

FINDING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR CHOICES

12TH SEPTEMBER
2021

24TH SUNDAY IN
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



This Sunday's readings and Gospel are loaded with questions, searching questions. The letter we receive from St James centres on our fulfilment of what we say. Forgive me, but my guess is that all, or certainly most, of us have said one thing but done something rather different, saying we have eaten enough but taken just one more, stating that we will stop doing something and then done it again. Are there many of us who can say that our lives are completely consistent with what we say?

Is that not why we begin Mass with the Confiteor (the I confess...) and after listening to the word of God profess our Creed, reminding ourselves what it is and how it is that we seek to lead our lives. Jesus reminds us again near the end of our Gospel: "let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow Me." The faith we believe and profess, which is by its own nature a gift from God, demands from us a choice. The Creed and our saying it in unity does not make us behave in a certain way but requires us to constantly choose a way to behave.

Life itself is a series of choices and can be populated by instances in accord with our faith and perhaps at times, otherwise. But this is not all one way with faith determining our actions, those choices reflected in our actions can themselves strengthen or dare I write even diminish our faith. Perhaps this is something of the cross which we all bear.

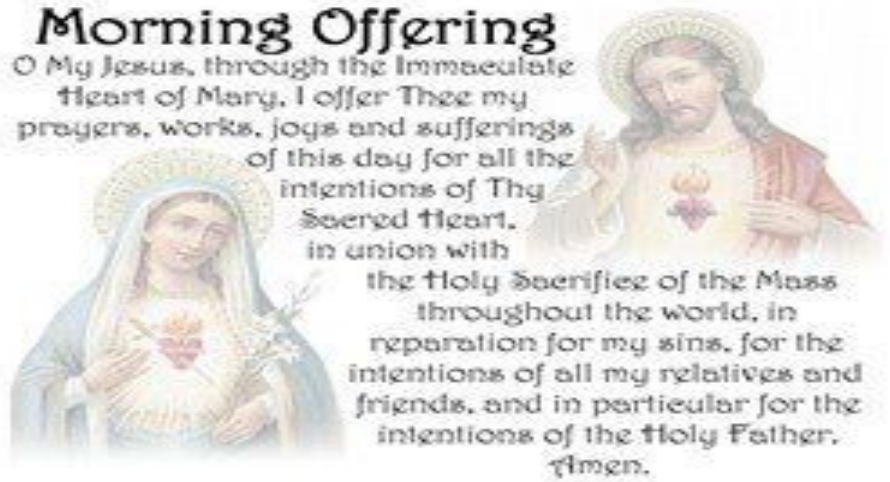
Even when our lives do not always look to be a perfect embodiment of the faith we profess, we need not see ourselves as lost in a sea of self deceit. There is hope and there is a resolution. Today the psalmist points the way "for He turned His ear to me in the day when I called Him." We may seek out the Sacrament of Penance and with its strength resume treading the path of discipleship.

Dcn Andy

Morning Offering

O My Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with

the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father, Amen.



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A HUGE THANK YOU TO FATHER EMMANUEL

for helping out this week with the sudden change of plans. Fr Emmanuel is kindly offering the Masses at 6.15pm and 10.30am after helping during the week also.

THANK YOU TO FATHER ROSS for helping out this week by offering the 11am Saturday Mass.

EVENING PRAYER 6pm to join email Dcn Andy.

MASSES ARE BEING STREAMED AS USUAL

please forgive us the 'hiccup' we had last weekend with the streaming. Sometimes technology does not want to cooperate!

SUNDAY MASSES: Please book on Eventbrite.

Masks are encouraged to be worn.

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

On line.....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.

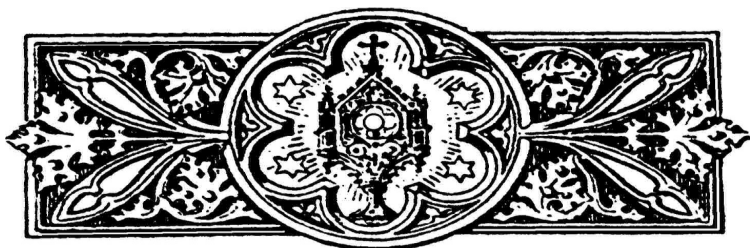
A 'bucket' at the back of church during the weekdays and Sundays.

THIS WEEK

ONLINE EVENING PRAYER MONDAYS (join the Baptism Preparation team) 6.30pm and

WEDNESDAYS at 6pm; email Deacon Andy.

aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



ADORATION

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join the team.

Adoration has resumed 10am—5pm in St Edmund's, subject to available adorers.

Can you spare an hour for the Lord?



ADORE ONLINE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT MORNING.

September 18th 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Gifts of Healings" - Special focus on charisms of Healing and Deliverance.

Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADORESEP2021

WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ AT MASS?



We are hoping to recruit some new readers, as some have 'retired' over the last 18 months; and with the return to more readers at Mass and the addition of another Mass coming soon, new readers are needed at most (Weekend) Masses, especially Saturday evening at St Joseph's.

Training during October, to start on rotas in November.

Please contact the parish office and let us know: which Mass time you are offering for, your contact number and email address (if you use email).

GENERAL ITEMS

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER:

Universal: An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

That we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

RESPONSE TO ASSISTED DYING BILL 'Lethal drugs are not the civilised solution for people seeking a peaceful death', says Bishop of Nottingham.

Bishop McKinney urged Catholics to write to members of the House of Commons, the lower house of Parliament, and the House of Lords, expressing their opposition to the bill.

"Please convey this vital message: that a prescription for lethal drugs is not the civilized solution for vulnerable people seeking a dignified and peaceful end", he said.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

As the University term start looms near we are pleased to announce that FOCUS are resuming their prayer, music and Adoration on Wednesdays 6pm—7pm.

This will commence on the 29th of September and shall be a lovely way to involve Catholic students within our church. Do say a prayer for them if you can, or feel free to come along and be part of the Praise and Worship!

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your

union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

St Teresa of Calcutta

RIGHT TO LIFE UK



For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities.

Lord hear us.



We pray for the repose of the soul of Priscillah Gunura whose Memorial Service was held this Friday at St Edmund's church.

May Priscillah be granted eternal rest oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

We pray also for her family members.

CLIMATE ZOOM



Starting on Friday October 1st we will be holding a seven-week on-line course, via zoom, on Friday evenings from 7.30 to 9pm. The Course will use material from the 'Laudato si' encyclical and the Dorset Green Living Guide, supplemented by videos and

factual information. The Course will be delivered by some 12 speakers from across the UK who are knowledgeable in the wide range of topics covered.

Topics will include the causes of Climate Change, food, energy, transport, waste/throwaway culture, water and social justice.

Book your free ticket by following the link below:

<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=Christian%20Climate%20Change%20Course>

For more information please email:

office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

APPEAL FOR SHOEBOXES do not throw them away! Please bring them to St Joseph's & St Edmund's so that we can collect them in readiness for 'the shoebox appeal' to provide gifts for children in deprived parts of the world. More later but do bring in shoeboxes now!

STUDENTS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



A parishioner is looking for a lodger. Central Southampton, close to St Edmund's.

Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Southampton Hate Crime Network Disability Hate Crime Virtual Discussion

Southampton Hate Crime Network will be hosting an online discussion to raise awareness of Disability Hate Crime and issues relevant to Disabled People.

You are invited to join the session via this ZOOM link: Disability Hate Crime discussion: 16/09/21 (11.30am – 1pm) - <https://zoom.us/j/97433849853>

To find out more about the other Hate Crime discussions, feel free to email the Southampton Hate Crime Network Co-ordinator, Sam Waddington:

sam.waddington@spectrumcil.co.uk

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA): For anyone looking to find out



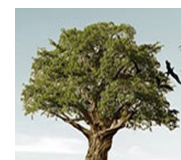
more about the Catholic Faith - come along and ask your questions, find out what the church teaches and what it means to live as a Catholic.

This group also offers preparation for anyone interested in adult (over 18) **Baptism, Confirmation or Reception as a Catholic**. Meetings will be Wednesday evenings starting Wednesday 15 September at 7:45 pm. To register, or find out more, please send your contact details to the Parish Office.

A warm welcome awaits you, come and see.

GREEN LIVING UPDATE

Secular organisations are also declaring climate emergency – though the first resolution to do this, in Bristol, was brought by a Quaker councillor in November 2018. Southampton City Council did so in 2019. As at February 2021 74% of district, county, unitary & metropolitan councils have done so, as have 8 combined authorities/city regions. In 2020 the University of Southampton joined the International Universities Climate Alliance, looking to apply the latest research findings to accelerate climate action. Let's show the secular world how Christians care for creation. We're already writing to our councillors and MPs to show how we want our elected representatives to lead us in this – **you can join in.**



Anushka Ponniah's beloved brother Lucky Dissanayake passed away sadly last week. Please remember him and his family in prayer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Audrey Edgar, Bic Evans, Catherine Clements, Paul Davies, Bosco Andrade, Mike Greaves, Peggy Bell, Mark Evans, Pat Alborough, Jen Bridges, John Berridge, 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, George 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, Katie Bizley, Carmen Escorcio, Linda Seikus, Marissa Tellegen, Dolores Smyllie **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 12 SEPTEMBER 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	11 SEP	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM 7:00PM	SJ SE	TERRY CLARKE RIP (MC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	12 SEP	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM 10:30AM 7:00PM	SE SJ SE	LUIS MENDONCA RIP (CM) JAN ROJKO RIP (JR) ANGUS MacKINNON RIP (MMS & CMS)
TUE	14 SEP	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	10:00AM	SE	MARGARET HICKS AND ALL THOSE SICK—PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA)
WED	15 SEP	OUR LADY OF SORROWS	7:00PM	SE	TEOFILA RECZKA RIP (BM)
THURS	16 SEP	Ss CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN	12:15PM	SJ	MYRA ANDRADE RIP (HP)
FRI	17 SEP	ST HILDEGARD OF BINGEN	7:00PM	SE	GOD'S HEALING HANDS ON GEORGE FRANCIS PONNIAH (ANUSHKA)
SAT	18 SEP	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	11:00AM 6:15PM 7:00PM	SE SJ SE	DECEASED MEMBERS OF MENDONCA FAMILY (CM) HELENA PECZENENKO RIP (EP) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	19 SEP	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM 10:30AM 7:00PM	SE SJ ** ** SE	SEBASTIAN & MILAGRINA D'SOUZA RIP (CM) RAY GODDARD RIP (SAB) DOLINA MACKINNON RIP (CMS) DAVID BAXTER RIP (POR)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 4

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Psalm Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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 19 SEPTEMBER 2021
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First Reading:	Wisdom 2: 12. 17-20
Second Reading:	James 3: 16-4: 3
Gospel:	Mark 9: 30-37

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

Catholic Education Service

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Home Mission Sunday

PARISH INCOME 5.9.2021	Donations & Standing Orders
Totals	£2,542.72
Donations	262.72
Standing Orders	1,730.00
Gift Aid Rebate	550.00

CONFESSIONS:

11:30am Saturdays at St Edmund's Church

"Confession is the soul's bath. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again!"

St Padre Pio