



14TH FEBRUARY 2021

**SIXTH 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



# MAKING THE MOST OF LENT.....

Lent is here ..... well almost! This week we celebrate Ash Wednesday when we enter the 'porch of Lent' and prepare to cross the 'threshold' into the Lenten Season and our annual period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Many, if not all of us, are fatigued due to the Pandemic and social distancing for the sake of our, and other peoples', health. Not being able to fully gather in our churches hasn't helped and has also impinged on the community practice of our faith.

Lent, therefore, will be a challenge! Mind you the past 11 months have been a challenge! Yet here we are, still journeying, still growing and still deepening our faith against all odds! Lent, our Forty Days with Jesus in the Desert, can take on a different emphasis this year. We can use it for 'spiritual renewal'; for a 'reboot' of our faith; even an opportunity to go deeper into the mystery of faith: our journey with, in and through Christ!

I encourage all of us to revisit our prayer life (why/how/when) and to engage more frequently with the Parish Community via the YouTube Streaming links, our Facebook pages and our Website. Father James Martin SJ recently published a book on prayer (Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone) from which The Tablet recently took extracts some of which I repeat here. There are as many reasons to pray as there are people; all are different ways of responding to an invitation from God. Why pray? ..... nine reasons:

1. We pray because God wants to be in a relationship with you
2. We pray because we want to be in relationship with God
3. We pray because we have to!
4. We pray because we are in need
5. We pray because prayer helps us
6. We pray because prayer unburdens us
7. We pray because it helps us praise God
8. We pray because it leads us to solidarity
9. We pray to be transformed

Prayer is both private and public but always intensely personal. We need space to be alone to pray; to be with our families and pray; to be with the faith community and pray. Each of these is a challenge, but the latter possibly more so! This Lent let's re-engage with the prayer of the Community: in person if space allows; via Streaming and Zoom (Masses/Stations of the Cross/Adoration/Evening Prayer) if technology allows! "Come back to me" the Lord says in Scripture. Let's come back with gusto!!

*Vincent Harvey*

**TODAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2021  
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our faith community:

**Jumeira and Jayda Agho**, children of Emmanuel and Sarah, who are being baptised at 12:30pm in St Edmund Church today.

**HAPPY HALF-TERM** to all our school children/families/teachers. A tough term so make the most of the break.

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**BLESSING OF PRE-MARRIAGE COUPLES** at 7pm Mass. Come and join us online as we welcome and bless 6 couples who have participated in our current pre-marriage course. Support them with your prayerful presence.

**RECENTLY DIED:**



**Joaquim Rodrigues**, late of Oxford Road, Southampton. Requiem Mass 11am Friday 19 February in St Edmund Church, followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. May Joaquim rest in peace. Please keep his wife Ana and the family in your prayers.

**Derrick Austin**, late of Sholing. Requiem Mass 11:30am Tuesday 23 February 2021 in St Edmund Church followed by committal at Southampton Crematorium. May Derrick rest in peace; please keep his family in your prayers.

**Salvador Rodrigues** late of Orchard Lane, Southampton. Requiem Mass 12 noon Tuesday 23 February followed by committal at the East Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. May Salvador rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**Pat O'Neill**, late of Sunrise Living and Blenheim Avenue, Southampton. Requiem Mass at 10:30am on Friday 26 February 2021 in St Joseph Church followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. May Pat rest in peace. Please keep his wife Ann and the family in your prayers.

**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.**

**THIS WEEK**

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** continues via Zoom at 8pm on Tuesdays for those who have booked.

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

*I've probably said enough on the front page ..... but 'hey ho' as I am reputed to say! Last week I gave a number of things we could do so that we could be more reflective at both a personal and parish/community level during Lent. I won't repeat them (have a look on the website). Instead I want to mention some resources:*

**Stations of the Cross** online from St Edmund at 6.15pm on a Friday and Sunday

**Half-hour reflection** after 7pm Mass on a Wednesday (approx. 7.45-8.15pm)

**Websites for online retreats** (see elsewhere)

**Booklets:** 'Walk with me' (adults): £1; (children): £1; Lent calendar for children: 40p.....at the back of church

**Liturgies** for use at home from the Schools Department (on our webpage)

**The Lent Rosary** ..... contact Catheryn .... see elsewhere.

**We begin with Ash Wednesday** (17th Feb) with 3 Masses: so book via Eventbrite or participate online.

*If online why not **make some ash for yourselves** (hasn't got to be from a palm.....but if you have one then great.....it can be ash from anything); when the priest puts ash on the heads of those at Mass, do the same at home. Don't be embarrassed! Improvise! You/your family are the 'Domestic Church' so live it out! On the parish webpage there is a **history of Ash Wednesday AND a liturgy you can do yourself** if you cannot join us for Mass online. Also why not make an 'ash cross' on a sheet of A4 paper, or smaller (trace a cross with a clear glue stick and then sprinkle ash all over ..... and bingo); maybe put a Scripture quote ('Come back to me' or 'Turn from sin and believe in the Gospel' or 'The Father was filled with compassion and love' or 'Pray Fast Give' or 'Purify my heart'...or choose your own Scripture quote) and put it in your window for all to see (the small one on your fridge for you to see)!! Go for it!!*

*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!*

*Remember, remember..... everything is on the website: [www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk](http://www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk)*

*Thank you for reading this ..... I hope! Have a good week.*  
**Vincent H**

**ONLINE EVENING PRAYER** via Zoom takes place every week at 6pm on Sundays and Wednesdays. To join email Deacon Andy at [aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**ROSARY GROUP** meet online every 2nd Tuesday at 8pm. Next meeting 16 February. Join them on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3050730356>

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES:** 10am & 7pm at St Edmund; 12:15pm at St Joseph: book via Eventbrite OR join online (get your ash ready!)

**ALPHA COURSE** continues Thursdays at 7pm online. Let Father Vincent or Father Ansel know if you would like to join the next course or email the Parish Office [southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### LENT ONLINE RETREATS

1. **'Holy Week Voices of the Holy Land'** - a book of poems and reflections for Lent and Easter. Available from the Friends of the Holy Land for only £9.98 including postage. Go to <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk> OR
2. **'Knowing Jesus' - Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow** From Ash Wednesday, 17 February to the 1st Sunday of Easter, 11 April. All info on website [www.iscglasgow.co.uk/len2021.html](http://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/len2021.html) OR
3. **'Be Drawn to Christ' - Carmelite tradition** 17—24 March. As part of this Retreat there are Guided Session Options via Zoom either individually or in groups; through Zoom for a very affordable fee. Email [ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk](mailto:ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk) for more info and to book. Places are limited. OR
4. **'The Art of Listening' Benedictine tradition** from Belmont Abbey. Mornings 10am to 1pm Wednesdays 24 February, 3, 10, 17 & 24 March. Watch an introductory video at <https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/listening-in-lent>

### FOR INFO:

Mon	VH/ADL off
Tues	CIC meeting: VH
Wed	Scripture lecture online: VH
Thurs	CA Trustees: VH
Fri	Priest Ministry Group: VH

### PLEASE JOIN THE LENTEN ROSARY PRAYER CHAIN

around Southampton by saying a specific decade of the Rosary to contemplate and pray every day, wherever you wish, during Lent.

*Let's surround Southampton with this powerful form of prayer to gain Our Blessed Mother's unfailing protection for ourselves and those around us!*

Contact Catheryn Hulme to be given your specific decade, by e-mail: [catherynhulme1@hotmail.com](mailto:catherynhulme1@hotmail.com) or Mobile 07534 110 228 / landline (023) 8057 1704.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** O God, who willed to provide shepherds for your people, pour out in your Church a spirit of piety and fortitude, to raise up worthy ministers for your altars and make them ardent yet gentle heralds of your Gospel. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: Universal: Violence against women:** For women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**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



### CAFOD - WALK FOR WATER: Everybody is invited to walk for water at 2pm on Saturday 20 February.

Sign up to the walk for water challenge, 10,000 steps a day, for every day in Lent. Please support this great campaign for one of the fundamental needs of every person on the planet; by your prayers, your donations, your walking. To sign up go to website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water> To support **Journey in Faith Team** see: <https://tinyurl.com/wun8jld9> See the 2021 CAFOD Lent Appeal: Lent Appeal 2021 short talk video: Abdella's walk for water | CAFOD - YouTube

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DIY ABORTIONS which the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) are encouraging us to engage with.** Last March, at the start of the pandemic national lockdown, **the Government temporarily allowed women to carry out home abortions on themselves by using two medicines which would be sent to them in the post. The women were not seen beforehand and only seen afterwards if they went on to develop a medical emergency.** The Government is now seeking the views of the public on whether this temporary arrangement should be extended or not. The consultation closes on 26 February. Access at <https://consultations.dhsc.gov.uk/5f624dc5a9019563c2099cda> SPUC have prepared briefing material which can be viewed on their website at <https://spuc.org.uk/>

**SR. EMILIANA SILVA—VERBUM DEI MISSIONARY** based in the community in Southampton invites you to join the Verbum Dei Community for a series of online vocation seminars they are facilitating which aim to give young people tools to discern their vocation:

- o Saturday 20 Feb 10am—4pm: The Call to be Human
  - o Saturday 13 Mar 10am—4pm: The Call to be Christian
  - o Friday 23—Saturday 24 April: States of Life
- For more information email [ukverbumdei@gmail.com](mailto:ukverbumdei@gmail.com)

### ASK YOUR MP TO SUPPORT AN AMENDMENT TO HELP STOP FORCED ABORTION IN XINJIANG, CHINA.

There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions. **Lord Alton is currently championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide.** This would help with putting international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forcing abortions on the Uyghur Muslim community along with the wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against this community. *If you would like to email your MP access the website <https://genocideresponse.org/>*

**POPE FRANCIS AND THE GRAND IMAM SPEAK,** amongst others, including Archbishop Justin Welby at the Zayed Award Ceremony promoting human fraternity. Well worth watching (comment by Vincent H): <https://zayedaward.org>



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all on our prayer list, those in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or affected by the Coronavirus in any way or experiencing extreme poverty within our Parish.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 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	13 FEB	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM	SJ	DR PAUL McDERMOTT RIP (AGED 58) (PM)
SUN	14 FEB	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM	SE	ELLEN & GEORGE PATTERSON RIP, BERNADETTE KERR RIP, TONY PATTERSON RIP, JOHN FREEMAN RIP (F)
			10:30AM	SJ	SARAH KENNEDY-DONNELLY RIP (F)
			**	SE	MAJ. GEN. DAYA NIJESURIYA—70 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS AND ALL BATCH MATES (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM	SE	FRANCISCA DE LAJUSTICIA RIP (MT)
TUES	16 FEB	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10:00AM	SE	ERIC CLARKE RIP (GC & HP)
WED	17 FEB	<b>BEGINNING SEASON OF LENT ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	10:00AM	SE	MARY C HUBBARD'S INTENTIONS (F)
			12:15PM	SJ	FOR HEALING OF THE SICK (THEOS)
			7:00PM	SE	JOHN MORLEY RIP (PR)
THURS	18 FEB	<b>AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	12:15PM	SJ	THE AYLES FAMILY INTENTIONS (LR)
FRI	19 FEB	<b>AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS: JOAQUIM RODRIGUES RIP</b>
			7:00PM	SE	ERLINDA FLORES RIP (4 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY) (AP)
SAT	20 FEB	<b>AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	11:00AM	SE	STEVE STOBART RIP (AS)
			6:15PM	SJ	SIMON RIP, ANULA DAULAGALA RIP, LIONEL CALDERA RIP (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS PONNIAH)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	21 FEB	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9:00AM	SE	THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED (HP)
			10:30AM	SJ	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HASTINGS & MORAN FAMILIES (MM)
			**	SE	KV—THANKSGIVING (MC & EC)
			7:00PM	SE	PHANUEL MENSAH 5 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 2

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**Psalm Response:**

You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can  
see what hope his call holds for us.

**Alleluia!**

### READINGS 21 FEBRUARY 2021

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

1st Reading: Genesis 9: 8—15

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18—22

Gospel: Mark 1: 12—15

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION TODAY  
CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND  
2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION NEXT WEEK  
CATHOLIC HOME CARE**

PARISH INCOME 7.2.2021	DONATIONS & STANDING ORDERS
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,475.89</b>
Donations	625.00
Standing Orders	1,498.71
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18