

**19TH SEPTEMBER  
2021**

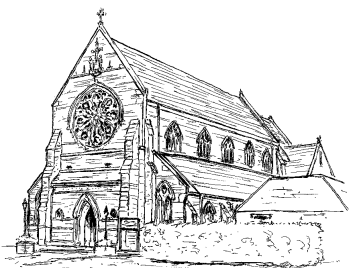
**25TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**



**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



## The Power of Powerlessness

This Sunday's readings focus on 'power': We could ask ourselves the questions: what is power? why do people seek it? and for what gain? Sadly, as the letter from James so succinctly describes, the struggle for power often causes disharmony, jealousy, infighting and division. Many of us will have experienced this in our work places, families or communities. The root cause is often tied up with feelings of inadequacy, incompetence, low self esteem. What may appear to be powerful from the outside is often powerless.

Jesus was aware that as He was walking with His disciples through Galilee they were competing amongst each other as to who was the greatest. To seek power is to focus on the 'I' the middle letter of sin. In one of the first scriptural accounts in salvation history our father Adam falls into that trap. The serpent tempts him with the words 'if you eat of the tree of knowledge which God has forbidden you will become greater than God Himself'. Adam was striving for power. Every time we focus on ourselves it is likely that we are putting down another.

There are numerous examples of reverse power, in other words humility, which are there to guide us. Our Holy Father is called the servant of the servants of God; and Pope Francis did not refer to himself when he was appointed one as the chosen one or anything special, he simply said and recognised that he was a sinner. The Benedictines in their rule or life do not have a hierarchy of experience or rank. The most senior in the community is the monk or brother who joined first. If a Bishop or academic or a dignitary applied to join the monastery they would take their place according to the day that they entered. The seventh chapter of the rule of St Benedict instructs us how to reach the greatest height of humility 'we must erect the ladder which appeared to Jacob in his dream by means of which angels were shown to him ascending and descending ..we descend by pride and ascend by humility. The erected ladder is our life in this present world, which if the heart is humble, is by the Lord lifted up to Heaven. The body and soul are the two sides of the ladder and into these sides the divine calling has inserted various degrees of humiliate discipline which we must mount'. Wise counsel.

Ronald Rolheiser describes different types of power: military power, muscle power, psychological power. He asks us to imagine four persons in a room: a powerful dictator (brutal power), a gifted athlete (physical prowess), a rock star (soulful energy), a newborn baby laying in a crib (powerless power). And yet, it is the baby that will touch us, and transform a room and hearts by his or her helplessness and dependence.

Jesus was that helpless baby who died powerless hanging on a cross who has manifested power that has changed and is continuing to change millions of hearts and lives.

As Jesus was trying to teach His disciples a lesson in humility He took a child in His arms and said 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me'.

I have just returned from a week's holiday with my family: four generations with ages ranging from 7 months to 90 years of age. Every family member had stories to tell, achievements to share but the person who was the main focus of the week was 7 month old Tabitha who captured hearts and overpowered us by her dependence, innocence and vulnerability.

We have so much to learn in our complex lives and world where we strive to achieve and be noticed. 'Everyone that exalts himself shall be humbled and everyone who humbled himself will be exalted!' (Luke 14:11).

# TODAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO FATHER EMMANUEL

for helping out again this week. Fr Emmanuel is kindly offering the Masses during the week to allow Parishioners our regular weekly Masses.

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

## MASSES ARE BEING STREAMED AS USUAL

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Please book on Eventbrite.

**Masks are encouraged to be worn.**

**ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT:** Just to let you know, the attendance is to be counted at every Mass for the next 4 weeks for national statistical purposes.

**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** 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.

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## 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.

**JINGLING BELLS 2021 for NHS.** This year is different. You are invited to write a Christmas card and enclose a little surprise (a drawing, poem, sweet, tiny gift). Next, we need a post box. After Jangling Bells, we will deliver your cards to our local hospital staff to show our appreciation.



### 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?

## 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).

## 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" he said.

Anyone interested but unsure how to go about doing so please get in contact with the Parish Office.

## 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.*

## 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 Holy Hour becomes like an oxygen tank to revive the breath of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the foul and fetid atmosphere of the world"*

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

## RIGHT TO LIFE UK



We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognize the many blessings that motherhood brings.

**Lord hear us.**

We pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Paes, beloved husband of Juliana, and father to Hazel and Gracie.

**May Joseph be granted eternal rest oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.**

We pray for his family members during this difficult time.



**Help needed to support Afghan evacuees:** The government is asking UK local authorities to help evacuees, many of whom have been working for the British Armed Forces, to resettle in the UK. So, they are now looking for homes in which families can be housed and start to build a new life in Southampton.

Earlier this week, the Leader of Southampton City Council, made a call to private landlords in the city who may have affordable three or four-bedroom family homes available to rent, and would like to help, to get in touch.

They have set up a [special email address](#) for interested landlords to contact them. And for any members of the public who would like to show their support, cash donations (instead clothes or other items please) are being accepted via the [City Life Church Southampton](#) and [Southampton Action](#) JustGiving pages.

## CLIMATE ZOOM

Starting on Friday October 1st we will be holding a seven-week online course, via zoom, on Friday evenings 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. 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](mailto:office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk)



**FR JOHN PROMISE IKENNA UMEOZURU,**  
**BA.Hons, B.Phil, B.STh, B.Tec, MBA.**

I am Fr Johnpromise Ikenna Umeozuru, originally from Nigeria but a citizen of Great Britain presently. Born on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1982 in Aba town

Nigeria, and into the family of Mr Marcel and Mrs Elizabeth Umeozuru of Umuchu village in Anambra State, Nigeria. I have five other siblings: four brothers and one sister.

I felt the call to the priesthood at the age of 7 through the exemplary life of my then parish priest in Nigeria – late Mgr Raph Nwosu. I entered the minor seminary when I was 11 years old and after 19 years of seminary formation, the amiable Bishop Philip Egan ordained me a priest on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2019. My long stint in the seminary led to my graduating with a B.A Hons in Philosophy from University of Ibadan Nigeria, a B.Phil and B.STh respectively from Pontifical Urban University Rome, a B.Tec from International School of Business Studies London and an MBA from Cardiff Metropolitan University Wales. Before joining the diocese of Portsmouth, I worked full time as a deputy manager in a residential care home in London, and part time as a qualified Assessor/Tutor within the Health and Social Care Sector in England. My hobbies include: gyming, jogging, running, singing, cooking, movies, meditation, long walks, travelling, reading, and writing, arts, making friends and critical thinking.

I am here to serve you all. It is a delight to work under the learned and wise Mgr Canon Vincent Harvey; he is a rare jewel in our diocese and my boss. I am here to work under him, for him and with him. I look forward to meeting you all as time goes on. Pray for me that my ministry among you will be faithful and fruitful.

**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, Buntly 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 19 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	18 SEP	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM 7:00PM	SJ SE	HELENA PECZENENKO RIP (EP) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	19 SEP	<b>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	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)
TUE	21 SEP	<b>ST MATTHEW</b>	10:00AM	SE	PERSONAL INTENTIONS OF JANA ROJKOVA
WED	22 SEP	<b>25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:00PM	SE	PAT LEONARD RIP AND FAMILY (UM)
THURS	23 SEP	<b>ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA</b>	12:15PM	SJ	JENNIFER SMITH AND FAMILY WELLBEING (PP)
FRI	24 SEP	<b>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM</b>	7:00PM	SE	PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS (HH)
SAT	25 SEP	<b>OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b>	11:00AM 6:15PM 7:00PM	SE SJ SE	BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO MICHAEL & ISOBELLA MORAN, GURMEET KAUR ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY & ALL BIRTHDAYS (ANUSHKA PONNIAH) KATHLEEN PELLOW RIP (B&PH) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	26 SEP	<b>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM 10:30AM 7:00PM	SE SJ SE	JOAQUIM RODRIGUES RIP (JR) MADELEINE WARBURG RIP (F) KITTY CUMMINS RIP (F)

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

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**Psalm Response:**

The Lord upholds my life.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
 anyone who follows me will have the light of  
 life.  
**Alleluia!**

### READINGS 26 SEPTEMBER 2021 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading:	Numbers 11: 25-29
Second Reading:	James 5: 1-6
Gospel:	Mark 9: 38-43. 45. 47-48

### 2ND COLLECTION TODAY

Home Mission Sunday

### 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CATHOLIC CARE

PARISH INCOME 12.9.2021	Donations & Standing Orders
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,970.83</b>
Donations	690.83
Standing Orders	1,730.00
Gift Aid Rebate	550.00

### CONFESSIONS:

**11:30am Saturdays at St Edmund's Church**  
*"The Lord never tires of forgiveness. It is we who tire of asking for His forgiveness. Let us ask for the grace not to tire of asking forgiveness, because He never tires of forgiving"*

Pope Francis