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SEPTEMBER 18TH 2022 | 25TH SUNDAY IN OT

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



## BUYING HEAVEN ANYONE?

*In 1517, the German Monk – Friar Martin Luther, published his 95 Theses on the chapel door of the University of Wittenberg, which started what we now call – The Protestant Reformation. The last straw that pushed him into that was the preaching of Fr Johann Tetzel on gaining of Indulgences. Johann Tetzel who was commissioned by the German Cardinal Albert of Brandenburg, overstated and overexaggerated the Church’s teaching on Indulgences. According to Tetzel, “As soon as the gold in the casket rings, the rescued soul to heaven springs.” Friar Martin Luther who could not comprehend such a ludicrous theology, published his 95 Theses denouncing it. On Thesis 43, Luther stated, “Christians should be taught that one who gives to the poor, or lends to the needy, does a better action than if he/she purchases indulgences.” What a delight the Church condemned the teachings of Tetzel and reformed her stance on Indulgences, stressing our bounden duty to the poor and the marginalised.*

*In today’s Sunday readings, we are reminded of the fact that we have been entrusted with enormous resources and we, as managers (**Oikonomos**) of those resources should do so intelligently (**Phronimos**) for the betterment of the poor and not for our personal enrichment and/or aggrandisement. Prophet Amos in the First Reading advised us not to trample on the needy and the poor; and never to accumulate profits by cheating our way through. In the Gospel, Jesus advised us to use money to win friends that will welcome us into the tents of eternity because He wants everyone to be saved and reach the full knowledge of the truth as St Paul stated in our Second Reading. How can money win us friends and gain us the tents of eternity? St Mother Teresa of Calcutta answered it thus: “At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by - I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked, and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in.” Yes, the era of buying heaven through paying huge sums of money for Indulgences is gone; however, the poor, the needy, the homeless and the marginalised members of our society, are our tickets to heaven. **Let’s Keep Spending On Them!!!***

Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru

## Today's Notices

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Baptism Preparation Lunch** after the 11am Mass  
**Children's Liturgy** at the 9am Mass  
**Second Collection** for Home Mission Sunday  
**Mass Counts** at all Sunday Masses  
**Civic Service on the Death of Queen Elizabeth II**, at St Mary's Church, at 3pm, open to all  
**Please continue to sanitise your hands** upon entry to

## Next Sunday Notices

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Children's Liturgy** at the 9am Mass  
**Baptism Preparation Lunch** after the 11am Mass  
**Second Collection** for Catholic Home Care  
**Mass Counts** at all Sunday Masses

## What's Going On?

**Journey in Faith / RCIA Course** For anyone looking to find out more about the Catholic Faith - come along and ask your questions, find out what the church teaches and what it means to live as a Catholic. This group also offers preparation for adult (18+) Baptism, Confirmation or Reception as a Catholic. **Meetings will be Wednesday evenings starting the 28 September at 7:45pm.** To register please send your contact details to [mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) A warm welcome awaits you, come and see...

**Welcome Students!** This week ahead marks the start of the University Welcome Week, which means we will likely have some new students about. If you are a new student, please introduce yourself to the welcomers and the clergy, it's great to meet you and we look forward to hopefully seeing more of you! We would invite you to 'register' on the front page of the Parish Website, and get in touch if there are any groups you are interested in joining, or want to know more about. The Catholic Chaplaincy would like to extend a warm welcome and introduction to you. Please introduce yourself to Sr Issy if she is at your Mass, or see their contacts on the back of the newsletter.

**Parish Database Census/Registration.** As you will recall, some months ago we invited all parishioners to complete an up to date registration/census form for the Parish. **We have had a total of 443 complete the form, which tells us that almost more than half of our parishioners have not done so!** Using the database to send bereavement cards, to contact volunteers about training, being able to tell whether we have enough wardens and medics for each Mass... all things the office has relied upon this week alone! Please consider completing a paper form, using the link on the website or scanning the QR code on the back page. This Parish Database is brand new, **meaning we have no carried over any old information**, meaning those who did not fill in a new form when we appealed a little while ago, are not on the database. You may have been here for years, but our system doesn't show that until you give us details!

## This Week...

**Mon** JP day off / Parish Office Closed  
**Tues** Parish Office Closed  
**Sat** VH returns from Holiday

## For Info...

**Tues** St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm  
 Adoration in St Ed's until 8pm (weekly - do join!)  
**Wed** Evening Prayer @ 6pm.... to join email Den Andy

## Prayers



**Adoration.** St Edmund's needs more Adorers during the week. Please contact Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to join! The gaps we need filling most are: **Monday 12 - 5pm, Wednesday 11am - 4pm and 5-6.30pm, Friday 12 - 2pm**

*"It is sad to realise that as so many people believe Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament, they so seldom visit Him. Men travel across the oceans to see ancient ruins, paintings, landscapes, celebrities, and mountains, but they do not think of going into a simple church around the corner to visit the Creator of all beauty."*  
 - Mother Angelica

## Please remember especially in your prayers

Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, John, Mary O'Reilly, Valerie, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Carmen Escorcio, Simon, Bernadette, Sue, Clifford Cross, Kelly and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.



**Parish Rosary Group.** If you would be interested in joining an in-person rosary group please follow this QR code, or contact the Parish Office. It would be lovely to restart an evening group if there is an appetite.



*We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us*

## Sacraments

**First Holy Communion.** Many parents are contacting the Parish Office repeatedly about FHC. We would like to emphasise once more that **registration has not started yet** and as soon we have plans to begin registration we will be announcing via the Newsletter, Website & at Mass. To register your interest in the programme, please see the FHC page on the website and fill in your name and email on the appropriate form. This is not registering, but means we will email you specifically details of the course when we have them available. Responding to the same requests is taking considerable time, so we would kindly ask people to wait for updates in due course.  
<https://www.southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org/first-holy-communion>

## What's going on?

**DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal.** Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give)

**The Parish Pilgrimage Company** has informed us that pilgrims will have to pay an **additional £65** to cover the increased costs of the Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima. This brings the cost from £895, to £960.

**The after 10am Tuesday Mass Coffee Group collected a total of £67.54** during August which we are delighted to pass on to the Catholic Home Care as a token of our appreciation for the great service they provide.

**Welcomers' Evening, Save the Date!** An invitation to all Welcomers to an evening get-together on **Thursday 29th September in St Edmund's Hall at 7.30pm** to say 'Thank you', to review our welcoming and to hear from you how we can develop this ministry further to be a more inclusive, culturally diverse and unconditional in our approach. We want to respond to some of the comments from the synodal survey particularly around diversity and inclusion.

There will be some input, opportunities for brain storming and most importantly some food and drink and time to socialise. We would ask that you think of someone that you can bring along to join our welcoming teams. We are approaching the time of our international Mass again (**23rd October**) and it would be exciting to work towards a real international flavour as well as a mixture of age groups joining our welcoming teams. If you are a Welcomer already or would like to welcome, please come along!

**Alpha starts soon!** We will once again be running an Alpha Course in the Parish beginning on the 4th of October in St Edmund's Hall. Next weekend we will begin an 'Alpha Prayer Campaign' where we invite parishioners to pray especially for our course's success, and for those people we invite to join. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from Alpha please sign up via the website or use this form: <https://forms.gle/VWui4B5XszsuS6178>

**Due to an increase in costs** we are now asking for candle donations to be at 50p instead of 20p. Sadly we are making a loss on the candles so far this year, due to much higher prices and delivery costs. Thank you.

**Food Banks** To check what donations are really needed see <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>

The most needed currently are:

*Coffee (Small), Custard, Sugar (Small), Mixed Veg (Tin), Squash, Tomatoes (Tin), Rice Pudding, Soap & Shower Gel, Deodorant, Toothpaste*



## Volunteers needed!

**Parish Office Admin Assistant.** The Parish Office is in need of a volunteer admin assistant to help with the day to day running of the office. The individual will be comfortable answering phones, dealing with the door and offering support in simple administrative areas. Comfortable use of computers required, knowledge of Microsoft 365 preferable, but not necessary. Preferably 3 days a week, hours and days flexible. Please contact Anna in the office to discuss.

**Anyone with a van/big car** who is willing to assist Anna with moving some items to the recycling centre, or moving chairs from St Ed's to St Jo's please be in touch! Sadly my little car just won't take them! From time to time we need help in this area, so even if you can't help now, do reach out and let us know you might be able to in the future...

**Baptism Preparation Team Members.** Baptism is the first and most important sacrament that our children will receive. We need more hands-on deck. You will be part of a team and training will be given. Please contact Tina or the Parish Office for more information.

**Altar Servers.** Now that the summer has come to a close, we are looking to start training new altar servers and encourage those interested to sign up! Next week we will have forms at the back of church for all altar servers and their parents (if under 18) to fill in. We need to refresh our altar server database, so all altar servers are invited to fill in the forms. Details of training will be announced once we have collected in the forms and have an idea of numbers.

**Designated Alpha Prayer People.** We are launching a Parish wide 'Prayer' for Alpha for the next 3 weeks, praying for the team, those inviting guests and for our guests that all may be filled with Holy Spirit and brought closer to God. We would also like to have a small team of people who would be happy to keep our Alpha groups in the prayers over the full course, and for our attendees. Please contact the Parish Office if you are happy to do so.

**Parish Social Media Helper(s).** We are looking for some people to help manage the Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. We have a nice following, but don't often post, so it would be good to start 'regular' posting and promoting of events/roles. Talk to Anna in the office if interested.

## Weekly Green Living Suggestions...

All wildlife conservation organisations/charities are committed to protecting and restoring habitat and that will include woodland and wetland so you may want to join/support one of these if you don't already do so.

[www.wildlifetrusts.org](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org) (especially The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust)

[www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk) / <https://www.wwf.org.uk>

Local organisations offer lots of activities for people, including families, to become engaged with the natural environment and support the work that is going on to protect our countryside.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

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

<b>Saturday 17th September</b>	<b>6:15pm SJ</b>	Sean, Kathleen and Stewart Adamson
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	<b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Sunday 18th September</b>	<b>9:00am SE</b>	Anne Leech RIP
<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday</i>	<b>10:00am SJ</b>	Ray Goddard RIP
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>11.00am SE</b>	Rose Wicks RIP
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Angus & Dolina MacKinnon RIP
<b>Tuesday 20th September</b>	<b>10:00am SE</b>	Peggy Siese RIP
<i>Ss Andrew Kim Taegon &amp; St Paul</i>		
<i>Chong Hasang &amp; Companions</i>		
<b>Wednesday 21st September</b>	<b>7.00pm SE</b>	Malgosia Birthday Blessings
<i>St Matthew</i>		
<b>Thursday 22nd September</b>	<b>12.15pm SJ</b>	Maureen Game RIP
<i>Feria</i>		
<b>Friday 23rd September</b>	<b>7.00pm SE</b>	For the Word of God to Settle & Prevail
<i>St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>		in all Nations of Earth & Defeat of all
		Evil Plans
		JR Personal Intentions
		Mass for People of the Parish
		<b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
		Leo's 20th Birthday Blessings
		Madeleine Warburg RIP
		Martha Vasquez RIP 1st Ann.
		Maro P. 2nd Birthday Blessings &
		Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday 24th September</b>	<b>11:00am SE</b>	
<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	<b>6:15pm SJ</b>	
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	
<b>Sunday 25th September</b>	<b>9:00am SE</b>	
<i>Twenty-sixth Sunday</i>	<b>10:00am SJ</b>	
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>11.00am SE</b>	
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	

18th September

### Psalm Response:

*Praise the Lord, who raises the Poor.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Jesus Christ was rich, but He became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of His poverty.  
*Alleluia!*

### Readings 25th September

#### First Reading:

*Amos 6: 1, 4-7*

#### Second Reading:

*1 Timothy 6: 11-16*

#### Gospel:

*Luke 16: 19-31*

### 11th Sept 1st Collection

SO: £675.66

Cash: £778.71

**TOTAL: £1,454.37**

Thank you.

*"It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."*

- St Teresa of Calcutta

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## Parish Contactless Machines

Total Amount Given £1,767.20

For Parish General Donation totals **£1,563.70** from July-September.

46% of all donations are being Gift Aided. This means an extra 25% from each donation is given to the Parish/2nd Collection Charity with no cost to donor!



**Confessions** are held at **St Joseph's**

on Thursdays at 11.45am &

Saturdays 5.45pm and at **St**

**Edmund's** on Saturdays after the

11am Mass

## 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!**