



11 APRIL 2021
**2ND SUNDAY
 OF EASTER
 OF DIVINE MERCY**



**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



LORD YOU ARE LIVING

Happy are those who have seen
 the Risen One
 and recognised victory
 in His wounds.

But happy are we
 who believe without having seen
 and, still without seeing Him,
 love Jesus, our Saviour.

Lord, you are living,
 we have recognised You,
 at the last day we will see You.

Without seeing the fulfilment of the promises
 your fathers hailed them from afar.

In the mirror of hope
 you contemplate the invisible.

More precious than perishable gold,
 your faith gives praise to God.

Commission Francophone Cistercienne

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

1. Pope Francis reminds us that Thomas arrived late but that the Lord did not abandon him. He came back the next week. Will God abandon us in our slow recovery from the pandemic? Can we forget those left behind? *“Dear brothers and sisters, in the time of trial that we are presently undergoing, we too, like Thomas, with our fears and our doubts, have experienced our frailty. We need the Lord, who sees beyond that frailty an irrepressible beauty. With Him we rediscover how precious we are even in our vulnerability. ... And if, like crystal, we are transparent before Him, His light—the light of mercy—will shine in us and through us in the world.”* (Feast of Divine Mercy, April 19, 2020)
2. The early Church's response to Christ's life, death, and resurrection was their treatment of possessions (1st reading) Compare your attitude toward possessions with theirs.
3. Does what you have done make you a Christian, or what Christ has done? (CF 2nd reading). Which is more important, belief in Jesus or performance of good deeds? If you believe deeply and personally in Jesus will good deeds spring from that belief and love?
(Anne Osdieck: adapted)

TODAY 11 APRIL 2021

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Christ is risen Alleluia!

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 AND WEEKDAY PUBLIC 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. Please phone or email in.

RECENTLY DIED:



Janet Gargaro (nee Toby) late of Hertfordshire and Hedge End. Requiem Mass will take place at 10:45am on Wednesday 21 April 2021 in St Edmund Church followed by cremation at the Southampton Crematorium. *May Janet rest in peace. Please keep her husband Joseph and family in your prayers.*

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY ONLINE EVENING PRAYER at ****6:00pm** please note new time**. To join email Deacon Andy aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MONDAY ONLINE EVENING PRAYER at 6:30pm. Join the Baptism Preparation Team; email Deacon Andy.

ROSARY GROUP meet online every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8pm (next meeting 13 April 2021). Zoom Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3050730356> same link every week.

EVENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY at 6pm. To join email Deacon Andy at aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FOR INFO:

Mon-Sat VH break
Mon ADL off

TWO HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS APRIL 2021

1st Prize Imogen Jenkins £20.00
2nd Prize Cecily Head £10.00

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR APRIL: Universal: Fundamental rights. For those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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

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

A few words from Father Vincent: *Christ is risen.....Alleluia! Once again I wish you a very happy, holy and blessed Easter on this Feast of Divine Mercy.*

With restricted numbers, the prohibition on congregational singing, and lack of movement, there wasn't the 'energy' or 'buzz' we normally experience during the Triduum. But we were blessed that this year we could actually do something liturgically. Thank you to all who enabled us to celebrate the Triduum and Easter in a dignified, reflective and uplifting way: musicians/singers; servers; lectors; stewards; cleaners; decorators; Parish Office ... thank you, thank you!

Apologies for the streaming 'crash' at 10.30am on Easter Sunday! We are not sure what happened: the Broadcasting system was still broadcasting; YouTube was still streaming ... but people had a blank screen and broken sound! Fingers crossed that it was a temporary issue 'up there' in the cloud! Because those streaming didn't hear/see, I must say you missed a cracking sermon!!!!!! though some would say it was a 'crackling' sermon!! Hey ho!

We slowly continue to move forward into opening up more, but are not fully aware of what that means for our churches. No doubt as June approaches things will become clearer.

Baptisms continue slowly (because of rule of 6 but this is changing); preparation takes place online. First Holy Communion sessions continue online, with 'First Confessions' now taking place, by appointment, on Saturdays in April. Confirmation is still in the air until we hear from Bishop's House.

I have decided to do the '**Pentecost Challenge**' for '**Friends of the Holy Land**' to raise £1,200 towards the education of a disabled child. I am cycling/walking virtually from Bethlehem to Nazareth see my page <https://fhl.enthuse.com/pf/vincent-harvey> to donate

Do look at the Paschal (Easter) Candle in St Edmund designed and decorated by Imelda: the 'Tree of Life' (reflecting the 'tree' in the Garden of Eden and the Cross Jesus was crucified on); the 'set-square' and 'lily' to represent St Joseph (we are in the Year of St Joseph) and the chalice/host/grapes to represent the Eucharist. Thank you Imelda.

Keep safe! Be safe! Think of others! And remember: if you suspect you have been near someone with coronavirus, or are not feeling well yourself, stay at home and certainly DO NOT mix with others; also refrain from coming to church; think of others!

Thank you for reading this..... I hope! Happy and Blessed Easter. Have a good week.

Vincent H

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES CONGRATULATIONS TO:



- **Teresa & Jan Gaca (12.4.21)**
 - **John & Gerry Croft (12.4.21)**
 - **Angela & Frank Capocci (17.4.21)**
- celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversaries this month. Well done!

READERS' TRAINING WORKSHOPS: 17th and 24th April, 2021 – The two workshops form together a comprehensive training or refresher for new or seasoned parish readers, looking at the Liturgy, the practical skills for reading, as well as the Bible and how to understand the readings. The training also involves a 1:1 practice session with an experienced diocesan listener, to improve the quality of reading. More info at: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

- **Workshop 1: 17 April 2021 - 10 am to 1 pm:** register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlIduGorzwiHdcAqEFveyBR-RPN8MnHZh0V>
- **Workshop 2: 24 April 2021 - 10 am to 1 pm:** register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdeiuqDgtGtGp8nhAF651zA-dB-xB31lq>

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS: 5 weekly sessions on **Monday evenings, starting on Monday 19th April at 7.00 pm.**

This training is not exclusive to catechists, but is open to everyone who seeks to understand how to proclaim the faith more effectively to children, young people and adults. This training is a short introduction to the principles of faith transmission for seasoned or new catechists, for everyone involved in Children's liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith or in growing in their own faith. More info at: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists>

Sign up for the training here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdu-qpzsoH9HdUzaJXyM4D1LdHq5EFXZR>

View recordings of the Lenten retreat, **'FINDING HOPE IN SCRIPTURE'**, in this Year of the Word, to help us cope with the hardships and challenges of the present time: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYwfrBOD2hwXFcgjqrJadZDQ9UiPLtTc>

THE PARISH'S WALK FOR WATER TEAM would like to say an enormous **'Thank you!'** to everyone who has supported them throughout their Lenten challenge to walk 400,000 steps in aid of CAFOD.

Thank you to those who contributed to the combined total of almost two-and-a-half million steps walked since Ash Wednesday. Thank you to those who so generously contributed to the fundraising total of over one thousand pounds. Thank you to those who helped spread the word about the campaign and to those who prayed for its success. Well done team - and well done to those in the parish who walked as individuals or as part of another team; over £30,000 has been raised in Portsmouth diocese!

The Just Giving page - just in case anyone still wants to contribute is: [Southampton Journey in Faith's Walk for Water | Walk for Water | CAFOD](#)

'PENTECOST CHALLENGE' FOR 'FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND'.

Some of us have joined the challenge: Janek, Father Vincent ... see the link ... <https://fhl.enthuse.com/pf/vincent-harvey>

DIY ABORTIONS: Last week was the first anniversary of the Government granting access to women obtaining early medical abortions at home (EMA's) which we all know as DIY abortions. **The Government are considering making this move permanent.** In really an unprecedented move Pro-life organisations have come together to challenge this, and have formed a coalition and they have a website: www.careforwomen.co.uk

What the vast majority of the public don't know has been the repercussions of DIY abortions since its introduction last year:

- 75,000 women have accessed this procedure.
- 11,786 incomplete abortions
- 3,588 surgical interventions
- 264 — 999 calls
- 495 women attending hospital per month due to abortion complications
- 52 illegal abortions
- 4 abortions at over 24 weeks

There are very valid concerns over coercion and that the service offered crosses legal boundaries.

The Pro-life organisations that have formed this coalition are: Christian Concern/CBRUK/March for Life/Pregnancy Crisis Helpline/Rachel's Vineyard/SPUC/The Good Counsel Network/Voice for Justice/40 Days for life.

Please pray that the government will decide not to make DIY abortions permanent.

'HELLO SOUTHAMPTON' AND 'TELEPHONE BEFRIENDING':

"Last summer I became a telephone befriender with Communicare and am really enjoying the calls I make. I really feel I am contributing to helping reduce loneliness and can see the difference my calls are making. More telephone befrienders are needed. To volunteer contact Communicare on Tel. 023 8 2 5 0 0 0 5 0 or email volunteer@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk They have two telephone befriending projects:

- **Hello Southampton**—volunteers sign up for a regular slot to call a list of people for a shorter check in call.
- **Telephone befrienders** make a longer call usually once a week. You will need to complete an application form naming 2 people Communicare can approach for a character reference.

*For **Hello Southampton** calls you need to be available weekday mornings and have a computer, tablet or iPad. Do think about it. To speak with me contact Father Vincent or the Parish Office".* Thanks, Christine Parker (parishioner).

PLEASE PRAY FOR Yasmin, 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, Daham, Mallika, Mano, Christopher Browne, Clifford Brown, Maureen C, Cath Gardiner, Joan, 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, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Bunty Weerakoon, Pat & Don Devers, Azad & Vyville Perera, Jean White, Sheila Morris, John Hennessy, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Bobby Murphy, 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, Janette 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 11 APRIL 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	10 APR	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	SJ	PERFECTION & SANCTIFICATION OF THE SAINTS (THEOS)
SUN	11 APR	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OF DIVINE MERCY	9:00AM	SE	TERESA & JAN GACA—50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY & TERESA GACA—70TH BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (GACA FAMILY)
			10:30AM	SJ	RITA CHRISTIE RIP (OC)
			**	**	ERIC CLARKE RIP (MC)
			7:00PM	SE	CECILIA & RONALD MEARS RIP (F)
TUES	13 APR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER	10:00AM	SE	PRINCY LOURDES BRADLEY BECK RIP (DADDY & ANUSHKA)
WED	14 APR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM	SE	OSCAR SOHNA SOHNA RIP (F)
THURS	15 APR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER	12:15PM	SJ	FOR THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEA (F)
FRI	16 APR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM	SE	REG FERRINGTON RIP (F); CECILIA COUTINHO RIP
SAT	17 APR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER	11:00AM	SE	PAULINE & DANIEL O'SULLIVAN RIP (FO'S)
			6:15PM	SJ	RITA BURNETT RIP (IK)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	18 APR	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM	SE	JOAQUIM RODRIGUES RIP (AW)
			10:30AM	SJ	RITA BURNETT RIP (PB)
			**	**	NELUM C, SUJATA D, ELVIRA D—BIRTHDAYS—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)
			7:00PM	SE	ANGELA & CHRISTINA—SPECIAL INTENTIONS (TM)

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, Lordwood Sun 09:30; Holy Day 10:00. Christ the King & St Colman Sun 11:00; Holy Day 19:00. Immaculate Conception, Portwood 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 2

11 APRIL 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm Response:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Alleluia!

READING 18 APRIL 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 3: 13—15. 17—19

Second Reading: 1 John 2: 1—5

Gospel: Luke 24:35—48

2ND COLLECTION TODAY CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC HOME CARE

PARISH INCOME 4.4.2021	DONATIONS & STANDING ORDERS
Totals	£2,561.31
Donations	690.42
Standing Orders	1,518.71
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18