

JULY 31ST 2022 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Les Arbres dans la Mer

Why the wind, if it does not sow by chance?
 Why the sea, if not for the sand?
 Why the fire, if it is not taken to the
 brushwood?
 And why 'humanity'.....

Why the frost, if it does not crack in April?
 Why the night, if day does not rise from it?
 Why death, if life does not sweep it away?
 And why 'humanity'.....

Why time, if it only passes by?
 Why love, if it is only to be lost?
 Why the bird, if it does not enchant the trees?
 And why 'humanity'.....

Why the bread, if it is never broken?
 Why the blood, if it fills no cup?
 Why the body, if it speaks no word?
 And why 'humanity'.....

D. Rimaud (adapted)

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "Watch, and be on your guard....." Jesus warns in today's gospel! Why? On our guard from what? Or whom? What do you consider 'your' riches?
2. "Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says" in our 1st reading. What is 'vain' in your life? For what do you 'work'? What are your priorities? Why?
3. St Paul in our 2nd reading says we must ".....look for the things of heaven.....". How do you understand that?



Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Safe Families for Children Appeal at the 9am & 11am Masses by this organisation which supports families in crisis so as to keep them together. We welcome Mary Ayers who will be speaking during these Masses.

No children Liturgy at 9am Mass.

Parish Registration Forms - continue to hand in. Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the churches and we encourage **wearing face masks**.

Next Sunday Notices

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Retiring Collection for Catholic Home Care.

We welcome Father Des who is presiding at the 9 & 11am Masses.

This Week...

- Mon** Baptism Preparation online
- Tues** Parish Finance Meeting
SLT Meeting with Fr Mark Hogan
St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm
- Wed** Evening Prayer @ 6pm.... to join email Dcn Andy
- Fri** Green Living Meeting

For Info...

- Mon** VH Day off
JP on annual leave for 2 weeks
- Wed** Team Meeting: VH/AP

A Few Words...

Another week and **holidays have commenced**, especially for the pupils and staff in **our schools, and for Father Johnpromise**. May they all have a relaxed summer and a good rest. We wish Father Johnpromise safe travelling.

As you will see elsewhere, Mary Ayers is talking about the work of **'Safe Families for Children'** at the 9 & 11am Masses, and to update us on their work (some parishioners have been/are volunteers). She, or another team member, will come back later in the year for the other Masses. Do **access the videos** they have provided (see links elsewhere).

The **Closer to Christ campaign** in the Parish is coming to a close so please, please do consider a pledge or one-off gift (see elsewhere). It would be good to exceed our target by a substantial amount (remember everything over the target figure means 50% comes back to us!! Too good to miss!).

Sadly it seems we may have to cancel our **Pilgrimage to Fatima** due to lack of numbers!! **If you were thinking of coming act now!!** More info next week!

Have a good week... Vincent H



Sacraments

Please remember all those being baptised **this month**, Aurel Orestano, Angellika Mazurek, Emilia Wozniewska, Natan Madejek, Leon Madejek, Joseph Dullaghan, Leonard Burduja, Noah Churton, Roxie Gregory, Astrid Bustin, Kayden Singh, Charlie Marston, Valentino Sweeney and Joshua Moriello. **We pray for them and their families as we welcome them into the Faith on this joyous occasion!**



First Holy Communion Update. The Parish Office is currently receiving lots of requests for FHC details. **We currently have no confirmed plans for FHC.** As such, we cannot register your child for the course yet. If you register your interest on the Parish Website we will use the details you provide to contact you when we have an update to let you know how to register. <https://www.southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org/first-holy-communion>

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Hedley Guillou (Heather Hauschild's father in Guernsey) who died a week ago. Pray for Hedley's wife, Gloria, for Heather and the family. His Funeral will be in Guernsey on the 4th August. May he rest in peace.

Richard Haynes, pray for his wife, Brenda, and the family. Funeral 3rd of August in St Edmund's at 12.30pm.

Catherine Slattery pray for the family. Funeral on Friday, 5th August, at 1.30pm in St Edmund's.

Chris Wong who died two weeks ago, please remember his wife & son who he leaves behind. Funeral details to follow.

May Hedley, Richard, Catherine & Chris rest in peace.

Prayers



We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them.

Lord hear us.

Please remember especially in your prayers

Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, the Roberts family, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, Mary O'Reilly, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Diana Elena, Carmen Escorcio, Carol Roe, Simon, Sue, Zoe, Jack Oakley and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.



Please consider joining our Adoration team!



We are still in need of Adorers to keep our constant daily Adoration running. Please get in touch with Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to help/join! The gaps we need filling are: **Monday 1.30pm onwards, Wednesday all day, Thursday 4-5pm, Friday 10-1pm**

What's going on?

St Ed's Fire Wardens needed! (St Jo's to follow) Please speak to the priest after Mass or email the Office if you're willing to help. We need at least 4 fire wardens for every Mass!

Consultation on a Draft Southampton Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2022-2027.

Members of the public, agencies, businesses and community organisations are invited to comment on the draft. This draft strategy has been developed by public services and agencies across Southampton. This is our partnership approach to tackling domestic abuse and violence against women and girls in Southampton. Please see: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/SotonDAVAG>

The 9am Choir will be taking a break for the first three weeks in August, and will return on the 28th.

St Ed's family of four (2 adults & 2 children) looking for short term rental accommodation from end of August to mid November. Kindly contact the Parish Office if you can help who will put you in touch with the family.

Safe Families for Children. Since starting in Southampton **Local Churches** has made an impact. **757 children** across Southampton have benefitted from finding love and belonging! **337 families** have been supported through some of the most challenging times. "More than Sundays" <https://vimeo.com/669476636/4a3d02f11c> "Tam's story - Someone to believe in me" <https://vimeo.com/545966647>


Safe Families for Children appreciate any funding or donations possible: <https://safefamilies.uk/donate/>

Why not consider volunteering for CAFOD? They're looking for school volunteers to deliver assemblies and workshops. Please contact Jo portsmouth@cafod.org.uk for more info.

A fourth season of failed rains has caused one of the worst droughts East Africa has seen in decades. An estimated 50% of children in Turkana are acutely malnourished. Please support Mary's Meals if you can, it costs just £15.90 to feed a child for a year. For more details www.marysmeals.org.uk

The Hate Crime Network is hosting a range of Zoom discussions to raise awareness of types of Hate Crime and relevant issues. You are invited to sign up for these sessions via Eventbrite. See posters in church for details.

Closer to Christ Update

 As I write, we have exceeded the target and are at a total of **£258,928!** But pledges are still coming in...

If you completed a small card recently, you should have received a pledge form for completion via post or email. I ask that you return the form at your earliest convenience to either the parish office, to clergy after Mass or directly through the post. While you may not wish to start your pledge immediately, I do ask that you return your form, indicating a start date and method of payment that is convenient to you. Our hope is that parishioners will consider what they can as every pledge counts!

Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the Closer to Christ Campaign in our parish and the Diocese.
Vincent Harvey

Local Clergy Moves...

Immaculate Conception: You may know already that Father Antony Gatt retires this coming September (having reached the canonical age of retirement) and will be replaced by Fr. Anthony Chiatu (currently in Winchester).

St Boniface: Fathers Emmanuel and John are leaving in September and Fr Godwin from Nigeria and Fr Alex from the Philippines will be joining Father Tom.

Please keep them all, and their parishes, in prayer.

Pilgrimages: Day and Longer...

- 1. Celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on Monday, 15th August** at Harvington Hall (Kidderminster). Leaving St Boniface at 8am. The cost of the day, which includes guided tours, lunch and the cost of the journey, is £57.50 per person. If you would like to go please book your seat by contacting **07395 228 841** or stjosephscentre@mail.com. Closing date for booking 7th August.
- 2. A visit/pilgrimage to Portugal culminating in Fatima: 12th-19th October.** In Lisbon we visit the birthplace of St Anthony where we will celebrate Mass and visit the museum dedicated to his life. We then visit Pastes de Belem and the Cathedral which dates from the 12th Century. On Saturday we depart for Fatima via Sintra. In Fatima we will visit all the important sites and participate in the evening candle light procession. The cost is £895 (sharing) which includes breakfast & evening meals (except for one fish lunch), pilgrims are responsible for lunch if desired. For full details please refer to the brochure available from the back or church or from Godfrey Doyle godfreydoyle@gmail.com. We have had assurances from Special Pilgrimages that the current issues with flights will not impact our trip. **Sadly we don't seem to have reached a viable number of pilgrims** so are having to reconsider whether the pilgrimage goes ahead or not. It will be disappointing to cancel but will have to make a decision in the immediate future!
- 3. Camino old pilgrimage route restored,** see posters for information. You are invited to welcome David and Adrian as they arrive at God's House Tower, Southampton on **Sunday, 7th August, 3:45pm** having walked the St James' Way from Reading.

Weekly Green Living Suggestions...

You may like to look at one or two of the following websites for more information about water use.

www.southernwater.co.uk/water-for-life/protecting-the-environment/climate-change

www.metoffice.gov.weather/climate-change/what-is-climate-change

www.southernwater.co.uk/our-story/water-resources-planning

www.water.org.uk/news-item/water-industry-reaffirms-pledge-to-work-in-the-public-interest/

www.southernwater.co.uk/media/4931/5585_net_zero_report_a4_v10.pdf



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 31ST JULY

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

Saturday 30th July	6:15pm	SJ	Sean, Kathleen & Stewart Adamson
<i>St Peter Chrysologus</i>	7:00pm	SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 31st July	9:00am	SE	Gretta Phelan RIP
<i>Eighteenth Sunday</i>	10:00am	SJ	All Marriages
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	SE	PT Sriyani W in Wales & all Anushka's A/L class mates' B'day Blessings & Thanksgiving For Divine Mercy
Tuesday 2nd August	10:00am	SE	Mabel Izuka 70th B'day Blessings
<i>St Eusebius of Vercelli</i>			
Wednesday 3rd August	7.00pm	SE	Cecilia & Peter Marshall RIP
Thursday 4th August	12.15pm	SJ	For the reign of the Lord Jesus Christ in all the hearts & divine provisions
<i>St John Vianney</i>			
Friday 5th August	7.00pm	SE	Harry Curry RIP
Saturday 6th August	11:00am	SE	Moira & Martin Ryan Wedding anniversary
<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	6:15pm	SJ	Valerie Smith RIP 2nd Anniversary
	7:00pm	SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 7th August	9:00am	SE	David C. Andrew GB+T
<i>Nineteenth Sunday</i>	10:00am	SJ	Baptism of the holy Spirit for all believers, new converts and the unborn
<i>in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	SE	Ernest & Berthie Gellseite Thiereelinon
	7:00pm	SE	Catherine (Kitty) Cummings RIP

Please scan the QR code to be taken straight to our Website!



31st July

Psalm Response:

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

Readings 7th August

First Reading:

Wisdom 18: 6-9

Second Reading:

Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

Gospel:

Luke 12: 32-48

Second Collections:

Today: No Second Collection

Next week: *Catholic Home Care*

24th July Church Maintenance Fund

SO: £32.50 Cash: £180.10

TOTAL: £212.60 *Thank you*

24th July Parish Collection

SO: £246 Cash: £857.19

TOTAL: £1,103.19 *Thank you*

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Our Diocese: Portsmouth Catholic Diocese

Their Website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Their Facebook & Twitter: [@PortsmouthRC](https://www.facebook.com/PortsmouthRC)

Parish Census/Registration

Please scan the QR code to fill in our online form:

This is the same as the paper form, so if you cannot use this then please take a paper one to complete!



St Ed's Repository is open this Sunday 9am!

We intend to open the shop the 1st Sunday of the month, and alternate days we will publish ahead of time! Do come along if you can...

Confessions:

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



St Edmund's: Saturdays after the 11 am Mass

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.