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APRIL 23RD 2023 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



Seeing when not seeing

When we read the Emmaus story what may well strike us as utterly amazing is not that the two disciples finally recognise Jesus, but that they fail to do so in the first place. We have the advantage in knowing the end of the story and so wonder how the two disciples could fail to recognise such an obvious conclusion. Yet how often in our lives do we fail to recognise the presence of Christ? More often than not we may wander through life focused on our own concerns, unable to see what should be perfectly obvious.

The scriptures make clear to us that in Christ, God reveals the depth of His love and concern for every person, especially for those who are poor. What seems like failure to the two disciples, and the end of all hope, is on the contrary the source of all hope and the shining forth of God's glory.

The evidence is before them but they still cannot make the necessary connection; they lack the imagination. Their minds are weighed down with the violence of the crucifixion so that they cannot imagine how God can bring new life from death. So Jesus gives them a sign, a sign that He has imbued with an especial meaning at the last supper: 'He took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them.'

The sign is a very basic sign, but one that has a powerful effect on the two disciples. The sign was His gift to them, just as it is His gift to all of us, raising the imagination so that we may see the reality of what lies in front of our eyes.

On our own, none of us has the ability to see the presence of Christ; the sight of faith is Christ's gift to us. What we learn in the Emmaus story is that the gift works through the scriptures and the Holy Eucharist, which use memory and imagination to raise the mind, so that we understand what we are seeing: Jesus Christ offering His life in love for all people.

Our task over the coming week is to rehearse for ourselves, the discernment of the Christ in all of those whom we meet. Sometimes we may find it easy, but there may well be times when we have to work that little bit harder.

Dcn Andy

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. Can you relate to any of these in today Gospel?
 - a. Confusion of the disciples
 - b. Inability to recognise Jesus
 - c. Desire to spend more time with a good friend
 - d. Sudden realisation that the Lord is present?

Vincent Harvey (adapted from Anne Osdieck)

Today's Notices

Third Sunday of Easter

Please continue to sanitise hands on entry to the churches

Next Sunday Notices

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The retiring collection is for Clergy Training Fund
A Parish Financial Statement will be available and there will be a brief talk after each Mass

This Week...

- Tues** Meditation Group at 6pm in St Michael's
- Wed** Evening Prayer online 6pm
Diversity Group
- Thurs** Richard Rohr via Zoom
EST
- Sat** FHC Workshop Session: St Anne
- Sun** Evening Prayer online 6pm

For Info...

- Mon** Day off: VH St George Mass: JP
- Tues-Fri:** Conference: JP
- Tues** Study Day: VH/JP
- Wed** Requiem Mass for Tony Cashman: VH
- Thurs** St George: VH
- Fri** Clergy Ministry Group: VH

Sacraments & Prayers

The Late Simon Parry's funeral: if desired, donations were invited to Parentsupportlink, a service offering support to family and friends affected by someone's drug or alcohol use. As mentioned in his eulogy by Colin McAlister, Simon and his partner, Sue created and managed MORPH (Mutually organised rehabilitation & practical help...for drug and alcohol users) and worked closely with PSL. On behalf of PSL, Rhona was "amazed" that donations totalled £230. She writes: "what kindness from so many people that loved Simon". The family are truly grateful. Thank you, Jenepher

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Noreen Beaumont who died during Holy Week. We pray for her family. Her funeral will be a private, family only, Service. May she rest in peace. We will 'offer' a Mass for Noreen one Sunday at 9am.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Iain Rylands, Teacher and Head of RE in Springhill School, who died unexpectedly last week. May he rest in peace. Pray also for his family and all at Springhill.



Please pray for all those in our parish who will be Baptised this month: Tutu, Lewis, Ebubechi, Sajan, Reuben, Annabelle, Pola, Chizaram, Tsarina & Cruz

We remember them in our prayers as they enter the Faith, and also remember their families and godparents.

Seeking Baptism for your child? Please use the QR Code here, or go to our website.

Baptism Application Form



A Few Words...

I have been away visiting my family in Guernsey. So, hopefully, I return relaxed, energised and rearing to go!! Go where?, you might ask! That's for you to guess and me to enjoy!!

Father Johnpromise is away this week on a 'Divine Renovation' Conference in Scotland with other priests from the Diocese. We wish him a good, worthwhile Conference and an enjoyable time; no doubt to come back with ideas....."Bring it on"!!

I am going on the Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes in August (18th-25th) and hoping to lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March next year (29th February-7th March). If you would be interested in the Holy Land do let me know; the one to Lourdes is in the newsletter. When I get more accurate information on the Holy Land pilgrimage I will let you know.

Please pray for Tony Cashman who many of you knew. He was a positive and creative influence on my vocation to and exercise of priesthood. His Requiem is this coming Wednesday in St Joseph, Basingstoke

Vincent H

Adoration We are in need of more parishioners to cover the following days and times:

Mondays 3-6pm, Tuesdays 1-3pm & Fri 12-2pm.



When is there Adoration in St Edmund's?



Mondays 11am - 3pm
Wednesdays 10am - 12pm
Tuesdays 10.30am - 8pm
Thursdays 10am - 5pm
Friday 10am - 12pm



Can I come to Adoration?

Yes, you are warmly welcome to attend adoration when you are able! Just come to the church between the times specified above and enjoy quiet time with Our Lord. If you feel you would like to formally join the Adoration team, then this is a real help and greatly appreciated. Please simply contact Anna on **07956 379 542**

David Deboys Please pray for David, formerly Vicar of St Michael the Archangel, Bugle Street, as he is received into the Catholic Church on St Catherine's Day, Saturday 29 April. David worships with the Dominicans in Cambridge and will be received at the Dominican Sisters Convent.

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

What's going on?

Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." Thank you so much for your support this Lent by giving in church or donating online or giving to us by direct debit. Your generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill

The Catholic Association to Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 August 18th-25th. After a fallow few years due to Covid 19 the CA have been working hard to ensure that this year we have a medically supported pilgrimage for Adult Assisted pilgrims who need care and support during their journey and time in Lourdes. This requires a nursing and medical team but most importantly a large number of volunteers to support the smooth running of the pilgrimage. Volunteering includes a wide range of roles from making teas and coffees, to pushing wheelchairs. Lourdes is a very special place, and everything is geared around making it a positive and memorable experience for the sick. But for those of us who volunteer it is a week that we never forget, & Our Lady always gives us something in return. If you are interested in joining either as an assisted pilgrim, able-bodied pilgrim, volunteer or a health care professional there are more details on the Catholic Association website: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk> If you have any questions you can also talk to Tina or Fr Vincent who will be going again this year.

Paul Hughes, a new parishioner, 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 also expensive. If you think you could offer him the occasional lift can you please contact on ph3n19@soton.ac.uk It would help him immensely. I hope someone can!

8-Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2023 led by Fr Claro Conde (Chaplain to Filipino Communities Diocese of Portsmouth): It will be on the 21st to 28th of November 2023 departing Luton, London. Fr. Claro Conde will lead the group. The price is from £1339 per person based on twin sharing. For more details, please contact Fr. Claro at 07803191502 or Nelia of All Saints Travel at 01793881166. Book on website <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/dates-and-prices/>

Food Banks Please consider donating to Southampton City Mission Food Bank if you are able to. You can do this by making use of the collection baskets in supermarkets when you go shopping, or by bringing items with you to church to place in the boxes in the porches.

<https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>



Anyone who wishes to give to Second Collections via Standing Order please contact Anna to receive a copy of the Second Collection calendar commencing April or pop your name on the sheet at the back of church.

At present the limited numbers of parish counters means that counting the weekly cash collections take a very long time! One way around this, is by **promoting other ways of donating** - like via standing orders or bank transfers to the Parish bank account. Donating this way relieves pressure on the parish, but we of course understand if this is not something you are able to do.

If you would like to donate to Second Collections via a bank transfer please put the initials of the charity or the cause as the name. This allows me to allocate accordingly.

However, if you would like to give via a monthly standing order, then I will provide you with a 2023 collection calendar for you to look through and identify which collections you would like to donate to. If you already give via SO to the Parish you can simply adjust the amount to include what you wish to give or set up another SO. If you don't give to the parish via SO but would like to for second collections, you can simply set up a SO for this.

Any questions, just get in touch with Anna in the Office.

Round Britain Sailing Pilgrimage! Please come and join the launch Mass, celebrated by Fr Elijah, in St Joseph's 11am on Sat 29th April. Hospitality will be provided in the Stella Maris hall afterwards, followed by a stroll to see the boat off from Ocean Village. For more information see <https://sailingpilgrimages.co.uk/stella-maris/> To apply for a sailing slot, please email sailing.pilgrimages@gmail.com To join a Gathering, please email info@stellamarismail.org

Caraway Community Caraway resources, runs and supports events that provide safe spaces to encourage friendships, share life and faith, and bring joy to those who come along. Through COVID connecting community continued as gatherings were restricted, with our:

- Holiday @Home • Vintage Adventure @Home
- Classic Cuppa Newsletters • Dementia Zoom Soirees

Creating community to share memories, laugh together and learn from each other is hugely beneficial to the wellbeing for those in later years.

Contact them via email on: caraway@caraway.uk.com or see the website www.caraway.uk.com

Green Living

For budding gardeners, as the weather improves. It is now possible to recycle clean, empty compost bags. **Dobbies** garden centres in conjunction with **Veolia** are collecting **Miracle Gro** (or any brand) no matter where purchased LPDE low density polyethylene bags. They hope this will avert 40 million bags from going to landfill. Garden Group centres are also part of the scheme. The bags will be recycled into new products including garden furniture!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 23RD APRIL

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

Saturday 22nd April	6:15pm SJ	Thanksgiving to St Lucy
Sunday 23rd April	9:00am SE	God's Blessings on Georgiana & Marius
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am SJ	Jennifer Donneruma Birthday Ann RIP
	11.00am SE	For the Prosperity of the Holy & Everlasting Gospel, Priests, Church Leaders, Ministers of the Lord God our Father & of His Lamb People of the Parish
	7:00pm SE	Simon Parry RIP Birthday Ann
Tuesday 25th April	10.00am SE	
<i>St Mark</i>		
Wednesday 26th April	7.00pm SE	God's Blessings & Thanksgiving for all volunteers who Help in the Parish
<i>of the 3rd Week of Easter</i>		
Thursday 27th April	12.15pm SJ	Harry & Margaret
Friday 28th April	7.00pm SE	Priests & Vocations
Saturday 29th April	11.00am SE	Albert Tan Cheng Ban RIP
<i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	6.15pm SJ	People of the Parish
Sunday 30th April	9.00am SE	Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving for Justin
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am SJ	Salvator & Alinda Rodrigues & family
		Good Health
	11.00am SE	Christine Brand RIP
	7.00pm SE	Michaela Good Health

23rd April

Psalm Response

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

30th April

1st Reading:

Acts 2: 14, 36-41

Psalm: 22

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 2: 20-25

Gospel: John 10: 1-10

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 Facebook & Twitter: [@PortsmouthRC](https://www.facebook.com/PortsmouthRC)

Catholic Home Care Co-ordinator.

We're looking for an energetic, self-motivated, and resourceful individual to take over the role of co-ordinating the activities of the Catholic Home Care. This is a demanding but rewarding post which offers the opportunity to lead a team of caring people who make a significant social impact providing domestic support, to enable elderly people to safely remain in their own homes for longer.

You will be making an important contribution to your community and helping local people. The position is part-time, flexible 20 hours per week, days and times to be agreed, based in Southampton.

This post will require a DBS check. For an application or more information call Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce

on **023 8017 0498**.

Cut off date 22nd May, interviews 26th May.

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



Join the Parish!

understanding with ourselves and others.