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JUNE 25TH 2023 | TWELFTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



The Lord surrounds and protects me: He gives me security!

Victorious love shouts to the four winds.

*You who follow Jesus,
do not fear what leads to death,
rather fear to yield to fear.*

The joy of the Lord is our rampart.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation,
whom should I fear?*

*Thought an army encamps against me,
my heart will not fear.*

*I shall not die, but live,
declaring the works of the Lord.*

*Commission Francophone Cistercienne
Vincent Harvey*

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "Do not be afraid....." Jesus says a couple of times as He instructs the Apostles! Why should they not be afraid? Are you ever afraid? Why? Where? When? Did you place it in God's hands?

2. Sometimes when we want to do good, or do the right thing in difficult circumstances we are 'criticised', 'condemned' even attacked. Just as Jeremiah was (1st reading). But he trusted in God. Do you? Should you? How?

3. Sin has always been in the world of humanity! It seems to be part of life! But, as St Paul argues (2nd reading), the 'gift' of Christ "considerably outweighed the fall (sin)" Do you believe that? Do you 'hold the hand' of Christ and accept 'the gift' of Himself?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Holy Communions at St Joseph's

The Retiring Collection is for Catholic Home Care

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

Next Sunday Notices

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Supply Priests at 9am & 11am Masses

The Retiring Collection is for Peter's Pence

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

Thurs St Peter & St Paul: A **holy day** of obligation

Fri Activated Disciple via Zoom
Global Rosary Relay after 7pm Mass

Sat First Holy Communions in St Edmund's

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

For Info...

Mon Day off: VH/JP

Tue St George: VH
SLT: TQ/LS/JP/AP/VH

Wed Diocesan Day on next 10yrs: VH/JP/AP

Fri Clergy Support Group: VH

Sat Deanery Meeting: JP/AP/LS/TQ,..

Sacraments



Please pray for Henry, Micheal, Aaron and Aritz who are due to be Baptised this month. We remember them in our prayers as they enter the Faith, and also remember their families and godparents.



Please pray for Maria Lovola who died last week. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem will be on Tuesday, 5th July at 11.30am in St Edmund's.

Also pray for Jose Tew who died recently. May she rest in peace. Details of Jose's Funeral yet to be arranged.

Please pray for Kris Sladewski's mother, **Elzbieta Sladewska** who died in Poland last Sunday. May she rest in peace. We pray also for Kris and his sisters.

If you would like your child baptised please fill in the online application form.

Once filled in Anna will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation course. Please be patient - once you have filled the form in once you do not need to repeat again.

Baptism Application Form



Thanks to all for their patience last week at the unexpected close of the Parish Office to phones and emails. There was an unexpected bereavement. Anna will be back in Office hopefully from **Tuesday 27th June**

A Few Words...

Our First Holy Communion celebrations the past two Saturdays (final one today at St Joseph) have been a great success. One hundred and five children made their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to them and their families. **Thank you** to Lorraine for heading up the Team, but also to Sue, Roz, Gerry, Myra, Anna, Deacon Andy and Father Johnpromise. Some of the children are already volunteering to participate in things: singing, serving.....great!

Next Sunday I will be in St Mary's, Oscott, to concelebrate at the **Ordination to the Diaconate of Ambrose Chou.** Ambrose is a parishioner at Holy Family and, you may remember, spent a week with us here last year working in the Parish.

If you wish to join the **Holy Land Pilgrimage** which I am leading in 2024 please ask for a brochure (some at the back of churches). We need to book before 14th July.

The Distribution of Holy Communion has created a few small issues with visitors. Apologies for that. If any of your visitors for First Holy Communion were upset please do pass on our apologies. We are simply erring on the safe side and trying to minimise the possibility of cross-infection of any respiratory viruses doing the rounds! Our concern should always be for the vulnerable in our community and many have respiratory issues which could be dangerous. Maybe we are being over cautious, but we are thinking 'of others'!!

Finally, Thursday 29th June, is the **Feast of St Peter & St Paul** and is a Holyday. Masses: 7am & 7.30pm in St Edmund's and 12.15pm in St Joseph's.

Keep cool and have a good, satisfying, and holy week.

Thanks Vincent H

Prayers



Pope's Prayer Intention for June **For the abolition of torture**

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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

What's going on?

Is your spouse or partner not a Christian? Have they ever asked you questions or expressed curiosity about what Christianity is all about? If the answer is yes, why not suggest them coming along to the next **Alpha course** running in the parish? It's a weekly course with open discussion covering major aspects of what it means to be a Christian. If you or they are interested you can sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/qPLu7ekVd2>
The course started 13th June but is open for newcomers!

Knit & Natter A knitting, crochet and yarning group for all abilities, complete with tea, coffee and a biscuit. Beginners and experts of all ages are welcome. It's not just knitting – you can bring along your cross stitch/embroidery project too and start nattering! Join us in the **St Margaret Clitherow Room, St Boniface Catholic Church**, Shirley, Southampton SO15 3JD. Every **Monday 10:00-12:00** (term time only). Cost £1 includes tea/coffee. Please contact jackieamoxon@hotmail.co.uk if interested.

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 in 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. Our wonderful school needs governors.

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.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break. **Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July.** It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection enables Stella Maris to continue its important work so please give generously.

Green Living & Gardening!



If you are making 'Bug Hotels' for St Ed's garden then please **bring them to church weekend of July 9th.** Here's a helpful step by step guide...
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/09/how-to-build-a-bug-hotel/>



CAFOD update on the conflict in Sudan. Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>

To join Bishop Philip in Lourdes 17th July to 21st July please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

To join the Catholic Association to Lourdes 2023 August 18th-25th see <https://www.catholicassociation.co.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. **Deposit and booking required by 14th July.** Details in the information package alongside info on how to sign up via Special Pilgrimages.

Food banks please see link for urgent needs <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>



Soton Mental Health Network

No booking is required but please arrive 10 minutes before the start time to register if you are new.

Weston Shore Walks:

Thursdays at 11am from the cafe at Weston Parade. A walk that lasts about 50 minutes, including a 5 minute break, along Weston Shore to admire the view. Going at a gentle pace (or slightly faster), this walk is designed for people just beginning to use walking as a way to improve their health. We'll stay on pavements and paths, and can adjust the route to suit the participants. Some of us stay for refreshments and a chat at the café after the walk. (Mixed pace 50 minute 'Get Fit' walk)

New lunchtime walk at **Riverside Park:**

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 12 noon by the noticeboard at Bitterne Park Triangle. A gentle, lunchtime walk-and-talk of up to a mile in Riverside Park. This is a walk for adults pursuing good physical and mental health through walking together. (Gentle 40 minute Walk and Talk)

Badminton for over 55's is on Thursdays from 12-2 at the Solent University Sports Hall on East Park Terrace.

It is £2.00 per hour and racquets and shuttles are provided. It is a friendly group who can accommodate a range of abilities and experience (or lack of it).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 25TH JUNE

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

Saturday 24th June	6:15pm SJ	Tony Madden RIP 3rd Anniversary
Sunday 25th June	9:00am SE	Neville Dickenson RIP
<i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	Kathleen Moran RIP
	11:00am SE	People of the Parish
	7:00pm SE	James & Eleanor Chambers RIP
Tuesday 27th June	10:00am SE	Jose Tew RIP
Wednesday 28th June	7:00pm SE	God's Will, Love, Light, Truth, Christ, Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Guidance, Protection, Shalom, Blessings, Graces, Prosperity & Presence
Thursday 29th June	7:00am SE	All those who Converted to the Faith
<i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	12:15pm SJ	Albie Escorcio Intentions
	7:30pm SE	Deceased Members of the Grant & Connolly Family
Friday 30th June	7:00pm SE	Priests & Vocations
Saturday 1st July	11:00am SE	Joao Silvino & Deceased Family Members
<i>St Oliver Plunkett</i>	6:15pm SJ	People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd July	9:00am SE	Phyllis Skinberg RIP
<i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	Thanksgiving for the Person, Gift, the Giving of Chimaobi Atipe Chukwuneke
	11:00am SE	Theos Elohim Thansgiving
	7:00pm SE	Lhima Obia Chukwuneke God Blessings & Thanksgiving

25th June

Psalm Response

In Your great love, answer me,
O God.

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!

2nd July

1st Reading:

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

Psalm: 88

2nd Reading:

Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

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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Health and Safety in the Parish

Ever an exciting topic, I'm sure you will agree!

In order to keep our buildings secure it is important that we regularly check our emergency lights, fire alarm call points, hallways and trip hazards. Having 9 properties means this is a large job!!

Could you spare time helping us to tackle these sorts of jobs? Maybe you have time to pop into church during the week, or maybe you could stay behind after Mass for just a little bit of time every week or so?

Please email Anna to advise if you can join our small group of Health and Safety volunteers.

Our Parish belongs to us all, we each have a duty to help the church where we can - maybe this is your calling to get involved?

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!