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MARCH 3RD 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website

## This Weekend's Notices

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**No Second Collection** this week

## Next Weekend's Notices

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Second Collection** for Clergy Assistance Fund



## Third Sunday of Lent

Five adults are preparing for baptism, confirmation and eucharist (sacraments of initiation) at Easter. The process of initiation is known as the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). For the five, known as the elect since the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on the Saturday following Ash Wednesday, Lent is a period of purification and enlightenment. In Lent we are all reminded of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception which renews the entire community to celebrate the paschal mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection.

Scrutinies are celebrated on the third (11am Mass), fourth (10am Mass), and fifth (7pm Mass) Sundays of Lent. They are rites of self-searching and repentance that are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect and to strengthen all that is good. The scrutinies are celebrated to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation and to give them strength in Christ.

Lent for all the baptised, not just for the elect, is a time for serious examination of life and true repentance. We can all grow and receive new strength in our spiritual life and open our hearts to receive more fully the gifts of the Saviour. As we pray for the elect as they celebrate the scrutinies and for all who are to receive sacraments of initiation, let us the baptised undertake a serious examination of life and celebrate the sacrament of God's mercy before Easter.

**Fr Michael**

## General Notices



**We are hiring a Parish Administrator in City Centre Parish.** 20-25 hours a week, £12ph. The role will support life in a busy parish office, helping with

secretarial services for the clergy, supporting day-to-day administration of the parish, hall bookings, sacramental registrations & record keeping, alongside phone and email correspondence. We're looking for someone sympathetic to the teachings of the Catholic Church, with office experience, confident in the use of Microsoft Office 365, self-motivated, diplomatic, friendly, approachable, with good timekeeping and telephone manner.

**Closing date for applications: Monday 18th March 9am**

**Interviews held: Wednesday 20th March**

For an informal chat about the role please contact the parish office and speak with Anna, or for a job description, more information and an application, contact [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**We say goodbye and thank you to Joy Elliott** who is leaving us on the 12th of March. We wish her well in her next endeavours.

**Please have some patience with the Parish Office** over the next little while as we replace the Administrator.

**Readers at Weekday Masses.** It would be helpful to our priests if on weekdays people would offer to read at the Mass. You do not need to be a formal reader, just willing and able! Do please consider offering next time you can.

**We now have just shy of 600 people receiving the Newsletter via email.** We have now reduced the number of newsletters we print in light of this.

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat 2024** at ST MICHAEL & ST GEORGE, The Cathedral Church of the Bishop of the Forces, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2BY on Saturday 9 March 2024 from 11 am to 4 pm led by the Marian Fathers. All Welcome. Please call Millie on **07957594646** for more information

## Sacramentals



*"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 Samantha McMahon** who died last month. We pray for her family at this time. Her funeral will be in St Joseph's on the 12th March at 12.30pm. May Samantha rest in peace.



**Couples seeking marriage are invited to fill in the form on our website, or using this QR code.** If you are marrying abroad you also need to fill in this form - and the Diocese requests a minimum of 6-12 months' notice. We will then be in touch.

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



## Prayers

Adoration currently runs in St Edmund's:

**Monday** 6pm until 7pm Mass

**Tuesday** beginning after 10am Mass until 7pm

**Thursday** 10am until 5pm

**Friday** 2pm until 7pm Mass.

**Saturday** after the 11am Mass.

**Thinking of joining?** Great news! Email the office, call us or text **07956 379542**.

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**We now have Adoration in St Joseph's:**

**Thursday** after the 12:15pm Mass until the 7pm Polish Mass

**Thinking of joining?** Email the office, call us or text **07956 379542**. There are also sign up sheets in the porch.

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

## General Notices

**Pianist (or two!) needed from 31st March for 9am Mass in St Edmund's.** Join our music team where rehearsals/choice of hymns are organised separately. Mary Berridge is retiring after 33 years of playing. Please contact Mary, our priests, or the Parish Office if able to help.

**Easter Triduum Retreat at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre,** on the Isle of Wight - 28th - 31st March. For more information, please contact: [verbumdei.iow@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdei.iow@gmail.com)

## Holy Week Timings 25th - 31st March

**Monday** Penitential Service 7pm in St Ed's

**Tuesday** 9am Mass in St Ed's / Altar Server Triduum Rehearsal in St Ed's at 5.30pm

**Wednesday** 7pm Mass in St Ed's / Joint Choir Practice after  
**Maundy Thursday** 6.15pm Family Mass of Lord's Supper in St Jo's / 8pm Mass of Lord's Supper in St Ed's / Watching until midnight at the altar of repose

**Good Friday** 11.30am in St Jo's Solemn Family Celebration of the Passion of the Lord/ 3pm in St Ed's Solemn Celebration/ Verbum Dei to lead prayers round the cross at 5pm

**Holy Saturday** 8pm Easter Vigil Mass in St Ed's

**Easter Sunday** 9, 11, 7pm in St Ed's / 10am in St Jo's

## Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

*SJ is St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street & SE is St Edmund's Church, The Avenue*

<b>Saturday 2nd March</b>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Sean, Kathleen & Stuart Adamson RIP
<b>Sunday 3rd March</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	John Croft RIP
<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Marie Cruz and Erlinda Flores RIP
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Tony Wiltshire
<b>Monday 4th March</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Noronha-Andrade Family Intentions
<b>Tuesday 5th March</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Rosa Martina Fernandes RIP 1 Year Anniv
<b>Wednesday 6th March</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Charles, Sarah & Sven Healing from Cancer
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	<b>6:30am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Private Intentions
<i>of the 3rd week of Lent</i>	<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Patricia Livett Thanksgiving & God's Blessings
<b>Friday 8th March</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	Harper RIP
<b>Saturday 9th March</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Bishop Philip's Intentions
<i>of the 3rd wk of Lent</i>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Gabrielle & James Hall RIP
<b>Sunday 10th March</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Alan Cunningham RIP 2nd Anniv
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>SJ</b>	Kathleen & Patrick Moran RIP
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>SE</b>	Helena Luraniec & Bronislaw Luraniec & Antoni Hajduk RIP
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SE</b>	People of the Parish

## Today's Readings

**First:**

*Exodus 20:1-17*

**Psalm:**

*18*

**Second:**

*1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

**Gospel:**

*John 2:13-25*

## Confessions

**30 Minutes before every Mass & after Mass as announced**

*Also*

Saturdays in St Ed's after the 11am Mass

## Parish Bank

### Details

**Bank Account Name**

CDP SOUJE

**Sort Code** 30-93-04

**Number** 00888223



**Join the Parish!**

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