

**13TH JUNE 2021**

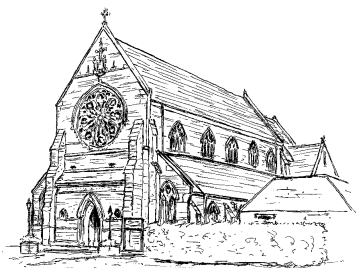
**ELEVENTH  
SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME**



**ST JOSEPH'S &  
ST EDMUND'S  
CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC  
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**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



## GROWTH IN THE SPIRIT

This Sunday's gospel contains two parables (stories to explain a deeper truth) about the Kingdom of God. We must be ready and anticipating something greater than ourselves and something that can only be possible with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit plants seed in our hearts with the potential for enormous growth. We are required to be open to that growth and to remove any distractions that could pull us away from God's purpose for our lives. We are often tempted by pride, by winning the admiration of others, by being critical of others' lack of growth or motivation.

There are some very tangible examples of opportunities for growth happening in our parish at the moment: Our third online Alpha course, into its fifth week, is already seeing a veritable harvest. Our guests have come with open hearts and minds seeking that the seed of faith moves from head to heart and that they will be drawn deeper into an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. In a short space of time participants are experiencing what it is to be community and part of the Kingdom which is both present and to be anticipated. We invite the Holy Spirit to be present in our meetings and we have been blessed by signs of growth both in our guests and in our team. The culture of Alpha is such that those who have experienced the journey are approached and asked to come back and help and be part of the team for the next course. We have truly seen several past participants who have returned in the way and have grown in confidence and become those mustard plants.

This week we recommenced our Restored Lives Course for those who have been through separation or divorce. People are welcomed from any faith background or none but what the course does offer is to plant the seed of hope back into their hearts to enable those who feel broken and lost to realise that restoration is possible and that there is 'a future and a hope'. 'Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending'.

Called and Gifted continues to flourish: The Spirit plants charisms / gifts into our lives that are there to be used for the good of others. The Spirit plants, the Spirit ripens and the Spirit brings forth. The Holy Spirit plants but we have to be open to growth and the means of promoting that growth. We have to prepare the soil of our hearts.

We have just completed 'The Year of the Word' and there have been several opportunities within our Diocese and beyond to plant and root God's word into our hearts and let it flourish. A number of parishioners have attended the readers workshops and experienced what it is to receive, ponder and proclaim the Living Word.

The farmer sowed the seed by day and allowed it to mature and flourish overnight. A spiritual director taught and advised me to spend the last few minutes of my waking day pondering scripture or spiritual reading as overnight that would bear fruit; wise words and so much more productive than going to sleep on Google!

We have just moved into the 'Year of the Eucharist' and Bishop Philip has encouraged us all to return to regular reception and adoration of the Eucharist to plant that seed of Jesus present within us. We are all encouraged to bring people back to Communion, to make Jesus present in our lives and the lives of others and to truly pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

*Tina Quinn*

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

1. "The Kingdom of God is like ....." Jesus says a couple of times in today's Gospel. He implies that God is 'working' all the time thus enabling us to grow. Do you let God grow things in and through you? What do you do and what do you let God do? What do you want God to do 'with' or 'for' you?
2. The shoot becomes a majestic cedar (1<sup>st</sup> reading). In the Gospels, Jesus refers to the "least" becoming the "greatest" numerous times. How is Jesus' own life an example of this? Can you think of others who followed or now follow this example?
3. "We are always full of confidence ... going by faith ..." St Paul writes (2<sup>nd</sup> reading). Are you/we? How can we grow in this confidence? *Vincent Harvey*

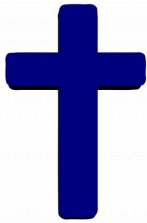
**TODAY 13 JUNE 2021—11TH SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME:**

**WE WELCOME CANON NICHOLAS FRANCE** who will be presiding at the 6:15pm and 10:30am Masses. **Belated congratulations** to Father Nick who celebrated his 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood last Tuesday.

**UNIVERSITY MASS** at 4:30pm in St Edmund Church presided over by Father Benjamin Theobald.

**EVENING PRAYER** at 6pm..... to join email Dcn Andy.

**RECENTLY DIED:**



**Myra Andrade**, late of French Street, Southampton, SO14 2AT. Requiem Mass 12:30pm Friday 25 June 2021 (church to be advised) followed by interment at the Hollybrook Cemetery at 2pm. May her soul rest in peace. Please keep her husband Bosco and family in your prayers.

**Sidney Barham**. Funeral service 1pm Tuesday 29 June 2021 at St Edmund Church followed by cremation at the Southampton Crematorium. May his soul rest in peace. Please keep his stepdaughter, Alison Terry and family in your prayers.

**THIS WEEK**

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

**ALPHA COURSE** continues from 7pm—8pm on Tuesdays.

**RESTORED LIVES:** continues online at 7pm on Mondays until 12 July 2021.

**ADORATION WITH FOCUS YOUTH TEAM** from 6pm to 7pm on Wednesdays at St Edmund Church.

**RICHARD ROHR GROUP** meet online at 5pm on Thursday 17 June.

**EST GROUP** meet online at 7pm on Thursday 17 June.

**FOR INFO:**

Mon	VH off.
Tues	Christian Meditation: VH
Wed	Team meeting: VH/AP SLT: VH/AP/AW/TQ
Fri	St George: VH Ministry Group: VH JiF social gathering: VH

**MASSES ARE BEING STREAMED:**

St Edmund streaming link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx08VII2ww0whsi6gLPptcQ>

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 (there 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.

**A few words from Father Vincent .....**

Thank you to Father Nick for helping out this weekend and next. Good to have him with us, and in his 53<sup>rd</sup> year of Ordained Priesthood. The weeks after that are still to be planned.

As mentioned last week please see the note elsewhere about our First Holy Communion Masses. This impacts on me with extra Masses over the weekend (so be patient with me!); it also means no 'usual' Saturday Mass on the 26<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July and 24<sup>th</sup> July. These Saturday morning Masses will be for First Holy Communion Masses only. Also, of course, no confessions on those days. Sorry but needs must.

Thank you to those people who have come forward and willing to monitor/operate the Streaming in both churches. We need many, many more ..... so please do come forward (Role: boot up; go live; operate the camera shots [using an 8 button key fob]; switch off and reschedule the Mass for a week's time!!).

We wait in anticipation for tomorrow's (14<sup>th</sup>) announcement about the 21<sup>st</sup> target for total opening up! We will wait until we know exactly what the Government allows and then decide what is best for us. We will be looking for Altar Servers (probably only 2 at each Mass); possibility of opening up for a couple of hours most weekdays (with Adoration if we have volunteer adorers). Need to look at refreshments after Mass ..... I think we are all keen/'desperate' to spend time together socially.

We are moving into a better place, but still 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. I am now doing a 'Lateral Flow Test' twice a week. Are you? Keep safe! Be safe!

Thank you for reading this .....

**Vincent H**

**Important notes re Public Mass:**

- Please, please do let us know if you decide not to come after booking ... too many people are booking and not turning up! That is not fair on others who are desperate to come along!
- A lot of people are turning up without booking: so far we have managed to squeeze them in but be aware that this may not always be possible and you could be turned away!

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED** to casual visitors. Please phone or email in.

## POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JUNE: *Evangelisation:*

**The beauty of marriage ...** That young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community may grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

## **NEXT WEEK**

**BAPTISMS:** On Sunday 20 June we welcome into our faith community:



**Edith Green**, daughter of Nicolas & Lisa, being baptised at St Joseph Church at 11:45am.

**Aurelia Limaj**, daughter of Maksim & Weronika and

**Ellise Odoe**, daughter of Anthony & Ethel, being baptised at St Edmund at 12:30pm and 2pm respectively.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS**

We are coming to the end of our preparation for First Holy Communion (session this coming Saturday: see elsewhere). First Holy Communion Masses are:

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> June:	11 am St Edmund
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> June:	3pm St Edmund
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July:	11 am St Edmund
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July:	3pm St Edmund
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July:	11 am St Edmund
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July:	3pm St Edmund

**Sadly the Saturday ones will take the place of the Parish Mass!** We were planning an extra Mass in St Joseph for our 'regulars' but with Father Ansel away and Father Vincent on his own this is not possible. **So on Saturdays the 26<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July there is no Parish Mass nor Confessions (11am).**



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Brian Godwin** and **Lidia Francus** who are getting married in St Edmund Church at 3pm on Saturday 26 June 2021. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

## **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME:**

candidates meet from 4pm—6pm Sunday 27 June in St Joseph Hall, 48 Bugle Street, SO14 2AH.

**SAFE SPACES (FROM SAFEGUARDING)** Safe Spaces is a free, national support service independently run by Victim Support. It provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England or the Catholic Church of England and Wales.

**COLLECTIONS:** ongoing income is, as we know, vital:

- **Online or bank transfer** .... see 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.



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"Thanks for your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide".



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO PETER SCOTT**

on your 80th birthday celebrated last Sunday! What a milestone..... God's blessings for the years ahead Peter!

**HOUSEBOUND? UNABLE TO GET TO MASS?** There may be many reasons you are not able to come to Mass for the foreseeable future. If you wish to receive Holy Communion at home call or email the Parish Office or one of the priests.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Patricia Dissanayake, Bosco Andrade, Tony Porter, Lesley Bywater, Erica Burden, Mike Greaves, Peggy Bell, 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, 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 13 JUNE 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	12 JUNE	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM	SJ	PAST & PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE HOPKINS & FACCHINO FAMILIES (F)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	13 JUNE	<b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM	SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30AM	SJ	PRIVATE INTENTION OF MYRA & ANDY'S FAMILY (AP)
			7:00PM	SE	THERESA BEALES RIP
TUE	15 JUNE	11TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM	SE	JUDY BROWN RIP—BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY (9 MAY) (TUESDAY COFFEE CLUB)
WED	16 JUNE	11TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM	SE	THERESA BEALES RIP
THURS	17 JUNE	11TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM	SJ	DAVID INTENTIONS (MT)
FRI	18 JUNE	11TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM	SE	THERESA BEALES RIP
SAT	19 JUNE	<b>OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b>	11:00AM	SE	PATRICK SCOTT RIP (RA)
			6:15PM	SJ	BRIDIE MYLES RIP & PAUL GODDARD RIP (TG)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	20 JUNE	<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM	SE	TADEUSZ KALINOWSKI RIP (JS)
			10:30AM	SJ	PATRICK SHARPE RIP & LOUIS SHARPE RIP (MS)
			**	**	JOAQUIM RODRIGUES RIP (JH)
			7:00PM	SE	THERESA BEALES RIP

**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 3

#### 13 JUNE 2021 ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

##### Psalm Response:

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

##### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

### READINGS 20 JUNE 2021

#### 12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 3: 1. 8—11  
 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 14—17  
 Gospel: Mark 4: 35—41

### NO 2ND COLLECTION TODAY

### 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

#### DAY FOR LIFE

PARISH INCOME 6.6.2021	DONATIONS & STANDING	2ND—CHURCH MAINTENANCE
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,379.37</b>	<b>£111.88</b>
Donations	508.48	—
Standing Orders	1,518.71	89.50
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18	22.38

### CONFESSIONS:

**11:30am Saturdays at St Edmund Church**