

10TH JANUARY 2021

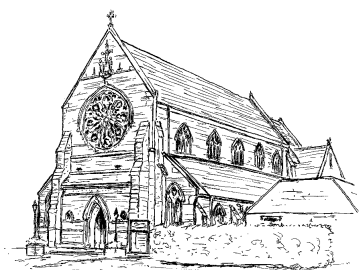
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**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



BAPTISED AS MISSIONARIES

The account is well known. Jesus is baptised by John. The Spirit descends upon Jesus, and as the voice of God proclaims Jesus to be the “beloved,” we can hear God affirming that same wonderful reality to all of us human creatures. There is a heavenly dignity in the life of every human person. This human dignity is at the very heart of Catholic Social Teaching. All of creation, creation in its entirety, shares in this dignity.

Our own baptisms were probably quieter affairs. It's quite likely, we were baptised as babies, and a little water was gently and carefully poured on our heads by a priest, or a deacon, he adds, whilst speaking softly in a hushed church. The testimony given by writing a name in a baptismal register is rather subdued compared to the testimony given when the heavens are torn apart, the Spirit descends like a dove and a voice booms from the firmament.

Yes, our own baptism may well have been a rather restrained ceremony, but its effects through Christ are matters of life and death, and by it we are involved in mysteries that change the world. Today's feast completes that of Christmas Day and the Epiphany, showing us just what a distance Christ travelled from the life He shared as God with the Father and the Holy Spirit whilst remaining the Son of God. Christ journeyed to us with a purpose.

The Christ's baptism and ours prepare us for mission. We are not simply called to a private, snug relationship between each individual and God, rather our baptism commissions us to share the faith we have received. Like Jesus, we are meant to be beacons of light, many and various lights revealing the glory of God and the power of His salvation.

Like Jesus we are called to dispel the darkness. We are called to stand up for justice, to cry out on behalf of the dispossessed, to give succour to the weak, to feed and clothe the hungry, to comfort those in distress, and currently to conduct ourselves with care mindful of our potential to carry an infection to others. By living up to our vocation God will, indeed, be able to say, “You are my child, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.”

Dcn Andy Philpott

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. “You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you” we hear in the Gospel. This is about Jesus, but we also are ‘beloved’ by God. Reflect and ponder what this means for you?
2. “Seek the Lord while he is still to be found.....” Isaiah says (1st reading). How/where/when do you seek the Lord? Have you just ‘stopped’ and let Him find you?
3. “...this is what loving God is.....” St John writes (2nd reading) then he outlines it! What does ‘loving God’ mean to you in day to day terms?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 2021

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2021 PARISH DIARIES available in the porches for £1.

VIVA VOCE: the new Diocesan quarterly Newsletter now available at the back of church or online.

SEE UPDATE RE 'LOCKDOWN' in Father Vincent's 'few words'.

MASSES ARE BEING STREAMED:

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

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

Sunday Masses AND weekday Masses: Look closely at the times and method of booking. Do not turn up without booking as you may be denied entry (they may be space but you are taking a risk!). **There must not be any congregational singing.....**you may **hum through your mask! Masks must be worn** by law.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED to casual visitors during this heightened time of the pandemic. **Please phone or email in.**

RECENTLY DIED:



Bill Kearns late of Northlands Road, Southampton. Requiem Mass 11:30am Tuesday 12 January 2021 in St Edmund Church followed by committal at the Test Valley Crematorium. *May he rest in peace. Please keep his wife Maura and family in your prayers.*

THIS WEEK

Sun Evening Prayer 6pm ... to join email Deacon Andy

Tues Requiem for William Kearns at 11.30am: family attendance only (**10am Mass cancelled 12.1.21**)

Wed Evening Prayer 6pm ... to join email Deacon Andy

Thurs EST Prayer 6.30pm

FOR INFO

Mon-Fri Fr Ansel on post-Christmas 'break'

Mon VH off

Tues St George Steering Group: VH

Wed SLT meeting

St George Governors Training: VH

Thurs Richard Rohr Discussion Group: VH

Police Independent Advisory Group: VH

Fri Priest Ministry Group: VH

COLLECTIONS: ongoing income is, as we know, vital. This can be done:

- o **Online**.... already mentioned, but as a reminder: accessible via the Parish Website
- o **Bank Transfer** (details also on the Parish website)
- o **In a clearly marked envelope** put through the Presbytery or Office letter box
- o **A 'bucket' at the back of church** during the weekdays and Sundays

A few words from Father Vincent

The New Year is here and moving fast! As also the coronavirus! As you know new norms came into law on Wednesday (announced by the Prime Minister on Tuesday evening). Look at the guidelines on the gov.uk web site.

Places of worship can remain open as long as good practice in terms of distancing, gathering, sanitising etc. takes place. Therefore Masses will continue as advertised: you need to book via Eventbrite; wear a mask at all times; keep 2 metres from anyone not in your bubble (there is an 'X' where to sit in church); keep to the one-way system; avoid touching anything other than the bench you sit/kneel in; listen to the stewards' guidance.

If we implement good practice, which our stewards do, then we are as safe as we can be (probably the safest public building in the City, together with other open places of worship). Safety for us and others is in our hands so: be alert and remember at all times: hands/face/space.

Although we are safe spaces, and essential spaces, I do notice occasional bad practice with some individuals: touching items they don't need to touch, getting too close to others, not wearing masks correctly, minimal cleansing of hands etc. I was saying the other day that I sanitise every time I go in the sacristy: during Mass (not just before and after Holy Communion); after I have picked up and opened the post (I know it could be on other items but it is a case of doing one's best!); when I get into the car and when I leave it also!! Maybe a little OTT but

Also if you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive you should 'self-isolate' for the sake of others and not wait for the NHS app to tell you! Fr Ansel and I self-isolated two weeks ago as my NHS app went off and told me to isolate for 3 days. It meant cancelling, as you know, Masses with congregations for 3 days but it was a price worth paying!

Keep safe! Be safe! Think of others!

Thanks to our volunteer stewards who enable us to come and celebrate Mass. We need more 'young' stewards as some of our vulnerable volunteers have, quite rightly, pulled out during this period.

Mass streaming and 'booking' to attend any Mass over the next week are all on the website:

www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk

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

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

Remember, remember..... everything is on the website: www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk

Finally: thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone for greetings, Christmas cards, gifts and even offers of shopping when we self-isolated (but there was plenty in the freezer still is!!) Also thank you for your personal care and concern for us in the presbytery. Vincent H

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JANUARY:

Evangelisation: Human Fraternity That the Lord will give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

CATHOLIC HOME CARE—GIFTS FOR THE ELDERLY: A big thank you for all the gifts and donations received over Christmas from all the Home Care team. They were very much appreciated.

TWELVE STEP—As a Contemplative Way of Life (Steps 4—6)

Do you support a person with addictive behaviour, or perhaps you struggle with addiction / compulsion yourself? Contemplative writers in the Monastic tradition, Thomas Keating, Richard Rohr and Joan Chittister have written about the self compassion and discipline of life necessary for happy living. *To attend this day there is no need to speak about your own experience.* Twelve Steps, originally a spiritual programme for alcoholics has been adapted for families affected by a whole range of addictions including narcotics, debtors, gamblers, gaming, overeaters and co-dependents, adult children of addicts, sex and love addicts and more. *The 12 Steps are simple steps to freedom from egoism, brokenness, acquisitiveness, materialism and control. The messages in the 12 steps can free us from dependence on people, places and things towards a dependence on God.* This day will focus on steps 4-6 and time will be given for prayer and meditation. There is space for creative expression, confidential conversations and exploring our labyrinth. **Saturday 16 January from 10am—4pm (refreshments available from 9:30am) at the Wisdom Centre, Romsey, SO51 8EL.** Suggested offering £30 to include refreshments, lunch and afternoon tea. Email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk or call 01794 830 206 to book.

200 CLUB WINNERS JANUARY 2021

1st prize	David Parnell	£20.00
2nd Prize	Margaret Stebbings	£10.00

SURVEY OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR DIOCESE:

Bishop Philip wants to understand better what the people and parishioners of our Diocese think and what they consider is important to them as we journey in faith together. *“This will help us all to develop plans and priorities for the Diocese so that we can truly be faithful missionary people in a flourishing and vibrant Diocese which brings the joy and hope of the Gospel message to our communities and the wider world. You will notice I published an online questionnaire in E-news which ran over Christmas and into the New Year. Already we have had over 200 replies. Please could I ask that you too promote this opportunity through parish newsletters and websites, parish groups and in the notices at the end of the Mass”.*

The survey covers many areas and will take 10-20 minutes to complete. The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2XRKQDS> also found on the Diocesan website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Chris Smith can provide paper copies for those unable to access the digital version. Call him on 023 9421 6496. We will publish the results in the spring.



ALPHA COURSE starting Thursdays at 7pm via ZOOM from 14 January to 25 March 2021. A 10 week course for those wanting to brush up on the essentials of their Christian faith. *It opens the door for those who have lapsed or long to renew their faith and transform their lives.* Let Father Vincent or Father Ansel know if you would like to join or email the Parish Office southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

“A REFLECTION ON PERSEVERANCE: *Whatever your dream, persevere. Never give up. Never lose hope. Why do I say this? Because, upon reflection I realise that no one knows you like you know yourself. Follow your dreams. To relate to my recent experience, Mary Berridge and I love the hymn ‘Joy to the World’ (Adams), voted this year’s Classic FM Nation’s favourite carol. We always include it in our **Jingling Bells** programme but we grimace. It always goes wrong. This year, Mary went to our local branch of a nationally recognised Music outlet and found a version with a correct second part. Hoorah! Problem solved! Courage in adversity. Proof that perseverance reaps its own reward! Jenepher”*

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE:

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work.

This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme which is a Virtual weekend commencing on **25th—28th February 2021** email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com call or text 07887 296 983 or 0797338 0443 or Visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR

John Berridge, Princy Bradley, Wayne Barron, Robert Howe, Carol Butt, Mark Jones, Michael Parker, Andrea Barsi, Mary Burke, Geoff & Margot Lagerwall, Madeleine Clarke, Daham, Mallika, Mano, Christopher Browne, Clifford Brown, Maureen C, Cath Gardiner, Joan, Donna & James (reconciliation), Therese Hayter, Brig. Daya W, Daphne Cope, Tina Currie, Anushka P, Pastor Michael Cummins, Laneisha Vaz, Catherine Lyne, Joseph Connolly, John Jack, Margaret Hicks, Ewa Evans, Teresa Hodges, Sue Hanrahan, Marisa Tellegen, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Bunty Weerakoon, Pat & Don Devers, Azad & Vyville Perera, Jean White, Sheila Morris, John Hennessy, Pat O’Neill, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Bobby Murphy, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Doris Leggett, John O’Reilly, Bill Eastman, Shane Wing, Kathryn Morley, NW, Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Joachim Rodrigues, 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 who are ill, undergoing treatment or affected by the Coronavirus in any way.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 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	9 JAN	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ PAST & PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE EDGE & WHITE FAMILIES (F)
SUN	10 JAN	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9:00AM SE ST ANTHONY NOVENA FOR THE NEEDY (CC) 10:30AM SJ IAN MORLEY RIP (FM) 7:00PM SE MUMMY PREMA RIP BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY & CHRISTOPHER MOSS BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS PONNIAH)
TUES	12 JAN	1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM SE CANCELLED 11:30AM SE REQUIEM MASS: BILL KEARNS RIP
WED	13 JAN	ST HILARY	7:00PM SE VL—HEALING AND GOD'S STRENGTH (EC & MC)
THURS	14 JAN	1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ ST ANTHONY NOVENA FOR THE NEEDY (CC)
FRI	15 JAN	1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM SE MARY JOSEPHINE SHANAHAN RIP (PP)
SAT	16 JAN	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM SE FRANCISCA DE LAJUSTICIA RIP (RCIA GROUP) 6:15PM SJ SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	17 JAN	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE BILL BURKE RIP (HP) 10:30AM SJ FATHER DES POWER (BROTHER ROBERT) RIP (PL) 11:00AM * MALIBAN BISCUITS CHAIRMAN RATNAPALA SAMARAWEENA 80TH BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS) 7:00PM SE MICHAEL SMITH RIP (GL & TL)

STELLA MARIS DEANERY PARISHES—MASS TIMES Holy Family, Millbrook Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 10:30am; 1:00pm (Polish); Holy Day 19:00. St. Boniface, Shirley Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 20:00. St. Vincent de Paul, Lordswood Sun 09:30; Holy Day 10:00. Christ the King & St Colman Sun 11:00; Holy Day 19:00. Immaculate Conception, Portswood Recon: Sat 10:30 (After Mass); Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 19:30. Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End Sun 09:15; St Brigid, West End Sun 17:30; St Patrick, Woolston Sat Vigil 18:00; Sun 11:00; Holy Day 09:15 (term time); 10:00 (outside of term time). The Annunciation, Netley Abbey Sun 09:00, Holy Day 19:00.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

10 JANUARY 2021 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Psalm Response:

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus coming towards him and said:
This the Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world.

Alleluia!

READINGS 17 JANUARY 2021 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3—10. 19
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13—15.1 7—20
 Gospel: John 1: 35—42

NO 2ND COLLECTION TODAY

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK 17.1.2021 CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

PARISH INCOME 3.1.2021	DONATIONS & STANDING ORDERS
Totals	£2,153.89
Donations	303.00
Standing Orders	1,498.71
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18