

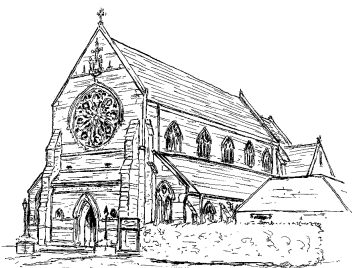
**1ST AUGUST
2021
EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**



**ST JOSEPH'S &
ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC
PARISH SOUTHAMPTON**
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

**STELLA MARIS DEANERY
INCLUDES:**

- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
LORDSWOOD
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
PORTSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING &
ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION,
HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,
NETLEY ABBEY



KNOWING WHAT WE REALLY NEED

Last Sunday the final cohort of a total 91 children received Holy Communion for the first time. Yes, you read that correctly 91 children spread across 6 dedicated Masses, all conducted within Covid restrictions, but nonetheless joy-filled celebrations of eagerness.

This Sunday's Gospel is the second in a series of five from the Gospel of John centred on the Eucharist, and recounting how those following Jesus along the shores of the Sea of Galilee had that same eagerness. Jesus signals that the needs that are deep within us often go unrecognised. Jesus also speaks about eternal life. It's clear that He is not talking simply about a life that happens not to have an end, but about a glorious everlasting life in the presence of God. And attaining this involves the Lord Jesus who is the Christ, who gives Himself up to us as our food saying to us once again: *"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst."*

It is only the love that comes from God that can touch the very core of our being. This is why Jesus comes to us in the form of food, of bread and wine. Just as food goes into us and becomes part of us, so Jesus in the Eucharist enters us, goes deep within us, transforms us from within and makes us more like Him. He heals our restless hearts and He gives us that deepest peace which the world cannot give.

Our duty as a community is to nurture these our children who engaged so willingly in the discourse that formed our homily last weekend and who are so earnest to learn and understand. We cannot leave this to our catechists who have worked so diligently to support their parents. We must nourish their faith showing them by our example that we can only truly meet our own needs by meeting the needs of others, whoever they are, wherever they come from, and wherever they now live.

Dcn Andy Philpott

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"Sir, they said, give us this bread always." (Gospel). They were all starving for food "that endures for eternal life." For the first Eucharist (the Last Supper) Jesus had someone find him a large room. Below, why does Pope Francis say the Church itself needs to be a "large room"? "The Church too must be a large room. Not a small and closed circle, but a community with arms wide open, welcoming to all. Let us ask ourselves this question: when someone approaches who is hurting, who has made a mistake, who has gone astray in life, is the Church, this Church, a room large enough to welcome this person and lead him or her to the joy of an encounter with Christ? Let us not forget that the Eucharist is meant to nourish those who are weary and hungry along the way. A Church of the pure and perfect is a room with no place for anyone. On the other hand, a Church with open doors, that gathers and celebrates around Christ, is a large room where everyone—everyone, the righteous and sinners—can enter." Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ: Pope Francis Homily 6 June 2021. Vincent Harvey (adapted from Anne Osdieck)

TODAY 1 AUGUST 2021
18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THANK YOU TO CANON NICK who will be presiding at the 6:15pm and 10:30am Masses.

FAREWELL TO FATHER DAVID DEBOYS (Vicar of St Michael) who retires due to ill health. We thank him for his friendship and work to bring St Joseph & St Michael Communities closer together. Father Vincent will participate in his 'Farewell Eucharist' together with Bishop Debbie Sellin the Bishop of Southampton.

WELCOME TO TOM HINEY who is in his First Year at Pontifical Beda College, Rome, studying for the priesthood for the Diocese. He will be with us for two weeks.

EVENING PRAYER 6pm to join email Dcn Andy.

MASSES ARE BEING STREAMED:

St Edmund streaming link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx08VII2ww0whsj6gLPptcQ>

St Joseph streaming link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUxGYYxAgmPBgKbk2ufciVw>

RECENTLY DIED: *Benito Giuseppe Ardani RIP* late of Redwood Close, West End. **Requiem Mass 11am Friday 6 August 2021 in St Edmund Church** followed by burial at Quob Lane Cemetery, West End. May he rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers.



NEXT WEEKEND

THANK YOU TO CANON NICHOLAS FRANCE for helping out at 6:15pm and 10:30am Masses.

MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND: THE DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE is an international Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969 and a member of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They came to England in 1989. They educate, care and add value to the lives of the less privileged in the society. Their charity home in Nigeria provides care for orphans, motherless, abandoned children, street children / teenagers and children with special needs. See their website for more information daughtersofdivinelove.org.uk

THIS WEEK

ONLINE EVENING PRAYER MONDAYS (join the Baptism Preparation Team) & **WEDNESDAYS** at 6:30pm; email Deacon Andy aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ADORATION WITH FOCUS YOUTH TEAM from 6pm to 6:45pm on Wednesdays at St Edmund Church. **Adoration has also commenced during the week at St Edmund Church, Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm, can you wait with the Lord for an hour?** Please contact the Parish Office if you can.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP: 5pm Wednesday 4 August via Zoom

12:15 PM MASS THURSDAY CANCELLED Thursday 5 August due to a wedding taking place at this time in the Parish.

A few words from Father Vincent

Thank you to **Father Nick** for again presiding at the 6.15pm & 10.30am Masses this weekend. Thank you to all who are supporting me during Father Ansel's absence.

Thanks to the **Church Opening Working Group** who have enabled us to open a little more without risking safety. As the weeks go by we will monitor and continue to open up more and more. I encourage you to **wear masks** for the sake of others (unless you have a health issue); I know it is no longer law to have to do so, but if we have to rely on 'The Law' for us to be considerate and concerned for others then we need to question ourselves! I find it annoying, inconvenient (glasses steam up) but it is not about me, but concern for others and to give others a sense of security, safety and reassurance. We can hum/sing under our masks (if we can remember the hymns!!). If you want to know more see the notice in past newsletters and on the website. We are looking at re-introducing **Altar Servers, Readers** (see elsewhere), **Mass Co-ordinators, Welcomers etc.** If you are willing to pick up these ministries please do contact me or the Parish Office.

Father Ansel, thankfully, continues to improve. Whether he will be back before flying to Rome (apart from collecting his belongings) I do not know. It is a case of 'watch this space'. **Father Johnpromise** will be arriving at the end of August, just before my holiday. This is not ideal but we are where we are!

Have a good weekend and **thank you for reading this.**
Vincent H

WEDDING BELLS: Our congratulations to:



Agnieszka Zwolinska and **Steve Clark** who are getting married at 12 noon on Thursday 5 August 2021 in St Edmund Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

Yasmin Evans & Ashley Evans who are renewing their marriage vows at 1pm on Saturday 7 August 2021 in St Edmund Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

FOR INFO:

- Sun Farewell Eucharist for Fr David Deboys (St Michael): VH
- Mon VH off
- Tues Christian Meditation Group: VH
SLT: VH/TQ/AP/AW
- Wed Team meeting: AP/VH/TH
Clergy Deanery Meeting: VH/AP/TH
Faith Covenant: SCOF members VH
- Thurs Wedding SE: VH
- Fri Requiem Mass: VH
- Sat Renewal of Wedding Vows: VH

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR AUGUST:

Evangelisation: for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

NEXT WEEK

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



Delilah-Rae Gilbert, daughter of Nathan & Lauren, being baptised at 11:45am Sunday 15 August at St Joseph Church.

Francis Rouse, son of Anthony & Mary, being baptised at 12:30pm and

Wiktor Mills, son of Steward & Ewa, being baptised at 2pm. Both baptisms take place at St Edmund Church Sunday 15 August.

GENERAL ITEMS

RETURNING TO MASS & READING: If you are coming back to Mass and you would like to return to reading at weekend Masses, please let the Parish Office know, including chosen Mass time, by Wednesday 4th August. If you are already on the rota then, only let us know if you want to stop or change time. New rotas start from September.

YEAR 3 PUPIL AT SPRINGHILL: You may have heard of the tragic accident of a Year 3 pupil which has had a life changing affect upon her and her family (didn't happen at School). The injuries incurred makes the immediate future very challenging for her and the family; also will be with her for life! The School have set up a 'Just Giving Page' https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/springhillcatholicprimaryschool-3cr2021?utm_term=qkYwkZjvX Do take a look and support if you can. Thank you.

LOURDES 2021: As you may know most, if not all, pilgrimages to Lourdes were cancelled this year. The planned Diocesan one in July, and the Catholic Association one in August were both cancelled.

For those who usually go on the Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes (which would have been 20th-27th August) we are having a Mass in St Edmund on Saturday, 28th August at 11am. All are welcome. Bring a packed lunch; tea/coffee will be available.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK Saturday 4 September in London. Contact via email info@marchforlife.co.uk or call Isabel 07773 501 721 or Ben 07885 505 116 or visit the website: marchforlife.co.uk #NumberOneIssue See notices on the Noticeboards.

ORDINATIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL: This weekend the Diocese celebrates ordinations to the diaconate and ordinations to the priesthood. Please pray for **Anthony Fyk** and **Paul Nwune** who were ordained priests on Saturday 31st July and **James Lewis**, who continues his studies for the priesthood at Allen Hall, and was ordained to the diaconate.

Today Sunday 1st August at 2 pm, **Stephen Opoku-Anokye** from Christ the King, Reading and **Stephen Joseph** from St. Mary's, Alton are being ordained to the permanent diaconate.

CATHOLIC HOME CARE

Last weekend was dedicated by Pope Francis as the Roman Catholic Church's first **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. Here in Southampton our parishes do a lot for the elderly in our community. In the past we had a weekly lunch club & a social afternoon; as we come out of our extended period of isolation we plan to start these activities once again. Social contact is badly needed for those who have felt the loneliness and isolation the most.

However, throughout the pandemic our team of home carers have continued to visit our frail and elderly clients, and we thank God for their continued care, service and dedication. Our income has suffered from the vastly reduced number of people attending Mass, missing out on the opportunity to donate to our monthly retiring collection!

I'd like to thank those of you who have already set up a standing order donation in support of the home care service and those who now Gift Aid their contribution. If you'd like to join this growing band of supporters please contact Anne or Marina on 023 8017 0498 or donate/set up a standing order via your bank to:

Catholic Home Care 30-93-04 0090 3338 REF: DONATION (If you are able to Gift Aid your donations, please let us know and we'll send the form to you)

As Pope Francis said "Care for the elderly, don't leave them alone" and "Old age is a gift". A gift we like to support. Please help us to continue our vital work in the community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Audrey Edgar, Pat Steadman (op. recovery), Catherine Clements, Paul Davies, Bosco Andrade, Tony Porter, Lesley Bywater, Erica Burden, Mike Greaves, Peggy Bell, Mark Evans, Pat Alborough, Jen Bridges, John Berridge, Indu Dissanayake, Wayne Barron, Robert Howe, Carol Butt, Mark Jones, Michael Parker, Andrea Barsi, Mary Burke, Geoff & Margot Lagerwall, Madeleine Clarke, Christopher Browne, Clifford Brown, Maureen C, Cath Gardiner, Donna & James (reconciliation), Therese Hayter, Daphne Cope, Tina Currie, Anushka P, Laneisha Vaz, Catherine Lyne, Joseph Connolly, John Jack, Margaret Hicks, Ewa Evans, Teresa Hodges, Sue Hanrahan, Marisa Tellegen, Bunty Weerakoon, Pat & Don Devers, Jean White, Sheila Morris, John Hennessy, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Doris Leggett, John O'Reilly, Bill Eastman, Shane Wing, Kathryn Morley, NW, Joe and Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Donna Madden, Joyce Mguni, Noreen Kealy, Colm O'Riordan, Simon Parry, Sue Tutton, Jeanette Brookes, Joy Grant, Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, Malcolm Cross, Paul Sassu, Peter Scott, Maria Annunziata, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Pauldia Grant and all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or affected by the Coronavirus in any way or are experiencing extreme poverty.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 1 AUGUST 2021

(Church key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

SAT	31 JULY	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	SJ	VALERIE SMITH RIP (1ST ANNIVERSARY) (JS)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	1 AUGUST	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	MRS. G. CLEMENTS RIP (HP)
			10:30AM	SJ	KEITH DUYVESTEIJN—100TH BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (HELMY, ARNO & MARCEL)
			7:00PM	SE	CATRIONA MAC LEAN RIP (MMS & CMS)
TUE	3 AUGUST	18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM	SE	BETTY GOODWIN RIP (IK)
WED	4 AUGUST	ST JOHN VIANNEY	7:00PM	SE	PEDURUPILLAI VINCENT STEPHEN RIP (JJ)
THURS	5 AUGUST	DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR, ROME	12:15PM	SJ	**MASS CANCELLED** DUE TO WEDDING TAKING PLACE IN THE PARISH AT THIS TIME
FRI	6 AUGUST	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	11:00AM	SE	REQUIEM MASS: BENITO ARDANI RIP
			7:00PM	SE	JULIETTE WHITE RIP (F)
SAT	7 AUG	ST SIXTUS II & COMPANIONS	11:00AM	SE	CATHERINE (KITTY) CUMMINS RIP (F)
			6:15PM	SJ	PATER NOSTER—THANKSGIVING & BLESSINGS (NW)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	8 AUGUST	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	DAVID C. ANDREW—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (THEOS)
			10:30AM	SJ	BOSCO ANDRADE—GOD'S STRENGTH & COMFORT; MYRA ANDRADE RIP (MF)
			**	**	KATHLEEN (PADDY) CHANDLER RIP (F)
			7:00PM	SE	JOAN & DAN DANNAN RIP (PO)

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 St Anne School 023 8032 8200
 St George College 023 8032 2603

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 2

1 AUGUST 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Psalm Response:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,
says the Lord; no one can come
to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

READINGS 8 AUGUST 2021

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Kings 19. 4—8

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 30—5:2

Gospel: John 6: 41—51

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

CATHOLIC HOME CARE

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

MISSION APPEAL: DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE

PARISH INCOME 25.7.2021	DONATIONS & STANDING ORDERS	2ND CHURCH BUILDING FUND
Totals	£3,379.75	£110.00
Donations	1,099.75	—
Standing Orders	1,730.00	88.00
Gift Aid Rebate	550.00	22.00

CONFESSIONS:

11:30am Saturdays
at St Edmund Church