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JUNE 18TH 2023 | ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



Being a Labourer at the Harvest

We all know that the meaning of the word Gospel is Good News. Paul Gilbert once wrote: "You are writing a gospel a Chapter each day by the deeds that you do, and the words that you say. People read what you write, if it's false or it's true. Now what is the gospel according to you?" The apostles writing the Gospels had their own understanding of what gospel is all about according to what they experienced.

In today's Gospel Jesus appoints twelve of His disciples as His apostles. But St Peter also wrote and is quoted in the prayers at Baptism: "You are a chosen race a royal priesthood...". In other words, all of us, without exemption, is called to be a preacher and a missionary of the gospel.

Sometimes in the past, the work of evangelising or sharing our faith by preaching was regarded as belonging only to bishops, priests and deacons. But now it is different, now we recognise our roots as a Christian community of sisters and brothers all dedicated to the same work and all cooperating closely and together. Each of us need contribute in our own way to the common good of our parish and the Church as a whole.

How we might ask. Well, by getting involved, there is enough work for us all, and then still more. If your gift is singing, then join one of our choirs; if you are creative then join the flower arranging team; if you like a tidy home then join the Marthas and the church cleaning team; if you like helping others understand then join one of the many teams of catechists (teachers); if you find satisfaction in consoling and supporting the bereaved then join the Bethany Group; if you like joining with others and discussing our faith then join a Cell Group or Alpha; and the list goes on. It is truly endless.

Everyone is called to share their time, talent and treasure (the 3 Ts) no matter how small it may seem. Let's be good examples to all. As somebody once said, good example helps people, bad example breaks them.

People learn about God and His Gospel not because they can unravel the mystery of the Trinitarian God or they are well versed with scripture. People will know about God from Christ-like people, from Christians who live out the gospel in their lives.

Do you know your mission?

Dcn Andy

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "The harvest is rich....." Jesus says in the Gospel. Where are you in the harvest? Sowing? Growing? Reaping? In what way are you an 'apostle'?
2. In today's First Reading God says that if the people "obey My word" and "hold fast to My covenant" they shall be God's "very own". How do you obey God's word? How do you understand God's 'covenant'?
3. St Paul's letter (2nd reading) is so full of hope.....read it...absorb it!

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happy Fathers' Day to all our fathers (including our priests!)

The Retiring Collection is for Day for Life

Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the churches

Next Sunday Notices

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Holy Communions at St Joseph's

The Retiring Collection is for Catholic Home Care

This Week...

Tue Requiem Mass for Peggy Murray @ 10am St Ed's
Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's
Alpha @ 7pm in St Edmund's Hall

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

Fri Activated Disciple via Zoom
Global Rosary Relay after 7pm Mass

Sat First Holy Communions in St Edmund's

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

For Info...

Mon Day off: VH/JP

Tue Supervision: VH

Wed Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP


Thurs Cathedral Chapter Meeting: VH

Deanery Clergy Meeting: JP/AP

Springhill Parents' Evening: VH/AP

Fri Clergy Support Group: VH

Sacraments



Please pray for Henry, Micheal, Aaron and Aritz who are due to be Baptised this month. We remember them in our prayers as they enter the Faith, and also remember their families and godparents.



Please pray for Peggy Bell who died. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem will be on Tuesday, 20th June at 10am in St Edmund's.

Pray too for John Dorling who died recently. His funeral will be held at the Crematorium on the 21st June.

Also pray for Jose Tew who died recently. May she rest in peace. Details of Jose's Funeral yet to be arranged.

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 course. Please be patient - once you have filled the form in once you do not need to repeat again.

Baptism Application Form



A Few Words...

Following on from a great '**Confirmation Mass**' with Bishop Philip on the 9th June, we are now into our celebrations of **First Holy Communion**. Yesterday (Saturday 17th) and next week 105 of our children will be making their First Holy Communion. Please pray for our young people and young adults as they take these further steps in faith.

Alpha has started at 7pm on a Tuesday in St Edmund's Hall. It is not too late to join in.....**Do think who you could encourage someone to come along!**


The Brochure for the Holy Land Pilgrimage 2024 is now available at the back of the churches or obtainable from me via email. If you wish to join the pilgrimage which I am leading in 2024 do get in touch as **we need to book before 14th July**.

Keep cool and have a good, satisfying, and holy week.

Thanks Vincent H

Prayers


Day for Life 18th June The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year the theme is '**Listen to Her**' focusing on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. The 2023 Day For Life message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation.



*Today, we commemorate the Day for Life in the Church's cycle of prayer. Let us, therefore, pray for legislators and those in authority, that they may respect and protect human life from conception to natural death. **Lord hear us***



Pope's Prayer Intention for June **For the abolition of torture**



We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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

What's going on?

Is your spouse or partner not a Christian? Have they ever asked you questions or expressed curiosity about what Christianity is all about? If the answer is yes, why not suggest them coming along to the next **Alpha course** running in the parish? It's a weekly course with open discussion covering major aspects of what it means to be a Christian. If you or they are interested you can sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/qPLu7ekVd2>

The course started 13th June but is open for newcomers!

Friends of the Holy Land write to thank us all for our particular interest in supporting the School of Joy over the years. This is their largest project and the next academic year (starting in August) is the **School of Joy's 25th year of operation**. It is featured in their Pentecost Challenge this year. For details on how to donate see www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/Appeal/joy

Springhill Catholic Primary School are looking for Foundation Governors. A foundation governor is a practising Catholic. You don't have to have any experience in education - training will be provided. Meetings are once a month on a Monday evening. Having school governors is essential as the role of the governor is to support the school in asking questions. If you'd like to find out more, please contact the school office on info@springhillcatholic.net and the head teacher will give you more information about the role before you make a decision if it is something you can commit to. Our wonderful school needs governors.

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 who can assist here. The Parish office will not be able to speak on your behalf.

St George College Catholic Schools Inspection Report

Catholic Life & Mission of Saint George Catholic College

St George College's staff and governors are excited to share our recent Catholic School inspection report. Overall the school is graded Good, and the Catholic Life and Mission of the College is Outstanding. We are immensely proud of the positive feedback we received around students' exemplary behaviour, the culture of continuous improvement, and the dedication of our staff and governors. The report also recognises our inclusive approach, empowering students of all backgrounds and abilities to actively contribute to our vibrant community and our commitment to religious education and impactful liturgical events. We invite you to read the full report on their website at www.stgcc.co.uk

Green Living & Gardening!



If you are making 'Bug Hotels' for St Ed's garden then please **bring them to church weekend of July 9th**. Here's a helpful step by step guide...

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/09/how-to-build-a-bug-hotel/>



SWVG Refugee Week Celebration Saturday 24th June!

10am: Fun workshop, West Quay Rear Terrace. Make your own parade decoration - suitable for all ages! Find out about Refugee Week, discover why people are displaced & the challenges they face seeking safety.

12pm: Carnival Parade, starting at West Quay. We will be joined by local VIPs and led through the City Centre by the amazing XR Samba Band to Palmerston Park.

1pm: Palmerston Park Picnic & Entertainment. Bring your own picnic and enjoy an afternoon of free entertainment, including music, dancing, storytime, games and other cultural activities!

To join Bishop Philip in Lourdes 17th July to 21st July please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

To join the Catholic Association to Lourdes 2023 August 18th-25th see <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk>

The next parish pilgrimage will be to the Holy Land next year. The pilgrimage will begin **29th February and will finish on the 7th March 2024**. If you would be interested in the Holy Land do let Fr Vincent know, or collect an info package at the back of church. Cost £1,475 for a shared room with single available for a supplement. **Deposit and booking required by 14th July**. Details in the information package alongside info on how to sign up via Special Pilgrimages.

Food banks please see link for urgent needs <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>



Soton Mental Health Network

The council work with **Sustrans** to support the following walks across Southampton. All events can be found on <https://myjourneysouthampton.com/events/> No booking is required but please arrive 10 minutes before the start time to register if you are new.

City Centre Walks: Monday at 10.30am. Meet inside the Central Library near the Macmillan section. Come and enjoy a gentle walk in good company around the Parks around the City Centre. (Gentle pace 45 minute 'Walk and Talk')

Common Walks: Mondays at 10am from the Hawthorns Urban Wildlife Centre on the Common. Join us for a steady walk on the good paths across and around the Common. (Moderate one hour 'Keep Fit' walk)

Tuesdays at 2.00pm from the Hawthorns Urban Wildlife Centre on Southampton Common. Join us for a brisk 'stress-buster' walk on the paths across and around the Common often using the rougher paths. (Brisk one hour 'Stress-Buster' walk)

Thursdays at 10.30am from the Hawthorns Urban Wildlife Centre on Southampton Common. Join us for a steady walk on the good paths across and around the Common. (Moderate one hour 'Keep Fit' walk)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18TH JUNE

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

Saturday 17th June	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
Sunday 18th June	9:00am SE	Thomas Henry Newell RIP
<i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	People of the Parish
	11:00am SE	Rosalyn Lane RIP 30th Anniversary
	7:00pm SE	Judy Brown RIP Birthday Anniversary
Tuesday 20th June	10:00am SE	Requiem Mass for Peggy Bell
<i>St Alban</i>		
Wednesday 21st June	7:00pm SE	Erica Burden Birthday Blessings
<i>Feria</i>		
Thursday 22nd June	12:15pm SJ	Sam Stobart Birthday Blessings
<i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>		
Friday 23rd June	7:00pm SE	Eric Clarke RIP
Saturday 24th June	10:30am SE	First Holy Communion
<i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	2pm SE	First Holy Communion
	6:15pm SJ	Tony Madden RIP 3rd Anniversary
Sunday 25th June	9:00am SE	Neville Dickenson RIP
<i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	Kathleen Moran RIP
	11:00am SE	People of the Parish
	7:00pm SE	James & Eleanor Chambers RIP

18th June

Psalm Response

We are His people, the sheep of His flock.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to Me listen to My voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow Me.

Alleluia!

25th June

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Psalm: 68

2nd Reading:

Romans 5: 12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33

Parish Bank Details

Setting up a standing order from your mobile or online banking is the easiest way!

Bank Account Name

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Health and Safety in the Parish

Ever an exciting topic, I'm sure you will agree!

In order to keep our buildings secure it is important that we regularly check our emergency lights, fire alarm call points, hallways and trip hazards. Having 9 properties means this is a large job!!

Could you spare time helping us to tackle these sorts of jobs? Maybe you have time to pop into church during the week, or maybe you could stay behind after Mass for just a little bit of time every week or so?

Please email Anna to advise if you can join our small group of Health and Safety volunteers.

Our Parish belongs to us all, we each have a duty to help the church where we can - maybe this is your calling to get involved?

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!