



FEBRUARY 27TH 2022 | EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



## Our hearts pump words as well as blood

We might want to suggest that all of the Gospels and the Christ's teachings are radical, but over the last few weeks they have all been certainly so. Today's Gospel passage may be one which is difficult for us to embrace; difficult to embrace because none of us is blameless when it comes to there being a gap between what or who we are and what we say; difficult to embrace also because we may be inclined to question whether the teaching is true - that we can only say good things if we are good ourselves. But there is little likelihood that we are going to form our lives according to the pattern of this Gospel passage, if we neither like it nor think that it is right.

Our ability to speak is a powerful and yet dangerous tool. It allows us to communicate with each other in ways that are often creative and subtle. It is language that enables us to express our understanding and feelings, and yet it is the same language that can destroy and undermine. Spoken and written language has been the medium through which, over recent weeks, we have participated in synodality -being together on the journey - listening intently to the understanding and feelings of others, so that we might deepen our understanding and feelings toward ourself. Our participation in being Church is predicated on how well we participate in listening whilst others speak.

The Gospel in its profundity has aimed not merely to reproach us for our hypocrisy or to deny that we should speak for the good of others even if we ourselves are not good, but sets out a vision of the integrity between who we are and what we say. This is not simply for the good of others, but also for our own good. It tells us that we should cultivate goodness in ourselves, that we should be concerned for our own spiritual and moral wellbeing, if we are to be certain of helping others and if we are to realise our own full potential.

*Dcn Andy*

## Questions to ponder for the Week...

1. Before we say "...let me take the splinter out of your eye....." (Gospel) what must we do? What must you do? Why? How? When?
2. "Do not praise a man before he has spoken....." Ben Sirach says (1st reading). Are you careful with your words? Are you honest and compassionate in what you say? Do you need to be more careful with your language and its content?
3. "Never give in..." in terms of faith St Paul writes (2nd reading)! What challenges do you find in having, professing and living faith? Why?

*Vincent Harvey*

## Today's Notices

**No 9am Liturgy for children** due to Half-Term

**Baptisms** at St Joseph's & St Edmund's of Louis, Lucca, Sergio, Joshua and Nikodem.

**Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine:** 6-6.45pm in St Edmund's (a silent time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament to pray, pray, pray for a peaceful resolution).

## Next Week

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Family Mass** when the children participate more fully at the 9 & 10am Masses.

**Welcome Baptism Lunch** in St Edmund's Hall

**Stations of the Cross** at 6.15pm in St Edmund's Church.

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

## A Few Words...

*A summary of the 'Synodal Way' responses will be sent to the Diocese this week. We will publish the full and summarised responses and slowly work on them all to create 'action plans' for us as a Parish. The 'listening' continues!*

*You will have noticed that all the material for the Synodal Way had 'communion'; 'participation'; 'mission' as a subheading. We are going to take 'participation' as a theme during Lent and beyond (participation at all levels: with each other; other Christians; other Religions/Faiths; society; environment.....). Ponder how 'participation' can be a watch-word in the way you speak, engage and live!*

*As mentioned last week we need to recommence*

- collections..... volunteers please*
- full welcome teams..... volunteers please*
- Mass co-ordinators..... volunteers please*
- full Adoration teams*
- altar servers at all Masses*
- refreshment teams after our 9am Sunday Mass*

*Please do email the Parish, Father Johnpromise, Deacon Andy or myself if you wish/can get involved.*

*Lent begins on Wednesday! Difficult to get my mind around it! But it does! **Ash Wednesday Masses:** 6.30am & 7.30pm in St Edmund and 12.15pm in St Joseph.*

*During Lent Father Johnpromise and I are going to **walk/cycle for hunger** (CAFOD) find us on Facebook! My details on CAFOD site:*

*<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/vincent-harvey-cycle-against-hunger> Father Johnpromise's to follow.*

*Have a good weekend... Vincent H*

## This Week...

**Tues** St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm  
Restored Lives

**Wed** Ash Wednesday  
Catholic Home Care Meeting  
Evening Prayer @6pm..... to join email Dcn Andy  
Journey in Faith 7pm  
Children's Liturgy Meeting on Zoom

**Thurs** Liturgy Team meet on Zoom

**Fri** Rite of Election at the Cathedral

**For info**

**Mon** Day Off: VH/JP

**Tues** Funeral: VH  
SLT meet with Fr Mark H  
SCOF: VH

**Wed** Clergy Team meeting: VH/JP/AP  
Mental Health Network meeting: VH/CP

**Thurs** Funeral: VH  
Clergy Deanery Meeting on Zoom: VH/JP/AP

**Fri** Clergy Ministry Group: VH  
CTC fundraising meeting: VH

**Sat** Rite of Election: JP/AP

## Prayers & Funerals

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Eileen O'Flanagan Lisle** who recently died. May she rest in peace. Eileen's funeral will be at Southampton Crematorium on Thursday, 3rd March at 2.30pm.

Pray for the repose of **Wai-tsing (Fanny) Shek** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Pray also for her husband, Rami, and their four children. Fanny's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 1st March, at 12.30pm in St Edmund Church.

**Please remember especially in your prayers** Margaret Hicks, Gary, S & D, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen and all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

Pope Francis has invited everyone to make 2 March, **Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace** following the situation in Ukraine. "May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war"

**Pope's prayer intention for February:** For religious sisters and consecrated women. *We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.*

*We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. **Lord hear us.***

**Calling all prayer warriors...** If you would be interested in joining a small group who are willing to pray for particular private intentions each week then **please get in touch with Anna** in the Parish Office.

# What's going on?

**Learn how to respond to Hate.** Free Bystander Intervention Training sessions, organised with Solent University Southampton. *"The training was excellent, well put together and presented. Very empowering."*

**Wed 23 Feb 10 am - 4 pm and Wed 23 March 10 am - 4 pm.**  
A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. To book visit: <https://training.communitiesinc.org.uk>

**National Novena to St Joseph** (from Mill Hill Missionaries) between 10-18th March 2022. People may follow the Novena Masses online each weekday evening at 7:30pm, on Saturday at 10am and on Sunday at 11am. These Masses will be held at St Joseph's, Maidenhead. For more information, see [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena)

**Southampton Street Pastors** is made up of 136 Christians from 55 Churches in the city and the surrounding suburbs. Volunteers are Christians who find being a Street Pastor a useful tool for them to safely take their faith out on the streets and to take their church out of the building directly reaching and caring for the lost and needy. Every patrol is upheld in prayer by dedicated Prayer Pastors, who receive regular updates in real time of how God is working through their prayers during the patrol. There are 4 types of patrol: night time patrols, afternoon city centre patrols, afternoon community patrols in 3 different areas and an evening community patrol in the Shirley/Millbrook area. The next round of training starts **Friday evening, 25th March 2022** (see flyers and posters at the back of church for all the training dates).

**Food Banks.** Please when shopping buy 'one' extra item to bring to church and put in the box in the porch. No perishables. Southampton City Missions Basics Bank are very low on the following: tinned carrots, cold tinned meat (Spam, ham in a can, corned beef etc.) as well as small bags of sugar, rice pudding, milk and coffee.

**Portsmouth Diocesan "Don Bosco" Boys Camp - 24 to 30 July 2022.** The camp will be going ahead again this summer for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. This will take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and Morning Prayer. To find out more please email: [dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## Weekly Green Living Suggestion...

In addition to Rice Up and The Hampshire Refillery you could consider **Lemon and Jinja** a re-fill shop and Café on the outskirts of Romsey. Premier Way SO51 9AQ. This is another **Eco friendly, Zero waste shop**. You need to take your own containers, as ever, or buy starter containers from them which you can then re-fill. There are a number of other local shops where you can find Fair Trade goods and a smaller range of re-fill commodities eg October Books in Portswood and Shop Equality in Eastleigh. If you know of others, please let the office know and we can give them a mention at some time in the future.

**Lent 2022 is on the horizon!**

## Ash Wednesday 2nd March:

Masses 6.30am & 7.30pm St Edmund's  
Mass 12.15pm St Joseph's

## Stations of the Cross:

Thursday 11.30am in St Joseph's  
Fridays and Sundays 6:15pm in St Edmund's

## Wednesdays in Lent:

Masses at 6.30am & 7pm in St Edmund's

## Lenten materials available:

Walk with Me (for adults): £1

Walk with Me Lent Calendar (for children): 50p

Voices of the Holy Land: £7.99

## Catholic Home Care – Job Opportunities

After two years of careful COVID working, the home care service is ready to expand its work with the elderly & frail of Southampton. In addition to our domestic support & shopping roles, we want to increase the services we offer to include a sitting service and basic gardening.

If you, or someone you know, is looking for a **flexible part-time job** working with a dedicated team of people (helping people stay in their own homes for longer), then this is the job for you! Volunteering positions also available.

Work or volunteer from as little as **three hours per week upwards**. Car driver an advantage, but not essential. Full training & support given. For more information & application form ring Anne or Marina **023 8017 0498**.

Closing date for applications 4 March '22, interviews W/C 14 March '22

## Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima 12-19th October 2022.

Brochures are now available from the Parish Office or Godfrey Doyle. Pilgrims who have already requested them will receive them directly.

## CAFOD are celebrating their Diamond Jubilee

Founded in 1962 CAFOD has been supporting our vulnerable sisters and brothers around the world for 60 Years. Please donate to their Lent Appeal.

[https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&\\_Appeal=125149](https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&_Appeal=125149)

**CAFOD Walk against Hunger.** Are you ready to change your life and transform someone else's this Lent? Challenge yourself to walk 200k this Lent and help stamp out hunger! <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/register>

**Family Fast Day - Friday 11 March** - speakers at Mass next weekend.

## New this Lent - Prayer for CAFOD

Why not join our parish CAFOD group pray for Justice and Peace? Fridays in Lent, on Zoom at 8:15 pm. To join, email Marina [mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 27TH FEB***(CHURCH KEY TO CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC MASSES BELOW: SJ = ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BUGLE STREET, SO14 2AH AND SE = ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, THE AVENUE, SO17 1XJ)*

Prayer of the Church

Week 4

<b>Saturday 26th Feb</b>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Augustine Izuka RIP
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Sunday 27th Feb</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Elizabeth & John Ward RIP
<i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Louis James Valentine Sharpe RIP
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Martin Ryan RIP
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Repose of the soul of Ann Leach
<b>Tuesday 1st March</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Joseph Lee RIP
<i>St David</i>			
<b>Wednesday 2nd March</b>	<b>6.30am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Emily Maguire RIP
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Claire Waas RIP
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Finian Lynch RIP
<b>Thursday 3rd March</b>	<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Noronha-Andrade Family Intentions
<i>After Ash Wednesday</i>			
<b>Friday 4th March</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	All victims of abuse
<i>After Ash Wednesday</i>			
<b>Saturday 5th March</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Fr Amy, Fr Peter and Fr Gladio RIP
<i>After Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	James & Gabriella Hall RIP
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Sunday 6th March</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Ouseph Trissokkaran RIP
<i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Patricia Livett T & GBs
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Thanksgiving for healing of Jose Vas
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Joan & Morgan Newinerton RIP

**27th Feb**  
**Eighth Sunday in OT****Psalm Response:**

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:***Alleluia, alleluia!*

You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life.

*Alleluia!***Readings 6th March****First Reading:***Deuteronomy 26: 4-10***Second Reading:***Romans 10: 8-13***Gospel:***Luke 4: 1-13 (24)***13th Feb****Weekly Collection**

Standing Orders: £566

Cash Donations: £700.46

**Total : £1,266.46****CONTACT DETAILS****Parish Priest:** Monsignor Canon Vincent HarveyEmail Address: [vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) 023 8033 4891**Assistant Priest:** Father Johnpromise UmeozuruEmail Address: [jumeozuru@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jumeozuru@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) 02380172104**Presbytery Address:** 14 Rockstone Place, Southampton, SO15 2EQ**Deacon:** Deacon Andy Philpott[aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)**Parish Secretary:** Miss Anna Smyllie 023 8033 3589

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The church will be open to allow those who don't get a chance to come during the day to sit before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

*We rely on your attendance to be able to offer this opportunity.***We are called to do more than just attend the Mass.** Why not commit this period of lent to visiting Our Lord in Adoration, even just once or twice a month...**Second Collections:**This week: **Church Maintenance Fund**Next week: **Catholic Home Care****Confessions****St Joseph's:**Thursdays 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm  
(before Mass)**St Edmund's:**

Saturdays 11.30am (after Mass)

**Alternative Confessions Available***St Boniface* Saturdays 11am*Immaculate Conception* Saturdays 10.30am*St Patrick's Woolston* Saturday 5-5.40pm