

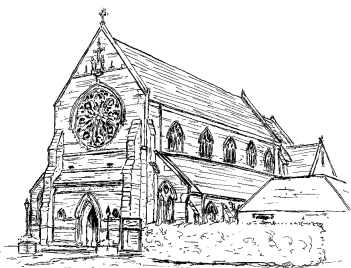
**24TH JANUARY 2021**  
**THIRD SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME**



**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



## WHY DO WE LOVE OTHERS?

Writing in the online magazine supplement, *Psychology Today*, Berit Brogaard explores reasons why people fall in love. Quoting from several studies, some of the reasons that Brogaard says people fall in love is because they hold similar beliefs or personality traits, they hold desirable characteristics such as physical appearance or again personality traits, and reciprocal liking (when a person is attracted or likes you, that increases your own liking of them). In his book, 'The Mystery of Predestination' (p.8), John Salza explaining St Thomas Aquinas on the concept of predilection (the special graces that God disposes on the elect to bring about good in them and others), says, "We choose to love because of the goodness we see in others. However, God chooses who to love because of the goodness His love creates in others." In other words, God's love is dependent not on how good we are or the attractive traits He sees in us as Brogaard describes, but He loves us to bring about the good in us. The more we acknowledge and receive this love, the more His goodness will shine in and through us. In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "the Kingdom of God is near at hand. Repent and believe the Good News" (Mark 1:15.) When Jesus says these words, He does not say this to condemn and instil fear in us. His words, help us discover whatever is preventing the goodness of God continuing to grow in us, so that it may be removed and we can continue to flourish. In the book of Ezekiel, God says, "Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord God, and not rather that they should turn from their ways and live?" (18:23.) God wants us to repent, so that we may find new life and freedom from sin, and reflect His goodness.

In the Gospel of Matthew, speaking on the top of the mountainside, Jesus says, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?" (5:43—46). I'm sure that for all us, we probably know at least one person who we at times find difficult to love or even tolerate. It may be due to annoying habit, it may be due to cultural or even generational differences, and perhaps the most dividing factor in recent times, political differences. Regardless of the differences we share, God still calls us to love each other. Following John Salza's reflection, God wants us to love others, even when we disagree, to bring about good in them, and perhaps they will bring about good in us. If we separate ourselves from those who disagree with us, we may only see the differences we associate with them, rather than seeing them as a whole person who has much more to offer; such as their personality, a person who is family member or a friend, a person who has different hobbies and interests etc., and most importantly, a person who is created in the image and likeness of God. It is this characteristic that is most important and defines us all. By choosing to engage with others, they will hopefully see these characteristics in us too. Despite all I have said, the words come to mind, "easier said than done." Prayer, patience with self and other, and perseverance are key.

Of course, it may not always be prudent to engage with others when irreparable damage has occurred such as abusive relationships. Here, because of the trauma or the risk of problems re-occurring, this may not be wise. But maybe when we have had the opportunity to process these painful memories, maybe when healing occurs, we could follow Jesus words given on the mountainside and ask him to give us the grace to pray for those who have hurt us, that He may bring about good in them too.

Wishing you a joyful weekend,

*Father Ansel*

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. "Repent, and believe the Good News" Jesus says in the Gospel. What must you repent of to live more fully the Good News? What is the Good News for you?
2. "Up" God says to Jonah in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, "preach as I told you to". What do you think God wants you to 'preach'? Who to? Yourself? Your family? Your friends? Who?
3. "The world as we know it is passing away" Paul tells the people of Corinth in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. That is certainly true today with world events and the pandemic. How does this 'passing away' change / affect you?

*Vincent Harvey*

**TODAY 24TH JANUARY 2021**

**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** when we pray for the unity of Christendom and for our fellow Christians, especially in the City. Listen / Watch this weekend's 'Vodcast' on the website.

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:** Pope Francis has dedicated this Sunday every year as a day to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. He has chosen this particular Sunday as a fitting part of that time of year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and pray for Christian Unity. Maybe a day to read the whole gospel of Mark?

**2ND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR OUR CATHEDRAL:** Appeal envelopes are available at all masses for those who do not have gift-aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. *This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family.* Due to the lockdown and restrictions being imposed on many people travelling, a 'Give as you Live' page has also been created to enable you to donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal> Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support your cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

**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 during this heightened time of the pandemic. **Please phone or email in.**

**THIS WEEK**

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

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

**RICHARD ROHR GROUP** meet virtually at 4:30pm via Zoom on Thursday 28 January.

**ALPHA COURSE** continues Thursdays at 7pm via ZOOM. 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)

**LITURGY GROUP MEETING** online at 7pm on Friday 29 January via Zoom

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

*The vaccine roll-out for COVID-19 is racking up. I know many who have now had the first injection and waiting for the next one; there are some over 80s still waiting, and some over 70s who can't wait ..... including me! If you are offered the vaccine I strongly recommend that you accept it. The more of us vaccinated against the coronavirus the better for the population at large, let alone ourselves. It also means we might get back to some form of normality! Nevertheless I still think we are in for a long journey, though the worst, God willing, is behind us!*

*Thank you to all those who are volunteering to keep the churches open. We will only keep them open if we are confident that we are providing a safe space where people can find solace, support and spiritual nourishment. Remember you can login online to participate in Masses:*

St Edmund streaming: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx08VII2ww0whsj6gLPptcQ>

St Joseph streaming <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUxGYYxAgmPBgKbk2ufciVw>

*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 to those working off their own back for others in whatever way: individually or part of a group.*

*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*

**FOR INFO:**

Mon VH/ADL off

Tues Study Day (Zoom): VH  
City of Culture Zoom: VH  
IAG via Zoom: VH  
St George Govs: VH

Wed Supervision: VH  
SLT: VH

Holocaust Memorial: VH

Fri Priest Ministry Group: VH

**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

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JANUARY: Evangelisation: Human Fraternity**—That the Lord will give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Responding  
to the prompt



## Responding to the prompt (of the Holy Spirit)

A Portsmouth Diocese Meeting  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 10am to 1pm on Zoom

An online event, organised by a team working with Father Mark Hogan. It is an opportunity to inspire and to hear from others about how we, as Church in Portsmouth, have responded—or how we might respond—in practical ways, to the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 19). **Register at [www.tinyurl.com/6th-feb-21](http://www.tinyurl.com/6th-feb-21) to receive the Zoom link.**

Opening with prayer led by Fr Kelvin from Boars Hill Carmel near Oxford. Fr Mike Schmitz will challenge and inspire us, in a video, to respond to the spirit just as the apostles did at Pentecost. In breakout rooms we will share how we think we might respond to Jesus' commission, or share what has already worked, or could work. Others will give short introductions on their approach to Mission.

### ONLINE DIOCESAN READERS WORKSHOP

All readers in the Parish are encouraged to sign up for the Diocesan workshop. If you currently read or are interested in reading at Mass this is an excellent resource and a great opportunity to meet other readers from the diocese. **If you register could you please let Father Vincent or Father Ansel know as there will be some local training in addition to this workshop.**

**Workshop 1:** *Introduction to the Liturgy. Reading the Word with clarity and conviction; Group work.* Takes place Saturday 6 February 2021 from 10am to 1pm. To register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocOivqD0uH90q4WbujyUIAVI9aOff6nHx>

**Workshop 2:** *Introduction to the Bible. Understanding the reading. Preparing a reading, with group work.* Takes place on Saturday 13 February 2021 from 10am to 1pm. To register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdeiuqDgtGtGp8nhAF651zA-dB-xB31lg>

° One to one Practice time to be arranged. Commissioning, with award of **Diocesan Recognitio**.

° Each workshop lasts 3 hours.

° You need to attend both workshops for diocesan certification, as well as a one-to-one practice.

**SOUTHAMPTON HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE MEMORIAL DAY Online Event 26 January 2021 at 6pm:** The Memorial Day is dedicated to the remembrance of victims who were persecuted as a result of genocide and discusses the discriminatory issues which society faces today. This year, the theme is **'Be the Light in the Darkness'**.

The event will take place online via **Zoom, on Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 6pm.** The event is free, but registration is required. Please note that the event will be recorded.

The Mayor of Southampton, Councillor Sue Blatchford, will open the evening, together with the University of Southampton Vice-President for Education Prof. Alex Neil, the Pro Vice-Chancellor of Solent University Nona McDuff OBE, and Dr. Claire Le Foll, Director of the Parkes Institute. The evening will feature a **testimony by holocaust survivor Henry Schachter OBE**, followed by a questions and answers session, and a performance by students from Solent University of scenes from **the play Kindertransport** by Diane Samuels.

Registration provides access to the Parkes Institute Holocaust Memorial Day online exhibition, which includes responses from local sixth form students.

For registration click here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/southampton-holocaust-and-genocide-memorial-day-tickets-129014029435>

For more information click here: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/parkes/news/events/2021/01/01-southampton-holocaust-and-genocide-memorial-day.page>

(Note that the event is being held one day prior to the official Holocaust Memorial Day, to allow our audience to attend both national and local events).

### PRIMARY CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP

- Are you thinking about a rewarding career in teaching?
- Would you like to train in a Catholic ethos of education?
- Primary Catholic Partnership is a SCITT (School-Based Initial Teacher Training) and has been training teachers for nearly 20 years.

They work with schools to offer training places across the Portsmouth Diocese, including Portsmouth, Southampton, Bournemouth and Basingstoke.

An online Primary Catholic Partnership Information Session can give you the opportunity to learn all you need to know about teacher training and how to apply. Browse on the following link to learn more [www.pcp-scitt.org.uk/home/teacher-training-information-events/](http://www.pcp-scitt.org.uk/home/teacher-training-information-events/)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** John Berridge, Indu Dissanayake, Princy Bradley, 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, Pat O'Neill, Marcus Boulton-Smith, Jean Mooney, Bobby Murphy, Jackie Galbraith, Joan Forbes, Doris Leggett, John O'Reilly, Bill Eastman, Shane Wing, Kathryn Morley, NW, Maureen Lee, Roy Reeves, Joachim Rodrigues, 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 and all on our prayer list and those in the parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or affected by the Coronavirus in any way.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 24 JANUARY 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	23 JAN	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM	SJ	MARGARET MANSER RIP (MB)
SUN	24 JAN	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM	SE	THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED (HP)
			10:30AM	SJ	JEAN WARD RIP (IK)
			*	SE	MERVYN BROWN, LALIN K, LUCKY DISSANAYAKE, MARIA MORAN—BIRTHDAYS, GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALING & WELLBEING (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
			7:00PM	SE	FRANCISCA DE LAJUSTICIA RIP (MB)
TUES	26 JAN	<b>ST TIMOTHY &amp; ST TITUS</b>	10:00AM	SE	PJ PHELAN RIP (GC & HP)
WED	27 JAN	<b>ST ANGELA MERICI</b>	7:00PM	SE	PHILIP CONWAY RIP (F)
THURS	28 JAN	<b>ST THOMAS AQUINAS</b>	12:15PM	SJ	FRANCISCA DE LAJUSTICIA RIP (MT)
FRI	29 JAN	<b>3RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:00PM	SE	PAST & PRESENT CLARKE & CUMMINS FAMILIES (F)
SAT	30 JAN	<b>OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b>	11:00AM	SE	KAREN NUGENT RIP (HP)
			6:15PM	SJ	SINEAD McNALLY RIP (BM)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	31 JAN	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM	SE	GEORGE & PADDY (KATHLEEN) CHANDLER RIP (F)
			10:30AM	SJ	VINCE STOBART RIP (MB & AS)
			7:00PM	SE	FRANCISCA DE LAJUSTICIA RIP (MT)

**STELLA MARIS DEANERY PARISHES—(PRE COVID MASS TIMES—DO CHECK ON THE WEBSITES AS TO WHETHER PARISHES ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES):** 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

#### 24 JANUARY 2021 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Psalm Response:

Lord, make me know your ways.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is close at hand;  
believe the Good News.

**Alleluia!**

#### READINGS 31 JANUARY 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15—20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 32—35

Gospel: Mark 1: 21—28

#### 2ND COLLECTION TODAY

**CATHEDRAL**

#### 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK 31.1.2021 CATHOLIC HOME CARE

PARISH INCOME 17.1.2021	DONATIONS & STANDING ORDERS	2ND CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND	PRIESTS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,150.89</b>	<b>£129.75</b>	<b>£6,228.15</b>
Donations	300.00	16.00	4,896.15
Standing Orders	1,498.71	91.00	533.50
Gift Aid	352.18	22.75	798.50