



JUNE 19TH 2022 | CORPUS CHRISTI

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Do this in memory of Me

Our two daughters, when very young, always asked for the same VHS video to watch, "Dot and the kangaroo". Their excitement and interest in the same story never seemed to waver. They never tired of watching it. Well for a year or two.

Sitting in church we have come to not expect any surprises. Generation after generation have celebrated the Mass, loyal to the command 'do this in memory of Me'. Ordinarily, seeming to do the same thing time and again would make our existence flat and uninteresting. And yet small children who are only just learning to use their imagination love to repeat games over and over, crying 'Again, again!' until we are exhausted and beg for rest. The present moment is a delight for children, so much so that they can replay that moment again and again.

Repetition isn't always a negative experience. At Mass we anticipate our final dwelling in the Trinity, when we shall dwell in the eternal moment of the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. What is more, the kindly, generous hearted person, one who we might aspire to as a Christian is one who can be relied upon to be kind and generous not just in occasional spontaneous moments of charity but over and over and again. Repetition, frequency and regularity can be important traits for us to assume. Christians have literally been doing the same thing over and over again for 2,000 years. And not solely when in the church but in our lives, praying constantly, giving our time and effort to others without let or hindrance.

Not all repetition means enslavement.

'Do this in memory of Me'. Do this over and over and over again, not as we might a task in a workplace or a mindless household chore, not as a child would repeat a joyful game, but as that which gives meaning and shape to our lives becoming who we are intended to be.

In every Mass we encounter this real presence of the Lord. So why the repetition? Because this paschal mystery is given to us not just as an activity we have to live out, but as a mystery we must become. We continually share again and again in the one sacrificial offering of Jesus the Christ, so that we may become that perfect offering of praise and love.

Dcn Andy

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. Pope Francis says about the Twelve's idea of sending the hungry people away (Gospel): "... it isn't the way Jesus thinks". What would Jesus, who ate with sinners and welcomed strangers, think of His ministers refusing to give the Eucharist to people now?
2. Think about the properties of bread and wine and their benefits to the body when consumed. Why do you think Melchizedek chose them for offerings (1st reading)? Do you know why Jesus chose them?
3. What do we believe Jesus meant when He said, "do this in remembrance of Me" (2nd reading)? To what does "this" refer? Could it mean more than one thing? Is it "remember Me when you do this"? Or, 'in remembrance of Me, do also what I did for others'?

Anne Osdieck adapted by Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Children's Liturgy at 9am Mass

Retiring collection for Day For Life

Please continue to return your **Parish Registration Forms**

Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the churches and we encourage **wearing face masks**

Next Sunday Notices

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy at 9am Mass

Retiring collection for Peter's Pence

A Few Words...

I hope you have been able to enjoy the lovely few days of glorious sunshine we had during the week. I even put my shorts on (not a sight to behold!).

We say farewell and welcome this week: farewell to the last of the FOCUS team (see elsewhere). Although not really part of the parish, they were good to have around; a great witness to faith and example of the importance and centrality of prayer. We wish them well back in the USA! We welcome **Nathan King** who is studying for the priesthood in Allen Hall, London. Remember he was with us for a weekend six weeks ago. He is with us this time for a month to gain pastoral experience (with Fr JP and me.....poor bloke!).

On Saturday we celebrated two **First Holy Communion Masses** with a total of 60 children and their families. Please pray for them all and for our catechetical team led by Lorraine Swann.

As we all celebrate *Corpus Christi* (The Body and Blood of Christ) this Sunday let's reflect on our celebration of Mass: do we listen attentively, with ears, eyes and hearts? Do we participate to the best of our ability (singing, responding, praying, engaging.....)? **Do we allow Christ to 'consume' us as we 'consume' Him in the Eucharist?** Remember that, in a sense, the celebration of Mass is allowing ourselves to be drawn deeper and deeper into the life of our risen Christ!

Wednesday is '**National Windrush Day**' when we remember the Afro-Caribbean immigrants who came to England in the early 1950s and, sadly, how badly many of them were treated and, to this day, still struggling to obtain permanent British citizenship (including parishioners!). See elsewhere.

Finally thank you for listening attentively **to our appeal last week** for the funding of training of priests, support of priests in active ministry and retired priests. Do think seriously if you can make a substantial pledge; or give anything at all for this important support of those who have given their lives to this ministry.

Have a good week... Vincent H

This Week...

Mon Restored Lives @ 7.30pm

Tues St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm

Alpha online @ 7pm

Wed National Windrush Day

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

Baptism Team Meeting

Thurs Richard Rohr Group @ 5pm on Zoom

Sat First Holy Communion Masses @ St Ed's 10.30am & 2pm

For Info...

Mon VH/JP Day off

Tues SLT with Fr Mark Hogan: VH/JP/TQ/AP/LS

Chapter Meeting @ Cathedral: VH

Wed Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP

Thurs Bishops' Conf Interreligious Meeting: VH

Fri Diocesan Interreligious Meeting: VH

Clergy Ministry Meeting: VH

Teams of Our Lady: VH

Windrush Day is celebrated in the United Kingdom every year on June 22. The day marks the arrival of Afro-Caribbean immigrants to the shores of Britain and honours the British Caribbean community. An estimated half a million people made their way to England after the Second World War. The first Windrush Day was held on June 22, 2018, after a successful campaign led by Patrick Vernon. Since then, more and more people have started participating in Windrush Day celebrations and observations to show empathy with the hardships that the previous generations of Black Britons endured and the current generations continue to endure.

Prayers

Memorial Mass for Eileen Brennan this coming Wednesday, 22nd June, at 10.30am in St Edmund's. Light refreshments in the hall to follow. Eileen was a regular at the 11am Mass and sadly died during lockdown. Because of this she had a very small funeral. This Mass is to acknowledge her presence with us, her life and her death. Please do come along. All are welcome.

World Priest Global Rosary Relay On Friday June 24th, Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, our parish will for the fourth consecutive year unite with the World Priest Global Rosary in intercession for the sanctification & spiritual strengthening of priests. Join at 7.00pm in person or livestream for the Mass offered for this intention and straight after Mass we will pray together the luminous mysteries as part of this great Global Rosary relay. The inspirational video about the event can be found at this link <https://youtu.be/milaxi-RpAM>

Our parish offers Mass and rosary on the last Friday of every month for priests and vocations to the priesthood. Please come and pray with us if you can and please join in this event on 24th June.

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

What's going on?

Welcome to Nathan King, currently in his 1st year at Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea. Nathan came to talk about his journey on 'Vocations Sunday' (8th May) and now joins us for a month of pastoral experience here in the Parish.

Thank you to those who have already returned their **Parish Registration Form**, this has allowed us to create an entirely **new database** which we know to be **up-to-date** and **accurate**. Judging by the number of forms we received, **there are still outstanding forms to be collected**. We are only inputting data based on these new forms, so even if you filled in a registration form previously we would invite you to fill in a new form to be included on the new database. **Please do make every effort to return these to the Parish Office as soon as you can!**

Edward Hauschild, a parishioner, currently studying at the Venerable English College in Rome, is **due to be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate on Wednesday 6 July 2022** in the Church of Our Lady of the Snows, Palazzola.

In accordance with **Canon Law (CIC 1043)**, if anyone knows of any reason why Edward should not be ordained please inform Bishop Philip or Mgr Canon Vincent Harvey.

We wish Edward well and pray that he may be open to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit at his Ordination. Hopefully we will see him in the summer.

As we approach **World Refugee Day** on 20 June, **CAFOD wants to express a heartfelt 'thank you'** for all the support the Catholic community has shown for families and communities affected by the war in Ukraine. The solidarity shown during Lent for vulnerable communities around the world by parishes and schools is a collective witness of a deep-seated love of neighbour.

As you may know, CAFOD are members of the global Caritas network; one of the largest aid networks in the world. Together these organisations were able to act swiftly, providing shelter, transport, food, and everyday essentials as well as safe spaces and support for particularly vulnerable people.

Your donations are helping them to continue to work with their local Caritas experts in Ukraine and in Poland, Romania, and Moldova. They are also working with the UK Disasters Emergency Committee to ensure help is directed where it is needed most.

CAFOD says a huge thank you for all your support, prayers, and donations for the people of Ukraine.

Catholics in England and Wales have donated over £3 million, and this is enabling immediate, practical support – such as the provision of food, clothing, shelter, and transport. Please keep the people of Ukraine and all our brothers and sisters who face daily suffering, in your prayers.

Visit cafod.org.uk/UkraineAppeal for more information.

First Holy Communion is with us as we celebrate Corpus Christi. We have 82 children making their First Holy Communion so instead of celebrating their reception on Corpus Christi itself, we are having two days of celebrations, together with four Masses: Saturday 18th (already taken place) & 25th June (10.30am & 2pm). Please pray for the children and their families on these days.

Thank you to Lorraine Swann and the great team of catechists who have worked online and in person since we have been out of lockdown.

Because of the FHC Masses there will not, as already announced, be any Saturday Confessions except at St Joseph's on Saturday evening before Mass.

Local author!! Father Seán has had published poems he wrote mainly during lockdown.

Title: Night Poetry **Author:** Seán Tobin

Publisher: Austin McCauley **Cost** £6.99;

Available from <https://seantobin.ampbk.com/>

FOCUS (Fellowship Of Catholic University Students), who have been based at Southampton University, working with the Verbum Dei Chaplain and the Priest Catholic Chaplain are returning to the USA.

We say farewell to Shea & Mickel McMahon (with little Augustine), Jacob Grass and Katie Petska. Kaitlin Gilday, who was part of the Team, left us in July last year. We wish them well for the future and support them in prayer. They will not be replaced.

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

Weekly Green Living Suggestions...

There are lots of other little things we can do which collectively add up to bigger things and also give us pause for thought about what we are consuming and throwing away. **Which of these do you already do?** Use a **battery charger** and **rechargeable batteries** and/or recycle other batteries at the supermarket. They should never be thrown in the bin!

Take **small broken electrical items to recycling points?** (E.g. John Lewis has a cupboard near customer services)

Have a **reusable coffee cup?** Many places offer a price reduction if you have your own!

Have a **reusable water bottle?** There are still a LOT of small water bottles bought and sold and thrown away.

Get milk delivered in **reusable milk bottles?** (Milk and More <https://www.milkandmore.co.uk/> or Modern Milkman <https://www.themodernmilkman.co.uk/>)

Fix broken items at a **Repair Café** if you can't do it yourself?

Really consider whether plastic is the best option for anything you buy. **Plastic has its place but single, or short-term use plastic? Not so much.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

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

Saturday 18th June	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen and Stewart Adamson
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 19th June	9:00am SE	Stoy & Jessy Thanksgiving
<i>Corpus Christi</i>	10:00am SJ	Tony McCall RIP
	11.00am SE	Dina de Souza & Ana Rodrigues B'day
		Blessings and Thanksgiving
	7:00pm SE	Katie Hart RIP
Tuesday 21st June	10:00am SE	Pauline Wilson RIP
Wednesday 22nd June	10.30am SE	Eileen Brennan RIP
<i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	7:00pm SE	Thanksgiving to St Lucy
Thursday 23rd June	12.15pm SJ	Louise Cullinane RIP & Family &
<i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>		Christine Mongan RIP & Family
Friday 24th June	7.00pm SE	Priests & Vocations
<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>		
Saturday 25th June	11:00am SE	<i>Mass Cancelled due to FHC</i>
<i>The Immaculate Heart</i>	6:15pm SJ	Neville Dickenson RIP
<i>of Mary</i>	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 26th June	9:00am SE	Alan Cunningham RIP
<i>Thirteenth Sunday in</i>	10:00am SJ	Ricardo Cruz RIP
<i>Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am SE	James & Eleanor Chambers RIP
	7:00pm SE	Imelda and Don Thanksgiving
		& Wellbeing

19th June

Psalm Response:

You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Readings 26th June

First Reading:

1 Kings 19: 16, 19-21

Second Reading:

Galatians 5: 1, 13-18

Gospel:

Luke 9: 51-62

'We are called to be great saints. Don't miss the opportunity'

- Mother Angelica

Confessions:

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

No confessions at St Ed's on the 18th nor 25th (due to FHC)
Sorry for the inconvenience

Second Collections:

Today:
Day for Life
Next Week:
Peter's Pence

12th June

2nd Collection Catholic Home Care

SO: £61.50 Cash: £179.32

TOTAL: £240.82

Thank you

12th June

Parish Collection

SO: £3,578.75

Cash: £1,277.43

TOTAL: £4,856.18

Thank you

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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.



Please scan the QR code with your telephone to be taken straight to our Parish Website!

Thanks to Peter for his suggestion and for creating the code!