



JULY 24TH 2022 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



P. U. S. H. – Pray Until Something Happens!!!

*It was in 2000 that my understanding of prayer changed; that change was brought about by a woman – St Teresa of Avila. Before the year 2000, my understanding of prayer was that of raising my mind and heart to God and the requesting of good things from God. Although the above teaching is great, I was only approaching God when I needed some favours from Him either for myself or for my family and friends. However, in 2000, I read the book – **Interior Castle** – by **St Teresa of Avila** and she stated that Prayer is a relationship between us and God and God desires us to approach Him with the good, the bad and the ugly sides of our lives. Wow!!! It took me months to wrap my head around such a simple but profound statement that God desires to be in a relationship with me as I am.*

The above statement of St Teresa of Avila was made palpable to me by the lives of two great men in the Church – Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen and Archbishop Albert Obiefuna. While Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen taught me the necessity of spending quality time before the Blessed Sacrament every day; Archbishop Albert Obiefuna who was my formator in the seminary taught me how to approach God by giving me examples of how he related to God in prayer. According to him, he approaches God with everything happening around him; if he is annoyed and rattled, he takes his raw frustrations before God; if he is happy, he takes his joys before God and if he wants to make decisions, he makes them after consulting God.

Yes, God desires to be in a relationship with us and prayer is a crucial means of nourishing that relationship, hence, Jesus taught us “The Our Father” as we heard in today’s Gospel. Within this relationship with God, nothing concerning us is off-limits; He wants us to bring our joys, hopes, griefs and anxieties to Him as we saw Abraham bargaining with God in today’s First Reading.

Is Prayer very essential? Absolutely Yes!

Does God answer all prayers? Absolutely Yes!!

Is His answer always a Yes? Absolutely No!!! But He gives us the grace to bear all things.

Fr Johnpromise

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. How is the sleepy father in the Gospel similar to God? How are they different? Do you have confidence that God will hear you knock on His door?
2. What do you learn about Abraham in the 1st reading? What behaviour of his would you like to imitate? How important were persistence and candour to him? God and Abraham: what is each one willing to do because of this covenant?
3. St Paul in the 2nd reading says “.....He has brought you to live with Him, He has forgiven us all our sins”. What does that mean to you? Is that reassuring and affirmative or frightening?

Vincent Harvey (adapted from Anne Osdieck)

Today's Notices

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children Liturgy at 9am Mass (the last until after the summer break)

Retiring Collection for Church Maintenance Fund

Parish Registration Forms continue to hand in

Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the churches and we encourage **wearing face masks**

Next Sunday Notices

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Safe Families for Children Appeal at the 9am & 11am Masses by this organisation which supports families in crisis so as to keep them together

This Week...

Mon Baptism Preparation online

Tues SLT Meeting
St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm

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

Thurs Richard Rohr @ 5pm.... via Zoom

Fri Rosary for Priests & Vocations after the 7pm Mass

For Info...

Mon VH/JP Day off

Wed Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP

A Few Words...

I hope you have survived the hot days we had recently. It was a bit 'extreme'; nevertheless, it was lovely to be able to sit outdoors late with my sister on my day off, and parishioners during the week, enjoying evening meals in the garden!!

The Closer to Christ Campaign for us in the Parish is slowly being tied up. Before it closes we are trying to obtain and 'realise' the last few promises made so that pledges can be produced and sent in. If you have a pledge form do fill in as soon as you can. If you would like a pledge form do let me know. Thank you.

The EST has been considering (discerning) the 'synodal' responses we sent to the Diocese. Watch this space... We are also beginning to look at the 10 Year Diocesan Plan: **'You Will Be My Witnesses'**. More about that later!

There are photos of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday) on the Parish Website: <https://www.southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org/photographs> do have a look. Thank you to Charlie Pugh for this.

We wish all our pupils, students and staff in our schools a lovely and relaxed summer holiday. We also say 'farewell' to **Miss Ciara Duddy** (Headteacher at Springhill) who returns home to Northern Ireland. We thank her for her dedication to Springhill over very many years, and more recently, as Headteacher. Ciara: thank you and good luck on the job front!

Have a good week... Vincent H

Sacraments

Please remember all those being baptised this month, Aurel Orestano, Angellika Mazurek, Emilia Wozniewska, Natan Madejek, Leon Madejek, Joseph Dullaghan, Leonard Burduja, Noah Churton, Roxie Gregory, Astrid Bustin, Kayden Singh, Cahrlie Marston, Valentino Sweeney and Joshua Moriello. **We pray for them and their families as we welcome them into the Faith on this joyous occasion!**

First Holy Communion Update The Parish Office is currently receiving lots of requests for FHC details. **We currently have no confirmed plans for First Holy Communion.** As such, we cannot register your child for the course yet. If you register your interest on the Parish Website using the form at the bottom of the page, this means we know you are interested. We will use the details you provide to contact you when we have an update & to let you know how to register.

Please only register your interest once - registering four times does not mean you get this information any faster!! <https://www.southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org/first-holy-communion>

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Una Chandler whose funeral is 10.30am, 28th July at Immaculate Conception Church. Her body will be received into the church at 4pm on Wednesday, 27th July.

Hedley Guillou (Heather Hauschild's father in Guernsey) who died a week ago. Pray for Hedley's wife, Gloria and for Heather and the family. His Funeral will be in Guernsey on the 4th August. May he rest in peace.

Richard Haynes, pray for his wife, Brenda, and the family. Funeral 3rd of August in St Edmund's.

Catherine Slattery pray for the family. Funeral on Friday, 5th August.

Vincent Filgate whose funeral service is 28th July, at Soton Crem. Please pray for his daughter Anne-Marie & family.

May Una, Hedley, Richard, Catherine & Vincent RIP.

Prayers

For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities. Lord hear us.

Please remember especially in your prayers Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, the Roberts family, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, Mary O'Reilly, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Diana Elena, Carmen Escorcio, Carol Roe, Simon, Sue, Zoe and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

Please consider joining our Adoration team! We are still in need of Adorers to keep our constant daily Adoration running. Please get in touch with Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to help/join! The gaps we need filling are:

Monday 1.30pm onwards, Wednesday 3pm - Mass, Thursday 4-5pm, Friday 10-11am & 12-1pm

What's going on?

Did you know that CAFOD helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? They can do so because they are a member of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity & support their families. In South Sudan they are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Thank you for your support. Why not consider volunteering for CAFOD? They're looking for school volunteers to deliver assemblies and workshops please contact Jo portsmouth@cafod.org.uk for more info.

Fire Wardens are needed! We are in the process of organising training for St Edmund's in the next few weeks, St Joseph's to follow soon after. Please keep in mind whether you might be available to help the Parish in this vital way. Announcements and sign up sheet next week.

For Catholics in Health and Social Care: New Resources from the Anscombe Bioethics Centre. This organisation does research on behalf of our Bishops and education for the Catholic community on moral matters in medicine. They have a new website which has resources which will benefit parishioners who are doctors, nurses, or others who work or study in fields related to health and social care.

You can access and benefit from their work through their website and social media: www.bioethics.org.uk You can also sign up to their monthly digest for the latest news, events, and accessible briefings on moral matters in medicine, here: <https://bit.ly/ABC-Subscribe>

A fourth season of failed rains is causing one of the worst droughts East Africa has seen in decades. In Turkana, in northern Kenya, crops won't grow in the parched ground and animals are beginning to die. An estimated 50% of children in Turkana are acutely malnourished. Please support Mary's Meals if you can, it costs just £15.90 to feed a child for a year. For more details www.marysmeals.org.uk

Closer to Christ Update

Currently stands at £263,000 if those who promised pledges return the pledge. Maybe it can be even higher! Thank you so very, very much.

If you completed a small card at Mass recently, you will have received a pledge form for completion in the post or via email this week. I ask that you return the form at your earliest convenience to either the parish office, to me, Fr Johnpromise or Dcn Andy after Mass or directly through the post. While you may not wish to start your pledge immediately, I do ask that you return your form, indicating a start date and method of payment that is convenient to you. Our hope is that parishioners will consider what they can as every pledge counts and all gifts will bring us closer to our shared goal.

Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the Closer to Christ Campaign in our parish and the Diocese.

Vincent Harvey

St Edmund's family of four (2 adults and 2 children) looking for short term rental accommodation in Southampton from end of August to mid November 2022. If anyone has a 1/2 bedroom flat to rent short term, or knows someone who does, kindly contact the Parish Office who will put you in touch with the family.

Pilgrimages: Day and Longer...

- 1. Celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on Monday, 15th August** visiting Harvington Hall in Kidderminster. Leaving St Boniface at 8am. The cost of the day, which includes guided tours, lunch and the cost of the journey, is £57.50 per person. If you would like to go please book your seat by contacting **07395 228 841** or stjosephscentre@mail.com. Closing date for booking 7th August.
- 2. A visit/pilgrimage to Portugal culminating in Fatima: 12th-19th October.** In Lisbon we visit the birthplace of St Anthony where we will celebrate Mass and visit the museum dedicated to his life. We then visit Pastes de Belem and the Cathedral which dates from the 12th Century. On Saturday we depart for Fatima via Sintra. In Fatima we will visit all the important sites and participate in the evening candle light procession. The cost is £895 (sharing) which includes breakfast & evening meals (except for one fish lunch), pilgrims are responsible for lunch if desired. For full details please refer to the brochure available from the back or church or from Godfrey Doyle godfreydoyle@gmail.com. We have had assurances from Special Pilgrimages that the current issues with flights will not impact our trip.
- 3. The 12th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage** will take place this year on the hundredth anniversary of GKC being received into the Catholic Church, Saturday 30th July. Please send any prayer requests to; CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to **07795205114**. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayercards can be found on our website, www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk
- 4. Camino old pilgrimage route restored**, see posters for information. You are invited to welcome David and Adrian as they arrive at God's House Tower, Southampton on **Sunday, 7th August, 3:45pm** having walked the St James' Way from Reading.

Weekly Green Living Suggestions...

Baths, showers & taps use 25% of our water. Consider showering rather than having a bath, turning taps off while soaping or brushing teeth using only what you need in the kettle or saucepan (not just filling up). We can also use buckets of soapy water to clean our car and only rinse with the hose (not needing a power hose).

We should water the garden in early mornings or evenings when it is cooler & we should fit water butts outside for garden use & only use sprinklers when necessary - e.g. when establishing new lawns although instead we could do this at rainy times of year?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 24TH JULY

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

Saturday 23rd July	6:15pm SJ	For the Forgiveness of Sins from God, from one another & Thanksgiving for the Divine Mercy
<i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>		
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 24th July	9:00am SE	Terry & Goretti Lennon Blessings on 50th
<i>Seventeenth Sunday</i>		Wedding Anniversary
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	Pope Francis' Intentions & Healing
	11:00am SE	God's Healing Touch on Mohamed, Steve W, Francis P, Michael M, Marie M and all sick
	7:00pm SE	Jean Kaye RIP 5th Anniversary
Tuesday 26th July	10:00am SE	Joaquin Rodrigues RIP
<i>St Joachim & Anne</i>		
Wednesday 27th July	7.00pm SE	Poulose Thekkinigath RIP
Thursday 28th July	12.15pm SJ	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
Friday 29th July	7.00pm SE	Priests & Vocations
<i>Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>		
Saturday 30th July	11:00am SE	For the Forgiveness of Sins from God & from one another
<i>St Peter Chrysologus</i>		
	6:15pm SJ	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 31st July	9:00am SE	Gretta Phelan RIP
<i>Eighteenth Sunday</i>		
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	All Marriages
	11:00am SE	PT Sriyani W in Wales all Anushka's A/L class mates' B'day Blessings & Thanksgiving
	7:00pm SE	For Divine Mercy

Please scan the QR code to be taken straight to our Website!



24th July

Psalm Response:

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Readings 31st July

First Reading:

Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23

Second Reading:

Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Gospel:

Luke 12: 13-21

CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest: Monsignor Canon Vincent Harvey
 Email Address: vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 023 8033 4891

Assistant Priest: Father Johnpromise Umeozuru
 Email Address: jumeozuru@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 02380 172 104

Presbytery Address: 14 Rockstone Place, Southampton, SO15 2EQ

Deacon: Deacon Andy Philpott aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Secretary: Miss Anna Smyllie 023 8033 3589
 Parish Office Address: St Edmund's Lodge, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ
 Parish Email: office@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org
 Parish Website: www.southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

Pastoral Assistant: Tina Quinn tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Catholic Home Care: catholichomecare@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
 Mrs Anne Monaghan 023 8017 0498 & Mrs Marina Joyce 023 8017 0501

Polish Chaplaincy: Father Mariusz Urbanowski
 Tel. No. 02381786316 southampton@pcmew.org

Safeguarding Rep: Catherine Marshall-Cox 023 8033 3589
 Email: safeguarding@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

Stella Maris (AoS): Mr Charles Stuart Mob No 07843 739579

Catholic Chaplains:
 Sr Emiliania Silva e.silva@soton.ac.uk 07426 000213
 Father Benjamin Theobald btheobald@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Solent Chaplain:
 Isabelle Kirby volunteer239@solent.ac.uk 07414 462636

Our Diocese: Portsmouth Catholic Diocese
 Their Website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
 Their Facebook & Twitter: [@PortsmouthRC](https://www.facebook.com/PortsmouthRC)

Second Collections:

Today: **Church maintenance fund**
 No Second Collection Next Week

17th July
Catholic Home Care
 SO: £64.50
 Cash: £209.70
TOTAL: £274.20
 Thank you

17th July
Parish Collection
 SO: £456
 Cash: £861.68
TOTAL: £1,317.68
 Thank you

St Ed's Repository is open this Sunday 9am!

We intend to open the shop the 1st Sunday of the month, and alternate days we will publish ahead of time! Do come along if you can...

Confessions: St Joseph's: Thursdays 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm

St Edmund's: Saturdays after the 11 am Mass

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.