



FEBRUARY 6TH 2022 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S
City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



DUC IN ALTUM – PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP!!!

The year 2000 is one I will never forget. It was the year I met Pope St John Paul II in a private audience at St Peter's Basilica, was given an exclusive tour of the Apostolic Palace by Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz (the Pope's private secretary), prayed inside the Pope's private chapel, and was treated to a lovely lunch afterwards by the Pope himself. I was among the group of young seminarians from Nigeria who were officially invited to Rome to celebrate the Great Jubilee Year for Seminarians with the Holy Father. During that private audience with Pope St John Paul II, he repeated a particular phrase that I noted in my journal immediately afterwards. That phrase is **"DUC IN ALTUM – Put out into the deep."** The Holy Father reminded us as seminarians from Africa not to be afraid of what the Lord wants to do with us, and where He would eventually send us. The Holy Father used the same words while introducing the New Millennium in his 2001 Apostolic Letter – *Novo Millennio Inunte* (At the Beginning of the New Millennium).



Twenty-two years later, we hear those words of the Holy Father from Christ Himself in today's Gospel. Yes, when Simon and his co-fishermen had worked hard all night and caught nothing, the presence of the Master who stepped-in at the last minute made all the difference. Having beheld the majestic splendour of God, when Jesus beckoned on him to become a fisher of men, Simon like prophet Isaiah in our First Reading of today, left everything and followed Him. Like prophet Isaiah and Simon, all those called by God have been given three tasks – to proclaim the death of Christ for the remission of our sins; to proclaim the resurrection of Christ from the dead, and to proclaim His post-resurrection presence as we hear from St Paul in today's Second Reading. We are the modern-day fishermen and fisherwomen; the only way we can make Christ present in today's world is to dig deep with the witnesses of our lives and put out into the deep waters of the world for a bountiful catch in God's time. May the words of Pope St John Paul II fearlessly revibrate in our hearts – **"Duc in Altum – Put out into the deep"**.

Father Johnpromise

Questions to ponder for the Week...

1. What do you think we will find when we go out into the deep (today's Gospel), or as Pope Francis says, to the "open sea of the humanity of our time"? Starvation for food, ecojustice and racial justice, mercy? How can we be witnesses to goodness and mercy now in the sea of humanity in our time?
2. God had some big tasks in mind for Isaiah, Paul and Peter (today's three readings). What might be some small things or baby steps that God could call us to do first, till we get used to saying yes to bigger tasks?

Vincent Harvey (adapted from Anne Osdieck)

Today's Notices

We welcome **Canon John Cooke** to the 9am, 11am and 7pm Masses. Canon John is the Diocesan Vocations' Promotor and will be preaching at these 3 Masses. He will be back in July to speak at St Joseph's.

Green Living 'talk' at the end of Masses.

Please continue to **sanitise hands on entry** to the churches and we encourage **wearing face masks**.

This Week...

- Mon** Baptism Prep
- Tues** Pre-Marriage Prep online
- Wed** Evening Prayer @6pm..... to join email Dcn Andy Journey in Faith 7pm
- Thurs** Richard Rohr Group 5pm

For info

- Mon** Day Off: VH/JP + Catenian Dinner
- Tues** St George Govs: VH
- Wed** Clergy Team meeting: VH/JP/AP
Hate Crime meeting: VH
Webinar: Pope Francis and Synodal Church: VH
- Thurs** CTC campaign: VH
Force Independent Advisory Group (Police): VH
- Fri** Jesu Caritas: VH/JP
Clergy Ministry Group: VH

Funerals & Prayers

Please pray for **Father Fritz Neuhauser** who died this week. Please pray also for all recently deceased clergy, including **Father Joseph Tran Ngoc Thanh** who was killed on the 29th of January while hearing confessions. May they rest in peace.

We implore your kindness, O God, for your deceased servants and Priests, that, as you made them stewards of your mysteries on earth, so you may bring them to be nourished by their truth and reality as unveiled in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember especially in your prayers Margaret Hicks, Margaret ("Molly") Jarvis, Margaret Murray and all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

Pope's prayer intention for January: For those who suffer religious persecution: *"that those who suffer discrimination and suffer religious persecution, may find in the societies in which they live the rights and dignity that comes from being brothers and sisters"*.

We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in their situations, and enjoy the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us.

A Few Words...

The responses to the **'Synodal Way'** document/questions are still being collated. Thank you to Lorraine who is doing this. Thank you to those who occasionally drop a completed one through the door, and to the group that met last Thursday evening to look more deeply into the questions. A final meeting for anyone who still wishes to be involved will be on **Tuesday 15th February at 7pm**. If you can come to the session do let me know by email. We will publish all the comments/observations/ suggestions in full; we will send a final version to the Diocese; most importantly the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and the Evangelisation Strategy Team (EST) will try and pull out important elements to direct our parish development. This is a long-term process and we need to discuss how this process can be pursued, without being laborious, so that this is the Church we become! See 'Tablet' letter elsewhere!

We have to, as it were, live with COVID so, with care (always thinking of others), begin developing the 'new normal' in terms of church practice. Soon we can re-establish **holy water stoops; collections; full welcome teams; full Adoration teams; Mass coordinators; altar servers** at all Masses.....and of course, non-liturgical activities. But we need volunteers.....please, please either **'re-volunteer'** or **'volunteer'** for one of these. Next weekend we will put out a volunteer clipboard for some of the above.

It is a month to Ash Wednesday.....yes!!.....so please bring in your old palms to be burnt to provide ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Thinking about Lent we are wondering about the **early morning Wednesday Masses!!** In the past we have had a 6.30am Mass on Ash Wednesday and every Wednesday in Lent!! We sense there is not much support for early Masses (from the recent Holydays!). **If you would support an early Wednesday morning Mass during Lent (6.30 or 7am) do let me know ASAP!!!** Please! We are happy to celebrate at any time but only if people will be there!! I wait to hear! Thank you.

Have a good weekend... Vincent H

Next Sunday...

Baptisms at St Joseph's & St Edmund's.

Please continue to **sanitise hands on entry** to the churches and we encourage **wearing face masks**.

What's going on?

Money for Mary's Meals. The Parish managed to donate **another £100** to Mary's Meals which was doubled last week. That raises our total to **£300** - which turned to **£600**. This money goes a long way, thank you for your generosity.

National Novena to St Joseph (from Mill Hill Missionaries) between 10-18th March 2022. The poster includes information on how to obtain copies of the Novena Booklet, and how to send personal petitions. People may follow the Novena Masses online each weekday evening at 7:30pm, on Saturday at 10am and on Sunday at 11am. These Masses will be held at St Joseph's, Maidenhead. For more information, go to www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena

The Tablet Weekly Magazine: Topic of the week: *Laity on the synod pathway...*
(A letter from Father Tom Grufferty)

THERE IS a growing number of visionaries who are gifted with a profound understanding of the synodal pathway. They are convinced that the pathway does not begin in the Vatican, nor with the bishops, but in the church pew. A friend of mine, Mgr Vincent Harvey, shared a powerful initiative at a clergy support group meeting we had last Friday. He told us that at all Masses in Southampton City Centre parish the previous weekend hymns were cut to a minimum, there was no homily, and this was replaced by 15 minutes of direct consultation with the laypeople in the pews.

At some Masses the laity were asked two questions and invited to discuss and write down answers; at other Masses, people were invited to simply raise questions in public. Note takers collected the answers. The community is now evaluating the responses, which include criticism of the parish, the diocese, and the Church in general. Small groups in the parish have also engaged in the process on their own initiative, and two evenings are planned in the next few weeks to go even deeper if possible.

Here is one way in which the synodal pathway becomes a trusted route for most people in the community. What everybody needs most is to belong to a community that is truthful, loving, all-embracing. The pandemic may have prevented people from going to Mass, but we really need to ask what other dictatorial judgments have driven people away for ever. I know people who have great faith in God, but they are not in church because it is no longer a community of love with a compassionate Jesus.

I recommend that every parish should follow the excellent example of St Joseph's and St Edmund's, Southampton, and begin to listen carefully to the real needs of every person in the pews. We need others with imagination to obtain the views of those no longer in the pews.

Be ready to help stop assisted suicide amendment.

Right To Life UK has had a challenging and busy month, with the assisted suicide lobby attempting to hijack the Government's Health and Care Bill and force them to lay an assisted suicide bill before Parliament within a year of the Bill passing into law.

The Health and Care Bill will shortly move onto Report Stage where there is a high risk that Lord Forsyth will retable his amendment. As such, Right To Life UK is asking parishioners to sign up to their Action Alerts, so they can effectively participate in their efforts to stop this amendment passing, and others like it. You can do so by visiting the following link:

www.righttolife.org.uk/#action-alerts

Food Banks. Please when shopping buy 'one' extra item to bring to church and put in the box in the porch. **No perishables.** Southampton City Missions Basics Bank are very low on the following: **tinned carrots, cold tinned meat (Spam, ham in a can, corned beef etc.)** as well as small bags of **sugar, rice pudding, milk** and **coffee.**

In 2021, SCM fed people in Southampton **15,575 meals & clothed people 1,430 times.** An increase of 6,112 & 847 respectively on the previous year.

Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima 12-19th October 2022.

Brochures are now available from the Parish Office or Godfrey Doyle. Pilgrims who have already requested them will receive them directly.

Synodal Way 'discussions'. We had one discussion

Thursday just passed, the next 'standalone' evening in the Parish is **Tuesday, 15th February at 7pm** in St Edmund's Hall. If you can get along do let Fr Vincent, or the Parish Office know by email.

Donations of Bibles urgently needed. Refugees in Poland are sending requests for Bibles. Contributions from the Parish are very welcome.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Following the easing of restrictions, we are planning a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Bosnia Herzegovina where we will join with pilgrims from all over the world for a time of prayer and fellowship. From **September 23-30th** departing from Gatwick half board £630, single room supplement if required. Full support from Marian Pilgrimages. www.marian-uk.com Please contact Heather Hauschild at hauschild287@btinternet.com or **07810310316** for a booking form and further details.

The Verbum Dei Friday Evening prayer Group. The Group meets fortnightly on Friday evenings at 7.30pm. The title of the series is "Our Mother Mary in the Gospels". Each meeting involves a prayer, a scripture reading, a short reflection, meditation, a final sharing and prayers of thanksgiving and intercession. Online or in person sisteryadira@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 6TH FEB*(CHURCH KEY TO CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC MASSES BELOW: SJ = ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BUGLE STREET, SO14 2AH AND SE = ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, THE AVENUE, SO17 1XJ)***Prayer of the Church**

Week 1

6th Feb**Fifth Sunday in OT****Psalm Response:**

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

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!***Readings 13th Feb****First Reading:***Jeremiah 17: 5-8***Second Reading:***1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20***Gospel:***Luke 6: 17, 20-26***Second Collections:**

This week:

Church Maintenance Fund

Next week:

Racial Justice

Saturday 5th Feb	6:15pm SJ	Patrick Sharpe RIP (Birthday Ann.)
<i>St Agatha</i>	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 6th Feb	9:00am SE	Stella & Fred Winter RIP
<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am SJ	Joseph Lee RIP
	11:00am SE	Josephine Poynter RIP
	7:00pm SE	Wanda - Wellbeing
Tuesday 8th Feb	10:00am SE	Marisa Tellegen RIP
<i>St Jerome</i>		
Wednesday 9th Feb	7:00pm SE	Avril Houston RIP
Thursday 10th Feb	12:15pm SJ	The family of Peter McAnulty
<i>St Scholastica</i>		
Friday 11th Feb	7:00pm SE	JR Personal Intentions
<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>		
Saturday 12th Feb	11:00am SE	Leegy 50th Birthday Blessings
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	6:15pm SJ	Olive Cook Birthday Blessings
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 13th Feb	9:00am SE	Ellen & George Patterson RIP, Tony Patterson RIP, John Freeman RIP,
<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		Bernadette Kerr RIP
	10:00am SJ	Sarah Kennedy-Donnelly RIP
	11:00am SE	Olive Cook Birthday Blessings
	7:00pm SE	Jan Rojko RIP

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Standing Orders: £582

Cash Donations: £524.62

Total : £1,106.62**GREEN LIVING TIP OF THE WEEK**There are now collection bins in both churches for **foil recycling**.Foil you can recycle includes a wide range of foil trays eg *takeaway containers, aluminium cat food trays, chicken trays* etc plus *milk bottle tops, chocolate wrappers* (the scrunchy sort) and *wrapping foil*.

Please wash and flatten before putting in bin!

Confessions**St Joseph's:**

Thursdays 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm

*(before Mass)***St Edmund's:**Saturdays 11.30am *(after the Mass)***Alternative Confessions Available***St Boniface* Saturdays 11am*Immaculate Conception* 10.30am Saturdays*St Patrick's Woolston* Friday 6-6.40pm / Saturday

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