





# Animated by the Spirit......we 'glow' with dazzling light!

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton

On the evening of the resurrection, On Sunday, the first day of the week, You appeared to the Eleven, Behind closed doors, at night;

And the first breath that we had lost in Paradise, You gave to them again, And through them to our human nature.

I who in my soul hold closed to Your word the doors of my mind, And who dwell in darkness, In the land of shadow,

Do not, under my darkened roof, Allow the Evil One to dwell forever; But open the bridal chamber of my heart, Making it glow with dazzling light.

Nerses Snorhali (1102-73) Jesus, Fils unique du Pere **Questions to Ponder for the Week...** 

"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled they were all in one place together. ..." Was fear present? What took the place of "fear" after the Holy Spirit rested on each one of them? According to Pope Francis, what are the implications of this for the Church today?

"When they were locked in there, in the Upper Room, they were not strategizing, no, they were not drafting any pastoral plan....

The Spirit himself opens doors and pushes us to press beyond what has already been said and done, beyond the precincts of a timid and wary faith. In the world, unless there is tight organization and a clear strategy, things fall apart. In the Church, however, the Spirit guarantees unity to those who proclaim the message. The Apostles set off: unprepared, yet putting their lives on the line. One thing kept them going: the desire to give what they received. The opening part of the First Letter of Saint John is beautiful: "that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you" (cf Jn 1:3)." Pope Francis Pentecost Homily (May 2020)

Anne Osdieck (adapted Vincent Harvey)

### **Today's Notices**

#### Pentecost Sunday

**Confirmation of Sam Kennedy** at 7pm Mass. Sam has been part of the RCIA process but couldn't be around at Easter. Congratulations Sam.

Please continue to sanitise hands on entry to the church

### **Next Sunday Notices**

#### The Most Holy Trinity

**Festa Junina** to celebrate International Day for the Parish......see elsewhere for details **International Mass** at 7pm with 'International Food' afterwards. Bring your national dish to share! **The collection is** for Church Maintenance Fund.

### This Week...

- **Tue** Meditation Group at 6pm in St Michael's Alpha Team meeting via Zoom
- Wed Evening Prayer online 6pm
- **Sun** Festa Junina & International Mass Evening Prayer online 6pm

#### For Info...

- **Mon** Day off: VH/JP
- **Tue** SLT: VH/AP/TQ/AP/LS
- Wed Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP
- **Fri** Interviews for Assistant Parish Administrator Clergy Support Group: VH

### Sacraments & Prayers

**Please pray for Peggy Bell** who died during the week. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem will be on Tuesday, 20th June.

**Pray also for Jose Tew** who died in the General Hospital a couple of weeks ago. May she rest in peace. Details of Jose's Funeral yet to be arranged.

**Also pray for Philippa Godfrey**, daughter of Pam & Martin, who also died a couple of weeks ago. May she rest in peace. Details of Philippa's funeral yet to be arranged.

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



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 pray for all those in our parish who are to be Baptised this month**: *Hanna, Julia, Levana, Sukhman and Ivana-Mara.* We remember them in our prayers as they enter the Faith, and also remember their families and godparents.

## A Few Words...

**Today, Pentecost**, reminds us that we are called to **'be one'** and to **'evangelise'** and draw people into an active awareness of God's presence in their lives.

The 'International Day' brings us together as one, and 'Alpha' helps us evangelise. Let's support both:

**Tickets** for the **'International Day' on Sunday 4th June**, consisting of **Festa Junina** (Brazilian afternoon with food and music), are available online... ..purchase now! **At 7pm we will celebrate our International Mass** with food provided by all our communities..

Alpha commences on Tuesday, 13th June, at 7pm in St Edmund's Hall. Alpha presents our Christian Faith in an easy and interactive way. Pick up a flyer to advertise! **Do think who you could encourage someone to come along!** Remember one of our tasks, as people of faith, is to 'evangelise' by at least **inviting others** to consider Catholic Christianity.

The **Organ** in St Edmund's needs to be replaced as it is beyond affordable repair. Bryn and Keith are keeping it chugging along. But the time is coming when it will no longer be usable, and a conservative estimate is that it would **cost £250,000** to repair (possibly thousands more). So we are looking at an alternative solution using **a 'digital' organ, costing in the region of £30-£40,000!** We will need to fund raise so watch this space!

Finally, but importantly, wishing all our children, their families and our school staff a **relaxing and enjoyable Half-Term.** 

Thanks..... Vincent H

### St Joseph's and St Edmund's Parish, Part time Assistant Parish Administrator

Flexible, 15 hours per week Salary of £12ph

A role has arisen for an Assistant Parish Administrator to support life in a busy parish office, helping with secretarial services for the clergy, supporting day-



to-day administration of the parish, sacrament registrations, phone and email correspondence.

We're looking for someone with office experience, confident in use of MS Office 365, self-motivated, diplomatic, approachable, with good timekeeping and telephone manner.

Closing date for applications: **Monday 29th May 2023** Interviews: **Friday 2nd June 2023** 

For more information and an application, either email the office, use the link below or the QR code. https://forms.office.com/e/VwQifW9Vie

### What's going on?

**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.

**Donations to Springhill Summer fete & festival** Springhill Primary is holding a Summer fete & festival on June 10th from 12-3pm and we would love the help and support of our parishes, please! We are in need of donations to our (bottle) tombola and grand raffle and would welcome donations of: **Tombola**: Bottles/tins of alcohol ; Jars of preserves/pickles, etc; Bath sets/bottles of bubble bath/shampoo, etc; Perfume/aftershave; Bottles/tins of soft drinks

Raffle prizes: such as vouchers/tickets/signed memorabilia/brand new toys/games/electricals, etc. Donations can be made at St Jo's (10am Mass) & St Ed's (9am Mass) on Sunday May 28th and Sunday June 4th. Thank you in advance to our Parish family and hope to see you at the fete!

We are currently in the process of organising the next **parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land** next year. The pilgrimage will begin 29th Febriuary amnd will finish on the 7th March 2024. If you would be interested in the Holy Land do let Fr Vincent know, or wait to collect an information package at the back of church in the next few weeks! Costs and further details will be included in the information package alongside detsils on how to sign up via Special Pilgrimages. So far eleven people have shown an interest. Plenty of time!

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 to them on your behalf.

**Caritas Portsmouth** supports parishes and schools to become the 'church beyond walls' to help meet the needs in our local communities. Our volunteer team help make this happen, by running and supporting specific projects, promoting our work within the community and fundraising so we can get new projects off the ground. We would be delighted if you would join us. Visit website for details (https://caritas.org.uk/act/) or email Jenny at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



#### https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/festa-junina-tickets-630251628587

**International Mass at 7pm Sunday 4th June** - Come and join us in St Edmund's for a Mass celebrated in multiple languages. There will be a gathering in the hall after Mass so please bring food from your home countries to share with family and friends afterwards to celebrate your nationality. Feel free to wear your traditional costume!

**Engaged and Married Couples Retreat - 9th - 11th June** - aimed at nurturing the communion in the couple, by strengthening the marital bond, with their relationship with God and dialogue with each other. Venue: Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, on the Isle of Wight. For more information, please, contact: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com

The Catholic Association to Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 August 18th-25th. If you are interested in joining either as an assisted pilgrim, able-bodied pilgrim, volunteer or a health care professional there are details on their website: https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk If you have any questions you can talk to Tina or Fr Vincent.

**Paul Hughes is looking for a lift to Lymington** as he has to attend physio there every two or three weeks. Public transport to Lymington is extremely difficult with his disability and expensive. If you think you could offer him the occasional lift can you please contact on ph3n19@soton.ac.uk There are a few interested, so if we could encourage a few more it would share the load.

Food banks please see link for urgent needs https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-todonate

### **Green Living**



Just a reminder... We are still donating milk bottle tops (thanks to Steve Deadman) so don't forget to bring them with you to church! Or you might try using

www.milkandmore.co.uk for a glass bottle alternative?

#### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 28TH MAY** REFERS TO ST IOSEPH'S (RIGHE STREET SO14 24H) & SE IS ST EDMIND'S (THE AVENUE SO1

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SJ REFERS TO ST JOSEPH'S (BUGLE STREET, SO14 2AH) & SE IS ST EDMUND'S (THE AVENUE, SO17 IXJ)			Send forth your Spirit, O
Saturday 27th May	6:15pm SJ	Olivia Holland Special Intentions	Lord, and renew the face of
Sunday 28th May	9:00am SE	Theresa Kenny RIP	the earth.
Pentecost Sunday	10:00am SJ	Santosh Sequerra RIP, 3rd Anniv	<b>Gospel Acclamation</b> Alleluia, alleluia!
	11:00am SE	Martin Ryan RIP	Come, Holy Spirit, fill the
	7:00pm SE	People of the Parish	hearts of your faithful, and
Tuesday 30th May	10:00am SE	Eileen & Alex Aitken RIP	kindle in them the fire of your
Wednesday 31st May	7:00pm SE	For the manifestation of	love
The Visitation of the		the Bride of Christ, new Jerusalem	Alleluia!
Blessed Virgin Mary		& the sons of God	4th June 1st Reading:
Thursday 1st June	12:15pm SJ	Sue McCall thanksgiving	Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9
Our Lord Jesus Christ,			<b>Psalm:</b> Daniel 3: 52-56
the Eternal High Priest			2nd Reading:
Friday 2nd June	7:00pm SE	Thanksgiving	2 Corinthians 13: 11-13
Saturday 3rd June	- 11:00am SE	Lynne Gwynne RIP	<b>Gospel:</b> John 3: 16-18
St Charles Lwanga	6:15pm SJ	People of the Parish	Parish Bank Details
Sunday 4th June	9:00am SE	Casimira (Myra) Andrade RIP	Setting up a standing order from your mobile or online
The Most Holy Trinity	10:00am SJ	Divine will for all government leaders	banking is the easiest way!
		& defeat of all evil plans, works	Bank Account Name
	11:00am SE	Feb Birthday Blessings to all	CDP SOUJE Sort Code 30-93-04

#### 11:00am SE 7:00pm SE

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#### Gardening Group in St Edmund's

Number 00888223

Imelda & family

28th May Psalm Response

With such high costs at the moment we are looking to cut down expenses where we can & one such expense is gardeners.
St Edmund's has a small plot of grass and flowers to the left of the church, some flowers growing the other side of the church and then in front of the Presbytery & student house front doors. (And of course weeds growing out of the stone steps!!)

Perhaps you are a keen gardener with time to spare, maybe you have recently moved and now do not have a garden to tend to or perhaps you're just keen to help... Could you join a team of volunteers gardening to save the Parish money?

Contact Anna/ use the clipboard in church!

#### **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

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understanding with ourselves and others.