12month notice minimum. Fill in the **"Weddings In & Out of Parish" Form**



"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 John Croft who died last Monday. May he rest in peace. Please also keep in your prayers his wife, Gerry and their children, Nicola and Tony. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 26th September at 10.30am in St Edmund's Church.



Anyone over the age of 18 who wishes to be baptised, receive Holy Communion, or be confirmed will need to join our RCIA or Journey in Faith course. This course begins on the 20th September, Wednesday evenings in St Edmund's Hall after the 7pm Mass.

You are welcome to just attend, but if you would like to register for the course please scan the QR Code or see <https://forms.office.com/e/8Tnbe7aA4P>

Prayers

Pope's Prayer Intention for September
For people living on the margins



We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



Let us pray for women and families suffering miscarriage, that the Lord will, over time, replace the pain of loss with His healing love. Lord hear us.

Please remember especially in your prayers Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Michaela, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue, Clare Burden, Anna, Paul Hughes, Mike, David, Carol, Oliver, Carla Forte, Donna Cowan & all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or distressed.



What's going on?

A Day with Mary: Saturday, 7th October in Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood. Celebrate a Marian festivity through the eyes of the Filipinos. A day dedicated to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. Marian talks, Living Rosary with the procession of all Marian statues and icons. Concluding with Mass. If you would like to pledge some money for flowers please get in touch with Anna in the office. All are warmly welcome!

Children's Choir Despite seating and practice problems, we are starting to arrange a Children's Choir (once monthly) for the Children's Family Mass. This would commence on 1st October.

Would those children who are interested please attend Mass on 1st October at 8.40am in St Ed's to practise hymns for the Family Mass which follows and give their names to Mary Berridge at the piano. Thank you.

Major pro-life victory in Malta Maltese pro-lifers recently stopped the introduction of an extreme abortion regime. Right To Life UK has published a magazine-style article on their website giving details of this wonderful pro-life victory in Malta. To read this helpful explainer article, visit: <https://righttolife.org.uk/2h5f>

Wednesday 4th October 2023 Introduction to the Sacred Scriptures, Fr Jeremy Corley. Readers are invited to "make every effort and employ suitable means to acquire that increasingly warm and living love and knowledge of Scripture that will make them a more perfect disciple of the Lord." The Sacred Scriptures are integral in the liturgy – *"The word of God, as proclaimed in the sacred Scriptures, lies at the heart of our Christian life and is integral to all our liturgical celebrations."* God speaks to us through the Scriptures, and when it is proclaimed in the context of the liturgy, He is speaking to us here-and-now and calls us to respond in faith and love. Fr Jeremy will introduce us to the importance of knowing the living Word of God, by explaining what the scriptures are, where they are from, and the ultimate purpose of them. To register see: <https://shorturl.at/OSUV7>

Announcement for Green Living Group

The Green Living Group: The Green Living Group invites members of the Parish and of the Avenue St Andrews United Reform Church to join us to pray with the scriptures on the Care for God's creation. We are organising three sessions of lectio divina: Friday 22 September, The beauty of God's creation; Friday 20 October, Care for God's creation; Friday 17 November, Care for our neighbours. The meetings will be held in St Edmund's Parish Hall (between 12 and 13 Rockstone Place). The meetings will start at 7.30pm and last for approximately 1 hour. For more information and to let us know if you plan to attend please email Tina (tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or Dominic (d.tildesley7@gmail.com).

Gift Aid Declaration Forms are available at the back of church or can be posted / emailed from the Office if requested. **What methods can I donate by to gift aid?** *Standing Orders (the best way!), Direct Debits, Cheques, Bank Transfers, Contactless Machines*
The Parish can no longer claim gift aid on cash donations put in the collection basket.

Running an evangelisation tool such as Alpha enables your parish to go on mission. But just like any other tool, it's only as effective as how you use it! The truth is, as leaders we can unintentionally kill our evangelisation efforts by misusing the tools we have. If you feel like your evangelisation tool isn't making the impact you hoped it would, join Fr Joe Owusu-Ansah (Holy Family, Kent), Fatima Wesson (Alpha), Catherine Fielding (St Mary's, Aberdeen), Mike Roche and Hannah Vaughan-Spruce on Wednesday, 20th September for our online event: 3 Ways to Kill Evangelisation in Your Parish and discover ways to effectively run Alpha that brings people to Jesus! divinerenovation.org/events

40 Days for Life Southampton begins 27th September! 40 Days for Life is a cross-denominational campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil outside abortion providers. All participants are asked to sign a statement of peace in which they pledge to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner. This is an opportunity to engage in missionary work on our doorstep and to serve those being denied the most fundamental human right, the right to life. If you can spare any time between 8AM-8PM Mon-Fri please consider joining us. Contact Theo at choose.life.southampton@gmail.com or join us at the campaign launch on 18 September at Holy Family Catholic Church after evening Mass to find out more.

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 King in Castleford Management who can assist here. You will be asked to send a photograph or scan of your parking ticket to enquiries@castlefordmanage.co.uk. The Parish office will not be able to speak on your behalf.

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: *"Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (5:24).* During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Please come along and join us on **Saturday September 30th at 3PM** as we gather in solidarity as a parish on Southampton Common to pray together and celebrate this Season of Creation.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17TH SEPT

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

Saturday 16th Sept	11:00am SE	Doreen Healey RIP
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	6:15pm SJ	People of the Parish
Sunday 17th Sept	9:00am SE	Alf Hunt RIP
<i>Twenty-fourth Sunday</i>	10:00am SJ	Jenny Donaroma RIP
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	11:00am SE	Manul Soares RIP
	7:00pm SE	Thanksgiving to St Lucy
Tuesday 19th Sept	10:00am SE	Thanksgiving for Fr Johnpromise
<i>Feria</i>		4th Anniversary of Ordination
Wednesday 20th Sept	7:00pm SE	Eddie Lawlor RIP
Thursday 21st Sept	12:15pm SJ	Malgosia's Intentions
Friday 22nd Sept	7:00pm SE	Vera Morris RIP Birthday Anniv
Saturday 23rd Sept	11:00am SE	Luciana Moniz RIP
<i>St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen and Stewart
		Adamson RIP
Sunday 24th Sept	9:00am SE	Alice O'Donnell RIP
<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday</i>	10:00am SJ	Ray Goddard RIP
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	11:00am SE	People of the Parish
	7:00pm SE	21st Birthday Leo, Blessings and Thanksgiving

17th September

Psalm Response

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

24th September

1st Reading:

Isaiah 55: 6-9

Psalm: 144

2nd Reading:

Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

Gospel: *Matthew 20: 1-16*

Parish Bank Details

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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!