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SEPTEMBER 10TH 2023 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN OT

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



## God is good and generous, and all his gifts are grace

Happy those you call at first light;  
their entire lives are a work of love.

And blessed are you, Father, for the evening workers:  
is it ever too late to work in your vineyard?  
*Here we are, Lord, whenever you call.*

No more first or last, God himself is the pay.  
*Here we are, Lord, whenever you call.*

Peace to you who were far, peace to those who were near.  
*Here we are, Lord, whenever you call.*

The Master's goodness is beyond measure,  
he wants to make servants his friends.  
*Here we are, Lord, whenever you call.*

May I sing to my God the song of his love for his vineyard.  
*Here we are, Lord, whenever you call.*

*Commission Francophone Cistercienne, Tropaires des dimanches, 115*

*Fr Vincent Harvey*

### Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. Today's Gospel reading is not about strict justice but about outrageous generosity. Are any of us ever "worthy of grace," first hour worker or eleventh? What is the message for you in your everyday life?
2. "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call to him while he is still near." Isaiah proclaims (1st reading). Can God always be near you? What helps you remember the injunction to "find God in all things" in your life?
3. "Christ will be glorified in my body..." St Paul says (2nd reading). How is Christ 'glorified' in and through you?

*Vincent Harvey (Adapted from Anne Osdieck)*

## Today's Notices

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Count** at all Masses

**Welcome to new Uni Students** at 9am, 11am & 7pm

Masses, please see the Verbum Dei Sisters in the porch

**No Retiring Collection** this week

## Next Sunday Notices

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9am & 10am Masses** involve our children more than usual.

**Mass Count** at all Masses

**Retiring collection** ??

**Blessing of pre-marriage couples** at 7pm Mass

**Gathering of Uni Students** in St Ed's Hall after 7pm Mass

## This Week...

**Tue** Requiem Mass for John Croft at 10.30am in St Edmund's

Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's

Pre-Marriage Course

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

Journey in Faith in St Ed's Hall at 7.30pm

**Sat** Laudato Si celebration on the Common at 3pm (with URC community)

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

## For Info...

**Mon-Fri:** Diocesan Retreat: AP

**Mon** Day off: VH/DB

**Tues** SLT meeting: VH/DB/TQ/LS/AP

**Wed** Team Meeting: DB/VH

**Sun** Patronal Evensong at St Michael's VH preaching

## 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

**Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of John Croft** whose funeral is this Tuesday at 10.30am in St Ed's.

**Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Savino Maurice Anelli** whose Funeral Service will be on Friday 29th September in Southampton Crematorium. Pray also for his wife, Jeanette and all the family.

**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.

RCIA Journey in Faith Course

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...

*I had a good holiday in Crete. Being so mountainous (and we were staying on the Lasithi Plateau) it was slow getting around, so we spent most the time reading, relaxing, swimming, and visiting a few archaeological sites and, of course, some lovely Greek Orthodox churches and monasteries (some very remote and isolated). **Now back for the 'final run'!***

*I am celebrating a 'Thanksgiving & Farewell Mass' on Friday, 20th October at 7pm in St Edmund's, followed by a reception/gathering afterwards in St Anne's next door. This will be my opportunity to say 'thank you' for accepting me into the Parish Faith Community; for responding to my quirky leadership style and willingly allowing much pastoral and spiritual development. There is still much pastoral work left 'undone', and also building challenges that will put us into debt, which Canon Michael and Father David will have to pick up; but that is the nature of Christian ministry, discipleship and, of course, having property!*

*Individuals are wanting to purchase things for my new home (I will, eventually, be living in Porchester); I already have certain things so to avoid buying unnecessary items may I suggest that if you wish to contribute towards domestic items it would be wise to give me a John Lewis Voucher! Sounds boring but, I think, wise!*

*The City Council are consulting re **City Centre Sunday Parking and wish to abolish free parking on a Sunday morning** before 1pm (currently we can park on a Sunday until 1pm at both churches). This will affect all the churches in the City Centre. See: (City Centre) (Amendment 2) Order 2023 & (Off-Street Parking Places) (Amendment 1) Order 2023]. The **Churches as a group have written to the Council objecting** to the proposal as it will adversely affect our congregations (see the letter on the Parish website written to Councillor Eamonn Keogh Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport). I encourage you to register your concern with him: [councillor.e.keogh@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:councillor.e.keogh@southampton.gov.uk)*

*'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!). More details soon.*

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

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



## What's going on?

**A Day with Mary: Saturday, 7th October in Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood.** Celebrate a Marian festivity through the eyes of the Filipines. A day dedicated to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. Marian talks, Living Rosary with the procession of all Marian statues and icons. Concluding with Mass. Watch for more details soon...

**Catholic Home Care is looking to recruit new carers** to join a friendly and supportive team undertaking general domestic support, helping older people in their own homes. If you like elderly people and have time to spare during the week, this is the job for you with a good rate of pay. Car driver is an advantage (but not essential) and full training given. Success at interview will lead to an enhanced DBS check before appointment. Permanent and holiday cover carers required. **Full details from Xanthe Hackett or Marina Joyce 023 8017 0498**

**Closing date – Monday 9th October 2023,** Interviews 17th October 2023

**Our local Catholic secondary school, St George Catholic College, is Outstanding!**

Governors and staff are excited to share that St George Catholic College was recently judged “Outstanding” in all areas by Ofsted. According to the report: “This is a truly inclusive and welcoming school. Behaviour is exemplary in classrooms and during social times. Staff and pupils are rightly proud to be a part of this school.” Pupils also achieved another set of ‘highest ever’ GCSE results this summer, with 88% achieving grades 4-9 in English and Maths. Our Mission statement, “We ASPIRE to become all that God has created us to be”, is being lived out. **Well done, Class of 2023.**

We are incredibly grateful to our headteacher, James Habberley, and all the staff who have worked so hard over the past 15 years, turning a boys’ school with poor GCSE results and at risk of closure into a heavily oversubscribed mixed Catholic secondary school with some of the best academic results in the country. And we thank parishioners for your prayers and support during our improvement journey. We invite you to read the full Ofsted report and visit our alumni page at [www.stgcc.co.uk/our school/alumni](http://www.stgcc.co.uk/our-school/alumni)

**Finding God in the non-Christian world.** An Interreligious Dialogue Conference at St Bede Church, Basingstoke, Saturday 4th November: 10am to 3.30pm

A day organised by the Diocesan Interreligious Dialogue Team (Fr Vincent co-ordinator) to explore the Church’s teaching on inter-religious dialogue, to learn from the experiences of others and to influence – and be part of – your parish and diocese as we both grow in Christian discipleship. Speakers: Fr Jan Nowotnik, Fr Michael Barnes SJ, Elliot Vanstone (Bishop’s Conference) and Dr Yvette Harrington (member of the Team). Book via Eventbrite: <https://shorturl.at/mvFOY>

**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 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 unless it is brought to the parish office.**

**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. You will be asked to send a photograph or scan of your parking ticket to [enquiries@castlefordmanage.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@castlefordmanage.co.uk). The Parish office will not be able to speak on your behalf.

**Wednesday 11th October 2023, Liturgy - The theology of the Liturgy of the Word.** The celebration of the liturgy is about an encounter. God encounters us and we encounter him. We encounter the saving mysteries of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in the celebration of the liturgy. The notion of encounter is key in understanding the Liturgy of the Word. Fr Anthony will reflect upon the important of the Word of God in the context of liturgical celebrations, by looking at the theological structure of the Liturgy of the Word considering the readings, the psalms, the acclamation, the Gospel, the homily, the creed, and the intercessions. To register for the course please see <https://shorturl.at/jmOQR>

The Threads through Creation exhibition is in the process of touring cathedrals and is currently on at Portsmouth Anglican Church. Threads through Creation is a retelling of the creation story from the book of Genesis, told through 12 huge textile panels. The exhibition is on at Portsmouth Anglican Cathedral until 15th October.

More details about the exhibition can be found here: <https://www.jacqui-textile.com/creation/>

Details on the Portsmouth Anglian Cathedral can be found here:

<https://www.portsmouthcathedral.org.uk/portsmouth-cathedral-events/threads-through-creation>

**We are called to join the river of justice and peace,** to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. As the people of God, we are asked to work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice. Please come along and join us on **Saturday September 30th at 3PM** as we gather in solidarity as a parish on Southampton Common to pray together and celebrate this Season of Creation.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 24TH SEPT

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

<b>Saturday 23rd Sept</b> <i>St Pio</i>	<b>6:15pm SJ</b>	Seán, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
<b>Sunday 24th Sept</b> <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:00am SE</b> <b>10:00am SJ</b> <b>11:00am SE</b> <b>7:00pm SE</b>	Alice O'Donnell RIP Ray Goddard RIP People of the Parish 21st Birthday Leo Blessings and thanksgiving <b>**Requiem Mass**</b>
<b>Tuesday 26th Sept</b>	<b>10:30am SE</b>	
<b>Wednesday 27th Sept</b> <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Kitty Cummins RIP
<b>Thursday 28th Sept</b>	<b>12:15pm SJ</b>	Madeleine Warburg RIP
<b>Friday 29th Sept</b> <i>The Holy Archangels</i>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Priests and Vocations Juliette White RIP
<b>Saturday 30th Sept</b> <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>11:00am SE</b> <b>6:15pm SJ</b>	Laurence and Marie Elizabeth Crawley RIP
<b>Sunday 1st Oct</b> <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9:00am SE</b> <b>10:00am SJ</b> <b>11:00am SE</b> <b>7:00pm SE</b>	Thanksgiving People of the Parish God's Providence and Guidance Judith and Chijioke Aguocha Marina's Intentions

24th September

### Psalm Response

The Lord is close to all who call him.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in

the highest heavens!

*Alleluia!*

1st October

### 1st Reading:

*Ezekiel 18: 25-28*

**Psalm:** 24

### 2nd Reading:

*Philippians 2: 1-11*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 21: 28-32*

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

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## Fr Vincent's Leaving Collection

Fr Vincent will be retiring next month after some 13 years as parish priest here. We will miss him greatly!

If you would like to contribute to the collection for Fr Vincent you can do so in various ways...

**Bank Transfers** with the reference "VH Leaves" to the normal Parish Bank Account

**Contactless Giving** at the back of church  
**Online Giving** via the website/donate QR code

**Cheques** to CDP SOUJE with a note advising their purpose

**Cash** in the retiring collection next week (14th/15th October)

**Cash / Cheques in the Brown Envelopes**

**If you are eligible for gift aid** we can claim an extra 25% on your donation (at no cost to you) and add this to Fr Vincent's Leaving Total.

## 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.*