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JULY 30TH 2023 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT


ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website

A pearl worth discovering and one to share

 I am fortunate to share an office with colleagues who are constantly seeking new ideas, new ways of doing things but all with the common goal: namely, finding better ways of managing their own lives but more importantly to enhance and support the lives of those we care for: sharing pearls of wisdom that we have picked up from media, tv programmes, journal articles and from other professionals.

We are all on a journey of discovery and discernment. Those on our Alpha journey began by asking 'Is there more to life than this?' followed by 'Who is Jesus?' 'Why did Jesus die?' and this week 'How does God guide us?'. Nicky Gumbel directed us to three key sources: Scripture, prayer and through the 'saints', those significant people whose lives have made an impression on us.

A question that we all might ask is 'How do I know that it is God speaking to me, or is it the voice of my own desires?' and 'How do we distinguish between the two?'

St Paul reminds us that even if we follow our own desires and wander off piste God can bring us back and turn even the most negative situations to ones that celebrate His glory. James Martin in his book on prayer gives wise advice regarding discerning between my voice and God's voice and suggests that we need to ask a number of questions: Is any evil involved? (God does not do evil), Does it make sense? Does it lead to love and charity? Does it fit in with what I know about God? Is it a distraction? Is it a wish fulfilment? Is it important?

Solomon recognised his need for wisdom and this was the pearl that he sought and he was prepared to sacrifice everything of material value in order to serve others. It is worth asking ourselves the question: 'What is it that we seek in life which surpasses all other desires and needs?'

This Saturday our Alpha group are spending a day exploring the Holy Spirit. 'Who is the Holy Spirit?', 'What does the Holy Spirit do?' and 'How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?'. King Solomon asked for one of the Holy Spirit's gifts: the gift of Wisdom, but there are others: piety, fortitude, knowledge And our understanding and belief is that these gifts/charisms are not just given for our self improvement but to empower and enable those we encounter and those we serve.

We can spend a lot of time, indeed waste a lot of time trawling resources, when the Spirit is calling us to enter into ourselves and discover a peace, and a goodness, a faithfulness and a gentleness, which is Christ within us showing us that our deepest desire is to do His will and that this in itself is sheer grace and gift.

Tina Quinn

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure....." Jesus says in today's Gospel. What things/person is the most important 'treasure' in your life? Why? Do you value it daily?
2. "Ask what you would like Me to give you" the Lord says to Solomon (1st reading). How would you respond? What would you ask for? Why?
3. St Paul, in our 2nd reading today, implies that the Lord "shares His glory" with us. How do you understand this? How do you 'reveal' God's glory?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Retiring collection for new St Edmund's Organ

Small Groups Fayre in St Joseph's 10am

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

Next Sunday Notices

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Small Groups Fayre in St Edmund's 9am & 11am

This Week...

Sat/Sun Group Fayre in St Joseph's

Tue Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's
Alpha @ 7pm in St Edmund's Hall

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

Thu RR group via Zoom
Liturgy Group meeting in Presbytery

Fri Activated Disciple via Zoom

Sat Baptism in St Edmund's

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

For Info...

Mon Day off: VH/JP

Wed Clergy Team: VH/AP/JP
Confirmation: VH
Funeral: JP; Funeral: VH

A Few Words...

The annual 'Peace Walk' takes place today (Sunday, 30th July starting 12.30), beginning at the 'Peace Fountain' and ending in the Abu Bakr Mosque. Do come along and meet people of other Faiths and enjoy their company and hospitality. Also learn more about these faiths.

We say 'farewell' to Sr Issy (Isabelle Kirby) a member of the Verbum Dei Community who is heading off to Spain for the next step in her formation. Issy: we wish you well; pray for us and we for you!

The 9am Choir are having a break the next two weeks (6th & 13th August). We thank them, and all our choirs, for enhancing our Masses and for their time and dedication.

As you know we are holding a **small group fayre** in St Joseph's this weekend. Do have a look at the groups that have formed over the past 2 years after coming out of COVID in response to Alpha and other initiatives: Prayer & Fellowship; Prayer & Support; Evening Prayer; Evening Rosary; St Joseph's Choir; 9am St Edmund's Choir; 11am St Edmund's Choir; 7pm Music Group; 7pm Koro Filipino Group; Richard Rohr; Lectio Divina; Activated Disciples; Morning Rosary & Coffee; Young Adults; Poetry Share; Green Living; Bethany (bereavement support).

You may wish to join one! You may wish to form one!

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!.....today's retiring collection is a start!

Thanks Vincent H

Prayers



Pope's Prayer Intention for July For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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

John 5:24-29



Pray for Susan Coyle, daughter of Roselyn, whose Funeral will be at the Crematorium on Wednesday, 2nd August.

Pray also for Annie Smith who died recently. Her Funeral is on 2nd August in St Edmund's at 12.30pm.

Please pray for Nicola Kenny who has died suddenly. Her Funeral is on 17th August at the Crematorium.

May Susan, Annie and Nicola rest in peace.

Please remember especially in your prayers

Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Michaela, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue, Paul Hughes, Oliver, Carla Forte, Donna Cowan & all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or distressed.



Sacraments

Baptism Application Form



If you would like your child baptised please fill in the online application form. Once filled in Anna or Joy will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation.



RCIA Journey in Faith Course

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/USMmJ9JK9j>

What's going on?

Hello everyone! This is just a quick message from Fr Tom, the parish priest at St Boniface and the current coordinating pastor of the Southampton pastoral area. As you all well know, the Catholic diocese of Portsmouth has embarked on a Ten-Year Mission Plan (see the document "You will be My Witnesses"), which will merge the 87 current parishes across the diocese into 24 parishes. What does that mean for us here in Southampton? The current parishes of Holy Family, Immaculate Conception, St Joseph's and St Edmund's, St Boniface, St Vincent de Paul and St Theresa of the Child Jesus (Totton) will become one big parish. This will not happen immediately, but rather over the next three to five years. A priest of the diocese will be appointed as parish priest and he will be assisted by a team of assistant priests and deacons. Eventually a new parish pastoral council and a new finance committee will be formed made up of lay representatives from the now current six parishes. I imagine that each of our six parishes will still have a pastoral council and a finance committee, but these will be overseen by the larger pastoral council and finance committee. Fr Benjamin Theobald can fill us in on any of the technical canonical law details.

At this moment, we are still in the discerning phase of our journey. The pastoral area clergy, the chairs of the finance teams and pastoral councils/ESTs and a few other parishioners have met on three occasions in 2023 – in January, April and June. The parish administrators were invited to the last meeting and will continue to take part in future meetings. Our next scheduled meeting is on 16th September 2023. We have simply been considering our local context and options for the future. Though all of us at the meetings expressed some of our legitimate concerns, we have all embraced the reality that we have to move in this direction. The very positive thing is that the diocese welcomes our suggestions and proposals and wants all of us to be part of the planning process. We want to keep you informed about any plans as we move along, so that you all have the chance to offer your feedback. It is important that all parishioners are part of the dialogue. So, stay tuned for more information as we move along. In the meantime, let's keep praying for God's help and guidance. Fr Tom



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. 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.

THE NEW KEYS MAY BE USED FROM THIS THURSDAY ONWARDS

Of the 30 keys we estimate to have given out over the years, only 9 people have informed me they have a key and come to collect the new one! This obviously leaves a large number of people who have yet to get in touch and change their keys... **please please do get in touch!**

The Brown Door keys at St Joseph's have been changed!

We are trying to come up with a full list of key holders and so are asking that everyone with a key returns the key to a member of the clergy (or the office) **this week!!!** If you could put your name with the key on/in an envelope then we can match up who needs the new keys. **The new lock will be used from this Thursday onwards** so if you have not returned your old key you won't be able to get in the building!!!!

The next parish pilgrimage will be to the Holy Land next year.

The pilgrimage will begin **29th February and will finish on the 7th March 2024.** If you would be interested in the Holy Land do let Fr Vincent know, or collect an info package at the back of church. Cost £1,475 for a shared room with single available for a supplement. Details in the info package alongside sign up info.

The remembrance of the bombing of Hiroshima takes place at Riverside Park at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday August 6th.

The Sheriff of Southampton, Cllr. Dave Shields, will be in attendance. The event takes place near the children's playground and the entrance is from Manor Farm Rd. This is organised by Southampton CND. All are welcome.

Parents with daughters in Years 4, 5 and 6 can visit St Anne's

on Wednesday 27th September 2023 for our Open Morning (9.00 - 11.00am) and/or our Open Evening (6.00 - 8.00pm). Parents can book free tickets via Eventbrite. We ask that parents arrive at 9.00am and 10.00am for open morning tours.

Open mornings give parents the opportunity to see the school on a normal day and talk to their student guides as they tour the school. Open evenings provide the opportunity to talk to staff and students, as well as hearing talks from the Head teacher, Head girls and Year 7 students. We look forward to seeing you at St Anne's to share with you the many ways in which we support our students to grow and thrive.

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. Do not pay the fine, speak to Abby first! We cannot refund you unfortunately.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 30TH JULY

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

Saturday 29th July	6:15pm SJ	Valerie Smith RIP 3rd Anniversary
Sunday 30th July	9:00am SE	Poulose T P RIP
<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	John Ward RIP
	11:00am SE	People of the Parish
	7:00pm SE	Jane Kaye RIP 6th Anniversary
Tuesday 1st August	10:00am SE	Jose Tew RIP
Wednesday 2nd August	7:00pm SE	Mabel Izuka birthday thanksgiving
Thursday 3rd August	12:15pm SJ	Elizabeth Reading RIP & Denis Reading RIP
<i>Feria</i>		Intentions of Dionisio
Friday 4th August	7:00pm SE	
Saturday 5th August	11:00am SE	The Salvation of God & Fullness for all Chukwunche, Ikwueke, Izuorah, Igon, Ibekwe, Ekwesianya & Ezenwata Families
<i>Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome</i>	6:15pm SJ	For the Submersible lost on Visit to Titanic Wreck RIP
Sunday 6th August	9:00am SE	Mrs Catherine (Kitty) Cummins RIP
<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	10:00am SJ	For all Assistance Received
	11:00am SE	Thanksgiving
	7:00pm SE	People of the Parish

30th July

Psalm Response

Lord, how I love your law!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends says the Lord, because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from

My Father.

Alleluia!

6th Aug

1st Reading:

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Psalm: 96

2nd Reading:

2 Peter 1: 16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

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

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Diocesan Website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our 9am Sunday Mass in St Edmund's offers a children's liturgy of the word for all children 3+ up until the children have received their First Holy Communion.

We have a great number of children join each week but we need more volunteers to be able to continue. This will be a term time commitment only. If you don't want to lead a session you do not need to, we mainly need DBS'd adults for our safeguarding ratios.

If you are interested in joining please email

Anna on:

safeguarding@

southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

You will need to have DBS for work with children before you can begin in the role. Contacting Anna above will begin this process.

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



Join the Parish!

understanding with ourselves and others.