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SEPTEMBER 25TH 2022 | 26TH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



A life well lived and loved

Last weekend Fr Johnpromise in his homily asked us the question 'Can we buy a ticket to Heaven?' As I have pondered this over the last few days, a further question came to mind: 'Can we earn that ticket by the way we have lived and the service we have rendered'?

This last week we have experienced and shared in the most extraordinary example of someone who lived a life of exemplary service: Service to her God and service to her people. The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke of this when he reminded us that at her coronation the late Queen Elizabeth II promised a lifelong allegiance to God before anyone swore their allegiance to her or that she promised the same to her country. The message to us all throughout her life and farewell was that Queen Elizabeth will have died in the sure and certain hope that she will now be with God in Heaven.

In contrast our gospel reading this Sunday is not comfortable to hear or to read. The rich man is in a place of torment full of regret for the life he has lived and those he has ignored. Jesus makes it crystal clear that we have been given the warnings of the Old Testament prophets and the example of our modern day prophets (our late Queen) to show us how we should live our lives. Every day we come into contact with those who are socially, physically, economically impoverished and we need to respond.

The fact that 4.6 billion people throughout the nation, commonwealth and world watched the funeral service of Queen Elizabeth is a living record of all those who have witnessed what it is to model leadership that is untainted by wealth and splendor.

Queen Elizabeth left a greater legacy than any of us can imagine.

Scott Hahn reminds us in his gospel reflections that today's liturgy is also a call to repentance, to heed the warning of the one who was raised from the dead. Although Queen Elizabeth was our longest reigning British monarch and had outwardly and ostensibly lived 96 selfless years, she was equally aware of her frailty and sinfulness and we were asked to pray for her soul and the forgiveness of her sins.

Our ticket to Heaven not only requires a life of love and service but an openness to repentance. Queen Elizabeth II lived and loved in the certain hope of eternal life with the Christ she loved and professed and Monday was a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life.

In his letter to Timothy, St Paul writes (and this could have equally been written to our late queen) "As a man/woman dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses".

May she RIP.

Tina Quinn

Today's Notices

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass

Second Collection for Catholic Home Care

Mass Counts at all Sunday Masses

Please continue to sanitise your hands

Next Sunday Notices

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass

Shared Liturgy on the Common at 1pm (see elsewhere)

Second Collection for Church Maintenance Fund

Mass Counts at all Sunday Masses

This Week...

Mon VH/JP day off

Tues Parish Office Closed

Wed Clergy Meeting

For Info...

Mon Baptism Preparation Course on Zoom @ 7pm

Tues St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm
Adoration in St Ed's until 8pm (weekly - do join!)

Wed Evening Prayer @ 6pm.... to join email Dcn Andy
Journey in Faith after 7pm Mass

Prayers

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 and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

Parish Rosary Group. If you would be interested in joining an in-person rosary group please follow this QR code, or contact the Parish Office. It would be lovely to restart an evening group if there is an appetite.



Adoration

The 1st of October 2022 marks 30 years since daily Adoration began in St Edmund's Church. A tremendous milestone that we as a whole parish should be proud of!

We shall have Mass and a celebration to mark the occasion appropriately further down the line, but in the meantime we would encourage you to make an effort to attend Adoration if possible.


Please contact Anna on **07956 379 542** if you would like to join the regular Adoration Schedule. The growth of Eucharistic adoration over the past two millennia is a beautiful example of the organic development of doctrine and of Christian life and worship. Like Mary, who kept the words of the Lord in her heart and meditated on them day and night, the Church has reflected over the centuries on her greatest treasure and the fitting homage to give to it. The second millennium has witnessed the constant growth of the personal prayer of the faithful before the Blessed Sacrament. Hopefully here in St Edmund's we will continue to see this growth!

We are created to worship God by the way we live and to give God glory through deliberate focused adoration of him and we find our ultimate fulfilment as His people when we lovingly adore Him as Mary did. Personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with dedicated Adoration times helps us to have discipline in this aim, and furthers our prayer life significantly.

"It is impossible in human terms to exaggerate the importance of being in a church or chapel before the Blessed Sacrament as often and for as long as our daily duties ... allow. I very seldom repeat what I say. Let me repeat this sentence. It is impossible in human language to exaggerate the importance of being in a chapel or church before the Blessed Sacrament as often and for as long as our ... duties allow. That sentence is the talisman of the highest sanctity." —Father John Hardon

A Message from Bishop Philip

"I am delighted to acknowledge the 30th anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration in St Edmund's. Thank you to all who organise this. For in the Eucharist is Jesus Himself. There, He is not only present but active among us, drawing us into His life, renewing us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and uniting us with our heavenly Father. Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the Mass, bringing to us its grace and joy and giving us an opportunity to reflect, to give thanks, to ask forgiveness and to present our petitions. I hope and pray that many parishioners will regularly undertake prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and at the same time bring friends and others with them so that they too can find salvation in Jesus Christ."

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 Today we celebrate International Daughters Day. We bring to mind all daughters currently developing in the womb. That they would be loved and protected at all costs, and that they would all be given the opportunity to experience life outside the womb. **Lord hear us**



Sacraments

First Holy Communion. Many parents are contacting the Parish Office repeatedly about FHC. We would like to emphasise once more that **registration has not started yet** and as soon we have plans to begin registration we will be announcing via the Newsletter, Website & at Mass. To register your interest in the programme, please see the FHC page on the website and fill in your name and email on the appropriate form. This is not registering, but means we will email you specifically details of the course when we have them available. Responding to the same requests is taking considerable time, so we would kindly ask people to wait for updates. <https://www.southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org/first-holy-communion>

What's going on?

Welcome Students! If you are a new student, please introduce yourself to the welcomers & the clergy, it's great to meet you and we look forward to hopefully seeing more of you! We would invite you to get in touch with the Office if there are any groups you are interested in joining, or want to know more about.

Parish Database Census/Registration. As you will recall, some months ago we invited all parishioners to complete an up to date registration/census form for the Parish. **We have had a total of 451 complete the form, which tells us that almost more than half of our parishioners have not done so!**

Please consider completing a paper form, using the link on the website front page or scanning the QR code on the back of the Newsletter under 'Join Parish'. This Parish Database is brand new, **meaning we have no carried over any old information**, meaning those who did not fill in a new form when we appealed are not on the database.

DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal. Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater. Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at cafod.org.uk/give

Welcomers' Evening, Save the Date! An invitation to all Welcomers to an evening get-together on **Thursday 29th September in St Edmund's Hall at 7.30pm** to say 'Thank you', to review our welcoming and to hear from you how we can develop this ministry further to be a more inclusive, culturally diverse and unconditional in our approach. We want to respond to some of the comments from the synodal survey particularly around diversity and inclusion. We would ask that you think of someone that you can invite to join our welcoming teams. If you want to start welcoming, please come along!

Alpha starts soon! We will once again be running an Alpha Course in the Parish beginning on the 4th of October in St Edmund's Hall. This weekend we begin our 'Alpha Prayer Campaign' where we invite parishioners to pray especially for our course's success, and for those people we invite to join. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from Alpha please sign up via the website or use this form: <https://forms.gle/VWui4B5XszsuS6178>

Food Banks To check on out of stock items <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate> Most needed currently are: *Coffee (Small), Custard, Sugar (Small), Soup (Tins & Packets), Cold & Hot Meat (Tin), Veggie & Vegan Meals, Noodles, Mixed Veg (Tin), Tomatoes (Tin), Rice Pudding, Carrier Bags, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Squash*



Volunteers needed!

Parish Office Admin Assistant. The Parish Office is in need of a volunteer admin assistant to help with the day to day running of the office. The individual will be comfortable answering phones, dealing with the door and offering support in simple administrative areas. Comfortable use of computers required, knowledge of Microsoft 365 preferable, but not necessary. Preferably 3 days a week, hours and days flexible. Please contact Anna in the office to discuss!

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.

Altar Servers. Now that the summer has come to a close, we are looking to start training new altar servers and encourage those interested to sign up! This week we have forms at the back of church for all altar servers and their parents (if under 18) to fill in. We need to refresh our altar server database, so all altar servers are invited to fill in the forms. Details of training will be announced once we have collected in the forms and have an idea of numbers.

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. Our upcoming Alpha Course will have some 'in-person' sessions where we will provide guests with food to share together. Meals are such a powerful way of connecting with each other. If you might be able to help with preparing some food please contact Anna in the Parish Office to discuss.

Designated Alpha Prayer People. We would like a small number of people who would be happy to keep our Alpha groups in their prayers over the course, praying for the team and for our guests that all may be filled with Holy Spirit and brought closer to God. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to support our group in this way.

What's going on?

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 starting this week at 7:45pm in St Edmund's Hall.** No need to register, just turn up! A warm welcome awaits you, come and see...

Weekly Green Living Suggestions...

Next Saturday, 1 October, at 3.00pm on the Common. there will be a shared liturgy with Avenue St Andrews United Reformed Church for the feast of St Francis. St Francis is associated, with patronage of God's creatures, especially birds, and the natural environment. He is also the saint embraced by our current pope who in his encyclical *Laudato Si* challenged us all to care for the whole of God's creation. Do come along and support this event if you can!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

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

Saturday 24th September	6:15pm SJ	Mass for People of the Parish
<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 25th September	9:00am SE	Leo's 20th Birthday Blessings
<i>Twenty-sixth Sunday</i>	10:00am SJ	Madeleine Warburg RIP
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am SE	Martha Vasquez RIP 1st Ann.
	7:00pm SE	Maro P. 2nd Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving
Tuesday 27th September	10:00am SE	Kitty Cummings RIP
Wednesday 28th September	7.00pm SE	Juliette White RIP
Thursday 29th September	12.15pm SJ	Laurence & Marie Crawley RIP
Friday 30th September	7.00pm SE	Priests and Vocations
Saturday 1st October	11:00am SE	Marina's Intentions
<i>St Teresa of the Child Jesus</i>	6:15pm SJ	For the Salvation & Fullness of God for all Israel, Chukwuneke Family, Ikwueke Family, Izuorah Family, Igoh Family, Igbos and Nigeria
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 2nd October	9:00am SE	Ann Hogg RIP
<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday</i>	10:00am SJ	For the Manifestation of the Bride of Christ, New Jerusalem & the Sons of God
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am SE	Richard Haynes RIP
	7:00pm SE	Quintus, Gamini G., Indira, Sullakshi, Kumi, Lalith & Kanthi B'Day Blessings

25th September**Psalm Response:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.**Gospel Acclamation:***Alleluia, alleluia!*

Jesus Christ was rich, but He became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of His poverty.

*Alleluia!***Readings 2nd October****First Reading:***Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4***Second Reading:***2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14***Gospel:***Luke 17: 5-10***18th Sept 1st Collection**

SO: £1,212.66 Cash: £804.43

TOTAL: £2,017.09

Thank you.

Confessions**St Joseph's** on Thursdays at 11.45am &Saturdays 5.45pm and at **St Edmund's** on Saturdays after the 11am Mass**CONTACT DETAILS****Parish Priest:** Monsignor Canon Vincent HarveyEmail Address: vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 023 8033 4891**Assistant Priest:** Father Johnpromise UmeozuruEmail 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

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"Alas! Is Jesus really my centre? Perhaps in times of extraordinary difficulties, or of very fervent prayer, or of urgent need; but in everyday life, do I think, do I reflect, do I act in Jesus as in my centre?"

Why is my Lord not my centre?

Because He is not yet the ego of my ego, because I am not completely under the inspiration of His will, because He does not mean everything to me.

What am I supposed to do?

I must enter in and abide by repeated attempts. Abide therefore in Jesus present in my heart. Live in the goodness of Jesus

Eucharistic."

-St Peter Julian Eymard

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!