



JUNE 26TH 2022 | THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



FOLLOWING CHRIST COSTS US EVERYTHING

In 1992, Touchstone Pictures released a blockbuster film that was not only economically successful, but also defined my childhood. That blockbuster film is "SISTER ACT", starring Whoopi Goldberg as Sister Mary Clarence and Joseph Maher as Monsignor O'Hara. With the support of Monsignor O'Hara, Sister Mary Clarence through her exceptional music abilities, transformed a decaying convent and a dead-end local parish into a thriving local hub that catered for the spiritual, pastoral, social and charitable needs of the local community. The blockbuster film finale was their rendition of "I WILL FOLLOW HIM" in front of Eugene Greytak as Pope John Paul II. The first stanza of that hymn states: "I will follow Him, follow Him wherever He may go. And near Him, I always will be. For nothing can keep me away, He is my destiny." Afterwards, the Pope and Mother General, led the entire congregation in a standing ovation in appreciation of Sister Mary Clarence and her choir.

*In this week's Sunday readings which are firmly anchored on discipleship, we meet Elisha in the First Reading, leaving everything to follow Elijah and become his servant. In the Gospel, Christ, who had steadfastly set His face (Sterizo - To Firmly Fix) for Jerusalem, stipulated the actual costs of following Him to the three persons He encountered. We are to follow Him not because we think He would provide us with all the good things of life (Prosperity Gospel). We are to follow Him without giving any religious reason why that is not possible (Tradition). We are to follow Him without trying to massage our egos first (Self Aggrandisement). St Paul in today's Second Reading pointed out why we should never allow Prosperity Gospel, Tradition and Self Aggrandisement to deter us from following Christ; according to him, we are called to liberty, but we should be careful to avoid this liberty providing an opening to self-indulgence. Yes, following Christ abhors all half measures, but costs us everything, even the things we hold so dear and precious. May we make ours the words of Sister Mary Clarence and her choir in the film above - **"I will follow Him, ever since He touched my heart I knew. There isn't an ocean too deep. A mountain so high it can keep, keep me away. Away from His love"**.*

Fr Johnpromise

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. Again and again in today's Gospel people say they will follow Jesus but have an excuse not to do it now! How do you follow Jesus? What prevents you doing this all the time?
2. Elijah handed over his mission to Elisha (1st reading). How do you 'hand over' faith to others? Who do you hand over faith to?
3. St Paul (2nd reading) says we are called through faith into 'freedom'. Do you experience that freedom? How?

Fr Vincent

Today's Notices

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy at 9am Mass

Retiring collection for Peter's Pence (to be used for charitable purposes by the Pope)

We welcome Nathan King who is studying for the Ministerial Priesthood

Please continue to return your **Parish Registration Forms**

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

Next Sunday Notices

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Canon John Cooke at 6.15pm & 10am to talk about vocations to the Ministerial Priesthood

Family Mass at 9 & 10am when the children get more involved in the celebration

This Week...

Mon Restored Lives @ 7.30pm

Tues St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm
Alpha online @ 7pm

Wed Solemnity of St Peter & Paul - a Holyday. See Masses...
Evening Prayer @6pm..... to join email Dcn Andy

For Info...

Mon VH/JP Day off

Tues SLT: VH/JP/TQ/AP/LS
DR Clergy Group: VH

Wed Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP/NK

Thurs St George's: VH

Fri FHC Celebration Mass in Springhill: JP
Clergy Ministry Meeting: VH

Sat Supply in Fareham: VH

A Few Words...

Yesterday we celebrated the final two **First Holy Communion Masses**. In total over 82 children made their FHC: we pray for their ongoing faith development and, as a Parish, need to think how we can continue to engage with them to enable them to be active members of the Parish! Any ideas? Anybody willing to get involved and committed?

This coming Wednesday is the **Feast of St Peter & St Paul**. To enable us all to come along to Mass we have 3 Masses (**7am & 7.30pm SE; 12.15pm SJ**). These two men generated much energy to develop the Faith, the Church and the proclamation of the Good News! How can we do likewise? What must we do, to do likewise?

The **Closer to Christ campaign** to raise long-term funds for the support of priests from training into active ministry and then into retirement, is still growing. We are currently around **£205,000** (target £240,000); as you know if we reach our target we will receive back £80,000 (£40k for Catholic Home Care and £40k to re-decorate our churches). Do look at the details in the distributed packs and see if you can make a 5 year pledge (or one-off donation). More about this in the next couple of weeks.

Have a good week... Vincent H

It is the Feast of St Peter & St Paul on Wednesday, 29th June. Our Masses will be 7am & 7.30pm in St Edmund's and 12.15pm in St Joseph's. Springhill School will also be celebrating a Mass in St Edmund's during the day. St Peter & St Paul is a Holyday, it is probably one of the oldest feast days celebrated in the Christian calendar!

Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Adalina Buenabente** who passed in the early hours of Thursday morning. Please remember also Nalla, her daughter, and all the family in your prayers.

Requiem Mass for Frankie Bennett on Tuesday, 5th July at 11.30am in St Joseph, followed by interment in Hollybrook. Please pray also for Frankie's mother, Sadie and Liz & John (sister and brother). May he rest in peace.

Lord Jesus, You understand what it is like to be hungry. Teach us to have grateful and generous hearts. Forgive us when we make selfish choices or remain silent in the face of injustice.

Lord Jesus, You welcomed all to your table. May we recognise our interconnectedness, with our common home and our global neighbours, so all are invited to share the feast.

Lord Jesus, You come to us as bread and wine. Fill us with your compassion. Nourish us as we advocate for change, and seek to make your Kingdom a reality in our world.

Amen.

Please remember especially in your prayers

Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, Doreen Nelson, the Roberts family, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, Mary O'Reilly, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Diana Elena, Simon, Sue and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

An Appeal for new (or returning!) Adorers... Please consider joining our Adoration team, either as a coordinator or an Adorer. It is so lovely to see our numbers rising, but we still have lots of gaps...

Please get in touch with Anna (07956 379 542) if you feel able to help/join!

The Lord is calling us all to examine our schedules to see if we can participate in this beautiful time of prayer... "Can't you stay awake with me for just one hour?"

The gaps we need filling most desperately are:

Monday 1.30pm onwards, Wednesday from 3pm - 6.30pm (i.e., until Mass), Thursday 10-11am, Thursday 3pm onwards and Friday 10-11am

What's going on?

Welcome to Nathan King, currently in his 1st year at Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea. Nathan came to talk about his journey on 'Vocations Sunday' (8th May) and now joins us for a month of pastoral experience here in the Parish.

Next Sunday we welcome Canon John and Mrs Clare Ryan who will be at 6.15pm & 10am Masses to talk about vocations to the Ministerial Priesthood (they were with us a couple of months back preaching at St Edmund's).

Thank you to those who have already returned their **Parish Registration Form**, this has allowed us to create an entirely **new database** which we know to be **up-to-date** and **accurate**. Judging by the number of forms we received, **there are still outstanding forms to be collected**. We are only inputting data based on these new forms, so even if you filled in a registration form previously we would invite you to fill in a new form to be included on the new database. **Please do make every effort to return these to the Parish Office as soon as you can!**

The largest youth gathering of Catholics, Flame, is back, taking place at the OVO Arena, Wembley on Saturday **4th March 2023, with the theme 'Rise Up!'**.

All young people attached to our parish, school or university are WELCOME! The only stipulation is that they are in at least year 9, so around 14. There will be loud music, bright lights, and moments of stillness.

Flame Tickets cost £24 each as an 'Early Bird price' which applies to all tickets paid for before 31/10/22. Bishop Philip will be at the event to 'welcome' us all, and the Diocese will organise a coach from St John's. If you or your child are interested, then **please be in touch with the Parish Office so we can attempt to organise a group**. A reminder closer to the time will be about!

Any questions you have about the event can be answered by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phoning **07780 221686**.

Edward Hauschild is due to be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate on Wednesday 6 July 2022.

In accordance with **Canon Law (CIC 1043)**, if anyone knows of any reason why Edward should not be ordained please inform Bishop Philip or Mgr Canon Vincent Harvey.

We wish Edward well and pray that he may be open to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit at his Ordination.

Cleaning Volunteers needed at St Edmund's. The commitment is just once every six weeks. **Please get in touch with the office if you feel you may be able to help.**

Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima 12-19th October 2022

Brochures available, do get in touch. Might be an idea to check that your passports are in date...!

Food Banks. Please when shopping buy 'one' extra item to bring to church and put in the box in the porch. The best place to check what donations are needed is:

<https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>

Our First Holy Communions have come to a close. The 4 Masses were great celebrations of faith and the centrality of the Eucharist in our Catholic Lives. Please pray for the 82 children and their families. Thank you also to all involved: the FHC team, musicians, singers, readers, servers and decorators!! A special thanks to Lorraine Swann who planned and coordinated the FHC sessions and the final Masses. One more celebration to go: Saturday, 9th July in St Joseph's, Ashurst.

Songs of Praise and Radio 2 have joined forces for the third year running to find the **BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2022**. Entries are now being accepted, with a closing date of midnight on Monday 4th July 2022. Singers aged 10-16 apply online by submitting two short films of themselves singing a Christmas carol or song and a sacred song such as a hymn, classical solo, spiritual, inspirational, gospel or worship song.

From everyone who applies, five boys and five girls will be chosen to sing at the TV and Radio Semi-Finals at The Monastery, Manchester in October, before a panel of judges. One singer will be crowned BBC Young Chorister of The Year 2022. They'll win a trophy plus the opportunity to feature on Songs of Praise and BBC Radio programmes.

For more details or to apply see <https://bbc.in/3v9WVjL>
Any questions? Email sopcompetitions@avantimedia.tv

Local author!! Father Seán has had published poems he wrote mainly during lockdown.

Title: Night Poetry **Author:** Seán Tobin

Publisher: Austin McCauley **Cost** £6.99;

Available from <https://seantobin.ampbk.com/>

Fanning The Flame Summer Camp: 15th - 19th August

(for ages 11 - 21). Join us for 5 days in the New Forest where we explore our faith and learn more about living with hope and joy in Jesus Christ. Full of faith, fun and fellowship. Run by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. Just £130. For more info: www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk

Weekly Green Living Suggestions...

Finally, this month, really consider whether we need to buy quite so much 'stuff'! We are plundering our world for resources, both material and human.

The Dorset Green Living Guide has produced a range of videos which challenges us to create a more just and sustainable future. <https://www.storyofstuff.org>. The videos are designed to make us think and to stimulate dialogue. Perhaps you could make the time to have a good look at these?

Obsolescence had been built into a lot of what we buy so that we have to buy it again, often sooner rather than later. We are encouraged to be consumers, nudged by persuasive advertising into purchasing 'must haves' that quite often turn out to be 'not needs' - a waste of time and space. Buying more thoughtfully for better quality things that will last and be repairable (and worth repairing) if they break would be a good habit to cultivate.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 26TH JUNE

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

Saturday 25th June	6:15pm SJ	Neville Dickenson RIP
<i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 26th June	9:00am SE	Alan Cunningham RIP
<i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	Ricardo Cruz RIP
	11.00am SE	James & Eleanor Chambers RIP
	7:00pm SE	Imelda and Don Thanksgiving & Wellbeing
Tuesday 28th June	10:00am SE	For Peace in the World
Wednesday 29th June	7.00am SE	Florence & Joseph Healing & Return to Church
<i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	12.15pm SJ	Joseph Lee RIP
	7:30pm SE	Terry Bohle RIP
Thursday 30th June	12.15pm SJ	Tracy Smith RIP and Family
Friday 1st July	7.00pm SE	Neri Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings
Saturday 2nd July	11:00am SE	Mary Burke's 80th Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving. Bill Burke RIP
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	6:15pm SJ	Mary & Elizabeth Doherty RIP
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 3rd July	9:00am SE	Theos Elohim & Chima Obia Chukwuneke
<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	God's Blessings & Thanksgiving
	11.00am SE	Phyllis Steinberg RIP
	7:00pm SE	For Those in Need
		Audrey Windsor RIP

26th June

Psalm Response:

O Lord, it is You who are my portion.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Readings 3rd July

First Reading:

Isaiah 66: 10-14

Second Reading:

Galatians 6: 14-18

Gospel:

Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20



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Confessions:

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

St Edmund's:

Saturday after 11am Mass

Second Collections:

Today:

Peter's Pence

Next Week:

No Second Collection

19th June 2nd Collection

Day for Life

SO: £27.50 Cash: £130.25

TOTAL: £157.75

Thank you

19th June Parish Collection

SO: £566.00

Cash: £792.08

TOTAL: £1,358.08

Thank you

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Why are Saturdays dedicated to Our Lady?

The Church has honored the Mother of God on Saturdays for centuries, dating back to the early Middle Ages. In more recent times (1925) Our Lady appeared to Sr Lucia to request the institution of the five consecutive 'First Saturday devotions' in reparation to her Immaculate Heart.

Any devotion to the Virgin Mary is always focused on drawing us closer to Jesus, her Son.

Since the Resurrection took place on a Sunday, we keep holy this day instead of the Sabbath as did the Jews of old, but we also sanctify Saturday in honor of the glorious Virgin Mary who remained unshaken in faith all day Saturday after the death of her Divine Son. Saturday is a "preparation day," and Mary is the "preparer" who helps us to prepare to receive the Lord.

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.