



MAY 29TH 2022 | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



## PRAYER UNITES PEOPLES ACROSS TIMES, PLACES AND SITUATIONS

*Last week, I met with one of our parishioners who had experienced some tragedies recently. Before my meeting with him, I went to the church and prayed for him before the Blessed Sacrament which was exposed at the time. When he met me, the first thing he asked me was “Father, why did God allow these things to happen to me? Why me and why now? I feel like screaming at Him for making my life hell right now.” I told him it was alright for him to scream at God; in fact, I asked him to go into the church and do that and he did. For minutes, he was unburdening himself before the Lord and I observed him closely. As he rose from that prayerful encounter with the Lord, he was no longer the same guy who met me so dishevelled. Something had happened to him. It was then the penny dropped - this is the prayer of union, unity, and abandonment at its finest!*

*In this Sunday’s readings, we meet three people at prayer with their eyes raised/fixed to the heavens – **Ouranos** – any area above the earth in which God dwells; therefore, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2259) describes prayer as the raising of our hearts and minds to God. In today’s First Reading, Stephen prayed for God’s forgiveness for his murderers; while in today’s Gospel which is the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus, He prayed for Unity and the attainment of the Beatific Vision for His disciples and future followers. John in today’s Second Reading gives us the apt recommendation of what every prayerful encounter **MUST** achieve - that we listen to Jesus and invite Him to change us forever! May we, at this Mass and indeed throughout this week, be united in prayer with everyone around the globe especially the people of Ukraine who are still pillaged by the missiles from Russia, and the people of Uvalde, Texas, who are mourning the gruesome murder of 21 of their people by a gunman early this week. May this union with our brethren throughout the world, change us for the better. **AMEN - COME, LORD JESUS!!!***

Father Johnpromise

## Questions to ponder for the week...

1. “May they all be one.....one in us” Jesus prays in today’s Gospel. Do you desire to be ‘one’ with others? Especially with people of faith? Do you pray to be one with God?
2. Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit as he faced death (1st reading). When do you feel ‘filled’ with the Holy Spirit? Why?
3. The ‘voice’ (God) says “I am the Alpha and the Omega.....” (2nd reading). Is God the ‘beginning and end’ for you? How? Through prayer? Through action?

Vincent Harvey

## Today's Notices

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Retiring Collection** for the Catholic Communication Network

**Children Liturgy** at 9am Mass

**CAFOD Cake and Plant Sale** Sunday morning in St Edmund's Hall

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

## Next Sunday Notices

### Pentecost Sunday

**St Michael's & St Joseph's** congregations gather in St Michael's Square after Mass to celebrate socially both Pentecost and the Jubilee.

**Platinum Queen's Jubilee Weekend** when we give thanks for Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the Throne. We pray for her.

**City Wide Prayer Gathering** in Watts Park at 4pm

**Retiring collection** for Church Maintenance Fund

## This Week...

**Mon** Restored Lives @ 7.30pm

**Tues** St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm  
SLT: TQ/LS/JP/AP/VH  
Alpha online @ 7pm

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

## For Info...

**Mon** Day off: VH/JP

**Tues** SLT: TQ/LS/JP/AP/VH

**Wed** Clergy Team Meeting: AP/JP/VH  
Closer to Christ Meeting: VH

**Thurs** Clergy Deanery Meeting: VH/JP

**Fri** Housebound Visits: VH  
Clergy Ministry Meeting: VH

**Journey in Faith has now finished.** The next sessions will commence in September... All interested in joining RCIA to contact Marina [mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## A Few Words...

*As this goes to press I am.....I hope on "God's Island" so **very little to say!***

**Thanks for your patience** if you receive Holy Communion on the tongue. We are not trying to be awkward but COVID (as with flu, common cold etc.) is waterborne so any direct contact can easily pass on the virus. Such direct contact is possible from 'mouth-to-fingers-to-mouth' when distributing Holy Communion. Also, in theory at least, if the celebrant's (or Eucharistic Minister) fingers get contaminated then they contaminate the whole ciborium (and all the consecrated Hosts). Hence preferring to distribute Holy Communion on the tongue at the very end of Communion. Again, **thank you for your understanding; we need to think of 'the other' always and try to minimise any harm coming to them.**

*Have a good weekend... Vincent H*

## What's going on?

**We are appealing for new members of the Cleaning team for St Edmund's.** There are 6 teams so the commitment is just once every six weeks. *Please get in touch with the office if you feel you may be able to help.*

**The Hampshire Constabulary** have asked us to circulate the new scheme from their partners, **The Blue Lamp Trust;** called '**Cyber Bobby**'. This service seeks to help protect people from becoming victims of cyber-crime.

The police vetted advisors offer FREE home visit, giving advice and guidance about basic IT security to residents of Hampshire who are 65+ years old, or disabled (18+) or a previous victim of cyber crime.

They will discuss and advise local residents on:

- What is cyber-crime · Cyber and scam prevention advice
- How to check privacy settings · Signposting to other advice and resources · How to report issues · How to recognise scam emails and text messages

If you, or anybody you know, is eligible (based on the criteria above) and would benefit from a Cyber Bobby referral, **please enquire via the Blue Lamp Trust website at <https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk/cyber-bobby>**

Alternatively, you can make an enquiry by calling the Blue Lamp Trust directly on **0300 777 0157**.

The Jesuit Institute are running an online retreat '**See All Things New**' for Adults in their 20s and 30s. Tickets available on Eventbrite, just search the title above to find it. Starts 7pm Wednesday 27th of July ending 1st of August.

**The Big Platinum Festival - Mayflower Park** to celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the Throne: Sunday 5th June 2022 - 10am to 9pm. [www.TheBigPlatinumFestival.org](http://www.TheBigPlatinumFestival.org)

## Prayers

**Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Gretta Phelan.**

Pray also for Dee, Mary and family. The Requiem Mass will be in St Edmund's on Tuesday the 7th of June at 12.30pm.

**Please remember especially in your prayers** Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, the Roberts family, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, Mary O'Reilly, Christopher Browne, Diana Elena Antonescu, Simon and Sue and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

**Adoration in St Edmund's is steadily growing but we still are short of Adorers!** Please get in touch with Anna (07956 379 542) if you feel able to help/join! The Eucharist gives the Church her identity - "*The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist*" - prayer before the Blessed Sacrament reminds us of this. The Lord is calling us all to examine our schedules to see if we have any time to devote to this beautiful time of prayer... **Do consider joining if able.**

## What's going on?

**Significant Wedding Anniversary Celebration** Are you celebrating in this year of 2022 a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th anniversary, or an anniversary of over 60 years?

If so you are invited to a Mass of celebration! This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 2nd July 2022 at 11am**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

If you would like to go, please email to Liz Murphy at [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). If you know a couple who qualifies and does not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office at St Bede's and they will provide you with the form. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a copy of your wedding photograph. You can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to the above email address. Those without access to the internet you can send a copy along with the completed form by post to St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX (*Please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass*).

**The paradox of abundance...** Over 800 million people go hungry each day, the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, **a third is wasted**. Pope Francis says: "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See [www.cafod.org.uk/food](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food) for more...

**Southampton City of Culture (2025)** What do you think of 'culture' in Southampton? What does it mean for you? It would be good to hear from you in terms of what it is about Southampton and culture that you think is good, positive and creative! How can we develop the cultural aspects of the City? Let me know: [vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vharvey@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**FTF Summer Camp 15th-19th August** This year we will be looking at some of the incredible miracles performed by Jesus Christ, what they reveal to us of Himself, the Word Incarnate, and how we may have new life in Him through the celebration of the Sacraments.

This Catholic camp is a gathering of about 100 young people, who come together to re-connect with old friends and make new ones, to learn more about our loving God and deepen their relationship with Him. It doesn't matter where you are in your relationship with Christ, you are welcome to come and be drawn deeper! Ask questions, spend time with our Lord, receive the Sacraments, have a lot of silly fun, and be renewed in your life and faith!

The camp is run by The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph and an experienced team of volunteers who have been running FTF events for over 20 years. Booking forms via this link: <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp>

**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>

**Life in the Spirit Seminars – starting from Pentecost on Thursday evenings for 7 weeks using Zoom just 7.15 to 9pm...** Pope Francis has asked that Life in the Spirit be run widely across the whole Church. It consists of prayer, talks, testimony and discussion in small groups. To ask more speak to Annette or Paul O'Beirne, or Anna in the Parish Office. Please register to receive the joining details: [www.tinyurl.com/2022-LIS](http://www.tinyurl.com/2022-LIS)

**Please join St Joseph's after the 10am Mass on June 5th** for a joint celebration of Pentecost and the Queen's Jubilee in St Michael's Square with St Michael's church. There will be much merriment with singing, dancing, bubbles, cake and music. Do join us if you can!

**The Catholic Home Care is expanding!** Due to increased demand, we need more home care assistants to join our team. If you, or someone you know, likes elderly people & would like a part-time job, is this something that would suit?

Good rate of pay (£9.80 ph.), paid holidays & flexible working through Mon - Fri daytime. Core business domestic support (cleaning & shopping) to help elderly people to stay in their own homes for longer. Car driver an advantage, but not essential. For more details & application pack call Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce on **023 8017 0498**

**Catholic Voices** is bringing Bishop Robert Barron to London for a tour in September. One of the main events of the tour is a day-long conference we are organising in collaboration with Word on Fire Institute. We want to gather 1,000 passionate Catholics leaders on **Sat 17th September 2022, 9am-6pm at Friends House, Euston, London** to reflect on the mission of the Church post-pandemic in what will be one of the largest Catholic gatherings in the UK since the pandemic began.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima 12-19th October 2022** Brochures available so please get in touch if you feel you might like to join. Might be an idea to check that your passports are in date...!

**The Universe Catholic Weekly.** Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply through Michelle on **0743 661 7650** or [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

### Weekly Green Living Suggestions...

**A reminder this week about our recycling options through church....** Save your **wine corks** as the Hampshire Refillery will send those for recycling for us. Save all **stamps** and postcards with stamps. Save **coloured plastic bottle tops** of any kind, they don't have to be separated into milk bottle tops and others. Save all **foil**. If it remains scrunched when squashed it is fine but please wash and flatten before recycling. Again the Hampshire Refillery is helping with this. Save the **blister packs** from medication. Buckets at the back of both churches for these items with information on the Charities that benefit from them. Other items can be recycled yourselves via local collection points. This is easily researched online but we will give reminders from time to time.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 29TH MAY

(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)

<b>Saturday 28th May</b> <i>Blessed Margaret Pole</i>	<b>6:15pm SJ</b> <b>7:00pm SE</b>	Hanna Jo Lyons RIP <b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Sunday 29th May</b> <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>9:00am SE</b> <b>10:00am SJ</b> <b>11.00am SE</b> <b>7:00pm SE</b>	Alan Cunningham RIP Santosh RIP 2nd Ann. Martin Ryan RIP Mark & Christopher Potter Wellbeing Anushka's Birthday Blessings
<b>Tuesday 31st May</b> <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>10:00am SE</b>	Thanksgiving to Jesus of Prague
<b>Wednesday 1st June</b> <i>St Justin</i>	<b>7:00pm SE</b>	Thanksgiving to St Lucy
<b>Thursday 2nd June</b> <i>Ss Marcellinus &amp; Peter</i>	<b>12.15pm SJ</b>	Thanksgiving to St Lucy
<b>Friday 3rd June</b> <i>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</i>	<b>7.00pm SE</b>	Kanthi Adikari's 70th Birthday Blessings
<b>Saturday 4th June</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	<b>11:00am SE</b> <b>6:15pm SJ</b> <b>7:00pm SE</b>	Fr Johnpromise U, Fr Ross Bullock & all Priests B'day Blessings Alison Rouse RIP <b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>
<b>Sunday 5th June</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	<b>9:00am SE</b> <b>10:00am SJ</b> <b>11.00am SE</b> <b>7:00pm SE</b>	Thanksgiving to St Jude Thaddeus Kasimira (Myra) Andrade RIP Ann. Aunty Anushka's B'day Blessings Theodore and Inacio D'Souza RIP

## Prayer of the Church Week 3

**29th May**

### Psalm Response:

The Lord is King, most high above all the Earth.

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

*Alleluia!*

## Readings 5th June

### First Reading:

*Acts 2: 1-11*

### Second Reading:

*Romans 8: 8-17*

### Gospel:

*John 14: 15-16, 23-26*

## 22nd May 2nd Collection

### Catholic Home Care

SO: £64.50 Cash: £216.66

**TOTAL: £281.16**

*Thank you*

## 22nd May Parish Collection

SO: £406 Cash: £1,276.42

**TOTAL: £1,682.42**

*Thank you*

**The 200 Club** has renewed its members. If you would still like to renew or would like to join please contact the office!

## Second Collections:

Today: **Catholic Communication Network**

Next Week: **Church Maintenance Fund**

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## Harvesters Men's Weekend 15th-17th July 2022

Anyone who would be in need of a lift please contact Brendan Mannion who will be happy to help if he can! [brendanm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:brendanm@hotmail.co.uk)

The weekend aims to provide men with an opportunity to reconnect with God, themselves and other men in a safe, varied and inclusive way. To book please see

<https://harv.yapsody.com/>

## Confessions:

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

**St Edmund's:** Saturdays 11.30am

**"We must stand up for the rights of our neighbour who is suffering from injustice; we must defend them all the more vigorously because we see Jesus present in them. We have no right to be 'sleeping watchmen' or dumb watchdogs. Whenever we see evil we must sound the alarm."**

*-St Charles de Foucauld*

St Ed's Repository is planning to open regularly on weekends to allow parishioners a chance to purchase things after Mass.

If you feel able to help volunteer please get in touch with the office!