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OCTOBER 22ND 2023 | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



The Journey continues.....

Time to move on!! Before doing so, I wish to express my thanks to you!

Thank you for welcoming me into City Centre Catholic Parish, following on from Canon John O'Shea 13 years ago. I was fortunate to follow John as Parish Priest and inherit what he, and before him, Canon Nick, had initiated and developed here in Southampton. My style was/is quite different to both John and Nick, yet you accepted me with open arms.

As well as a lively parish, I also inherited around £400,000 debt! But due to the diligence of the Parish Finance Committee and the generosity of parishioners that debt was paid off. Sadly, though, I must leave another growing debt for Canon Michael. As he said the other day when we spoke, that's parish life! The loans are for essential works in Bugle Street flats; hopefully the rents that will come in will meet the debt in a few years. We also need to redecorate and renew the lighting in both St Joseph's & St Edmund's, but a substantial amount of that (£40k) will come out of the 'Closer to Christ' campaign that we recently undertook. Then there is St Edmund's organ! Those practical issues, and others will, eventually, be sorted, though I wish I could have done so before handing over to Canon Michael.

As I thank the Finance Committee, I also thank the groups that make the Parish a parish; the groups that support others, those that help deepen our faith, those that welcome all comers, and those that challenge and reach out beyond the Parish. Groups like the Evangelisation Strategy Team (EST), the Senior Leadership Team (SLT); Catholic Home Care; the list is long: Diversity Group, Bethany Group, Liturgy Team, and various coordinators. The Parish Office and Clergy Team, the numerous cell groups, Children's Liturgy, Altar Servers, Musicians and Singers, Cleaners, Welcomers, Ecumenical and Interfaith groups; the various prayer groups, the Poetry Group..... The list is endless, and I know I will have missed some (sorry). Thank you, thank you!

Thank you for your faith in action! A faith that never stands still but is always challenging, comforting, and drawing us deeper into the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus. Continue growing..... and I will also into and through retirement!

Pray for me and I will, without hesitation, pray for you.

Thank you and God bless.....Vincent H

Today's Notices

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday Notices

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week...

Tue Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's

Wed Evening Prayer @6pm ... to join email Dcn Andy
Journey in Faith in St Ed's Hall at 7.30pm

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

For Info...

Mon Day off: VH/DB / More moving: VH

Tues Final move: VH (I hope!)

Wed Canon Michael arrives

Sacraments

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



First Holy Communion Programme 2024

The official registrations will be 9am and 11am masses in St Edmund's and 10am at St Joseph's 5th, 19th and 26th November.

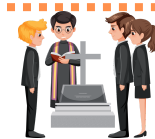
Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate with you either on your phone or hard copy.

The fee is £35 either cash or bank transfer to the Parish Bank Account

A parent must attend the workshops with their child and regularly attend mass

The main email for FHC queries is:

fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

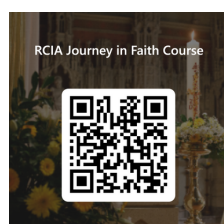


"Whoever hears My word and believes has passed from death to life."

John 5:24-29

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Matthew Rickard who died recently. May he rest in peace. We pray for his parents, John & Mary; also his siblings, John, Georgina & Elizabeth. His Requiem will be on Friday, 3rd November in St Edmund's at 10.45am.

Anyone over the age of 18 who wishes to be baptised, receive Holy Communion, or be confirmed will need to join our RCIA or Journey in Faith course. This course has started Wednesday evenings in St Edmund's Hall after the 7pm Mass.



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>

A Few Words...

Well it's here: my final weekend..... gulp!

I leave on Tuesday to temporary accommodation in Fareham; at present I am not certain when the bungalow I am moving to in Porchester will be ready! It could be a few months. My final address will be 23 Sissinghurst Road, Fareham, Hampshire

PO16 9YA, so if you wish to write that would be the best place; my email remains the same and is probably the better way to contact me; my phone: 07990 240 192.

Many of my books went last weekend and I have put more theological, scriptural, philosophical, spiritual and other books in St Edmund's foyer. Please take what you wish and put a donation into the maintenance box (we are going to need it!!!!!!!)

'I Mark', a recitation of the Gospel of Mark by Stefan Smart, will take place in St Edmund's at 7pm on Friday 24th November.....make a note in your diary (Stefan recently performed this at the Edinburgh Fringe!). As this will be the Gospel we will be hearing every Sunday for 2023-24. I do encourage you to put it in your diary and book when Eventbrite is open. See elsewhere.

The recent weekly Sunday Mass counts at St Joseph's & St Edmund's are encouraging varying from 931 to 1067: great to see!

*Do keep in touch with what is happening at the **Synod in Rome** as it will, I am sure, move the Church into a different place as did the Second Vatican Council. Here is a useful link:*

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/category/synodal-journey/>

Have a good and satisfying week.... Thanks Vincent H

Questions to ponder: 1. Are the Pharisees in today's Gospel reading more interested in taxes or in undermining Jesus' influence? Do God's and Caesar's worlds have to be separated? "Can we divorce spiritual obligation from political policies ... or social issues?" (Joan Chittister "The Time Is Now", p. 57)

2. Cyrus was a Gentile, yet he permitted the Israelites to return from captivity in Babylon to their homeland. Which people in the last 150 years have broken down the walls of prejudice and freed oppressed peoples? Were they all Christian? Do you think God chose them? Has God ever chosen you?

3. St. Paul says, "the Good News.....came to you not only in words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit." What is more important? Thinking about the word or acting on it? Where does the power to act come from?

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

What's going on?

Parish 9-16 Youth Group beginning January!

We have a group of volunteers who are planning to launch a Youth Group in St Edmund's Hall on the 1st & 3rd Fridays in the month. Keep an eye on the newsletter for any group events planned before Christmas. If your child or young person would be interested in joining please register here:

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



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 King in Castleford Management who can assist here.

I Mark: to be performed in St Edmund's at 7pm on Friday, 24th November (£5 per person: any 'profit' will go towards the Organ Fund). 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>

The Insight Course The course is designed for those who wish to:

- explore and increase their knowledge of our Faith;
- develop their own spirituality & relationship with God;
- deepen their prayer life;
- learn skills for spreading the good news to others (evangelisation).

There are no prerequisites for those attending the course and all are welcome. Our invitation is to those who would be interested and who would be able to make a commitment to attend most meetings. We will take generous breaks around Christmas, Easter and over the summer period.

The course will be given every fortnight on Thursday evening starting at **7:30pm starting on Thursday 28 October**. The sessions will last for 1 hour 30 minutes. A draft timetable is available on request. The course will only be given in face-to-face mode, and normally in the Sister's house at 33 Elmsleigh Gardens Southampton, SO16 3GF (just off Glen Eyre Road).

Registration by email to sisteryadira@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Finding God in the non-Christian world. An Interreligious Dialogue Conference at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, Saturday 4th November: 10am to 3.30pm. Register at: <https://shorturl.at/mvFOY>

Across to Lourdes by Jumbulance. We are planning a local (South Hampshire) group pilgrimage to Lourdes next summer: 13th-22nd June. We will travel in our specially adapted coach which is fully kitted out to meet the needs of all pilgrims, especially those who have additional needs. www.across.org To donate or register an interest please contact Ruth Cunio ruth@across.org.uk

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. Previous years have been so successful with unwrapped gifts to suit an elderly person. 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. Phone for information 023080 170 498. Our bank details: Lloyds Bank Sort code 30 93 04 Account number 00903338.

Sunday 9am Choir St Edmund's : Mary Berridge is looking for someone (a few 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.

A Commemoration Service for those who have been homeless and have died since 2020: St Mary's Church, St Mary Street, at 11am on Wednesday, 1st November.

Springhill School have part time vacancies for a caretaker, a cleaner, and midday supervisors. Full details of these jobs can be found on the school website - <https://www.springhillcatholic.co.uk/>

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 while your donation to the parish increases by 25%, this is at no extra cost to you. If you are a gift aider we can claim on donations on anything eligible as long as we can identify it is yours. **No gift aid can be claimed on cash**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER

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

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| Saturday 21st Oct | 6:15pm SJ | Malgosia Wellbeing |
| Sunday 22nd Oct | 9:00am SE | Reynaldo Cruz RIP |
| <i>Twenty-ninth Sunday</i> | 10:00am SJ | Mr Shing Philip So RIP |
| <i>in Ordinary Time</i> | 11:00am SE | People of the Parish |
| | 7:00pm SE | Father Vincent's Intentions |
| Tuesday 24th Oct | 10:00am SE | Jose Tew RIP |
| <i>Feria</i> | | |
| Wednesday 25th Oct | 7:00pm SE | Praying for the Holy Souls |
| Thursday 26th Oct | 12:15pm SJ | Patricia Freitas 1st Death |
| <i>Feria</i> | | Anniversary |
| Friday 27th Oct | 7:00pm SE | Priests & Vocations |
| Saturday 28th Oct | 11:00am SE | Jude & Jennifer Izuka and family. |
| <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> | | God's prayers & guidance |
| | 6:15pm SJ | Sean, Kathleen & Stewart |
| | | Adamson RIP |
| Sunday 29th Oct | 9:00am SE | Eugene & Kitty Cummins & |
| <i>Thirtieth Sunday</i> | | Sonnie Pat Cummings RIP |
| <i>in Ordinary Time</i> | 10:00am SJ | People of the Parish |
| | 11:00am SE | Phos Aletheia Thanksgiving |
| | 7:00pm SE | Concetta Longo RIP |

22nd October

Psalm Response

Give the Lord glory and power.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it to the word of life.

29th October

1st Reading:

Exodus 22: 20-26

Psalm: 17

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

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

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KEY RETURNS

We are hosting a "key amnesty" where anyone in the parish with keys they no longer need is politely invited to return them. If you have keys to parish property you must return these to the Parish Office as soon as possible. If you attach your name to the keys and specify why you need them going forward then they will be added to the list to consider, but otherwise you need not put your name with them. You save the Parish money returning keys you do not need. You can put the keys in the collection bags at Mass, send them to the Parish Office or give them to the welcomers/clergy at Mass to make their way back to the Office (if not obvious, please identify their usage!). If you have keys you use so often you cannot part with them please email the Parish Office which keys you have, or contact us to let us know.

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!