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NOVEMBER 6TH 2022 | 32ND SUNDAY IN OT

# ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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## Hope without Limit

Sometimes it seems that people's innermost need and their focus of attention is revealed by the place where their eyes rest most frequently. At weddings the cleric can perhaps be treated as incidental to a happy couple's 'big day' - well the couple are in reality the ministers and the clergy simply officiate; but at a funeral the cleric is often considered indispensable. Mourners at a funeral look to the minister for hope. Perhaps they may be thinking: 'At least he believes in the resurrection,' whilst struggling with their own quivering faith.

But lest we forget, lest we may make the mistake of presuming the flawlessness of others, we all of us struggle at times. Our hope is not in our own ability, nor in our goodness, nor in our physical strength. Our hope is instilled in us by the resurrection of the Christ, the One who has defeated death and led its captives to freedom.

The resurrection of Christ brings hope. Such hope is the meaning of human life.

It is balm to the wounded soul, it is fuel for the exhausted Christian, it is consolation to the one who has suffered much. Hope cannot be manufactured nor is it found in false optimism, only in the resurrected life shared with God will we find true hope. There is hope that mistakes and sins can be forgiven; there is hope that we can have joy and peace in the midst of the despair of these times; there is hope that those who have died will be raised from the dead and suffer death no more.

Indeed I remind myself, there is hope that I can write something for this frontispiece. Recently, I was asked to list the saints who originated in Africa, and I read again the words of St Josephine Bakhita, and so knowing this we can say with her, "I am definitely loved and whatever happens to me - I am awaited by this love. And so my life is good!"

*Dcn Andy*

### Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. When do you encounter resurrection? ...: in Christ in the Sacraments, in your fellow human beings, in community? If God is love, when you experience real love might you get a taste of the risen life?
2. Reflecting on the 1st reading (Maccabees) what are some burdensome earthly trials besides martyrdom that people might be able to endure because of the hope of the resurrection? What suffering could such hope allow you to endure?
3. Are you saving the world in your ministry (c.f. 2nd reading)? Are you part of God's plan to save the world? How might this happen?

*Vincent Harvey*

## Today's Notices

### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Family Mass** at the 9am & 10am Masses where the children participate more fully

**Second Collection** for the work of the Church in our Sister Diocese of **Bamenda** in Cameroon

**Baptism** of Eden Yizhu Lu in St Edmund's

**Wedding** of Ian and Kirsty on Saturday in St Edmund's

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

## Next Sunday Notices

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Children's Liturgy** at the 9am Mass

**Remembrance Sunday** when we remember and pray for the victims of war

**Father Vincent** co-leading the Civic Service at the Cenotaph

**HCPT Afternoon Tea,**

**Welcome to Fr Richard** who presides over the 11am

## This Week...

**Tues** St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm

Alpha Course on Zoom @ 7pm

Adoration in St Ed's until 8pm (weekly - do join!)

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

Journey in Faith @ 7.30pm in St Ed's Hall

**Thurs** Richard Rohr Group via Zoom

**Fri** The Letter to be shown at Avenue St Andrew's

**Sat** Bereavement Mass at 11am in St Edmund's.

## For Info...

**Mon** VH/JP Day Off

**Tues** 25th Anniversary of Fr Bruce Barnes: VH

SLT with Fr Mark: VH/JP/TQ/AP/LS

Induction of new Vicar of St Michael's: VH

**Wed** Team Meeting VH/JP/AP

Meeting Springhill: VH

**Thurs** Liturgy Planning meeting: FM/MJ/VH/JP

**Fri** Unity 101 meeting: VH

Jesu Caritas: VH/JP

Clergy Ministry Group: VH

'The Letter' Viewing: VH

## Prayers



**Adoration** Please contact Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to join Adoration during the week in St Edmund's. New Adorers are needed!

**Parish Rosary Group.** If you would like to join an in-person rosary group please follow the QR code. Thank you to those who have shown interest, Tuesday evenings seems a popular choice so far. Please get in touch if you also would be interested!



**Please remember especially in your prayers**

Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, John, Mary O'Reilly, Valerie, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Carmen Escorcio, Simon, Bernadette, Sue, Clifford Cross, Kelly, Val Perry, Peter Scott, Ivanka Roberts, Maro P, John Morris, Fr Tom Singleton and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.



## A Few Words...

*I hope you have had a good week and managing to avoid the dreaded COVID? We need to lead a normal life but just be cautious in crowds!*

**Our Annual Bereavement Mass** takes place this coming Saturday (12th) at 11am in St Edmund's Church. Those who have experienced the death of a family member have been invited to come along. But the invitation is for ALL who have suffered bereavement at any time. Come along and pray for your loved one.

In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 '**Pilgrims of Hope**' the Church has two preparatory years. During 2023 we will examine the four constitutions. I highly recommend you listen to this podcast...

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/vatican-ii-constitutions-episode-7/>

In this episode of 'At the Foot of the Cross' Rev Canon Christopher Thomas gives a short overview on the four constitutions of the Second Vatican Council: *Sacrasanctum Concilium on the Sacred Liturgy, Lumen Gentium on the Church, Dei Verbum on Divine Revelation and Gaudium et Spes on the Church on the Modern World.*

Patrick O'Dowd, CEO of Caritas in Salford talks about the **cost-of-living crises** and the impact on people in the north west and finally Bishop Patrick McKinney the Lead Bishop for **Interreligious Dialogue** gives a reflection on the importance of dialogue with followers of other religions. **Do give it a listen if you can.**

*Have a good week... Vincent H*

## Sacraments

**Please remember especially in your prayers all those who have passed recently.**

Please pray for **Jen Bridges**, Bryn's wife, who died last Monday. May she rest in peace. We pray for Bryn (our 11am Organist) and the family.

Pray also for Maria Baptista who died last Tuesday, the Feast of All Saints. May she rest in peace. We pray also for Helder and Graciela on the death of their mother.

**Please keep in your prayers all those who are due to be baptised this month** Alina Crizaldo, Pippa Schnugh, Idas & Eris Gallon, Grace Fernandes, Eden Yizhu Lu, Jakub Gniadek Gregor, Lanene & Mark Rosal. We pray for them and their families as they enter the faith!



**First Holy Communion Update.** The official registrations will be 9am, 10am, 11am Masses on 6th, 20th and 27th November in St Edmund's and St Joseph's. Please direct first holy communion queries to [fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org](mailto:fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org) Just to say, Lorraine is not based in the Parish Office so please use that email to contact her, those coming to the office will not find her! Even if you come twice...

## What's going on?

**The Letter:** a new feature film that tells the story of a letter, Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' and the power of humanity to stop the ecological crisis. Special showing on **Friday 11 November at 7pm** at Avenue St Andrew's

**Young Adults Group is starting!** We are starting a group for young adults/professionals (roughly age 18-35) to build friendships, deepen our faith and have fun in the process! Our first session will be on **Friday 18th November in St Edmund's Hall after the 7pm Mass** (so starting at around 7:45pm), and fortnightly thereafter. We will provide snacks but feel free to bring something to share. If you have any questions, email Maclyn [maclynaugustine@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maclynaugustine@yahoo.co.uk). Hope to see you there!

**World Day of the Poor 2022** will be celebrated by the Catholic Church on Sunday 13 November, with the theme of "*For your sakes Christ became poor*" (2 Cor 8:9). Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Bishops' Conference agency promoting domestic social action, has produced a number of resources with Redemptorist Publications, including a novena, reflections, and more...

**Day of prayer and reflection for catechists** and those interested in this ministry **Saturday 3rd December 2022 9am - 4pm Holy Family Church**. Fr Tom Kleinschmidt leads a day of prayer, reflection and spiritual conferences for catechists and those interested in this ministry. Please bring your own lunch. For more details or to confirm attendance contact [ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk](mailto:ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk)

**ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning** "Love one another as I have loved you" - we are called to receive and give God's love. Our special guest speaker and Mass Celebrant is Fr Anthony Meredith, ADoRE Chaplain and Spiritual Director; Vicar General of the Rosminians. Starts with Mass at 10.00 and also includes Adoration, Prophetic sharing, Praise, Testimony and discussion. Please register in advance at [bit.ly/ADORENOV2022](https://bit.ly/ADORENOV2022)

**Journey in Faith / RCIA Course** For anyone looking to find out more about the Catholic Faith - come along and ask your questions, find out what the church teaches and what it means to live as a Catholic. This group also offers preparation for adult (18+) Baptism, Confirmation or Reception as a Catholic. Meetings are **Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall**. Just turn up!

**Candles for Home Care.** Chris McDaid, a parishioner, will be selling candles of varying sizes and designs to raise money for the Catholic Home Care service. She will be displaying these candles at the 6.15pm Mass in St Joseph's on the 19th November, do bring cash ready to buy! Any leftover will be sold at the 'Winter Warm Up'.

**Food Banks** Please consider donating to Southampton City Mission Food Bank if you are able to. To check on the current out of stock items please see: <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>



**Parish Christmas 'Warm Up' Event.** As you may be aware, the boilers in St Edmund's have not been well at all recently... expensive fix only to discover another issue caused by a leaky roof which (you guessed it) means even more money needed to fix. To try and offset the cost we have decided to run a Christmas Bazaar to raise funds towards these repairs. **Please put Sunday 4th of December in your calendars**, as we shall have cake stalls, Christmas gifts and repository items for sale alongside a bottle tombola and lucky dips. **We shall begin following the 9am Mass, and continue after the 10am, 11am and 7pm** so hopefully all will get a chance to come.

We are asking for donations of goods, perhaps you might knit/crochet some items, or you may have some old knick-knacks in good condition that need a new home. **Please contact Anna if you might be able to help** 'run' a stall, can offer any donations or could make some cakes. All knick-knack items and alcoholic bottles will be collected in the Parish Office all through November, allowing us to have a sort out in time for the sales. Any queries or suggestions, talk to Anna in the Office. Thanks!

**Quiz Night in Stella Maris Hall 26th November 7.30pm.** Fish & Chip supper, bring your own drink. There will be limited numbers, so first come, first served! Tickets are £12 and will be on sale at St Joseph's after Mass on the 6th-18th of November. See Sue for details. All proceeds to CAFOD & Christian Aid.

**Quiet Morning on Saturday 19th November 2022.** All are invited to join in this special morning hosted by the ecumenical **Prayer Group**. The Quiet Morning will be held at the Stella Maris Centre and St Joseph's Church, St Michael's Square, Bugle Street, Southampton. Stella Maris will be open from 10am. The meeting begins at 10.30 and concludes at 12.30. Hot and cold drinks and snacks will be available throughout the morning.

## Green Living Update...

This week our Green Living focus is on a film called **The Letter**, Pope Francis' message for our earth. It is essential viewing about climate change and its' repercussions for everyone. We are being called to protect the environment through prayer, concrete action, dialogue and working together with a focus on the poor, the Indigenous, the environmentalist and, most especially, the young. There will be a screening followed by a discussion at Avenue St Andrews on Friday 11 Nov at 7.00 pm. but you can watch online alone or with family or friends. Please use this link to find the film [hello@laudatosimovement.org](mailto:hello@laudatosimovement.org).

## Volunteers needed!

**Parish Office Admin Assistant.** The Parish Office is in need of a volunteer to help with the day to day running of the office. The individual will be comfortable answering phones, dealing with parishioners coming to the door and offering support in simple administrative areas. Please contact Anna in the office to discuss.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

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

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| <b>Saturday 5th November</b>                 | <b>6:15pm SJ</b>  | Success of COP27                                                                                  |
| <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>                  | <b>7:00pm SE</b>  | <b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>                                                               |
| <b>Sunday 6th November</b>                   | <b>9:00am SE</b>  | Thanksgiving for the Defeat of all Enemies & the Victories of God Almighty, the Lamb & His Church |
| <i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | <b>10:00am SJ</b> | Margaret Golding RIP                                                                              |
|                                              | <b>11:00am SE</b> | Anson Vales 2nd B'Day Blessings                                                                   |
|                                              | <b>7:00pm SE</b>  | Hans & Rosa Weingart RIP & All Deceased Family Members                                            |
| <b>Tuesday 8th November</b>                  | <b>10:00am SE</b> | Intentions of Nadja, Francesco and Lucia                                                          |
| <b>Wednesday 9th Nov</b>                     | <b>7.00pm SE</b>  | Christina Complin RIP                                                                             |
| <b>Thursday 10th Nov</b>                     | <b>12.15pm SJ</b> | Bill Burke RIP                                                                                    |
| <b>Friday 11th November</b>                  | <b>7.00pm SE</b>  | Christopher Wong RIP                                                                              |
| <b>Saturday 12th November</b>                | <b>11:00am SE</b> | For all the Deceased of the Parish, and those Bereaved in our Community                           |
| <i>St Josaphat</i>                           | <b>6:15pm SJ</b>  | Sean, Kathleen and Stewart Adamson RIP                                                            |
|                                              | <b>7:00pm SE</b>  | <b>Msza Polska / Mass in Polish</b>                                                               |
| <b>Sunday 13th November</b>                  | <b>9:00am SE</b>  | Jan Rojko RIP                                                                                     |
| <i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>  | <b>10:00am SJ</b> | All those who Sacrificed their Lives for our Safer Tomorrow and all those Faithfully Departed     |
|                                              | <b>11.00am SE</b> | People of the Parish                                                                              |
|                                              | <b>7:00pm SE</b>  | Mrs Maria Capetta RIP                                                                             |

## 6th November

### Psalm Response:

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of Your Glory, O Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

*Alleluia!*

## Readings 12th November

### First Reading:

*Malachi 3: 19-20*

### Second Reading:

*2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12*

### Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

## 30th Oct 1st Collection

SO: £1,204.44

Cash: £854.76

**TOTAL: £2,059.201** Thank

## 2nd Col Catholic Home Care

SO: £61.50

Cash: £261.43

**TOTAL: £322.93**

Thank you.

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

**Catholic Home Care Gifts** While you're out shopping may we ask you to think of their elderly clients who are often lonely & without friends or family around them, so to receive a special gift means so much to them. Please consider picking up a small item or two for us to give on your behalf. Gifts can be toiletries, chocolates, biscuits, socks, scarves etc. They should be new and unwrapped so that individual health & dietary requirements can be considered when our carers select gifts for their clients.

**Baskets will be available in each porch on the weekends of 27th November and 4th & 11th December.** These gifts make a big difference - thank you!

**Confessions** are at **St Joseph's** on Thursdays at 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm and at **St Edmund's** on Saturdays after the 11am 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.*



Join the Parish!