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OCTOBER 8TH 2023 | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN OT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Website



Prayer, fruitfulness and peace

There is a profound contrast between the unrestrained violence of the Gospel parable and the calm assurance of St Paul in his letter to the people of Philippi. (Philippi, by the way, lay just inland from the northern shores of the Aegean Sea and was abandoned in the 14th century after the Ottoman conquest. It is now marked by the village of Filippi). Paul knew from his own awful, personal experience the violence of the powerful and the misuse of authority revealed in the reading from Isaiah and the Gospel parable. Paul is not writing about imaginary troubles or minor upsets but the reality of human evil and its consequences.

It is the death of Jesus which is referred to in the parable of the Son and heir. And also in the quotation from Isaiah about the stone that the builders rejected, and of course Jesus who, at His last supper, takes up these ancestral images of the bad vine and the bad vineyard and says 'I am the Good Vine'. He goes on to add that we are His fruitful, or unfruitful, branches in as much as we remain in Him. Just as here at the end of the parable He talks of a fruit-bearing people of God.

Paul's teaching of not worrying and the need for prayerfulness is itself a fruit of the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount; therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. Yet Jesus is constantly telling His disciples not to be afraid perhaps as if the opposite of faith is not unbelief but fear.

Paul's fruit-filled teaching tells us today of that peace is God's own Trinitarian life. A peace in which we live and move and have our being. This peace, which is God, stands guard around us. Paul guides us that prayerfulness must be our continuous conversation with God to whom we honestly express our needs and our thanks. Prayerfulness, the pondering that raises us up, are the lived-out Christian life. This is the fruitfulness of Christ and the fruitfulness of a people whose power, and strength, and comfort flows only through Him.

Dcn Andy

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

- 1. Reflecting on today's gospel, who are God's messengers right now? What changes in society do they advocate? How can you somehow be God's envoy in your community, work, Church or the world?**
- 2. Listening to Isaiah (1st reading) what are some things you could do if you discover that all the "grapes" in your spiritual garden were turning 'sour'?**
- 3. In the midst of your troubles, St Paul writes (2nd reading), "the peace of Christ will be with you". How does that make you feel?**

Vincent Harvey (Adapted from Anne Osdieck)

Today's Notices

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Count at all Masses

Retiring collection for CAFOD in response to last week's appeal and 'Family Fast Day' last Friday.

Gift Aid Appeal at all Masses

Baptisms at St Joseph's, St Edmund's

Next Sunday Notices

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Count at all Masses

Retiring collection Father Vincent's Leaving Collection

This Week...

Tue Meditation Group @ 6pm in St Michael's
Group Team Leaders Meeting at 7.30pm in St Ed's Hall

Wed Evening Prayer @6pm ... to join email Dcn Andy
Journey in Faith in St Ed's Hall at 7.30pm

Thu Richard Rohr Group meet via Zoom

Fri St Anne's Yr. 7 'Welcome' Mass in St Edmund's at 9am

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

For Info...

Mon Day off: VH/DB

Tues SLT meeting

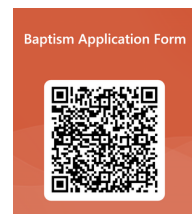
Wed Team Meeting: DB/VH

Fri Clergy Reflection Group: VH

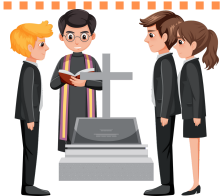
Sacraments

If you would like your child baptised please fill in the online application form.

Once filled in, Joy will be in touch to book the baptism and discuss the preparation.



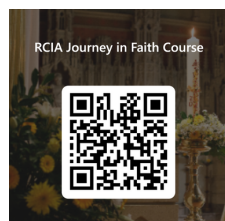
We only have one more preparation course this year which begins in October. To have your child baptised before lent it is vital you fill in an application form before 20th October.



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

John 5:24-29

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 has started 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/8Tnbe7aA4P>

A Few Words...

'I Mark', a recitation of the Gospel of Mark by Stefan Smart, will take place in St Edmund's at 7pm on Friday 24th November.....make a **note in your diary** (Stefan recently performed this at the Edinburgh Fringe!). As this will be the Gospel we will be hearing every Sunday for 2023-24 I do encourage you to put it in your diary and book when Eventbrite is open. See elsewhere.

My **'Thanksgiving & Farewell Mass'** will be on **Friday, 20th October at 7pm in St Edmund's**, followed by a reception/gathering afterwards in St Anne's next door (so I'm told!!). Thank you to all who are organising this. I am humbled by the desire to celebrate my retirement. I now gather that other clergy are coming, as well as Ecumenical and Interfaith representatives!!! I think I have lost control of the plans!!!! **But please do come along!**

Also mentioned last week **individuals are wanting to purchase things for my new home:** may I suggest that if you wish to contribute towards domestic items it would be wise to give me a John Lewis Voucher! Sounds boring but practicable! Already the Parishioners at St Michael's have given me a generous voucher!

I will leave a few days after the Celebration and Canon Michael will arrive. To begin with I will be in temporary accommodation.

Soon I will be offloading many theological, scriptural, philosophical, and other books. I will leave them in St Edmund's porch. Please take what you wish and put a donation into the maintenance box (we are going to need it!!!!!!!)

Have a good and satisfying week.... Thanks Vincent H

Across to Lourdes by Jumbulance. We are planning a local (South Hampshire) group pilgrimage to Lourdes next summer: 13th-22nd June. We will travel in our specially adapted coach which is fully kitted out to meet the needs of all pilgrims, especially those who have additional needs. www.across.org

Costs will be around £1000 per person but we are planning to do some fundraising and bursaries may be available for young people (18-25) and medical/care professionals.

To register an interest please contact Ruth Cunio (Southampton City Centre parish) ruth@across.org.uk

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

What's going on?

Parish 9-16 Youth Group beginning January! We have a group of volunteers who are planning to launch a Youth Group in St Edmund's Hall on the 1st & 3rd Fridays in the month. Keep an eye on the newsletter for any group events planned before Christmas. If your child or young person would be interested in joining please register here <https://forms.office.com/e/YMD3LSTSk9>

40 Days for Life Southampton began 27th September! 40 Days for Life is a cross-denominational campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil outside abortion providers. All participants are asked to sign a statement of peace in which they pledge to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner. This is an opportunity to engage in missionary work on our doorstep and to serve those being denied the most fundamental human right, the right to life. If you can spare any time between 8am-8pm Mon-Fri please consider joining us. Contact Theo choose.life.southampton@gmail.com to find out more.

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. You will be asked to send a photograph or scan of your parking ticket to enquiries@castlefordmanage.co.uk. The Parish office will not be able to speak on your behalf.

I Mark: to be performed in St Edmund's at 7pm on Friday, 24th November (£5 per person: any 'profit' will go towards the Organ Fund). Listening to a gospel in its entirety in one sitting enables us to grasp the whole picture and message. It is certainly beneficial for us to hear it in one sitting before we begin to listen to it little by little. Commenting on the performance at another venue, the Rt Rev Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury said: "Sometimes it takes a living voice to make you hear the Bible for the first time - a voice that presents some saying or episode not as a stray fragment but as part of the rhythm and pace of a story that goes on gathering momentum. Mark's gospel has just that kind of momentum, and this performance gives a memorably strong sense of it." Watch an extract: <https://youtu.be/tg5-eW-W-xc> (The Last Supper). The Eventbrite link to book is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/i-am-mark-tickets-711430175807?aff=oddtcreator>

Finding God in the non-Christian world. An Interreligious Dialogue Conference at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, Saturday 4th November: 10am to 3.30pm. A day organised by the Diocesan Interreligious Dialogue Team (Fr Vincent co-ordinator) to explore the Church's teaching on inter-religious dialogue, to learn from the experiences of others and to influence – and be part of – your parish and diocese as we both grow in Christian discipleship. Speakers: Fr Jan Nowotnik, Fr Michael Barnes SJ, Elliot Vanstone (Bishop's Conference) and Dr Yvette Harrington (member of the Team). Book via Eventbrite: <https://shorturl.at/mvFOY>



KEY RETURNS. When a Parish Priest changes it is the custom for all keys to be returned to be reissued out. In preparation for this we are hosting a "key amnesty" where anyone in the parish with keys they no longer need is politely invited to return them. **If you have keys to parish property you must return these to the Parish Office before the 20th of October.** If you attach your name to the keys and specify why you need them going forward then they will be added to the list to consider, but otherwise you need not put your name with them. **You save the Parish money returning keys you do not need.** You can put the keys in the collection bags at Mass, send them to the Parish Office or give them to the welcoming/clergy at Mass to make their way back to the Office (if not obvious, please identify their usage!). If you have keys you use so often you cannot part with them please email the Parish Office which keys you have, or contact us to let us know.

Sunday 9am Choir St Edmund's Mary Berridge is stepping down from her role as choir leader at the 9am. We are very grateful to her for sharing her talents with us for all these years! We are looking for two or three people to take over the following tasks as soon as possible:

- Planning hymns** for the choir, usually months ahead (using tools like the Parish Mass Book and Laudate).
 - Emailing the choir members** with the list of hymns.
 - Teaching new hymns**, with the object of encouraging the congregation to sing.
 - Choir practice** once a month (usually on the last Wednesday of the month after the 7pm Mass).
 - Play the piano** to accompany the choir on Sundays.
- Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to take this on. We already have one person who is happy to share the tasks and offer cover when needed, it would be lovely to have a few people to tackle the role.

Welcome to Jenny Taylor at the 6.15pm Mass on Saturday 14th October when Mgr Vincent will present her with a certificate marking 800 volunteering hours with Southampton Street Pastors. An amazing achievement and commitment.

Thank you for the £100 from Julie Jack for the sale of her homemade cards. The proceeds will go toward the Organ appeal.

Gift Aid Declaration Forms are available at the back of church or can be posted / emailed from the Office if requested. If you are a taxpayer the Parish can claim back a percentage of the tax you have already paid - so while your donation to the parish increases by 25%, this is at no extra cost to you. If you are a gift aider we can claim on donations on anything eligible as long as we can identify it is yours. **No gift aid can be claimed on cash unless it is brought to the parish office.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

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

Saturday 7th Oct	6:15pm SJ	Maureen White RIP
<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>		
Sunday 8th Oct	9:00am SE	People of the Parish
<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday</i>		
in Ordinary Time	10:00am SJ	Thanksgiving
	11:00am SE	Pat's Birthday Blessings
	7:00pm SE	John Morris 65th Birthday Blessings
Tuesday 10th Oct	10:00am SE	Hill Family Living and Dead
<i>Feria</i>		
Wednesday 11th Oct	7:00pm SE	Hall Family RIP
<i>St. John XXIII</i>		
Thursday 12th Oct	12:15pm SJ	Thanksgiving to Jesus of Prague
Friday 13th Oct	7:00pm SE	Cristina Peregrino RIP 2nd
<i>St Edward the Confessor</i>		
Saturday 14th Oct	11:00am SE	Aleixo Fernandes RIP 3rd
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>		
	6:15pm SJ	People of the Parish
Sunday 15th Oct	9:00am SE	Thanksgiving for prayers answered
<i>Twenty-eighth Sunday</i>		
in Ordinary Time	10:00am SJ	Jeremy Fredric Warburg RIP
	11:00am SE	Fr Paul Beaumont RIP
	7:00pm SE	Alinda Pinto Birthday Blessings

8th October

Psalm Response

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

15th October

1st Reading:

Isaiah 25: 6-10

Psalm: 22

2nd Reading:

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

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

Number 00888223

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We are part of Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth,

Fr Vincent's Leaving Collection

Fr Vincent will be retiring in October after some 13 years as parish priest here. We will miss him greatly!

If you would like to contribute to the collection for Fr Vincent you can do so in various ways...

Bank Transfers with the reference "VH Leaves" to the normal Parish Bank Account

Contactless Giving at the back of church
Online Giving via the website/donate QR code

Cheques to CDP SOUJE with a note advising their purpose

Cash in the retiring collection on the 14th/15th October

Cash / Cheques in the Brown Envelopes

If you are eligible for gift aid we can claim an extra 25% on your donation (at no cost to you) and add this to Fr Vincent's Leaving Total.

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.