



18 APRIL 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



**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



FOR HOW LONG DO WE CELEBRATE EASTER SUNDAY?

While Christmas lasts for twelve days, doesn't Easter just finish on Easter Sunday? The Christmas season is 40 days long and finishes with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, and the Easter season lasts for 50 days finishing with the feast of Pentecost. We also celebrate another important feast, the Ascension of the Lord during this time. Both Christmas and Easter are followed by eight days of celebration called the Christmas octave and Easter octave. Every day of these octave celebrations are treated as Christmas day and Easter day itself. The twelve days of Christmas is the period from Christmas day to the feast of Epiphany. Why are these seasons so long? Because the celebrations of these two events, the incarnation and the paschal mystery (the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus), are the most important events in salvation history. God becomes man, God then sacrifices himself on the cross to bring man back into communion with God, and gifts him with the Holy Spirit, to show him the way to eternal life, reversing the effects of the fall suffered by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. These are not just important events, these are personal, important realities in our own life, because they show us just how much God loves us. God who is infinitely higher than us, does not count the height of His Being against us, he becomes one of us and dies for us. This is the greatest example of humility there is.

While the season of Advent is 26 days long this year (1st Sunday of Advent to Christmas Eve), and the season of Lent is 40 days long, the season of Christmas lasts for 40 days, and the season of Easter, as we have already discovered, lasts for 50 days. The seasons of celebration or feasting, are much longer than the seasons of penitence. Is this just coincidence, or, is there a deeper purpose to this? In Catholicism, we fast to feast. In other words, the penitential acts we undertake in the seasons of Advent and Lent, help us prepare and dispose us much better to the feasting we undertake in Christmas and Easter. Why? Because it gives us the opportunity to refocus our lives on God, especially if we are struggling with faith or have found it difficult to make time to pray. Our penitential acts give the Holy Spirit the opportunity to reveal to us those areas of our lives where God would like to bring about change and heal us. By spending more time with God in prayer, the Holy Spirit also has the opportunity to help us delve more deeply into our faith, to experience God's love and mercy in new ways, especially through the incarnation and paschal mystery. So fasting or penitential acts are not the end, feasting is. But to feast well, it is vital the preparations are made or the feast will probably bring much less enjoyment and our understanding will fail to grow. Remember in heaven, we share in the eternal banquet, where there will be no need for fasting or penitence because God would have already brought us to perfection, a perfection that perfectly imitates His image and likeness through the gift of grace. So, the periods of feasting are longer than the periods of penitence, because they give us a foretaste of heaven where we will fast no more. Rather than fast, we will join together with the angels and saints, and praise God for His Goodness.

So again, remember Easter has not finished, it has only just begun! Happy Easter, happy feasting, and enjoy the season.

Father Ansel D'Mello

TODAY 18 APRIL 2021—3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

2021-2022 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE SETS will be available in the porches as soon as they have arrived (expected next week), for those who have chosen to donate in this way.

MASSES ARE BEING STREAMED:

St Edmund streaming link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx08VII2ww0whsj6gLPtcQ>

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 & WEDNESDAY 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION Monday 19 April at 7pm via Zoom for parents who have booked to have their children baptised in the Parish.

FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting 5pm Tuesday 20 April via Zoom.

EST meeting 7pm on Thursday 22 April via Zoom.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4pm—5pm in St Edmund Church only for those who have been booked in.

FOR INFO:

Mon	VH/AD'M off
Tues	Mental Health Network: VH Parish Finance Committee: VH/ADL Independent Advisory Group: VH
Wed	Team meeting: VH/ADM/AP Funeral: VH. Supervision: VH SLT meeting: VH/AP/TQ/AW
Thurs	Richard Rohr Group: VH EST: VH/ADM/AP/TQ
Fri	Housebound visits: VH Ministry Group: VH
Sat	First Confessions: VH/ADM/FHC Team Teams of Our Lady: VH

A few words from Father Vincent

As I am away just a reminder: the challenge! ... 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> and donate!! I hope!!

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! Have a good week.
Vincent H*

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**

THE NEXT ALPHA COURSE ONLINE AT SOUTHAMPTON CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC PARISH BEGINS TUESDAY 11TH MAY AT 7PM VIA ZOOM.

We are running our third online course starting in 4 weeks' time.

Nicky Gumbel (pioneer of the Alpha Course) advocates that Alpha online is here to stay and is one of the most effective ways of making this course accessible for all. Alpha is an opportunity not to be missed. It provides a comprehensive introduction to the Christian faith and answers those questions that we all need to ask:

- **Is there more to life than this?**
- **Who is Jesus?**
- **How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?**
- **How can I make the most of the rest of my life?**

Come and join us and invite friends and family. Register with the Parish Office by email at southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alpha.org

200 CLUB FEES: 2021-22 fees now due for members. Email southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you would like to join. £12pa with a chance of winning 2 prizes per month; all proceeds are for Parish income.



A WALK OF HOPE WITH JESUS

"Then they told their story of what happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of the bread." Luke 24: 35

We welcome you to an online ENCOUNTER to find hope in Jesus as we emerge from the pandemic

The afternoon is organised by the
Verbum Dei family on Saturday 24 April
from 2.30pm to 6.00pm

For more information and to register please
contact us at: verbumdei.soton@gmail.com



RESTORED LIVES

Relationship breakdown can be the hardest experience of a person's life. No one should have to face it on their own.

By joining one of our courses we hope that you will become part of a group where you can feel supported by others who have faced separation or divorce.

Together we explore all the challenges commonly faced when a relationship breaks down, from the emotional struggles to the practical issues.

New course commencing June/July 2021. Speak to or email Fr Vincent, Fr Ansel or Tina Quinn if you would like to register or email southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CLOTHING DONATIONS: Drivers will collect from your doorstep. Fundraising Support Ltd collect for Leukaemia & Myeloma Research. For details and to arrange collection please phone 0800 368 7309 or message: BAGS@LEUKAEMIAMYELOMARESEARCHUK.ORG Your support is much appreciated. Thank you. J Parry Davies.

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.

'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>

CATHOLIC HOME CARE would like to say a big **THANK YOU** for your continued support of their service during the last year. It has been 'touch & go' at times with carers and clients both shielding, but they are seeing a positive upturn and plans are in place to recruit new Carers and increase the number of clients they are **helping to stay in their own homes**. If you would like to support them, either with a regular standing order donation, or a one-off fund raiser, please contact Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce on **023 8017 0498**.

DIY ABORTIONS: At the 1st 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 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 valid concerns over coercion and that the service offered crosses legal boundaries. 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.**



THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

for your generous donations to their Family Fast Day during Lent.

They featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18 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	17 APR	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ RITA BURNETT RIP (IK)
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)
TUES	20 APR	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER	10:00AM SE MAX BACON RIP (F)
WED	21 APR	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER	10:45AM SE REQUIEM MASS: JANET GARGARO RIP 7:00PM SE JANET GARGARO RIP (JG)
THURS	22 APR	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER	12:15PM SJ DECEASED LA SAINTE UNION SISTERS WHO TAUGHT AT ST ANNE'S SCHOOL (MR)
FRI	23 APR	ST GEORGE	7:00PM SE ANULA DAWLAGALA (RIP IN USA), SANATH PUWAKOWITA (RIP 5.1.21), PATRICIA HUMPERDINCK (ENGELBERT'S WIFE) (RIP 7.2.21), PUSHPA, SUKI & HILDA RIP—MAY ALL THOSE LOVELY SOULS REST IN PEACE (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)
SAT	24 APR	OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTER	11:00AM SE SALVADOR RODRIGUES RIP (BIRTHDAY ANNIV.) (BA) 6:15PM SJ TONY MADDEN RIP (PR) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	25 APR	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM SE JOAQUIM RODRIGUES RIP (AR) 10:30AM SJ DOROTHY COUGHLIN—WELLBEING & HEALING (PP) ** ** RAPHAEL M—BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS, COLLETTE C (RIP), SUJUTA D (HEALING)—(ANUSHKA PONNIAH) 7:00PM SE ANGELA & CHRISTINA—SPECIAL INTENTIONS (TM)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 3

18 APRIL 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm Response:

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make your hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

READING 25 APRIL 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 4: 8—12

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1—2

Gospel: John 10: 11—18

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

CATHOLIC HOME CARE

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

CLERGY TRAINING FUND

PARISH INCOME 11.4.2021	DONATIONS & STANDING ORDERS	2ND—CHURCH MAINTENANCE
Totals	£2,280.89	£122.50
Donations	410.00	10.00
Standing Orders	1,518.71	90.00
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18	22.50