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NOVEMBER 19TH 2023 | THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN OT

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website

## ***Come Lord Jesus, Come***

*As we are moving closer and closer to Advent, the liturgy and readings have reminded us of the need to prepare and be ready to receive Jesus into our world and hearts. Last weekend we were cautioned by the parable of the wise and foolish virgins and the necessity of not only keeping awake but nurturing our spiritual lives as we do not know the time or the hour.*

*In this Sunday's gospel Jesus takes us one step further reminding us that good intentions are not enough: it is not only about the preparation of our hearts and lives but in the stewardship of the resources and gifts that He has given to us. And whether this is money, talent, or opportunity, it is meant to bear fruit for the Kingdom, for the glory of God and for the salvation of souls. The landowner put an enormous amount of trust in his servants leaving his property and assigning goods to each one of them while he went away. He doesn't give them instructions, he gives them the free will to use the talents they have been given.*

*There are lessons for each one of us. Two of his servants invest the talents and are able to be fruitful and give back twice the amount. As a parish community and as people of God we have been given so much and God is asking us to invest our time and our opportunities to further His mission here on earth. In our local parish we have spoken for a number of weeks about the cell/small groups that we have and the need for more people and ideas to nurture these small ecclesial communities which can provide so much support and a sense of belonging to all who come through our doors. The servant who hid his talents did so out of fear, fear of retribution. By nurturing individuals and showing that our God is a God of compassion and mercy, we can encourage even the most reticent that they are worthy and loved.*

*In the wider context we are being asked as a parish and deanery to look at our mission plan to become a Christ centred church, a missionary community and to invest in a sustainable legacy for future generations. This needs committed people of prayer and action.*

*The parable also speaks to us from an ecological perspective. God our master has left us with the earth, to care for it as we live off its abundant riches. We have a responsibility to safeguard our created world and preserve its beauty, diversity and integrity as well as fostering its productivity. I would encourage you to support the Green Living Group in its endeavours to promote caring for what belongs to the master.*

*Staying awake, being ready for action and recognising and utilising the riches we have been entrusted with gives us the courage to say, 'Come Lord Jesus, Come.'*

Tina Quinn

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### **A Prayer for Peace**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father,**  
send now your Spirit over the earth.

Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all Nations,  
that they may be preserved from degeneration,  
disasters, and war.

May the Lady of all Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate.

**Amen.**



## Today's Notices

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**No Second Collection** this week

## Next Sunday Notices

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**No Second Collection** this week

## Prayers



*Let us pray for all doctors, nurses and midwives working in maternity wards, that their healing hands would be guided from above during any complications.*

**Lord hear us**

**Please remember especially in your prayers** *Carina, Sr Maria Innocenta, Theresa Kimber, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Michaela, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue, Clare Burden, Paul Hughes, Mike, Carol, David, Oliver, Carla Forte, Donna Cowan, Steph, Francis Ponniah, Jack Oakley* & all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or feeling distressed.

## Sacraments



**Infant Baptisms. If you would like your child baptised please fill in the online application form.** Once filled in, Joy will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation. The preparation runs on a bi-monthly basis and is required by the church



### First Holy Communion Programme 2024

The official registrations will be 9am and 11am Masses in St Edmund's and 10am Masses at St Joseph's only on the **19th and 26th November**.

Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate with you either on your phone or hard copy.

The fee is £35 either cash or bank transfer to the Parish Bank Account. Children must be Year 4 and up, and a parent must attend the workshops with their child and regularly attend Mass. The main email for FHC queries is: [fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org](mailto:fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org)

### Adult Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Confirmations or Receptions RCIA Course

This course is only for those who are over the age of 18. This course is held on Wednesday evenings in St Edmund's Hall after the 7pm Mass during term time.

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>

## General Notices



**Annual Christmas Fayre** We are hosting a Christmas Fayre on the 10th December in St Edmund's Hall after each of the Masses (9am, 10am, 11am & the 7pm).

**Do you have any alcoholic or soft drinks** that you could donate to the drinks tombola? **Do you have gifts, craft supplies, or religious items** that you could donate? **Do you have wonderful baking skills (or purchasing skills!)** & feel like bringing cakes, mince pies or some sweets?

All donations to be brought to the Parish Office on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday mornings (or by appointment). Cake & perishables to be brought on the day before the Mass you are attending or the afternoon before.

**Safeguarding Training** We are hoping to offer in person training on **Tuesday 5th December**

**10am - 12.30pm for Children**

**1pm - 3.30pm for adults**

This is a deanery wide invitation so we are yet to confirm location.

For some ministries in the church this training is mandatory - like CLOW - but for others it is an optional extra - like RCIA. The training is required on a regular basis, so your training is likely to need renewal!

**Child Exploitation Training:** Children's Liturgy Team, FHC catechists, Confirmation catechists... etc

**Vulnerable Adult Training:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who visit the Housebound, RCIA catechists, volunteer drivers... etc

If you are able to join please email Anna on:

[safeguarding@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org](mailto:safeguarding@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org)

or call / text **07956 379 542**

## Adoration

**Adoration currently runs:**

**Mondays** 6pm until 7pm Mass

**Tuesdays** beginning after 10am Mass until 8pm

**Thursdays** 10am until 5pm

**Fridays** 2pm until 7pm Mass.



**We would like to offer Adoration**

**Mondays** afternoon until 6pm

**Fridays** morning until 2pm

### Thinking of joining?

Great news! We need Adorers at all the times currently covered and the times suggested to start. The more people on the rota per hour the better it is when people are away. Our Lord is waiting for us in the Blessed Sacrament, come and sit with Him a while. You can email the office, call us or text on 07956 379 542.

## General Notices

### Parish Youth Group for 10-16 year olds 5th January at 7pm in St Edmund's Hall

We are launching a Youth Group in St Ed's Hall on the 1st & 3rd Fridays in the month. If your child or young person would be interested in joining please register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/YMD3LSTSk>  
**We are looking for donations of board games and craft supplies.** If you can bring these to the Parish Office on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday mornings that would be appreciated. Equally you could donate towards the purchase of supplies - just get in touch.



**Livestreaming Mass Problems.** Unfortunately at St Joseph's we have a problem with the system and a very sharp rise in the monthly bill for the WiFi that we cannot afford. We sadly have to withdraw the streaming of Masses in St Joseph's for the time being.  
**Going forward we plan to stream the 11am Mass in St Edmund's on a Sunday.**

**Christmas Gifts for the Elderly.** As we approach Advent, we'd like to invite you to treat our elderly folk to a gift at Christmas. The carers choose a gift to suit the individual; for some it's an extra treat, however we have some who have very little in their lives for whom the gift needs to be practical so no gift is too small. Baskets will be at the back of both churches after Masses on 18/19 Nov, 25/26 Nov & 2/3 Dec. Rather than a Christmas gift for a client you might consider a Christmas donation to Catholic Home Care or maybe set up a standing order. Donations are always welcome & would help with our running costs. Our bank details: Account name: Catholic Home Care Sort code 30-93-04 Account number 00903338. Phone Xanthe or Marina for information 023 8017 0498.

**A note for our students about a new University Catholic Chaplain!** The University of Southampton Catholic Chaplains remain as Sister Emiliana Silva ([e.silva@soton.ac.uk](mailto:e.silva@soton.ac.uk)) and Father Benjamin Theobald ([btheobald@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:btheobald@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)). We welcome a new Solent University Catholic Chaplain, Sister Devy Pranadjaja who students can contact at [spiritual@solent.ac.uk](mailto:spiritual@solent.ac.uk) or on **07403 784463**

**Appeals and Second Collections.** Recognising that the cost of living is high at the moment and that we are all facing financial pressures, we have decided to implement a new policy limiting the number of extra appeals and collections we have in the Parish to no more than 7 a year. The new second collection calendar is now available. Should you wish for a copy to be posted to you or emailed please contact the Parish Office. Please note that Gift Aid can no longer be claimed on external second collections. This may mean you wish to consider donating direct to those charities instead of through us.

**Parking tickets at St Ed's** are dealt with by Castleford Management only. Their contact is 01202 757 050

**Counters** Are you interested in becoming a counter? We are currently looking for people to volunteer as parish counters. Training will be provided and you will then join a monthly rota. Counting is Monday morning or Tuesday evening in the Parish Office. Banking our weekly collection is dependent on counters & we need new counters urgently. If you are interested, please complete the form using the link or QR code. <https://forms.office.com/e/YB032V8s7>



**I Mark: to be performed in St Edmund's at 7pm on Friday, 24th November £5 per person. Tickets available at the door.** Listening to a gospel in its entirety in one sitting enables us to grasp the whole picture and message. It is certainly beneficial for us to hear it in one sitting before we begin to listen to it little by little.

Rt Rev Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury said: "Sometimes it takes a living voice to make you hear the Bible for the first time - a voice that presents some saying or episode not as a stray fragment but as part of the rhythm and pace of a story that goes on gathering momentum. Mark's gospel has just that kind of momentum, and this performance gives a memorably strong sense of it." Watch an extract: <https://youtu.be/tg5-eW-W-xc> (The Last Supper).

The Eventbrite link to book is:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/i-am-mark-tickets-711430175807?aff=oddtcreator>

### Monday Masses in St Edmund's at 7pm Weekly.

Fr David will be offering Masses on Mondays in St Ed's and taking Wednesday for his day off. Father Michael will keep a Monday as his day off. For their spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing, it is important that priests take appropriate time away from the parish. They are entitled to and expected to take a weekly 'day off'.

**Sunday 9am Choir St Edmund's** : Mary Berridge is looking for people who could take over her role at 9am:

- Planning hymns** for the choir, usually months ahead (using tools like the Parish Mass Book and Laudate).
- Emailing the choir members** with the list of hymns.
- Teaching new hymns**, with the object of encouraging the congregation to sing.
- Choir practice** once a month (usually on the last Wednesday of the month after the 7pm Mass).
- Play the piano** to accompany the choir on Sundays.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to take this on.

We already have one person who is happy to share the tasks and offer cover when needed, it would be lovely to have a few people to tackle the role.

**Gift Aid Declaration Forms** are available at the back of church or can be posted / emailed from the Office if requested. If you are a taxpayer the Parish can claim back a percentage of the tax you have already paid so your donation increases by 25%, at no extra cost to you.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

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

<b>Saturday 18th Nov</b>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Divine help, faith, hope & love
<b>Sunday 19th Nov</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Uche Izuka Birthday Thanksgiving
<i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Joy Holland Birthday Blessings
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Eleanor & James Chambers RIP
<b>Monday 20th Nov</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Our RCIA Candidates
<b>Tuesday 21st Nov</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	For all the intentions of the Holy Blessed Virgin Mary, her intercession, maternal preference, love & desires for us
<b>Wednesday 22nd Nov</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Christopher & Faith Izuka & Family, God's providence & guidance
<i>St Cecilia</i>			Jane Price Recovery
<b>Thursday 23rd Nov</b>	<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	
<b>Friday 24th Nov</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>**Mass cancelled due to the I Am Mark Performance**</b>
<b>Saturday 25th Nov</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Scott Family RIP
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 26th Nov</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Intentions of Fr Paul Nwune
<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Tony McCall RIP
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Krishna Vaz Birthday Blessings
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Thanksgiving to Imelda, Don & Family

### 19th November

#### Psalm Response

O blessed are those  
who fear the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Even if you have to die, says  
the Lord, keep faithful,  
and I will give you the crown  
of life.

*Alleluia!*

### 26th November

#### 1st Reading:

*Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17*

#### Psalm: 22

#### 2nd Reading:

*1 Corinthians 15: 20-26,28*

**Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46**



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Parish, or the  
website link

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Parish!**

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Registered Charity Number 1199568*

**Confessions are heard** half an hour before  
almost all of our weekday and Sunday Masses.

#### St Joseph's

Thursdays at 11:45am,

Saturdays at 5:45pm

Sundays at 9:30am



#### St Edmund's

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 6:30pm

Tuesdays at 9:30am,

Saturdays at 11:30am (after Mass)

Sundays at 8:30am & 10:30am & 6:30pm

## 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 their First Holy Communion.

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 at [safeguarding@](mailto:safeguarding@)

[southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org](mailto:safeguarding@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org)

## Parish Bank Details

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

**Bank Account Name** CDP SOUJE

**Sort Code** 30-93-04

**Number** 00888223