

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



CHRIST THE KING



Our Sunday readings, last week and this, call us to focus on the end times: Last Sunday we were warned of times of distress, destruction and uncertainty; This weekend there is hope and possibilities of restoration because a King is coming!

At this time more than any others we need to pray the opening Collect from the bottom of our hearts: *'Almighty God... whose will is to restore all things in Your Beloved Son, the King of the Universe, grant we pray that the whole creation may be set free from slavery...'*

We are enslaved in our own destruction and selfishness, and COP26 has reminded us how our misuse of the world's resources and our lack of cooperation with one another will continue to lead us down that path. We are all living in the present and our lives are dominated by the here and now and the lure of consumerism. The second part of the collect reminds us of what our response should be: *'To render service to the Christ who is our King and to ceaselessly proclaim His praise'*

Christ (in our gospel reading) was questioned by Pilate as He faced the end of His earthly life: *'So you are a king then?'* Jesus replies without question: *'Yes I am a king. I was born for this.'*

This phrase has resonated with me all week. What is our response to that question and phrase; What is it that each one of us were born for? Can we reply with certainty and confidence?

Jesus continues: *'I came into the world for this; to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'*

During the Open Door retreat course which finished last week and which a number of our diocese followed based on the Ignatian Exercises, one of the movements is entitled "The Call of the King".

Jesus' call goes out to all people: His will is to win over the whole world, to conquer hatred, sin and death. And His call is for us is to join Him in this mission, to labour with Him so that in following His suffering we may also follow Him in glory.

But this glory is not to be found in this present world and this present life: In the second reading from the Apocalypse the writer reminds us that Jesus calls Himself the first and the last: the firstborn who was with God in creation and one who will come on the clouds of heaven at the end time.

The truth that Jesus refers to is the truth of an everlasting kingship, not one which is associated with an earthly dynasty or a one-time great leader. His Kingdom is in the past in His life and work in Nazareth, in the present in His Church and in the future in its completion in the age to come.

Jesus Christ is King! You and I have been called to witness to the one who will free the world to live in His peace, glory in His justice and to live in His love.

Tina Quinn

Questions to ponder for the Week...

1. What does "to bear witness to the truth" mean (Gospel)? Does it mean defending our ideas? What is one small or large way you can be prophetic or testify to the truth?"Keeping the truth does not mean defending ideas, becoming guardians of a system of doctrines and dogmas but remaining bound to Christ and being devoted to His Gospel. ... To keep the truth means to be a prophet in every situation in life, ... offering our lives for others. (Pope Francis to Myanmar Catholics America Magazine. May 16, 2021)

2. Reflecting on the 1st reading (Daniel): What things hold power over you in your life? Are they good things or would you like to see them lose some of their hold?

Vincent Harvey (Adapted from Anne Osdieck)

Today's Notices

Catholic Home Care Appeal at all Masses.

Confirmation of Emily at the 11am Mass.

If you have a Pyx at home, perhaps from previously being an **Extraordinary Minister**, may we ask you to consider donating it to the Parish for our new EMsHC to use while ministering to the sick and housebound.

First Holy Communion Registration at 9am, 10am and 11am Masses (see elsewhere). Next week is the last.

Sisters from St Elisabeth Convent in Belarus selling religious items at the 9am, 11am and 7pm on Sunday.

Please continue to sanitise hands on entry to the churches and we strongly recommend **wearing face masks** (unless not possible for health reasons).

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

Interfaith Week when we pray for other Religions
Masses are being streamed as usual on our YouTube.

A Few Words...

It's great to see more and more people coming to Mass and engaging with their presence! Still good, of course, to welcome those online be they in the Parish or beyond. All are welcome!

I am having 5 days away this week as I haven't really used up my holiday quota (I never do!..... but age is catching up!). I will be with family and friends just 'being' (I hope).

*Please note the timings of Masses over Christmas elsewhere in the newsletter. Also the introduction of a **Crib Service** (volunteers required: contact the Parish Office or me or Fiona): this will be for the families only as we cannot risk an overfull church!! This will not be a Mass.*

***Vodcasts are back!!** I hope you were able to listen to my few words last weekend. If you didn't you still can!!! And then next week Father Johnpromise enters the Vodcast world with a 'blast'! Well I think he will!*

***We are still looking** for people to be involved with 'welcoming' at Mass and also 'Mass coordinators' (to set up the altar for Mass); collectors; Children's Liturgy of the Word (during the 9am Mass) and refreshments after the 9am and 10am (the latter has already recommenced). We hope also to reintroduce the Offertory Collection (but we will monitor it in terms of 'safety')*

*Have a good weekend and **thank you for reading this.....** Vincent H*

This Week...

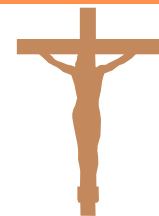
Tues Meditation Group at 6pm St Michael's
Alpha at 7pm Zoom

Wed Evening Prayer at 6pm
Journey in Faith after 7pm Mass

For Info:

Mon Day off: JP

Mon-Fri VH away



Sacraments



First Holy Communion 2022 During November we will be inviting registration for First Holy Communion preparation. Children must be 8-9 years old (e.g.: Year 4 at school) or above. They should be parishioners who come to Mass at St Joseph's or St Edmund's

Registration will take place after the 9am, 10am and 11am on Sundays: today or 28th November. You must register in person.

If you have already approached the Parish Office you must still come to one of these registration mornings. *Please note that there is a thirty-five pound fee for this course so please bring correct change when you come.*

Confirmation Candidates shall receive their Certificates at each of the Masses this weekend.

We pray especially for Emily who makes her Confirmation today at the 11am Mass.



Baptism of Sophie Goodier on Sunday. We wish her well on her journey and welcome her with open arms!

Prayer Corner



Pope's prayer intention for November: For those who suffer from depression: "Overwork and work-related stress cause many people to experience extreme exhaustion – mental, emotional, affective, and physical exhaustion".

"We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us"

PLEASE PRAY FOR Margaret Hicks, Marissa Tellegen, Margaret ('Molly') Jarvis and *all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.*

Funerals Please pray for **Joe Lee who died earlier in the week.** Joe had been ill for some time. Remember also in your prayers, Maureen his wife, and the family. Joe & Maureen will be well known by the 6.15pm congregation. We are awaiting confirmation of when the Requiem Mass will be. May Joe rest in peace.



What's going on?

St Elisabeth Convent, Belarus, shall have a stall at St Edmund's 11am Saturday 20th November. They shall also be at the 9am, 11am and 7pm on Sunday. Please come prepared to support their vital work if you are able. "Owing to your past generosity, kindness and support we have been able to advance our ministry and help many more people in need".

Defibrillator outside St Edmund's CATHSOC Students & the Catenians are raising money for this important project. Please pass on any donations to the Parish Office or in a clearly marked envelope so the funds get to the students.

Breakthrough workshop The Marriage and Family Life team would like to invite you to the next Breakthrough Workshop on Saturday 27th November 2021 at the Church of the Holy Family, Southampton. To register or for further enquiries on group discounts please contact Aba Shields at marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Christmas Matters - Fanning The Flame Day - 4th

December: A day for young people to discover why the Incarnation matters, how it must affect our daily lives, from how we treat ourselves and others to our understanding of the dead and belief in the Resurrection. Led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, it's an opportunity for young people to come together and grow in faith and fellowship, and have some fun too! Ages: 10-21. Location: Holy Family, Southampton. Time: 9.45am - 6:00pm Cost: £10 - please bring your own lunch. For more information and to book a place: www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/christmas-matters

CAFOD World gifts As we rejoice in once again celebrating Christmas with our loved ones, let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or pick up a catalogue from the back of church.

Dudley Plunkett (a parishioner) has just published **Strangers and Nomads: Catholic Martyrs of England and Wales** (Gracewing, 2021). This follows his spiritual biography of St Philip Howard, The Noble Martyr (also published by Gracewing, 2019), and profiles the 43 canonised martyrs of the penal times against a background of the political and legal persecution that threatened the survival of the Catholic faith. Both books are available from the publishers or in bookshops and on Amazon (each priced £9.99).

Mary's Meals Double the Love From November to January, every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. This means a gift of just £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, a life-changing daily school meal for a whole school year! Your kindness brings joy to more than two million children around the world who we serve - including those affected by natural disasters, conflict and the ongoing Covid pandemic. For more information, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

CHRISTMAS 2021

This Christmas we are planning the following Masses:

Christmas Eve/Day:

St Joseph's 8pm Christmas Eve
10am Christmas Day

St Edmund's 10.30pm Christmas Eve
9am & 11am Christmas Day

Boxing Day (Sunday 26th): Feast of the Holy Family

St Edmund's 9 & 11am and 7pm

St Joseph's 10am

Children's Christmas Crib Service: Christmas Eve (Friday 24th) at 4pm in St Edmund's Church; a Service by and for children (not a Mass).....[this is providing we manage to get volunteers to plan and run the celebration].

Decoration of St Joseph's & St Edmund's: we would like children/families/individuals to create tree and other decorations from natural products (to reduce our reliance on plastic and the like). Things like: Fir cones/sprayed gold or silver/with a ribbon to tie onto the tree in the churches. And any other ideas!!

Christmas Stars available during Advent for £1 for Catholic Home Care: put your loved one's name on the tree.

Walk with me Advent reading for adults available in the porch of each church for £1. **Advent Children's Calendars** are available also with a thought or an action for every day 50p

The 'Big Clean' St Jo's & St Ed's sparkle each year due to the brilliant work of the Cleaning teams. We are very grateful to all who step in around Christmas to assist with preparing the churches. Looking for volunteers for each church to help this year, so do get in touch if you can or look out for a list appearing at the back of church to put your name down.

Jingling Bells Sunday 12 December 2021 at 1500h

collecting cards for NHS - I apologise for an earlier misleading post. This year, Jingling Bells is as shown, Sunday 12 December, followed by tea in the hall. Postboxes in churches. Everyone welcome. Please bring your family and friends plus a plate to share. Jenepher

Home Care Christmas Gifts Baskets will be available in the porches weekends of 28 November and 5 & 12 December. These gifts make a big difference - thank you! Please consider picking up a small gift or two for us to pass on to our elderly clients. If you are unable to shop, or attend Mass, you may like to donate a monetary gift for us to buy on your behalf?

Stella Maris Christmas Gifts Please consider providing sailors with small gifts for Christmas which will have a substantial positive impact on them. Rucksacks have been placed in the back of each church for you to fill with gifts in for the sailors for Stella Maris to collect and distribute for Christmas. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 21ST NOV*(CHURCH KEY TO CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC MASSES BELOW: SJ = ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BUGLE STREET, SO14 2AH AND SE = ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, THE AVENUE, SO17 1XJ)*

Saturday 20th Nov	6:15pm	SJ	Jadwiga Rybka RIP 1st Anniversary
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	7:00pm	SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 21st Nov	9:00am	SE	Anthony Axton RIP
	10:00am	SJ	Princey Ponniah Beck RIP (Birthday Anniversary)
<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	11:00am	SE	Phil and Ethel Conway RIP
	7:00pm	SE	Helena Rojkova -Healings & blessings
Tuesday 23rd Nov	10:00am	SE	Rita Christie RIP (Birthday Anniversary)
<i>St Clement</i>			Mark Jenkins RIP
Wednesday 24th Nov	7.00pm	SE	
<i>St Andrew Dung-Lac & companions</i>			
Thursday 25th Nov	12:15pm	SJ	Liz O'Connell RIP
<i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>			
Friday 26th Nov	7:00pm	SE	Priests and Vocations
<i>Feria</i>			
Saturday 27th Nov	11:00am	SE	Helen O'Mahony RIP
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	6:15pm	SJ	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00pm	SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 28th Nov	9:00am	SE	Joaquim Rodrigues RIP
First Sunday of Advent	10:00am	SJ	Charles Joyce RIP
	11:00am	SE	Liam O'Reilly
	7:00pm	SE	Imelda & Don Weingart God's blessings and thanksgiving

Prayer of the Church
Week 2

21st Nov Christ the King
Psalm Response:
 The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.
Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Readings 28th Nov**First Reading:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel:*Luke 21:25-28; 34-36***7th November Weekly Collection**

Standing Orders: £1,700

*All cash donations were for Bamenda**Sunday last week = £911.16***Total Parish Collection: £1,700****Second Collections:**This week: **Church Maintenance Fund**Next week: **Catholic Home Care****CONTACT DETAILS:**

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O God,

Who didst distinguish Thy holy virgin and martyr Catherine by the gift of great wisdom and virtue, and a victorious combat with the enemies of the Faith; grant us, we beseech Thee, through her intercession, constancy in the Faith and the wisdom of the saints, that we may devote all the powers of our mind and heart to Thy service. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Parish shall be launching a New Website
 next week....

She pledges perhaps optimistically!
 For now the link will not allow you access to the site, but it will be available soon.

I provide it below for you to make note of:
southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

Confessions at 11am St Edmund's