



**22ND AUGUST
2021**

**21ST 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



It may be hard, but it is truth

To be frank, this week's Gospel is not easy. For the past five weeks we have had Jesus' the Bread of Life Discourse, - well yes we did interrupt with last Sunday's Feast of the Assumption -, and now we reach the discourse's zenith. Up to this point Jesus has been addressing crowds who followed Him because they wanted more bread. Their motivation is understandable, bread was the staple food then just as it was here but a few decades ago.

So when Jesus gives them bread to eat, the crowds want to make Him a king because they think He is conducting Himself like a king. But then many of those who were called followers of Jesus cannot accept what Jesus says about Him giving them His own flesh to eat and blood to drink so that they might have eternal life.

It is perhaps all too easy to pretend that Jesus did not say what He said, or did not mean what He said. For many, there is the temptation to reduce the mystery of the Eucharist to a manageable size; to reassure ourselves that of course Jesus doesn't really offer us His flesh to eat and His blood to drink; of course Jesus isn't really saying that the sacramental sharing in His life and death are the means by which we enter into the eternal life of God, but these hard words of Jesus are, as St Peter says, 'the message of eternal life'. Hopefully, we can say with Peter that 'we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God'.

It doesn't matter that we cannot comprehend the mystery of the Eucharist; all will become clear in due time. It does matter that we accept the reality of the invitation offered to us.

When the crowds and the would-be followers had gone, only a few remained and at the foot of the cross there will be yet even fewer. But today there are twelve, and the first time that John has spoken of the Twelve. As we know, it is the Twelve who will preach the crucified Christ. They will preach Christ as He is, not as we might want Him to be. To whom else, after all, shall we go?

Dcn Andy

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

1. Who is Jesus for you? Do you 'know' Him as the "Holy One of God" (Gospel)?
2. "Choose today whom you wish to serve" Joshua says (1st reading). When have you had to make choices 'for' God or 'against' God? Why? What did you do?
3. We are invited to 'give way to Christ' (2nd reading). Do you? How? When?

Vincent Harvey

**TODAY 22 AUGUST 2021
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THANK YOU TO CANON NICHOLAS FRANCE for again helping out at Masses at 6.15pm and 10.30am Masses.

WELCOME ALSO TO FATHER NORBERT FERNANDES who is visiting family in the City and will preside at the 9am Mass.

EVENING PRAYER 6pm to join email Dcn Andy.

COLLECTION No second collection today.

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 MASSES: Do not turn up without booking on Eventbrite as you may be denied entry (there may be space but you are taking a risk!). Masks are encouraged to be worn.

TAKE HOME AN ENVELOPE for Father Ansel's collection.

THIS WEEK

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

FOR INFO:

Mon VH off

Tues Christian Meditation Group: VH

Wed Team meeting: AP/VH

Faith Covenant meeting: VH

Thurs Funeral: VH

CIC meeting: VH

FHC meeting: VH/AP and Team

Fri Wedding: VH

GENERAL ITEMS

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR AUGUST:

EVANGELISATION: for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



ADORATION

Adoration has once more commenced on weekdays at St Edmund's Church.

We are welcoming new Adorers 10am—5pm. Perhaps this week you could examine your schedules to see

if you could spare an hour to wait with the Lord?

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

"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament! Are you in trouble? Come and throw yourself at his feet."

Saint John Vianney

A few words from Father Vincent Anne Wheeler, as you will see elsewhere, was awarded a 'Diocesan Medal' by Bishop Philip for her dedicated and faithful role as Parish Secretary over 13 years. Congratulations Anne, richly deserved.

Anna Smyllie has taken up the reigns as Parish Secretary. We welcome her into this busy and key role.

I hope you have managed to look at the Parish 'Post-Covid Survey' on the website: The full version (25 slides) or the short version (12 slides).. Have a look at the survey. What does it say to you? What insights does it give you? If the survey conveys something you think is essential for us to 'note', 'pick up' or 'pursue' do let me know.

Church Opening Working Group are opening our churches up a little more without risking safety. We have opened up almost every pew, must still limit numbers so please do book in via Eventbrite for Sunday Masses only. With the pews open and limited numbers we hope people will feel safe. I encourage you to wear masks for the sake of others (unless you have a health issue). We can hum/sing under our masks (if we can remember the hymns!!). Altar Servers, Readers (rotas being organised), Mass Co-ordinators, Welcomers etc.: If you are willing to pick up these ministries please do contact me or the Parish Office.

Have a good weekend and thank you for reading this.

Vincent H

LOURDES 2021: The Catholic Association (to which Father Vincent is a Trustee) are having a 'virtual' pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday, 20th – Saturday 28th August. **If you wish to join in some of the events** then connect www.ca-bepartofthemiracle.co.uk See you there!!!!!!

For those who usually go on the Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes we are having a Mass in **St Edmund on Saturday, 28th August @11am**. All are welcome. Bring a packed lunch; tea/coffee will be available. **Confessions on the 28th are cancelled.**

'EDEN' MOBILITY SCOOTER (purchased in 2019) is looking for a new home; free of charge! If you need a mobility scooter, or know someone who does, then contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

JACKET AND WATERPROOF left in St Joseph's Foyer. We have brought it to the Presbytery. If it belongs to you let us know!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ERICA BURDEN who was 'Received into Full Communion' and 'Confirmed' at last Friday's evening Mass.

Please continue to pray for Erica as her journey in faith with the Church takes her deeper into the life of God in Christ.

Anne Wheeler: as we mentioned last week we had a 'farewell afternoon tea' for Anne to say thank you for her 13 years as Parish Secretary.



Anne's skills, together with her strong personal faith, has been a great support to me (Vincent H), both professionally and personally. Also clergy and lay people, at Diocesan and Deanery level, have benefited from her experience, skills, knowledge and advice. On top of this many newly ordained priests based here in City Centre Parish, have relied on her for support, advice and encouragement; in many cases this has continued after their departure. Anne has carried the 'burden/responsibility' of being Parish Secretary/Parish Administrator with a sense of humour and deep faith. This was evident by all who were in contact with her.

The Parish Team (volunteers and employed) presented Anne with gifts together with many cards from parishioners. Anne was also awarded, and presented with, the **Diocesan Medal** for outstanding work and witness of faith! Well-deserved Anne!

Anne: prayers for a happy, enjoyable and relaxed retirement for many years to come.

Vincent Harvey



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

CAFOD RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE EMERGENCIES ACROSS THE WORLD

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.



MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Saturday 4 September in London. Contact via email info@marchforlife.co.uk or call Isabel 07773 501 721 or Ben 07885 505 116 or visit the website:

marchforlife.co.uk

[#NumberOneIssue](https://twitter.com/NumberOneIssue)

PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN As several people have enquired this week I just thought I would clarify that the Parish Office is now open again to Parishioners. We ask that you wear a mask and sanitise your hands upon entering, and try to social distance while inside.

The new hours are **9.30am—5.30pm** with the office closing 1-2pm for lunch.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Audrey Edgar, Bic Evans (op. recovery), Catherine Clements, Paul Davies, Bosco Andrade, Lesley Bywater, Mike Greaves, Peggy Bell, 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, Christopher Browne, Clifford Brown, Maureen C, Cath Gardiner, 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, 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 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 22 AUGUST 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	21 AUG	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	SJ	JAN ROJKO RIP (RJ)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	22 AUG	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	PETER EDWARDS RIP (F)
			10:30AM	SJ	EVELYN MAY PRISK RIP (EB & DB)
			**	**	MYRA ANDRADE, ROMEO & MARIA, MASCARENAS & GOANS, AUBREY FERNANDEZ, BILL BURKE, VISAKKA D, LALITHA L, & ALL THOSE DIED RIP (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)
			7:00PM	SE	IKA UVANOVICH RIP (ZU)
TUE	24 AUG	ST BARTHOLOMEW	10:00AM	SE	THANKSGIVING ON DAUGHTER CLARE'S 50TH BIRTHDAY (HP)
WED	25 AUG	ST LOUIS IX	7:00PM	SE	FAUSTINA NANZIRI RIP (3RD ANNIVERSARY) (AK)
THURS	26 AUG	BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI	12:15PM	SJ	PERSONAL INTENTIONS (RJ)
FRI	27 AUG	ST MONICA	7:00PM	SE	PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS (HH)
SAT	28 AUG	ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO	11:00AM	SE	HENDRY AROKIASAMY RIP, MAY ANTOINETTE RIP, LINDA GIDDINGS RIP (AH)
		VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	SJ	ANNE WHEELER—THANKSGIVING (TQ & EQ)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	29 AUG	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM	SE	GERRY CROFTS 70TH BIRTHDAY— GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (HP)
			10:30AM	SJ	CHARLES KUITENBROUWER RIP (IK)
			7:00PM	SE	IMELDA & DON 36TH ANNIVERSARY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (IW)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

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Psalm Response:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
 you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

READINGS 29 AUGUST 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

Second Reading: James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

No 2ND COLLECTION TODAY

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

CATHOLIC CARE

PARISH INCOME 8.8.2021	Donations & Standing Orders
Totals	£2,480.14
Donations	200.14
Standing Orders	1,730.00
Gift Aid Rebate	550.00

CONFESSIONS:

11:30am Saturdays
 at St Edmund Church