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JULY 23RD 2023 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



Our Patient God is our Salvation!

*Following the Sower's steps,
another came stealthily at night,
to scatter weeds.*

*Master of the field,
you take the risk of being patient:
seeds of life and seeds of death
will grow together.*

*On the last day
the just will be resplendent in the light.*

*The day of the Lord will come,
do not judge before the time.*

*Do not despise God's patience:
His kindness call you to repentance.*

*When God's judgement is revealed,
He will render to all according to their works.*

*Commission Francophone Cistercienne,
Tropaires des dimanches, 91*

Fr Vincent Harvey

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "Let them (good seed and bad seed) both grow till the harvest" Jesus says in today's Gospel. Bad and good, side by side! A risky strategy but the 'Divine strategy' so it must work! How do you deal/cope with 'bad' stuff in your life? Even 'evil' influences in your daily living?
2. The Book of Wisdom (1st reading) says: "...you have given your sons [daughters] the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance". Because of Christ we are guaranteed that this is not a false hope but a hope that can and will be realised. But we recognise and acknowledge our sin!
3. St Paul says, "The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness". Have you invited 'The Spirit' into your life? Do you do so daily? Go for it!!!!!!

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No Retiring collection

Baptism at St Edmund's

Small Groups Fayre in St Joseph's 6.15pm

Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the churches

Next Sunday Notices

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Retiring collection for new St Edmund's Organ

Small Groups Fayre in St Joseph's 10am

This Week...

Tue Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's
Alpha @ 7pm in St Edmund's Hall

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

Fri Activated Disciple via Zoom

Sat Alpha Holy Spirit Day

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

For Info...

Mon Day off: VH/JP

Tues SLT meet: VH/JP/AP/TQ/LS

Wed Clergy Team: VH/AP/JP

Thurs Deanery Clergy Meeting

Sat Teams of Our Lady: VH

A Few Words...

Pray for Father David Bateman who was Ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood yesterday (22nd) in our Cathedral. He will have a break now, and arrives with us at the end of August, after Fr Johnpromise has gone to Fleet & Church Crookham. Anxious yet exciting days!

Thank you to the four people who gave a total of £450 to help our 'New Catholic' go to Lourdes.

The annual 'Peace Walk' takes place on Sunday, 30th July, beginning at the 'Peace Fountain' and ending in the Abu Bakr Mosque. Do come along and meet people of other Faiths and enjoy their company and hospitality. Also learn more about other faiths. **See elsewhere for the timings.**

We are holding a **small group fayre** in St Joseph's for 2 weekends. Do have a look at the groups that have formed over the past 2 years after coming out of COVID in response to Alpha and other initiatives. You may wish to join one! You may wish to form one!

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

Prayers



Pope's Prayer Intention for July For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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

John 5:24-29



Pray for Alice O'Donnell who died peacefully on Saturday 24th June. May she rest in peace. We pray for Caroline, Elizabeth and Rory. Alice's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday, 26th July at 12.15pm in St Edmund's Church.

Pray also for Susan Coyle, daughter of Roselyn, who died unexpectedly recently. May she rest in peace. Her Funeral will be at the Crematorium on 2nd August.

Please remember especially in your prayers

Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Michaela, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue, Paul Hughes, Oliver, Carla Forte, Donna Cowan & all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or distressed.



Sacraments



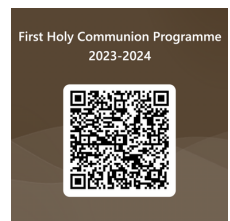
Please pray for Franciszek, Munachimso and Arpad who were Baptised this month. We pray for them, their families and their godparents as they enter the Faith.



If you would like your child baptised please fill in the online application form. Once filled in Anna or Joy will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation.

First Holy Communion Registration is NOT Open. Many other churches in Southampton are closing their registration for next year's FHC programmes, but we have not opened registration yet.

We will announce all details via the newsletter and notices at Mass **but this will be much much later in the year (October/November time).** If you would also like to receive an email when the registration opens you can scan the QR code above or head to the FHC website page.



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 begins in September, 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/USMmJ9JK9J>

What's going on?

Did the excitement of the fire drills make you want to get involved in health and safety in the parish? Great! We are still looking for volunteers to check exits, check emergency lights and test fire alarm call points periodically. These tests should really be done weekly and so if we can build a good number of volunteers we hope that this would become something you do only every 6 weeks or so. Please get in touch with Anna to discuss if you feel able to help the Parish in this way :)

Springhill Catholic Primary School are looking for Foundation Governors. A foundation governor is a practising 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 by asking questions. If you'd like to find out more, 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.

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 on your behalf. Do not pay the fine, speak to Abby first! We cannot refund you unfortunately.

March for Life UK happens in London on Sat 2nd Sept. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at www.marchforlife.co.uk

Annual Peace walk Sunday 30th July

12.30 Meet at Peace Fountain
13.00 Arrive at Vedic Temple for lunch and presentations
14.30 Leave to go to Togh Bahadur Gurdwara
14.45 Arrive Togh Bahadur Gurdwara
15.30 Leave to go to Abu Bakr Mosque
15.45 Arrive Abu Bakr Mosque
16.30 Finish

Green Living

We're currently in **Plastic Free July!** What sorts of ways are you making an effort to leave plastic behind?

See www.tearfund.org/plasticfreejuly for some suggestions like these below...

- Use your reusable coffee cup
- Go on a litter-pick
- Learn about waste pickers
- Buy plastic-free fruit & veg for a week
- Pray for those most affected by the waste crisis



YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO ST JOSEPH WITHOUT THE NEW KEY FROM NEXT WEEKEND

Of the 30 keys we estimate to have given out over the years, only 7 people have informed me they have a key and come to collect the new one! This obviously leaves a large number of people who have yet to get in touch and change their keys... **please please do get in touch!**

The Brown Door keys at St Joseph's have been changed!

We are trying to come up with a full list of key holders and so are asking that everyone with a key returns the key to a member of the clergy (or the office) **this week!!!** If you could put your name with the key on/in an envelope then we can match up who needs the new keys. **If you need your key returned before the 27th July then just call Anna to say you have the key.** The new lock will be used from the weekend of the 29th July and so if you have not returned your old key you won't be able to get in the building!!!!

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 are having our first retiring collection for the Organ next weekend, please give generously if you can.

Come and find out about CAFOD's work!

CAFOD Portsmouth is hosting two meetings in September so that volunteers and supporters can find out more about our work.

The first meeting is on **Saturday 9th September** at St Bede's Church hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX from 10:30 am to 12:30pm where Philippe Mougin CAFOD's Emergency Response Leader will talk about our work in Pakistan after last years floods.

The second meeting is on **Saturday 16th September** at St Michael & All Angels Church hall, Dunsbury Way, Leigh Park PO9 5BD from 10:30am to 1:30pm (lunch is provided) where Sara Moreno from CAFOD's Partner SIEMBRA from Colombia will speak about her work with human and environmental rights defenders.

Everyone is welcome but please book (so that we have an idea of numbers) by emailing Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

The next parish pilgrimage will be to the Holy Land next year. The pilgrimage will begin **29th February and will finish on the 7th March 2024.** If you would be interested in the Holy Land do let Fr Vincent know, or collect an info package at the back of church. Cost £1,475 for a shared room with single available for a supplement. Details in the info package alongside sign up info.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 23RD JULY

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

Saturday 22nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
Sunday 23rd July <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am SE	Sean Davis RIP
	10:00am SJ	People of the Parish
	11:00am SE	Christopher Wong RIP 1st Anniversary
	7:00pm SE	Canon John Watson 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood
Tuesday 25th July	10:00am SE	Margaret 'Peggy' Murray RIP
Wednesday 26th July	7:00pm SE	Salvator Rodrigues 60th Birthday
Thursday 27th July <i>Feria</i>	12:15pm SJ	The Saints to Prosper, Manifest and Bare Everlasting Faith
Friday 28th July	7:00pm SE	Priests & Vocations
Saturday 29th July <i>Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	11:00am SE	Sr Maria God's Guidance and Protection
	6:15pm SJ	Valerie Smith RIP 3rd Anniversary
Sunday 30th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00am SE	Poulose T P RIP
	10:00am SJ	John Ward RIP
	11:00am SE	People of the Parish
	7:00pm SE	Jean Kaye RIP 6th Anniversary

23rd July

Psalm Response

O Lord, You are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

30th July

1st Reading:

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

Psalm: 118

2nd Reading:

Romans 8: 28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

Parish Bank Details

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

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Sort Code 30-93-04

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Diocesan Website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our 9am Sunday Mass in St Edmund's offers a children's liturgy of the word for all children 3+ up until the children have received their First Holy Communion.

We have a great number of children join each week but we need more volunteers to be able to continue. This will be a term time commitment only. If you don't want to lead a session you do not need to, we mainly need DBS'd adults for our safeguarding ratios.

If you are interested in joining please email

Anna on:

safeguarding@

southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

You will need to have DBS for work with children before you can begin in the role. Contacting Anna above will begin this process.

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.