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AUGUST 27TH 2023 | TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



MORE THAN A NAME, IT IS WHO WE ARE

When I was 7 years old, my mum told me the story behind my unusual name - JOHN PROMISE. My mum looked forward to my delivery as her 3rd child; unfortunately, I was sickly from birth and after so many weeks in the hospital and lots of treatments, the doctors advised my parents to take me home and prepare for the inevitable – death. My parents brought me home and prayed God to let me live. My mum promised to offer me to God as His servant if He spares me from dying. After three months of treatments and sleepless nights, that little child was miraculously healed, and my mum who is a convert from the Church of England, vowed to name me PROMISE – meaning the promised child that survived all odds. On the day of my Baptism at the Cathedral Church of Christ the King, Aba, Nigeria, the catechist asked my parents what name they had given me, and they shouted proudly – PROMISE. The catechist was surprised and reminded them that Catholics do not go by such names; however, if they wanted to retain the name PROMISE, they must attach it to the name of a well-known saint in the Catholic Church. My mum who was devoted to St John the Beloved (Disciple of Jesus), took that John and attached it to PROMISE, hence my unusual name – JOHN PROMISE. It is a name I am very proud to bear. It is a name I cling to in times of turbulence and the vicissitudes of life. It is who I am!

In the readings of this Sunday, we encounter the powerful significance of names which carries with it the magnitude of who we are, and the enormous responsibilities placed on our shoulders. In our First Reading, the Lord demoted Shebna (Vigour) from office due to his highhandedness and promoted Eliakim (God Establishes/God Sets up), so he could be a father to all Israelites be they of the House of Judah or the House of David. In today's Gospel, Peter affirmed Jesus to be – **Ho Christos, ho Huios tou Theou tou zontos** – The Christ, the Son of the Living God. By affirming Christ (**Christos**) as the Messiah/Anointed One, Peter ended the long speculation of who the Messiah might be and when He might appear. Christ in return affirmed Peter (**Petros** – Rock/Stone) as the visible foundation/leader of His Church. My friends, none of us an accident, we are all created in the image and likeness of God; this comes out palpably in the names we bear. Have we discovered the true meaning of our names and the awesome responsibilities that go with them? Have a go today and we will discover how rich the depths of God are and how deep His wisdom and knowledge are on every one of us.

After 2 years of service here in City Centre Parish Southampton, today is my last Sunday; IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE. I have had an amazing 2 years with you all. Thank you Mgr Vincent for putting up with me and allowing me to flourish. Thank you all for praying, accommodating, and supporting me. Thank you all for being so patient. Thank you all for being wonderful people. If I wronged you in any way, do forgive me, please. Pray for me to become that Promised Parish Priest of Fleet and Church Crookham, who is very welcoming, loving, merciful, supportive, and inclusive. Do come around and see me whenever you are on your way to London. I love you all and I will miss you all. KEEP SMILING! KEEP BEING GORGEOUS! KEEP BEING FABULOUS!!!

Fr Johnpromise

Today's Notices

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptisms in St Joseph's and St Edmund's

Farewell to Fr Johnpromise in St Edmund's after 9am & 11am & 7pm Masses

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

Next Sunday Notices

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Retiring Collection is for our Church Building & Maintenance Fund

Welcome to Fr David Bateman who joins us as our assistant priest in the Parish!

March for Life London Sat 2nd September There is a coach travelling from Holy Family Catholic Church (Millbrook, Southampton SO16 4PL) departing for London at 07:15. The coach returns from London at 5pm, due back in Southampton 19:30. The cost is £28 per seat. Children's tickets will be cheaper, the price will depend on the number of children on the coach to cover the cost of coach hire.

If you would like to book a seat please email Holy Family office@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk or call the office **023 8077 8203**. For information about the March for Life visit www.marchforlife.co.uk

Diocesan Day for Catechists, 30th September 10am - 4pm. Join Fr Mark Hogan and the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph for a day of thanksgiving, prayer, fellowship and formation in Winchester Catholic Pastoral Centre. The day is free. Please bring a packed lunch.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diocesan-day-for-catechists-registration-598927286637>

The highlight of the day is the celebration of Mass, offered for all catechists and for all who contribute to Children's Liturgy in the diocese. This day for catechists is also a great source of support and strength, as we meet catechists from all corners of the diocese, share with them our experience, and take time to pray together.

Prayers



Pope's Prayer Intention for August For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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.



A Few Words...

Today we say our 'final' farewell to **Father Johnpromise** as he celebrates the 9am, 11am and 7pm Masses. We thank him for his ministry among us: his energy, his homilies, his care for others, his sense of welcome and inclusiveness and even his singing.....especially 'pop songs'! Father Johnpromise faces many challenges in his new Placement as Parish Priest, so pray for him and the Parish of Fleet & Church Crookham.

Father David Bateman arrives in the Parish this coming Tuesday and I go on holiday on the 4th September: so a steep settling in curve for Fr David!! I know I leave him in 'safe hands'.

My leaving?.....watch this space.....my holiday first!

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

This Week...

Tue Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's
Finance Committee Meet

Pre-Marriage Course Commences

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

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

Sacraments

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.

Baptism Application Form



If you would like to be married in the church (either in our churches or abroad/elsewhere) you must fill in the "Weddings In & Out of Parish" Form

If you would like to join our **Pre Marriage Course** (required to be married in the church) you can scan this code to join the next course starting in 2024 (dates tbc still).

Weddings In & Out of Parish



Marriage Preparation Course 2024



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 begins in September, Wednesday evenings in St Edmund's Hall after the 7pm Mass.

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>

RCIA Journey in Faith Course



What's going on?

Kristin Thursby-Pelham & family are walking the Test Way to raise money for HCPT the Pilgrimage Trust, Group 170 based in Southampton. This charity takes children from disadvantaged or disabled backgrounds on a holiday/pilgrimage of a lifetime. It also provides much needed respite for their carers.

Mum and Fergus are taking on the full 25 miles, while Dad, Elin, Evie and Kristin are walking the 12 miles from Stockbridge.

They would like to be able to **raise £1000 as this will allow us to fund one child** to go at Easter 2024, as well as contributing to the Romsey Rotary charities fund which supports activities in the local area.

To donate via Just Giving please see this link <https://shorturl.at/cmJP5>

Novena to St Boniface at St Boniface, 413 Shirley Road, SO15 3JD Rosary every day 6:30pm followed by Mass & Novena at 7pm (29/8 till 8/9). Sunday 3/9: Rosary at 5pm and followed by Mass and Novena at 5:30pm. Feast Day Friday 8/9, Procession at 6:30pm, followed by 7pm Mass. **Feast Day 8/9 Dinner Party:** All are welcome after the 7pm Mass at the St Boniface Church Hall!

Poetry Share Meeting, Tuesday, 5th September 2023 7.10pm, Stella Maris Hall **THEME: POETS LAUREATE** We look forward to welcoming poetry lovers to an evening sharing the poems of the Poets Laureate from John Dryden in the C17th through to Simon Armitage, the current poet laureate. Bring your favourite poems to share with the group, or just come and listen. You will be very welcome. For more information, please contact Kate and Fran at poetryshare@btinternet.com

Called & Gifted Coming to St Boniface in September! Please consider joining us on a special teaching day that will be held on **9 September 2023** St Boniface church hall. This will be followed by **one-to-one discernment conversations** via Zoom or in-person with a trained facilitator to help us unlock our potential charisms. Finally, we will be encouraged to begin "experimenting" with our discerned charism by putting it into **concrete practice**. There is a minimal fee involved. We will give you more details as we get closer to the teaching day. Please consider taking part in this special event.

Time to register!! Please contact Jane Stephenson (07941755323) or Augustine Odukoya (07883014954) or send an email to: calledandgifted@st-boniface.org.uk. Please give your full name and contact details.

The Syro-Malabar Eparchy is appointing Fr Tomy Chirackalmanavalan to a parish in Ipswich in September. He will be replaced by Fr Thomas Parakandathil. We thank Fr Tomy for his time here in City Centre Parish and at St Vincent de Paul, and we wish him well.

Stay Awake, 2024! An all-age, all-day faith event on Saturday, 13th April in the Catholic Deanery of Dorset, Plymouth Diocese. Details later but save the date!

Gift Aid Forms / Information

Gift Aid Declaration Forms are available at the back of church or can be posted / emailed from the Office if requested.

What can the Parish claim Gift Aid on?

- **Donations to the Parish**
- **Donations to the Priests**
- **Donations to Diocesan 2nd Collections**

Due to a change in Auditing Standards we can no longer claim Gift Aid on third party collections (e.g., CAFOD).

What methods can I donate by?

- **Standing Orders** (the best way!)
- **Direct Debits**
- **Cheques**
- **Bank Transfers**
- **Contactless Machines**
- **CASH ONLY IF IT COMES TO THE PARISH OFFICE DIRECTLY DURING A WEEK OR IN AN ENVELOPE**

THE PARISH CAN NO LONGER CLAIM GIFT AID ON CASH DONATIONS PUT INTO THE COLLECTION BASKET

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. The Parish office will not be able to speak on your behalf.

The small group fayre has finished but the small groups continue and will be happy for you to sign up if you are interested (all details on website). We are hoping to start one or two new ones in response to requests. **A big thank you to Brenda and Carlos Andino for the designs and set up!**

Married Couples' Workshop,

St John's Cathedral Hall

Saturday 30th September 9.30am - 4pm.

Cost: £20 couple. Donations are welcome.

Register by 30th August via

marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Loving for Life Retreat, Make time and space for your marriage

Friday 27th - Sunday 29th October

Milner Room, St Peter's Winchester

Register by 30th September at

marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Cost: £160 a couple. Donations are welcome.

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST

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

Saturday 26th August	6:15pm SJ	Adam Hunt RIP
Sunday 27th August	9:00am SE	Chris & Louise 40th Wedding Anniversary
<i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	Julia & Brian D'Arcy RIP
	11:00am SE	People of the Parish
	7:00pm SE	Intentions of Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru & His New Parish
Tuesday 29th August	10:00am SE	Karen Nugent RIP
<i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>		
Wednesday 30th August	7:00pm SE	Quickness in the Perfection of all Saints and Healing of the Sick
<i>Ss Margarets Clitherow & Ward & Anne Line</i>		
Thursday 31st August	12:15pm SJ	Edward Fagan RIP
Friday 1st September	7:00pm SE	Resurrection of the Dead, Rapture & the Coming of Christ
<i>Feria</i>		
Saturday 2nd September	11:00am SE	Thanksgiving
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	6:15pm SJ	Olivia Lee RIP
Sunday 3rd September	9:00am SE	Sebastian Monteiro RIP
<i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	Madeleine Elizabeth Warburg RIP
	11:00am SE	People of the Parish
	7:00pm SE	Franceschina Ardani RIP

27th August

Psalm Response

Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will build My Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

Alleluia!

3rd Sept

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Psalm: 62

2nd Reading:

Romans 12: 1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

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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Safeguarding Training

We have not been able to offer in person safeguarding training since before COVID, we have been using Educare online which some people don't find easy to use.

We are hoping to offer in person training **Saturday 9th September in St Edmund's Hall**

We need at least **twelve** people to attend the Child Exploitation and at least **seven** people to attend Vulnerable Adult Training. If we don't have these numbers by 5th September we will have to cancel (only 3 confirmed so far!).

For some ministries in the church this training is mandatory - like CLOW - but for others it is an optional extra - like RCIA. The training is required on a regular basis, so your training may have expired - if unsure check with me!

Child Exploitation Training: Children's Liturgy Team, FHC catechists, Confirmation catechists... etc
Vulnerable Adult Training: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who visit the Housebound, RCIA catechists, volunteer drivers... etc

If you are able to join please email Anna on:
safeguarding@

southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

or call / text **07956 379 542**