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OCTOBER 23RD 2022 | 30TH SUNDAY IN OT

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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## Humility in Life and Honesty in Prayer

This week I attended the funeral of my late great uncle who died at the age of 101. I knew Uncle David as a hard working farmer; and have many happy memories of spending time with him at the farm, jumping on and off hay-bales, helping to milk the cows, collect in the eggs and watching him mow the lawn and the lawns of his neighbours with his ride-on mower. It wasn't until I listened to his eulogy read at the funeral service that I had any idea of his many achievements; including award winning carpentry, training in a second career in engineering after he retired in order that he could support his son in law who could not continue with his business because of a life limiting illness. David was the church warden for many years, served on the parish council, ran a repair shop from his garage for the local neighbourhood, fought in two world wars and was awarded the 'Legion Honour', the highest French order of merit, both military and civil from his time in Guernsey.

His was a life both of service, but equally humility.

We often struggle with eulogies in the context of the liturgical celebration of a requiem Mass and for some they can be overwhelming and at times excessive: but alongside our celebration of a life is also a recognition that we need to pray for the deceased and the forgiveness of their sins as we are all sinners and as the psalmist says 'God is no respecter of personages' (those who hold rank or title) and will judge us all as equals on that final day. What God requires of us is that we approach Him in our sinfulness and in all humility, both within life and into death.

In our Gospel reading Jesus compares a Pharisee and a tax collector at prayer. The Pharisee is not only self-congratulatory, but prays to himself rather than to God. He compares himself to those who struggle with life and in his own way prays to the detriment of the poor man. It was Ghandi who famously said 'It has always been a mystery to me how men feel themselves honoured by the humiliation of their fellow human beings'. And sadly we experience this in our society today. And yet we read that the prayer of the humble man is the prayer that will pierce the clouds. The tax collector goes home justified while the Pharisee does not. The tax collector gets much more than he asked for: Mercy but is now Justified. In the judgement of Jesus everything is upside down. A life celebrated become a life that is in need of prayer. I am reminded of the litany of humility, which begins...

*From the desire of being esteemed, **Deliver me O Jesus***

*From the desire of being loved, **Deliver me O Jesus***

*From the desire of being extolled, **Deliver me O Jesus***

*From the desire of being honoured, **Deliver me O Jesus***

*From the desire of being praised, **Deliver me O Jesus***

*From the desire of being preferred to others, **Deliver me O Jesus...***

(Author: Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val y Zulueta)

## Today's Notices

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Children's Liturgy** at the 9am Mass

**Wedding** of David and Rebecca in St Joseph's

**Baptisms in St Edmund's**

**Second Collection** for World Missions

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

## Next Sunday Notices

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Children's Liturgy** at the 9am Mass

**Second Collection** for Catholic Home Care

## This Week...

**Tues** St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm

Alpha Course on Zoom @ 7pm

Adoration in St Ed's until 8pm (weekly - do join!)

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

Journey in Faith **not this week due to half term**


## For Info...

**Mon** VH/JP Day Off

**Wed** Team Meeting VH/JP/AP

## Prayers

### Adoration.



Bishop Philip invited us all last week in his pastoral letter to put the Eucharist at the centre of our faith. One of the ways he encouraged us to do this was to try and spend just half an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament a week.

Perhaps you have been thinking on this, and feel called to try?

Please contact Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to join Adoration during the week in St Edmund's.


The gaps we need filling most are:

**Monday 12 - 5pm,**

**Wednesday 2-6.30pm, Thursday 4.30-5.30pm**

**Friday 12 - 2pm**

**Parish Rosary Group.** If you would like to join an in-person rosary group please follow the QR code. Thank you to those who have shown interest, Tuesday evenings seems a popular choice so far. Please get in touch if you also would be interested!



*"Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood."*  
- St. Louis de Montfort

**Please remember especially in your prayers**

Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, John, Mary O'Reilly, Valerie, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Carmen Escorcio, Simon, Bernadette, Sue, Clifford Cross, Kelly, Val Perry, Peter Scott, Maro P and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.



## Sacraments

**Please keep in your prayers all those who are due to be baptised this month** *Cadence Castillo, Oliver Alexandru, Joshua and Oliver Gough, Eleanor Bradley, Natalia Tunczyk, Mark and Lanene Rosal and Valentina Da Silva.* We pray for them and their families as they enter the faith!



**First Holy Communion Update.** We have not begun registering for the course, but any parents wishing to discuss the course requirements are invited to come to St Edmund's Hall on **Tuesday 25th October, 3-5pm.** This is not registration but an opportunity to talk to our lead catechist and learn more about the programme. **You must bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate with you.**

**The official registrations** will be 9am, 10am, 11am masses on 6th, 20th and 27th November in St Edmund's.

This year's programme is heavily oversubscribed, which means that the team must make a careful decision once they have reviewed all applications.

[fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org](mailto:fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org)

## Volunteers needed!

**Baptism Preparation Team Members.** Baptism is the first and most important sacrament that our children will receive. We need more hands-on deck. You will be part of a team & given training. Please contact Tina or the Office for more info.

**Parish Office Admin Assistant.** The Parish Office is in need of a volunteer to help with the day to day running of the office. The individual will be comfortable answering phones, dealing with parishioners coming to the door and offering support in simple administrative areas. Preferably 3 days a week, hours and days flexible. Please contact Anna in the office to discuss.

**Preparing Meals.** Prior to Covid the Parish had a small rota of volunteers who would occasionally prepare meals for Parish Groups, it would be great to get this going again. If you might be able to help please contact Anna in the Office to discuss.

## What's going on?

The **St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)**, has launched a **Cost of Living Support Fund** to help struggling families and individuals who need support as the cost of living crisis deepens threatening millions with poverty.

As winter approaches, people on little to no income will be hit the hardest. With your help our volunteers can continue to reach out to individuals and families who need us the most. Your donation to our Cost of Living Support Fund will help bring hope and show someone cares during this difficult time.

For those wishing to donate to the fund, or those who may need to access the support fund, please see the SVP website for more details. <https://www.svp.org.uk/>

## What's going on?

**The 24th October will mark eight months from the invasion of Ukraine.** Please bring a candle to a painted bench near the corner of Winn Road, The Avenue, and stand in silence, holding in the Light not only Ukraine, but ALL the regions of the world where war is currently raging. There are so many conflicts, Friends. The vigil will last from about 6pm till 6.30pm

**There have now been over ten million abortions in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 55 years ago,** on 27th October 1967. On this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Thursday 27th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day if you are able. **Please pray for all those women seeking abortion that they may be better supported by their communities.**

**Southampton Council of Faiths would like to invite you to celebrate our 20th anniversary on Sunday 20th November** at the Vedic Temple, Radcliffe Rd, Southampton. Doors open at 6.30. 7.00 Welcome from the Chair; 7.10 Entertainment from different faith groups; 8.00 Buffet meal; 9.30 Finish Please go to book your free tickets. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/southampton-council-faiths-cultural-evening-tickets-395273592957>

**Flat search:** Sawani, a Solent University Student and new parishioner is looking for a flat to rent for herself and family. Please get in touch with any relevant information at [sawanifdo@gmail.com](mailto:sawanifdo@gmail.com) or on **07340544615**. Many thanks.

**Bedsit sought:** Pella Dobbs, a new parishioner, is seeking a house-share/bedsit. If you can help do contact her: [pelagiadobbs@gmail.com](mailto:pelagiadobbs@gmail.com); **07495992489**

**2 Bedroom Accommodation sought:** A new parishioner, Daisy Jacob, is looking for a 2 Bedroom House/Apartment nearby SO14/SO15 or on the way to Bottley. Please contact her on **07570303555** to help.

**Apartment/Flat sought:** Ijeoma Ezika from Nsukka (Nigeria) has taken up a Research Post in Southampton University and is looking for accommodation for at least 6 months. Ideally a 2 or 3 bedroom flat to rent until she can purchase a house for herself and the family. Near a primary school would be ideal. The family are Catholics. Can you help? Contact her on [ijeoma.ezika@unn.edu.ng](mailto:ijeoma.ezika@unn.edu.ng)

**Food Banks** Please consider picking up an extra item or two when you do your weekly shop, in order to donate to Southampton City Mission Food Bank. To check on the current out of stock items please see: <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate> Most needed currently are:

Coffee (Small Jars), Custard, Sugar (Small),  
Cook-In Sauces (Jars & Packets), Soup (Tins & Packets),  
Cold & Hot Meat (Tin), Mixed Veg (Tin),  
Tomatoes (Tin), Rice Pudding, Carrier Bags,  
Deodorant, Toothpaste, Squash

**Verbum Dei Quiet Day - "The Desert will blossom - signs of hope"** Saturday 19th November 10.30am- 5pm at Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. Participants to travel on the 9am vehicle ferry to East Cowes, returning on the 6pm to Southampton. A light lunch is provided. A donation of £20 plus ferry fare is desired.

To book a place, and for further information contact Patricia Yandell on [patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk) or **07835 948 435**; or contact Margarida Londral on **07970 083 252**; [margaridafmvd@hotmail.com](mailto:margaridafmvd@hotmail.com)

**Last week was the 20th Baby Loss Awareness Week.** Please be assured that as a Parish we pray for all those children, parents and families affected, and we are here should you need some support. Talking about pregnancy and baby loss is a big step in raising awareness and helping people access the support available. Please see <https://babyloss-awareness.org/> for more resources and signposting to support.

**Journey in Faith / RCIA Course** For anyone looking to find out more about the Catholic Faith - come along and ask your questions, find out what the church teaches and what it means to live as a Catholic. This group also offers preparation for adult (18+) Baptism, Confirmation or Reception as a Catholic. **Meetings are Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall.** No need to register, just turn up!

**CAFOD Soup Lunch.** You are invited to a soup lunch in St Edmund's Hall on Tuesday, 25th October, starting at 11.30am. Jointly organised by our church & Christ the King. Offers of help are greatly welcomed. Please contact Deirdre Fairman at [fairmans@ntlworld.com](mailto:fairmans@ntlworld.com) if you can help. Hope to see you there, supporting our brothers and sisters in East Africa. All donations given will go towards The Family Fast Day appeal.

**Candles for Home Care.** Chris McDaid, a parishioner, will be selling candles of varying sizes and designs to raise money for the Catholic Home Care service. She will be displaying these candles at the 6.15pm Mass in St Joseph's on the 19th November, please bring cash with you ready to buy!

**Seeker Night, 7-9pm, Fareham Friday 4th November.** Our monthly Seeker Night is for all those who are discerning their path in life and seeking the will of the Lord. The evening follows a very simple pattern - a meal, a time of discussion and we close with prayer and Adoration.

Sometimes our vocation is not always obvious to us, and it's important to seek opportunities to recognise what our life's mission is to be. That's where discernment comes in.

Discernment is being aware and reflective of your heart, to see how God is moving and leading you.

Recently Pope Francis said '*Discernment involves hard work. According to the Bible, we do not find set before us the life we are to live. God invites us to evaluate and choose. He created us to be free and wants us to exercise our freedom. Therefore, discerning is demanding.*'

For more info contact [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER

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

<b>Saturday 22nd October</b> <i>St John Paul II</i>	<b>6:15pm SJ</b>	For all the Desires and Plans of Abba (Father), the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church & the Saints
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	<b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Sunday 23rd October</b> <i>Thirtieth Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:00am SE</b>	Richard Haynes RIP
	<b>10:00am SJ</b>	Rita Tildesley RIP
	<b>11:00am SE</b>	Phos Aletheia Thanksgiving
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Eugene & Kitty Cummins RIP, & Stonnie & Pat Cummins RIP
<b>Tuesday 25th October</b>	<b>10:00am SE</b>	Sharon Connie Rosielle RIP
<b>Wednesday 26th October</b> <i>Ss Chad &amp; Cedd</i>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Deceased Members of the Houston, Carvalho, Weidemann & Gallagher Families RIP
<b>Thursday 27th October</b> <i>Feria</i>	<b>12.15pm SJ</b>	Thanksgiving for the Giving of Chimaobi Atlpe Chukwuneka
<b>Friday 28th October</b> <i>Ss Simon &amp; Jude</i>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Priests and Vocations
<b>Saturday 29th October</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>11:00am SE</b>	Jude Izuka Birthday Blessings, God's Protection for Whole Izuka Family
	<b>6:15pm SJ</b>	Paul Maleski RIP
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	<b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Sunday 30th October</b> <i>Thirty-first Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:00am SE</b>	Deceased Members of the Brennan Family
	<b>10:00am SJ</b>	Keiko Donnelly Wellbeing
	<b>11:00am SE</b>	Martin Ryan RIP
	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Concetta Longo RIP

## 23rd October

### Psalm Response:

This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.  
*Alleluia!*

## Readings 30th October

### First Reading:

*Wisdom 11: 22-12: 2*

### Second Reading:

*2 Thessalonians 1: 11-2: 2*

### Gospel:

*Luke 19: 1-10*

## 16th Oct 1st Collection

SO: £1,204.25

Cash: £825.46

**TOTAL: £2,029.71**

Thank you.

## 16th Oct 2nd Collection

### HCPT

SO: £105.50 Cash: £225.40

**TOTAL: £330.90**

Thank you.

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

**Confessions** are at **St Joseph's** on Thursdays at 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm and at **St Edmund's** on Saturdays after the 11am Mass

*"Doing penance for one's sins is a first step towards obtaining forgiveness and winning eternal salvation. That is the clear and explicit teaching of Christ, and no one can fail to see how justified and how right the Catholic Church has always been in constantly insisting on this. She is the spokesman for her divine Redeemer. No individual Christian can grow in perfection, nor can Christianity gain in vigour, except it be on the basis of penance."*

-St John XXIII, Paenitentiam Agere, 1

## 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!**