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OCTOBER 29TH 2023 | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



It is a profound privilege for me to have been appointed parish priest of the Southampton City Centre Catholic Parish of St. Joseph's and St. Edmund's. I am conscious of the wonderful tradition of faith here and the parishioners who have gone before us, as well as the clergy who have served the parish so well over the years. I am particularly grateful to Fr. Vincent for his generous service to this parish for 13 years and for his kindness in staying on until my arrival. We wish him well in his retirement. It is a joy for me to be with you in this great parish and I look forward to getting to know you and to working with you.

I was ordained in 1990 and I have previously served at the Cathedral in Portsmouth, then St. Swithun Wells Parish and in Reading most recently. For the last year I have had the good fortune of having a sabbatical with the opportunity to study theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. I concluded the year with a 30-day retreat on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It was a wonderful experience. There will be time to share some reflections on the sabbatical year in the weeks and months to come.

If we wanted to describe the Christian life or life of a Christian community, we need look no further than the Gospel reading this Sunday. The commandments of love of God and neighbour are considered by Jesus the greatest commandments of the law. Each of us who profess to be Christian are to be identified by love of God, with all our heart, soul, and mind, and our neighbour as ourselves. The primacy of charity means that we will finally be judged on love of God and of neighbour for the sake of God who created us.

Please pray for me and be assured of my prayers for you and let us keep the primacy of charity before us. May God bless us all from the abundance of His providence.

Canon Michael Dennehy



Wednesday 1st November is All Saints' Day. There will be Masses at 7:00am and 7:00pm in St Edmund's and 12:15pm in St Joseph's.

Thursday 2nd November is All Souls' Day. There will be Masses at 7:00am and 7:00pm in St Edmund's and 12:15pm in St Joseph's.

Today's Notices

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to **Canon Michael Dennehy** our new parish priest who joins us for his first weekend Masses

No Retiring Collection this week

Next Sunday Notices

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Retiring Collection for Bamenda

This Week...

Tue Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's

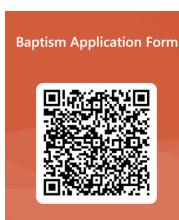
Wed Evening Prayer @6pm ... to join email Dcn Andy
Journey in Faith in St Ed's Hall at 7.30pm

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, Joy will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation.



Baptism Application Form

First Holy Communion Programme 2024

The official registrations will be 9am and 11am Masses in St Edmund's and 10am Masses at St Joseph's only on the 5th, 19th and 26th November.

Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate with you either on your phone or hard copy.

The fee is £35 either cash or bank transfer to the Parish Bank Account

Children must be Year 4 and up, and a parent must attend the workshops with their child and regularly attend Mass

The main email for FHC queries is:

fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

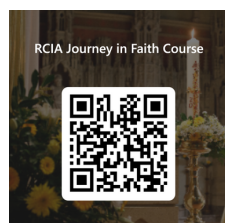


"Whoever hears My word and believes has passed from death to life."

John 5:24-29

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Matthew Rickard who died recently. May he rest in peace. We pray for his parents, John & Mary; also his siblings, John, Georgina & Elizabeth. His Requiem will be on Friday, 3rd November in St Edmund's at 10.45am.

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 has started Wednesday evenings in St Edmund's Hall after the 7pm Mass.



RCIA Journey in Faith Course

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>

Monsignor Canon Vincent's Farewell/Thanksgiving Mass

Thank you so very, very much for the uplifting Mass on Friday 20th, the great gathering in St Anne's, and the many cards and gifts of 'gratitude and messages for an enjoyable retirement'. It was lovely on Friday to see people from as far as London, Brighton and elsewhere, who came especially to celebrate and say 'thanks'. To see the church full, the upbeat and uplifting music/singing, with so many musicians and singers, was very moving for me.

I appreciated Deacon Andy's words at the end of Mass and thank him for that, though was it me!!! Thank you to Anna, all in the Office, and all who pulled together to plan and execute the evening (from liturgy: servers, readings, music/singing, flowers, stewarding, refreshments.....the list is endless).

To have all my brothers, my sister and some of my nephews and their families from afar was a total surprise to me and brought tears to my eyes which I found difficult to control during Mass!!

Thank YOU.....in particular those 'in the background' who do things without acknowledgement! Pray for me as I try to engage with retirement!

..... Vincent H

From Fr Vincent's Family...

As Vince's siblings we'd like to collectively express our deep gratitude for all that each of you have done throughout Vince's time in Southampton, and for the great effort and thought put into the wonderful retirement celebrations on top of your 'day jobs'! Thank you.....we know that Vince was deeply touched, as were we including Bernadette watching from Australia who wished she could have been with us.

We know very well how much work goes in to the day to day life of an active parish.....much of it unsung and often unnoticed.

We are also well aware that for each of you the life of your parish continues regardless of the tenure of the priest - we hope that the transition to your new pastor is a smooth one for each of you, for the wider parish community, and for Canon Michael.

With thanks,

Dan, Tich, Margaret, Bern, and Greg x

Please remember especially in your prayers *Carina, Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Michaela, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue, Clare Burden, Paul Hughes, Mike, Carol, David, Oliver, Carla Forte, Donna Cowan, Steph, Francis Ponniah, Jack Oakley & all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment, distressed.*

What's going on?

Parish 9-16 Youth Group beginning January!

We have a group of volunteers who are planning to launch a Youth Group in St Edmund's Hall on the 1st & 3rd Fridays in the month. Keep an eye on the newsletter for any group events planned before Christmas. If your child or young person would be interested in joining please register here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/YMD3LSTSk9>

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.

I Mark: to be performed in St Edmund's at 7pm on Friday, 24th November (£5 per person: any 'profit' will go towards the Organ Fund). Listening to a gospel in its entirety in one sitting enables us to grasp the whole picture and message. It is certainly beneficial for us to hear it in one sitting before we begin to listen to it little by little. Rt Rev Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury said: "Sometimes it takes a living voice to make you hear the Bible for the first time - a voice that presents some saying or episode not as a stray fragment but as part of the rhythm and pace of a story that goes on gathering momentum. Mark's gospel has just that kind of momentum, and this performance gives a memorably strong sense of it."

Watch an extract: <https://youtu.be/tg5-eW-W-xc>

(The Last Supper). The Eventbrite link to book is:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/i-am-mark-tickets-711430175807?aff=oddtcreator>

The Insight Course The course is designed for those who wish to:

- explore and increase their knowledge of our Faith;
- develop their own spirituality & relationship with God;
- deepen their prayer life;
- learn skills for spreading the good news to others (evangelisation).

There are no prerequisites for those attending the course and all are welcome. Our invitation is to those who would be interested and who would be able to make a commitment to attend most meetings. We will take generous breaks around Christmas, Easter and over the summer period.

The course will be given every fortnight on Thursday evening at **7:30pm starting on Thursday 28 October**. The sessions will last for 1 hour 30 minutes. A draft timetable is available on request. The course will only be given in face-to-face mode, and normally in the Sister's house at 33 Elmsleigh Gardens Southampton, SO16 3GF (just off Glen Eyre Road).

Registration by email to

sisteryadira@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Finding God in the non-Christian world. An

Interreligious Dialogue Conference at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, Saturday 4th November: 10am to 3.30pm.

Register at: <https://shorturl.at/mvFOY>



Children's Choir 9am Sunday 5th November in St Edmund's please may all children wishing to join arrive at 8.40am to the church to rehearse the hymns chosen.

On Friday 3rd November 40 Days for Life Southampton are holding a candlelit vigil followed by tea and cake in the St Edmund's church hall to celebrate the end of the Autumn 40 Days campaign. We will gather outside St Edmund's after 7pm Mass and walk down to the vigil location at the bottom of Dorset Street off the Charlotte Place Roundabout. After a pro-life Rosary and litany we will head back to the church hall for refreshments. Please do join us if you can!

Christmas Gifts for the Elderly. As we approach Advent, we'd like to invite you to treat our elderly folk to a gift at Christmas. Previous years have been so successful with unwrapped gifts to suit an elderly person. The carers choose a gift to suit the individual; for some it's an extra treat, however we have some who have very little in their lives for whom the gift needs to be practical so no gift is too small. Baskets will be at the back of both churches after Masses on **18/19 Nov, 25/26 Nov & 2/3 Dec**. Rather than a Christmas gift for a client you might consider a Christmas donation to Catholic Home Care or maybe set up a standing order. Donations are always welcome & would help with our running costs.

Our bank details: Account name: **Catholic Home Care** Sort code **30-93-04** Account number **00903338**.

Phone Xanthe or Marina for information **023 8017 0498**.

Sunday 9am Choir St Edmund's : Mary Berridge is looking for people who could take over her role at 9am:

- Planning hymns** for the choir, usually months ahead (using tools like the Parish Mass Book and Laudate).
- Emailing the choir members** with the list of hymns.
- Teaching new hymns**, with the object of encouraging the congregation to sing.
- Choir practice** once a month (usually on the last Wednesday of the month after the 7pm Mass).
- Play the piano** to accompany the choir on Sundays. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to take this on. We already have one person who is happy to share the tasks and offer cover when needed, it would be lovely to have a few people to tackle the role.

Springhill School have part time vacancies for a caretaker, a cleaner, and midday supervisors. Full details of these jobs can be found on the school website -

<https://www.springhillcatholic.co.uk/>

Gift Aid Declaration Forms are available at the back of church or can be posted / emailed from the Office if requested. If you are a taxpayer the Parish can claim back a percentage of the tax you have already paid so your donation increases by 25%, at no extra cost to you. If you are a gift aider we can claim on donations on anything eligible as long as we can identify it is yours.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER

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

Saturday 28th Oct	6:15pm	SJ	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson RIP
Sunday 29th Oct	9:00am	SE	Eugene & Kitty Cummins & Sonnie Pat Cummings RIP
<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am	SJ	People of the Parish
	11:00am	SE	Phos Aletheia Thanksgiving
	7:00pm	SE	Concetta Longo RIP
Tuesday 31st Oct	10:00am	SJ	Alice O'Donnell RIP
Wednesday 1st Nov	7:00am	SE	Terry Lennon
	12:15pm	SJ	People of the Parish
	7:00pm	SE	Adolfo Antonio Longo RIP
Thursday 2nd Nov	7:00am	SE	Souls in Purgatory
	12:15pm	SJ	Ethina, Brian & Karen Nugent RIP
	7:00pm	SE	Mike R. Health
Friday 3rd Nov	7:00pm	SE	Deceased members of the Brennan Family
<i>St Martin de Porres</i>			
Saturday 3rd Nov	11:00am	SE	Quintus Marambe 90th B'day Thanksgiving & God's Blessings & Prayers to Lalani & Family
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>			
	6:15pm	SJ	Moyra & Peter Clearkin RIP
Sunday 5th Nov	9:00am	SE	People of the Parish
<i>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am	SJ	Margaret Golding RIP
	11:00am	SE	Fr Vincent 75th Birthday
	7:00pm	SE	Hans & Rosa Weingart RIP

29th October

Psalm Response

I love you, Lord,
my strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of
your Son.

Alleluia!

5th November

1st Reading:

Malachi 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10

Psalm: 130

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

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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KEY RETURNS

We are hosting a "key amnesty" where anyone in the parish with keys they no longer need is politely invited to return them. If you have keys to parish property you must return these to the Parish Office as soon as possible. If you attach your name to the keys and specify why you need them going forward then they will be added to the list to consider, but otherwise you need not put your name with them. You save the Parish money returning keys you do not need. You can put the keys in the collection bags at Mass, send them to the Parish Office or give them to the welcomers/clergy at Mass to make their way back to the Office (if not obvious, please identify their usage!). If you have keys you use so often you cannot part with them please email the Parish Office which keys you have, or contact us to let us know.

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.



Join the Parish!

ourselves and others.