



APRIL 17TH 2022 | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



Christ is risen. He is risen indeed Alleluia!

Today is the day of all days that makes sense of everything: life, death, suffering, the meaning of life. We have emerged from the Passion to the Resurrection. Christ offers us the most amazing gift: That in every trial we experience, everything we suffer, He is there with us and has taken it upon Himself and defeated it in His death.

I was privileged this week to attend a funeral of a dear friend and colleague, a deacon of the church and of our diocese. In his last years of life he had shared with me how he was making his soul ready and preparing for death. At his funeral he gave us the words from Cardinal Basil Hume to ponder on "Death is a formidable foe until we learn to make it our friend. Death is to be feared if we do not learn to welcome it". Iain loved life and embraced death. At his requiem we all longed to be able to share with him in his complete certainty of life and death with God.

My twenty five years in palliative care, in caring for the dying, have taught me that my vocation and my ministry is not only to prepare those I am caring for, for death; but for life before and beyond death. The words that we use in the Mass when praying for those who have died 'life has changed not ended' take on an extra dimension. Life changes for the better. St Therese of Lisieux spoke of her own death by saying 'I am not dying, I am entering life'.

Death is the gateway to eternity and the gate way to life in its fullness. Christ said 'I have come to give you life and life in its fullness.' This phrase for me has become more meaningful through dear friends who through their life and death have taught me how to make death a friend.

My first spiritual director (a Benedictine monk) would frame everything I shared with him in the context of eternity: I learnt to view and accept my struggles and disappointments as part of this earthly life, and to understand that they were nothing in comparison with knowing the love of God in Christ Jesus: broken relationships needed to be healed and forgiven, or I would find myself imprisoned, in that state of separation from God which is not part of our Easter message. St Paul tells us to 'look for the things in Heaven where Christ is'.

Iain was brought into the church the evening before his requiem: a lovely tradition in our Catholic liturgy. It reminds me of that precious time on Holy Saturday when Christ is waiting in the depths of the earth. We read in the Office of readings: 'Out of love for you I now command all those who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened. Rise from the dead for I am the life of the dead'. Iain's life and death were both an inspiration and a consolation.

May we all emerge from these three days able to join with confidence in the words of the psalmist: 'This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and we are glad!'

Tina Quinn

Questions for the week...

1. What is it that allowed John to “see and believe” (Gospel) to have this kind of clarity? Does love give you knowledge about a person, or insights into their behaviour? In John’s Gospel, Jesus said “Whoever loves Me, I will love him [her] and reveal Myself to him [her]” (John 14:21). Is there a connection between Jesus’ statement and John’s “seeing and believing”?

2. Should we witness with more than words? Peter bore witness in a different manner after the Resurrection than he did before Christ died. To what do you attribute this? Was he consumed by love for Christ and his Gospel? Could the source of strength for Peter be the same source for us?

(Anne Osdieck adapted by Vincent Harvey)

A Few Words...

Happy Easter. Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!

To celebrate again the Sacred Triduum, with full participation of all ministries and congregation, has been a joy and uplifting in so many ways. We had, in sense, to ‘re-learn’ what to do and how to do it in a dignified way for the benefit of all. As I write this I am hoping that we have done so and that our Triduum celebration will have benefited us all and given glory and praise to God!

Next Sunday, 24th April, is Divine Mercy Sunday when again we are reminded vividly and in no uncertain terms of God’s unconditional love of us and, therefore, God’s unconditional forgiveness of us all. We ‘benefit’ from this by changing our ways and aligning ourselves to God’s will. To celebrate this do come along to our Divine Mercy Devotions at 3pm in St Edmund on the 24th.

Thank you to those who sponsored me for my ‘cycle against hunger’ for CAFOD....I exceeded my target of £1000.....thank you.....thank you....thank you!

Have a good weekend... Vincent H

This Week...

- Tues** SLT Meeting
St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm
- Wed** Evening Prayer @6pm..... to join email Den Andy
Journey in Faith 7pm
EST meeting online
- Thurs** Richard Rohr Group meet online

For info

- Mon** Day Off: VH/JP;
- Tues** SLT: VH/JP/TQ/AP
- Wed** Clergy Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP
- Thurs** Diocesan Interreligious Team: VH
- Fri** Memorial Mass: Basingstoke: VH
- Sat** Wedding in Bath: VH
- Sun** Fr Des supplying 9 & 11am Masses & 3pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet



Today's Notices

Easter Collection for the priests of the Parish (thank you).
Baptisms at the **Easter Vigil** and on **Easter Sunday**
Please continue to sanitise hands on entry to the churches and we **encourage wearing face masks**.

Next Sunday Notices

Children Liturgy at 9am Mass

Divine Mercy Devotions at 3pm in St Edmund’s, led by Father Des Connolly.

Prayers

Please remember especially in your prayers Laneisha Vaz, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Maria, Mark Evans, Erica Burden, Mary O'Reilly, Christopher Browne, Simon and Sue and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

Please remember in your prayers all those who are being baptised or received into the church this Easter. We remember those especially being received in our parish: **Kelly Allen, Timothy Barker, Theodore Wilmot, Crystal Jacob Ihesie, Vida Jacob Ihesie, Purity Jacob Ihesie, James Dornan, Rosie Cassar, Patryk Robak, Adrienn Rácz, Angelika Patrycy Sienniak, Raquel Cristina Ribeiro Correia, Hugo Henrique Correia De Sousa, Jmiel-Czarina Agcaoili, Daniel Kevin Michael McLaughlin, Jessica Brzezinska, Chidubem Edward Chimezie, & Kenechukwu Noah Chimezie.**



We keep them in prayer this day and always as they journey in faith and come ever closer to Christ.

Pray also for **Father Michael Stanier** who died unexpectedly in Maidenhead. May he rest in peace. His Requiem Mass will be in St Edmund Campion's Church, Maidenhead on Monday, 9th May, at 11am.

Climate Prayer Diary Focus: **Taking stock, and asking “where next?”**

THANKSGIVING FOR:

- How far we have come in understanding and action on climate issues in the last year (no room for complacency though).
- Avenue St Andrew’s Climate Emergency Action Plan - substantial progress on all ‘actions’ ‘due’ by Easter (see [https://asauc.org.uk/wp\[1\]content/uploads/2022/02/Action-plan-update-13.2.22.pdf](https://asauc.org.uk/wp[1]content/uploads/2022/02/Action-plan-update-13.2.22.pdf))
- The City Centre Catholic Parish now getting regular deliveries of cleaning products etc. from The Hampshire Refillery <https://www.thehampshirerefillery.co.uk/>

CURRENT ACTION POINTS NEEDING PRAYER SUPPORT:

- Peace
- Green Living Group progress review meeting after Easter to take stock, and ask “where next?” Suggestions to GLG members please.
- Early stage exploration of viability of energy audit for our church buildings.



THE WIDER SCENE: Let us continue to pray for peace in Ukraine: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/prayer-ukraine>

What's going on?



Appeal for aid for Ukraine. The Polish Social Club have a new collection point - the former ToysRUs building in the city centre. They will be open **Wednesday 5pm-7pm / Thursday 1pm-7pm / Friday 4.30pm-7pm and Saturday 10am-3pm.** Below is an updated list of the most needed items. Any donations you can give would be very gratefully received.



- Dry food •Breakfast cereals
- Coffee/tea •Tinned meats and fish
- Baby food and milk •Medical supplies
- Flashlights •Batteries

Volunteers needed to help sort out donations. Please contact them via FaceBook if you feel able to help.

Financial donations for Ukraine welcome here:
<https://www.caritas.org/donate-now/>
<https://www.siepomaga.pl/southamptondlaurainy>
[https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?](https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&_Appeal=123770)
[defaultuniversaltype=single&_Appeal=123770](https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&_Appeal=123770)

Food Banks. Please when shopping buy 'one' extra item to bring to church and put in the box in the porch. The best place to check what donations are needed is:
<https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce their new **online** newspaper. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on **0743 661 7650** or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima 12-19th October 2022
Brochures available, please get in touch if you feel you might like to join. So far 18 people have joined with a further 10 expressing an interest. This time we will travel through Heathrow with a coach from St Ed's.

18-22nd July 2022 Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Bishop Philip Egan will be leading the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes and invites you to join him. We will be flying from Bournemouth airport direct to Tarbes, Lourdes and staying at the hotel La Solitude. All rooms are en-suite and full board. To find out more visit <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes> or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone **07780 221686**

Society of Friends Cemetery Open Day On Saturday, 23rd April from 10am to 4pm. Do come along. The cemetery is further up The Avenue from St Edmund's and was founded in 1662. It is usually closed to the public. Do pop in.

Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th-26th August <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/> for more detail or <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association#prices> to book online. Father Vincent and others will be going as the pilgrimage hasn't happened for 2 years!! Time to revisit!come along.

Wishing everyone a Holy and Spirit-filled Easter from Father Vincent, Father Johnpromise, Deacon Andy, Anna Smyllie and all in the Parish Office. Thank you to all actively involved in, engaged with, and supportive of the life of the Parish. Christ is Risen; Alleluia!



Today, perhaps more than any day, is the day when we celebrate the power of love. Love lies at the heart of Easter – God's love for us – a love which took Christ to the Cross, and which raised Christ from the tomb. A love in which we participate because of our faith as Christians; a love we celebrate whenever we share in the offering of the Mass. Today is a day when we celebrate our love as a Christian community – the love which holds us together, the love which is the hallmark of our common life.

And today is also a day when we can show and share that love in a very special manner – for those who love us, those who serve us, those who feed us at the table of the Lord. **Today is a day when we can show and share our love for Fr Vincent and Fr Johnpromise,** in gratitude for their vocation, their service, their dedication and witness, not just today, but shown to us throughout the year.

Please consider donating to the collection, using one of the yellow envelopes if you can gift aid, or using this link <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/southampton-st-josephs-and-st-edmunds-parish-easter-collection-2022>

This Easter season do you feel the Lord calling you to a closer relationship with him? Or perhaps experiencing the joy of Easter has prompted you to think of those in your life who do not yet know the love of the Lord... **Alpha** is a course designed to give people the opportunity to discuss important faith questions in a welcoming environment. We're here for those with faith, those without and all those in between! Do consider joining our next course which is due to start on **Tuesday 26th of April.** We would love to have you! **Just follow the below link to the form, or email the office that would be great! Or just turn up to St Edmund's Hall at 7pm on 26th** <https://forms.gle/Y5oMa9PzenFC3oLJ7>



Weekly Green Living Suggestion...

Take a moment to consider the setting for your **central heating thermostat.** We are emerging from winter so this is something particularly to think about for next winter. Turning your thermostat down, especially when you are away, out or active during the day, should be possible. If you are elderly or infirm/inactive a minimum of **18 degrees** is recommended but most of us could get by with **17 degrees.** **Turning off radiators in rooms you don't use** much until you actually need them is another thing to think about. Remembering to **switch off lights and appliances** when not in use seems obvious but needs a conscious effort as does not leaving things on standby for long periods. **SMART meters help** us with all these things so have one fitted if you can (older kitchens sometimes make this very difficult or impossible so **being self-aware is the best way forward**).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17TH APRIL*(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

Saturday 16th April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	9:00pm SE	For the Holy Souls
Sunday 17th April <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	9:00am SE 10:00am SE 11:00am SJ 7:00pm SE	Oscar Sohna RIP People of the Parish Leo Stoy Birthday Blessings Patsy Sheridan RIP Reg Farrington RIP
Tuesday 19th April <i>Within Octave</i>	10:00am SE	
Wednesday 20th April <i>Within Octave</i>	7:00pm SE	Max Bacon RIP
Thursday 21st April <i>Within Octave</i>	12.15pm SJ	Mary O'Reilly Health and Recovery
Friday 22nd April <i>Within Octave</i>	7.00pm SE	Barbara Gawronska Birthday Blessings
Saturday 23rd April <i>Within Octave</i>	11:00am SE 6:15pm SJ	John O'Reilly's Private Intentions Bridie Myles RIP 3rd Anniversary
Sunday 24th April <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	7:00pm SE 9:00am SE 10:00am SE 11:00am SJ 7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish Tony O'Donnell 5yrs Anniversary Mike Mantle 100th Birthday Blessings Celia Coutinho For all the Faithful Departed

17th April
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Psalm Response:
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Readings 24th April
First Reading:
Acts 5: 12-6
Second Reading:
Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19
Gospel:
John 20: 19-31

Weekly Collection 10th April SO: £3,415.67 Cash: £906.27 **TOTAL: £4,321.94****CONTACT DETAILS**

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**Christus
Resurrexit!**

Divine Mercy Sunday (24th April)
"I am Love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it."
(St Faustina's Diary 1273, page 459)

Collections:
This Sunday: ***Priests' Easter Collection***
Next week's 2nd: ***Catholic Home Care***

Confessions:
St Joseph's:
Thursdays 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm
(before Mass)
St Edmund's: Saturdays 11.30am *(after Mass)*