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- 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



MOMENTS OF GRACE FOR US AND FOR OTHERS

The Transfiguration account in our Gospel reading today is also an epiphany moment; an unusual sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something, an intuitive grasp of reality through something (such as an event) usually simple and striking, an illuminating discovery, realisation, or disclosure. This is the second time in the Gospel of Mark where the voice of God claims Jesus as God's Son. The first was at His Baptism when the Spirit descended on Him in bodily form 'You are my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.'

The disciples wanted to capture this moment, this peak experience; they did not want it to go away.

The presence of Elijah and Moses at the Transfiguration also indicates for Peter, James and John that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was prophesied.

The story of Isaac and Abraham in the first reading prefigures the crucifixion. The one to be sacrificed carries the wood on which he is to die and becomes the victim. God willed that many things should be said by the prophets, His servants, and to be listened to by His people. How much greater are these experiences when the very Word of God who spoke through the prophets is now with us in person. We are enlightened by the light of grace with the Lord to precede and direct us.

These moments of revelation/transfiguration are all of grace. Grace in which we can see the hand of God working.

Pope Francis (1) writes in his most recent book 'Let us Dream' that "*this (Pandemic) crisis we are now in gives us an opportunity to be carried to a new tomorrow, a time of reparation for unresolved debts and broken relationships, a time for regeneration; for the earth to bounce back, for the poor to find fresh hope and for people to find their souls again*". The Holy Father appeals to us: "*This is the grace available to us now, light in the midst of our tribulation. Let us not throw it away*".

There are also many grace filled moments/opportunities available to us all. For some it may have been a conversion experience, or a coming to faith; for others it may be through Alpha, Journey in Faith, Restored Lives (see Newsletter); for others the face of a loved one/patient as they die in peace; where individuals become overwhelmed with the presence and love of God and that promise of being beloved.

For some that recognition that through pondering the scriptures there is so much still to learn and that we are part of Salvation history. We will not be gathering in person for our traditional Passover meal this year but there will be an opportunity to explore the Jewish roots of Holy Week with others in a study group (see Newsletter).

The challenge for each one of us is not only to recognise those moments of revelation but to be transformed/transfigured by them. As Christians our ultimate goal is to be Christ-like; to reflect the glory of Christ in all our interactions. But we can only do this if we pursue and recognise the presence of Christ in our own lives in order that we can be the presence of Christ to others.

Tina Quinn

(1) 2020. Pope Francis. *Let us Dream*. Simon and Schuster UK LTD

Thoughts for the week ➔

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

1. In today's Gospel the voice from the cloud (God) said "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him". In what way is Jesus 'The Beloved' for you? Do you 'listen' to Him? How? When? Where?
2. The Book of Genesis (1st reading) says that "God put Abraham to the test". Do you think God 'tests' you? How? When? Maybe more importantly, Why?
3. "With God on our side who can be against us?" St Paul writes (2nd reading). Is God on your side? If He is, does that mean He is not on other people's side? Whose side is God on?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

ALL KNEEL FOR PENITENTIAL RITE (if able to): even at home!!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS STREAMED from St Edmund at 6:15pm online.

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.**

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.

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>

THIS WEEK

ONLINE EVENING PRAYER online every Sunday at **5:30pm**. To join email Deacon Andy at aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS online at **6:15pm** on Sundays during Lent from St Edmund.

ROSARY GROUP meet online **every Tuesday at 8pm during Lent** (2, 9, 16, and 23 March. Zoom Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3050730356>

EVENING PRAYER Wednesday at **6pm** and **Holy 'Half-hour'** after 7pm Mass (approx. **7:35pm**). To join email Deacon Andy at aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

A few words from Father Vincent

Well I am trying to keep up the Lenten spiritual agenda I have set myself. So far I am managing the 6am start so as to spend more time in quiet prayer (or dozing!); I am breaking the day into 6 periods of prayer (short, but because they are short they are manageable). Ten days into Lent and I am still praying 'The Annunciation' phew Mind you pride before a fall they say!! How are you managing? Have you set a spiritual agenda? Are you managing it? Don't worry if you are struggling; to a certain extent that can mean growth. If you haven't started there is still time to implement something which can benefit you, those close to you and the faith and wider community.

The Prime Minister has now mapped the 'way out of lockdown'. It will be slow; but because it is slow it may, hopefully, become permanent. The way out of lockdown must also include our 'way into' an active participation in the community aspect of our faith. There will still be restrictions, but we can begin to map our community spiritual path a little more certain. What steps do you think you need to take as an individual? What steps do you think you need to take as part of the Parish Community? Take them! Or at least begin!

Don't forget Lent resources:

Stations of the Cross online from St Edmund at 6.15pm on a Friday and Sunday. Also *Stations of the Cross during a Time of Pandemic* written by Father Sean Tobin are available on the *Parish Website*.

Half-hour reflection after 7pm Mass on a Wednesday (approx. 7.40pm-8.10pm)
Websites for online retreats (see elsewhere)
Liturgies for use at home from the Schools Department (on our webpage)

The Lent Rosary contact Catheryn see elsewhere

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

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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS online on Fridays at **6:15pm** during Lent from St Edmund.

LITURGY GROUP meet on Friday 5 March 2021 online.



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

Online Ecumenical Service taking part on Friday 5th March at 11am being hosted by Velmore Church.

E-mail jamie.broadey@gmail.com if you wish to receive the link to join the group.

FOR INFO:

Mon VH/AD'M off
Tues Safeguarding Meeting: VH
Divine Renovation meeting: VH
Divine Renovation meeting: TQ/AW/AP/VH
Ecumenical Meditation Group: VH
SCOF: VH
Wed Annual Safeguarding training: VH
Deanery Clergy Meeting: VH/ADL/AP
Thurs Reading Camino Zoom: VH
Fri Love Southampton Reference Group: VH
Priest Ministry Group: VH

TWO HUNDRED CLUB FEES DUE FOR 2021/2022 for all members. *If you wish to join this Parish fund raising group it's £12pa with a chance of winning a cash prize every month*, please contact the Parish Office. The group raise much needed income for the parish.

LENT 2021

THE JOY OF HOPE—online CaFÉ course during Lent

- Morning Course which is starting at **11am** on Monday 1st March (and following three Mondays 8, 15 & 22) **OR**
- Evening Course which is starting at **7:30pm** Tuesday March 2nd (and following 3 Tuesdays 9, 16 & 23).

An inspirational, uplifting and practical insight into how to live joyfully in the hope of eternal life. Each session runs for 90 minutes. ****To book call 023 8033 3589 or email southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**

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 or Mobile 07534 110 228 / landline (023) 8057 1704.

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. *'The Art of Listening' Benedictine tradition* from Belmont Abbey. Mornings 10am to 1pm Wednesdays 3, 10, 17 & 24 March. Watch an introductory video at <https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/listening-in-lent>

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH:

Evangelisation: that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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 Father Vincent, Father Ansel or Tina Quinn if you would like to register.*

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.

SINCERE AND GRATEFUL THANKS from Anushka and Francis Ponniah for all prayers, gifts, cards and help with shopping received over the past few months.

THANK YOU to Tina Quinn for her support and help, it is very much appreciated (from Erica Burden).

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES

Subscription—see website www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call 0161 820 5722 to arrange to email or post it to you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Yasmin, Mark Evans, Pat Alborough, Jen Bridges, 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, 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, Jeanette 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 experiencing extreme poverty.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 28 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	27 FEB	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ JOHN FOLEY RIP
SUN	28 FEB	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED (HP) 10:30AM SJ JEAN PRESTON RIP (IK) 7:00PM SE BELLA FERNANDES RIP (YE)
TUES	2 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	10:00AM SE FRANCISCA DE LAJUSTICIA RIP (MT)
WED	3 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	7:00PM SE KENNETH BURDEN RIP (EB)
THURS	4 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	12:15PM SJ PATRICIA LIVETT—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (F)
FRI	5 MAR	OF THE 2ND WEEK OF LENT	7:00PM SE ANTHONY AXTON RIP (DP)
SAT	6 MAR	OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT	11:00AM SE AUXANO FOUNDATION—VINEYARD OF HOPE SHELTER PROJECT (LI) 6:15PM SJ JAMES & GABRIELLE HALL RIP (F) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	7 MAR	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE ANTHONY AXTON RIP (HP & GC) 10:30AM SJ MOYRA CLEARINKIN RIP (3RD ANNIVERSARY) (CC) 7:00PM SE AUXANO FOUNDATION—VINEYARD OF HOPE SHELTER PROJECT (LI)

STELLA MARIS DEANERY PARISHES—MASS TIMES 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 2

28 FEBRUARY 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Psalm Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

READINGS 7 MARCH 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1—17
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 22—25
Gospel: John 2: 13—25

2ND COLLECTION TODAY CAFOD LENT FAST DAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

PARISH INCOME 21.2.2021	DONATIONS & STANDING ORDERS	2ND - CATHOLIC HOME CARE
Totals	£1,895.89	£129.50
Donations	25.00	—
Standing Orders	1,518.71	127.50
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18	2.00