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MAY 21ST 2023 | 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



Thoughts on giving Glory to God

We use the term glory often in the liturgy. I am not certain I give it sufficient thought, both in what the word itself means and what it truly means to give glory to God, yet glory or one of its participles appears no less than six times in our Gospel this Sunday. In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus and the disciples were still at the Last Supper and we remain there this week, so that next week we have Pentecost and the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

The hour of Jesus's glorification is the hour when He is lifted up from the earth on the arms of a Roman cross to be with the Father. His death, His going down among the dead, the resurrection and the seating at God's right hand, all this is what is entailed in that request, "Father, glorify Your Son." And why does He ask for this glory? Well, it's certainly not so that He can keep it to Himself and bask in His own glory as would some minor celebrities, no it is so that He may give glory to the Father, His Father, our Father.

And so back to my original question, what does it mean to give glory to God? Well, Jesus achieves this by accomplishing the work given Him by the Father. By His own lifting up to heaven on the wood of the cross and His breathing forth of the Holy Spirit, the Son gives life to all those the Father has given Him. Us! Jesus accomplishes the work His Father gave Him to do. We are mindful that Jesus cries out when on the cross, "It is accomplished."

It is us, we ourselves, those who gather every week to celebrate the sacrament of the Mass, - and we must not forget, those countless millions who do not gather for Mass but are nonetheless saved by the Christ - that Jesus is offering. In some way, however we can, we must seek to offer ourselves through carrying out the work of the Christ.

A final thought, on 13 June in St Edmund's Hall, we offer again Alpha running until the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We could carry out the work of the Christ by joining Alpha ourselves and bringing along a friend, so that the work of sharing the Good News of Jesus and the love that He brings might be spread amongst our community.

Dcn Andy

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. In today's Gospel, Jesus, praying to the Father, says "they [meaning us] belong to You". Does that knowledge comfort you? Does it frighten you? What does it say to you?
2. The Acts of the Apostles (1st reading) says "All these joined in continuous prayer....." How important is prayer to you? When do you pray? How do you pray? Why do you pray?
3. St Peter in the 2nd reading says we should be glad if we "have some share in the sufferings of Christ..." Do you 'share' Christ's sufferings? How? When? Are you glad you do?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Retiring Collection is for the National Catholic Communications Network

Confirmation Candidates gather in Ashurst for a final day, including Mass

Thank you to Fr Jufel Baldado (St Boniface Parish) who is presiding at 9 & 11am Masses today in Fr Johnpromise's absence

Please continue to sanitise hands on entry to the churches

Next Sunday Notices

Pentecost Sunday

There is no retiring collection this weekend

This Week...

- Tue** Requiem for Iain Rylands
Alpha Team meet on Zoom
Meditation Group at @ 6pm in St Michael's
- Wed** Requiem for Margaret Murray
Evening Prayer online @ 6pm
- Thu** RR meeting via Zoom @ 5pm
EST meeting
- Sat** Litter picking
- Sun** Pentecost
Evening Prayer online 6pm

For Info...

- Mon** Day off: VH
JP holiday 17th-25th May
- Thu** Hate Crime Meeting: VH
- Fri** Clergy Support Group: VH

Sacraments & Prayers

Pray for Iain Rylands (Head of RE at Springhill) who died unexpectedly during the Easter holidays. May he rest in peace. His Requiem Mass will be in St Edmund's on Tuesday, 23rd May, at 1:30pm. Pray also for Margaret, his mother, Kevin, his brother & the Springhill Community.

Pray also for Margaret 'Peggy' Murray who has died in Countess Mountbatten Hospice in West End. May she rest in peace. Margaret's Requiem will be on Wednesday, 24th May at 10.30am in St Edmund's.

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

Baptism Application Form



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 pray for all those in our parish who are to be Baptised this month: *Hanna, Julia, Levana, Sukhman and Ivana-Mara.* We remember them in our prayers as they enter the Faith, and also remember their families and godparents.

A Few Words...

This weekend the **'Koro Filipino of Southampton'** (7pm monthly choir) celebrate the 17th anniversary of their foundation. Congratulations to Nalla, George and all the Choir on this milestone. Thank you for singing for and with us!

As already mentioned in June we are beginning a new series of **'Alpha'** on a Tuesday evening in St Edmund Hall. Alpha presents our Christian Faith in an easy and interactive way. Soon we will be producing flyers and advertising. **Do think who you could encourage to come along!** Remember one of our tasks, as people of faith, is to 'evangelise' by at least **inviting others** to consider Catholic Christianity.

The **Organ** in St Edmund's needs to be replaced as it is beyond affordable repair. Bryn and Keith are keeping it chugging along. But the time is coming when it will no longer be usable, and a conservative estimate is that it would **cost £250,000** to repair (possibly thousands more). So we are looking at an alternative solution using a **'digital' organ, costing in the region of £30-£40,000!** We will need to fund raise so watch this space!

Tickets for the 'International Day' on Sunday 4th June, consisting of **Brazilian afternoon with food and music,** are available online.....purchase now! At 7pm we will celebrate our International Mass with food provided by all our communities.. **Put it in your diary! Watch this space!**

Finally we are looking at creating a **'Gardening Team' at St Edmund** to keep the grounds and surrounds neat, tidy and clean. If you could give a couple of hours a month do sign up on the clipboard in the porch.

Thanks..... Vincent H

St Joseph's and St Edmund's Parish, Part time Assistant Parish Administrator

Flexible, 15 hours per week Salary of £12ph

A role has arisen for an Assistant Parish Administrator to support life in a busy parish office, helping with secretarial services for the clergy, supporting day-to-day administration of the parish, sacrament registrations, phone and email correspondence.

We're looking for someone with office experience, confident in use of MS Office 365, self-motivated, diplomatic, approachable, with good timekeeping and telephone manner.

Closing date for applications: **Wednesday 29th May 2023**
Interviews: **Friday 2nd June 2023**

For more information and an application, either email the office, use the link below or the QR code.
<https://forms.office.com/e/VwQifW9Vie>

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

SOUJE Assistant Parish Administrator



What's going on?

Vacancies at Springhill - Teacher positions available, see school website for details
www.springhillcatholic.co.uk

Koro Filipino are celebrating 17 years singing with us and in the City. Come for a social in St Ed's Hall from 3pm today (Sunday 21st May) & for 7pm Mass afterwards

Donations to Springhill Summer fete & festival
Springhill Primary is holding a Summer fete & festival on June 10th from 12-3pm and we would love the help and support of our parishes, please! We are in need of donations to our (bottle) tombola and grand raffle and would welcome donations of:

Tombola: Bottles/tins of alcohol ☺; Jars of preserves/pickles, etc; Bath sets/bottles of bubble bath/shampoo, etc; Perfume/aftershave; Bottles/tins of soft drinks

Raffle prizes: such as vouchers/tickets/signed memorabilia/brand new toys/games/electricals, etc. **Donations** can be made at St Jo's (10am Mass) & St Ed's (9am Mass) on **Sunday May 28th** and **Sunday June 4th**. Thank you in advance to our Parish family and hope to see you at the fete!

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 to them on your behalf.

Caritas Portsmouth supports parishes and schools to become the 'church beyond walls' to help meet the needs in our local communities. Our volunteer team help make this happen, by running and supporting specific projects, promoting our work within the community and fundraising so we can get new projects off the ground. We would be delighted if you would join us. Visit website for details (<https://caritas.org.uk/act/>) or email Jenny at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

St Vincent de Paul St Boniface Conference. We are a local conference of lay volunteers, who come together in a spiritual fraternity, using our talents and time to offer and provide practical help to those in need. Following referrals, we respond to those living locally who need help. Whatever their need, with the guidance and support of the Holy Spirit, we aim to provide a practical response. If you are so moved, why not join us. We are a small but growing group. Your time and talents, however small or large, will be very welcome; OR you might like to make a donation to support our work; OR, you might know of someone who is in need, so you could make a referral to us. To get in touch please contact us through the St Boniface parish website SVP page, or by email using svp@st-boniface.org.uk



INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION SUNDAY
4th of June

Come with family and friends to celebrate whatever your nationality is

Festa Junina
(Brazilian Festival)
1pm – 5pm
Polish Club
507 Portswood Rd, SO17 2TH

Music by DJ Alex Silva,
Dance (Quadrilha)
and lots of fun
(Feel free to wear your
traditional costume)

Brazilian Food & drinks for sale

International Mass
7pm
St Edmund's Church
The Avenue
Celebrated in multiple languages

Join us after mass for a gathering at the Hall.
Bring some food from your country to share.

All are warmly welcome!

Organised by:
St Joseph's & St Edmund's
City Centre Catholic Parish

Tickets (Festa Junina)
£2 per person
Children under 12 free!
Tickets at the door
subject to availability

Book
SCAN ME
Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/festa-junina-tickets-630251628587>

International Mass at 7pm Sunday 4th June - Come and join us in St Edmund's for a Mass celebrated in multiple languages. There will be a gathering in the hall after Mass so please bring food from your home countries to share with family and friends afterwards to celebrate your nationality. Feel free to wear your traditional costume!

Engaged and Married Couples Retreat - 9th - 11th June - aimed at nurturing the communion in the couple, by strengthening the marital bond, with their relationship with God and dialogue with each other. Venue: Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, on the Isle of Wight. For more information, please, contact: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com

The Catholic Association to Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 August 18th-25th. If you are interested in joining either as an assisted pilgrim, able-bodied pilgrim, volunteer or a health care professional there are details on their website: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk> If you have any questions you can talk to Tina or Fr Vincent.

Paul Hughes is looking for a lift to Lymington as he has to attend physio there every two or three weeks. Public transport to Lymington is extremely difficult with his disability and expensive. If you think you could offer him the occasional lift can you please contact on ph3n19@soton.ac.uk There are a few interested, so if we could encourage a few more it would share the load.

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

Green Living
Thanks very much to everyone who has been bringing in their stamps. We have sent off a large amount of used stamps to the Alzheimer's Society who are very grateful to us. Please keep bringing them in when you have them.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 21ST MAY

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

Saturday 20th May <i>St Bernardine of Siena</i>	6:15pm SJ	George Munday RIP
Sunday 21st May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	9:00am SE 10:00am SJ 11:00am SE 7:00pm SE	Pat Jennings RIP Sarah Kennedy-Donnelly RIP People of the Parish For the Needs of the Church and the Whole World
Tuesday 23rd May <i>of the 7th Week of Easter</i>	10:00am SE	For the Word of God to Settle, Rule & Prevail in all Nations of the Earth
Wednesday 24th May	7:00pm SE	Mary O'Reilly's Intentions
Thursday 25th May	12:15pm SJ	For the Guardian Angels
Friday 26th May	7:00pm SE	Priests & Vocations
Saturday 27th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	11:00am SE 6:15pm SJ	David Buxton RIP Olivia Holland Special Intentions
Sunday 28th May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	9:00am SE 10:00am SJ 11:00am SE 7:00pm SE	Theresa Kenny RIP Santosh Sequerra RIP, 3rd Ann Martin Ryan RIP People of the Parish

21st May Psalm Response

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

28th May

1st Reading:

Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm: 103

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

Gospel: *John 20: 19-23*

Parish Bank Details

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

Bank Account Name:

CDP SOUJE

Number 00888223

Sort Code 30-93-04

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Diocesan Website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Gardening Group in St Edmund's

With such high costs at the moment we are looking to cut down expenses where we can & one such expense is gardeners. St Edmund's has a small plot of grass and flowers to the left of the church, some flowers growing the other side of the church and then in front of the Presbytery & student house front doors. (And of course weeds growing out of the stone steps!!)

Perhaps you are a keen gardener with time to spare, maybe you have recently moved and now do not have a garden to tend to - or perhaps you're just keen to help... Could you join a team of volunteers gardening to save the Parish money? Contact Anna in the Office!

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!