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ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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This Weekend's Notices

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday of the Word of God

Second Collection is for the Cathedral

Next Weekend's Notices

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No Second Collection this week

General Notices

Parish Youth Group for 10-16 year olds 2nd

February at 7pm in St Edmund's Hall. The Youth Group will be in St Ed's Hall on the 1st & 3rd Fridays in the month. Please

register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/YMD3LSTSk9>



CAFOD School Volunteers needed.

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? Supported by CAFOD with training and all resources provided please consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Jo Lewry jlwry@cafod.org.uk or phone **07710 094447**

St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs Parish, Winchester, are recruiting for an Operations Manager. The role is Full time: 37.5 hours per week Mon-Fri, but with flexibility to allow at least one Sunday morning per month (approx. 4 hours) and occasional evenings and weekends. Salary: £40-45k Closing date for applications: Friday 9th February 2024, 12 Noon. Interviews: Fri 1st March.

For a full job description and person specification, plus details of how to apply, please contact:

recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

HCPT Group 170 is the Southampton based branch of a national charity taking sick, disabled, and disadvantaged children on free pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes at Easter. This year we will be taking 7 local children, at a cost of around £1500 each, and 20 adult helpers, many of whom are City Centre parishioners. The helpers pay their own fares (£905), but many are students or on low income, so if you would specifically like to help them with their fares (the children can't travel without them) please speak to the volunteers at the back of the church. We will have a week filled with faith, fun and friendship. HCPT pilgrimages really do change lives. Find out more at www.group170.org.uk

The Word of God

Pope Francis has dedicated the third Sunday of Ordinary Time to the Word of God. As St Jerome famously said, "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ".

What does the scripture mean to us? How should we read it?

The Bible is essential for Christians because it is a selection of books that make up this one book which reveals to us God's love. However, there are a lot of books and some of them can be more difficult to read and understand than others. This doesn't mean we give up.

As of today, I am taking up the challenge of the Bible in a Year Podcast, by Fr Mike Schmitz. This is one way of getting to know the scripture. There are so many other ways. There are daily readings at mass which carry a structure and a theme to them. Perhaps before we come to mass we could read the readings in advance because, to read it oneself and then hear it from another, are different ways of experiencing the written word. We must be people who read the scripture, who listen to it but also be people who live it. Jesus in the gospel today was gathering His new disciples and giving them a new mission. The Bible is a great way that God calls us, each of us, to our own mission.

God bless, Fr David

Would you consider fostering? Foster carers provide safe and loving homes for children who can't live with their birth families at the current time. The children are from a wide variety of backgrounds and all have different reasons for being in care. Sometimes children stay with foster carers for a few days, and some stay for a few years, but the difference a foster carer makes, may last a lifetime. For information on fostering and requirements please see <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/children-families/fostering/>

A key challenge in Southampton at the moment is an extremely high rate of domestic abuse which is creating a huge pressure on children's services and the need to find more foster parents. **The council have asked if we churches could help find more foster carers.**

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.

Baptism Application Form



Prayers

Adoration currently runs in St Edmund's:

Monday 6pm until 7pm Mass

Tuesday beginning after 10am Mass until 7pm

Thursday 10am until 5pm

Friday 2pm until 7pm Mass.

Saturday after the 11am Mass.

We would like to offer Adoration Monday day to 6pm & **Fridays** morning - 2pm. **Thinking of joining?** Great news! Email the office, call us or text **07956 379542**.

For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities.

Lord hear us

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

General Notices

Guided prayer online 22nd - 26th January 2024 - with daily guidance. Please contact verbumdei.iow@gmail.com for info.

Springhill Catholic Primary School are looking for foundation governors. A foundation governor is a practicing 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. 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.

You are warmly invited to come to a CAFOD meeting to find about the difference that your donations make. On Saturday 27th January the meeting is at Corpus Christi Church hall 60 Sturges Road, Wokingham RG40 2HE from 10:30am to 1:30pm or on Saturday 3rd February at St Philip Howard Church hall, Bishopsfield road Fareham PO14 1ND. A simple lunch will be provided at both meetings so please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing Jo on jlewy@cafod.org.uk or phone **07710 094447**

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

SJ is St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street & SE is St Edmund's Church, The Avenue

Saturday 20th Jan	6:15pm	SJ	Colin Carter RIP
Sunday 21st Jan	9:00am	SE	Father Vincent Harvey Healthy Retirement
<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am	SJ	People of the Parish
	11:00am	SE	Simon Parry RIP & Dominic Parry RIP
	7:00pm	SE	M & T God's Blessing and Thanksgiving Wedding anniversary Carers of Mary O'Reilly
Monday 22nd Jan	7:00pm	SE	
Tuesday 23rd Jan	10:00am	SE	Father Vincent, Hilary & Michael Parker, the Coffee Group & Families
<i>Feria</i>			
Wednesday 24th Jan	7:00pm	SE	Miss Soledad Ejapa Pupu Thanksgiving
Thursday 25th Jan	12:15pm	SJ	Philip Conway RIP
Friday 26th Jan	7:00pm	SE	Priests and Vocations
Saturday 27th Jan	11:00am	SE	Jane Tootle Health & Wellbeing
<i>St Angela Merici</i>	6:15pm	SJ	Repose of the soul of Danielle Taylor-Edney
Sunday 28th Jan	9:00am	SE	Joaquin Rodrigues 3rd Anniversary
<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am	SJ	Ros Peters Birthday Blessings
	11:00am	SE	People of the Parish
	7:00pm	SE	Michaela Waterfield RIP

Today's Readings

First: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Second: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Confessions

St Joseph's

Thurs at 11:45am,

Sat at 5:45pm,

Sun at 9:30am

St Edmund's

Mon, Wed & Fri at

6:30pm,

Tues at 9:30am,

Sat at 11:30am

Sun at 8:30am &

10:30am & 6:30pm

Parish Bank

Details

Bank Account Name

CDP SOUJE

Sort Code 30-93-04

Number 00888223

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