

**3RD OCTOBER
2021**

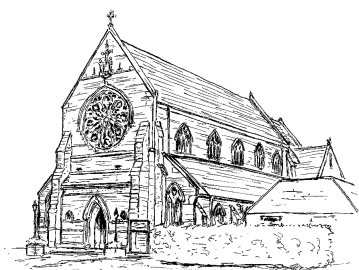
**27TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**



**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



Everyday decisions and deciding every day

Let me begin by inviting you to cast your mind back to the most recent wedding you attended. Everything seems to have been organised and orchestrated to make the celebration so special, so striking, that it is beyond the ordinary. The bride and her groom adorn themselves in special clothes, so special they will be worn on that day only. Their family, friends, guests all follow suit and wear their 'Sunday' best. They too just like the church are adorned with flowers, whilst music is played to compliment and accentuate the splendour.

What's more, the bride and her groom sit in an especially designated place, most likely nowadays to be where the presiding priest sits during Mass, because they, the bride and groom are the ministers of their own sacrament. Everything in and about the Nuptial Celebration summons joy and emotion beyond the ordinary.

The discernment and commitment made on entering into marriage, is the same for every other path in our lives and is something that we should go back to time and time again. This continual discernment of the route we take and how we conduct ourselves with others is part of what signifies people as disciples of Jesus. Easy for the deacon to write that you may be thinking, its achievement is harder. Here are just two thoughts, because you will have many more.

Try to act in a loving way. Whilst emotion will influence behaviour, behaviour can and will change emotion. Acting lovingly is contagious to both ourselves and others. A second suggestion is to pray. The great and first commandment of Jesus is to love, and therefore He must and will be our source of help to love. Prayer takes us out of the current, the now, the immediate, to a quieter place with God. We remove ourselves from what may be leading us away from love, to the very source of love. Offering our exasperations to God so that they may be lifted away from us, removes the risk or temptation to share those exasperations with each other.

Dcn Andy

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

In this Gospel, the Pharisees and the disciples question Jesus about divorce. He answers, "whoever divorces... is guilty of adultery". But He also reminds them about Moses permitting "husbands to write bill of divorce...". What might these two ideas say to the Church today?

The Gospel passage speaks to us of "the truths that Jesus gives us, which are full truths, given by God, the Father...". It also shows us "the way," that is, "the way in which Jesus acts before sinners: with forgiveness, leaving the door open"...

Jesus "recalling Moses, tells us that there is hardness of heart, there is sin". But you can do something: forgiveness, understanding, accompaniment, integration, the discernment of these cases...

We must walk with these two things that Jesus teaches us: truth and understanding. ... And this cannot be resolved like a mathematical equation, but "with flesh itself: that is to say, as a Christian I help that person, I help those marriages that are facing difficulty, that are wounded, on their path to approaching God".

Pope Francis, 'God is not an equation' (May 20, 2016)

Adapted: Vincent Harvey

TODAY 3RD OCTOBER 2021

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ALPHA PRAYER pick up a 'Prayer Card' and write on it the names of three people you would like to pray for in terms of faith/Alpha. Take it home and pray for them daily! Also take home an Alpha 'invitation' card! **Alpha 'talk'** at the end of all Masses.

REINSTATEMENT OF ALL OUR SUNDAY MASSES to pre-COVID timings: 6.15pm (Sat) & 10am at St Joseph's; 9am, 11am & 7pm at St Edmund's.

SANITISING OF HANDS ON ENTRY to the churches continues and we strongly recommend wearing **face masks** (unless not possible for health reasons).

RETURN CAFOD ENVELOPES from Family Fast Day.

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

CATHSOC invitation after the 7pm Mass to meet up with new and returning students.

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

FOR INFO

Mon Day Off: VH/JP

Tues Chapter Meeting & Mass: VH
Clergy Deanery Meeting: VH/JP/AP

Wed Team meeting: VH/JP/AP

Thurs Diocesan Inter-Religious Meeting: VH

Fri Jesu Caritas: VH
Clergy Ministry Group: VH

Sat Baptism: VH

ONLINE EVENING PRAYER MONDAYS (join the Baptism Preparation team) 6.30pm and **WEDNESDAYS** at 6pm; email Deacon Andy.

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ADORATION Friday 1st of October marks the date Adoration began in St Edmund's in 1992. How lovely it is to say our Parish continues to be dedicated to spending time with Our Lord in such an intimate way.



"Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete"

Pope John Paul II

A few words from Father Vincent... *This weekend we have restored the 11am Mass at St Edmund's and so have returned to our previous schedule: 6.15pm (Sat) & 10am at St Joseph's; 9am, 11am & 7pm at St Edmund. No need to book to participate at any Mass. I ask you still to sanitise your hands on entry, respect others' personal space, and wear face masks if possible.*

Please see the items about **Alpha, COP 26**, and climate change and some of the activities we can get involved in; also note the item on **First Holy Communion**.

As we get back to some form of normality a lot of challenges face us in terms of where we are in the practice and living out of our faith; how we reach out to those who may have, and still are, struggling with faith; also those whose faith, and the expression of it, has changed.

We need to also be alert to the needs of those around us: those we know and don't know; this includes those whose low income creates major issues, and refugees who are being housed in the City.

If you have ideas/or initiatives in any of these areas let us know so that we can look at a response (let Tina Quinn, Chair of EST, or Fr Johnpromise or me know).

We need to re-establish our Altar Servers, Mass Co-ordinators, Welcomers etc.: If you are willing to pick up these ministries please do contact me or the Parish Office. Thank you to the Readers who have come forward. We now have a full rota.

Have a good weekend and thank you for reading this.

Vincent H

GENERAL ITEMS

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:

Evangelisation: Missionary Disciples That every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

RECEIVING THE PROPHETS AS CHRISTIANS AND JEWS TODAY

Isaiah, Jeremiah, and other prophetic books are familiar to many Christians as lectionary texts in the season of Advent, which begins in November. How are these texts interpreted within Judaism? What are the possibilities and pitfalls for Christian preaching in Advent? How can the prophets speak in synagogue contexts today?

Monday 25th Oct 2021 6pm-7:15pm (Zoom) <https://bit.ly/3nlpVib>

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 are Wednesday evenings 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.**



Alpha is starting again! Our next Parish Alpha course starts on Tuesday October 26th and will run for 12 weeks online with one or two opportunities to meet face to face. If you haven't experienced Alpha, now is the time to sign up. An amazing opportunity to ask those big questions:

- Is there more to life than this?
- What is the purpose of it all
- Wondering what is next?



If you have already attended then why not invite someone else. Everyone is welcome. **To sign up**, contact the parish office or register on alpha.org

COP 26 is on the horizon (31st October to 12th November) This is what is happening locally:

Laudato si'/Green Living Course : started October 1st: details on Parish website and in newsletter.

Climate Change Sunday: 24th October

Pulpit swap: Father Vincent is preaching in Avenue St Andrew's at 11am and Rev Sarah Hall preaching at 7pm Mass in St Edmund's.

Litter picking at 12.30pm. A joint activity with Avenue St Andrew's. Gather outside St Edmund's Church to litter pick in the Bedford Place area. Hi-Viz jackets and litter pickers will be provided. We will be looking for 10 volunteers...

Banners will be displayed at both churches.

Recycling Bins: From this weekend there will be recycling buckets at the back of both churches for: Blister packs, plastic milk bottle tops, coloured bottle tops, and stamps and postcards. Please do read the poster of the notice board about recycling in Southampton.

Lobby your MP. You will find a template letter on the Parish website, with bullet points and suggestions of those to target. Please send a letter to your MP to raise their awareness.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

1) **Wednesday 13th October 12pm** - Prayer walk around RSH site led by Fr Philomeno. Meet at RSH vigil site on Brinton's Terrace. We will walk on the public roads that circle the hospital, stopping at entry points to pray.

2) **Friday 29th October 7pm** - Candlelit Vigil at vigil site on Brinton's Terrace to close the vigil down. Fr Philomeno will lead prayers.

Quaker Burial Ground: everyone is warmly invited to visit the Quaker Burial Ground on The Avenue, (corner of Brighton Road). The burial ground was established in 1662 and is of historical and local interest.

The Open Day on Saturday 9th October 2021, 10am - 4pm. All welcome.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL to keep up to date with the vigil please join the 40 days for life group follow the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/choose.life.southampton>).

PLEASE PRAY FOR Margaret Hicks, Joe and Maureen Lee, Marissa Tellegen, Dolores Smyllie, Zeljko Uvanovic and all in the Parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022 During November we will be inviting registration for First Holy Communion preparation. Children must be 8-9 years old (e.g.: Year 4 at school) or above. They should be parishioners who come to Mass at St Joseph or St Edmund (6.15pm, 9, 10, 11am or 7pm).



Registration will take place after the 9am, 10am and 11am on Sundays the 7th, 14th, 21st or 28th November. You must register in person.

If you have already approached the Parish Office you must still come to one of these registration mornings. These days/times are the official registration.

AFGHANISTAN AND CAFOD CAFOD is fundraising to help in the disaster unfolding in Afghanistan. To find out more:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Afghanistan-crisis-appeal>

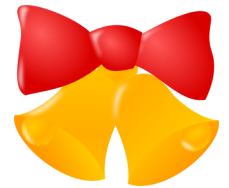


A HUGE HUGE THANK YOU to all our Stewards who have been instrumental in opening up our churches again!! It is with great joy this weekend that the Stewards have stepped down!

We also express a thank you to the Welcomers coming back to their roles now the Stewards have stepped down.

JINGLING BELLS

Sunday 12 December 2021 1500h Carols in St Edmund's church followed by Christmas tea in hall. Fancy dress encouraged! Bring a card for NHS staff + something yummy for tea.



Everyone welcome.

Enquiries: Jenepher via Parish office.

ROTARY SHOEBOX APPEAL is back again (being cancelled last year due to the Pandemic!). The appeal is for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova, Romania and Philippines. Take home a shoebox AND a leaflet. The leaflet is essential as it gives instructions of the items being sought for 1-3 yr olds, 4-7 yr olds etc. We have to follow the instructions as certain items cannot be sent. How to wrap + £1.50 towards transportation all explained. **Please collect today: shoebox + leaflet.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann O'Neill who died recently.

May she be granted eternal rest oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.



CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

FOCUS have resumed their prayer, music and Adoration on Wednesdays 6pm—7pm as of last week. This is such a lovely way to involve Catholic students within our church, please do come along!

STUDENTS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

A parishioner is looking for a lodger. Central Southampton, close to St Edmund's.

Please contact the Parish Office for details.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 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	2 OCT	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM 7:00PM	SJ SE	TONY MADDEN RIP 80TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY (MM) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	3 OCT	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM 10:00AM 11:00AM 7:00PM	SE SJ SE SE	JOAQUIM RODRIGUES RIP (CM) JOHN ALFRED CURD RIP (MC) PATRICIA POLLARD RIP—1 MONTH ANNIVERSARY (MC) GOD'S BLESSING ON MARISSA & REINOLD TELLEGEN, FRANK & ANGELA CAPOCCI, TERESA AND JAN ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)
TUE	5 OCT	ST FAUSTINA KOWALSKA	10:00AM	SE	JEAN RICKMAN RIP (F)
WED	6 OCT	ST BRUNO	7:00PM	SE	MARY TAYLOR RIP (EB)
THURS	7 OCT	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	12:15PM	SJ	RECZKA OSIPACZ—GOD'S BLESSINGS (BM)
FRI	8 OCT	27TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM	SE	BARBARA SUSAN WAAS RIP-1ST ANNIVERSARY (SW)
SAT	9 OCT	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN VIGIL MASS	11:00AM 6:15PM 7:00PM	SE SJ SE	ISAAC ONABAJO'S INTENTIONS KATE GRIFFITHS RIP (PM) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	10 OCT	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM 10:00AM 11:00AM 7:00PM	SE SJ SE SE	LAWRENCE RODRIGUES RIP (CM) BILL BURKE RIP (MB) BENEDICT ROZARIO RIP—1ST ANNIVERSARY (PAG) LJUDEVIT RALOSH RIP (ZU)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 3

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Psalm Response:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

READINGS 10th OCTOBER 2021 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading:	Wisdom 7: 7-11
Second Reading:	Hebrews 4: 12-13
Gospel:	Mark 10: 17-30

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

CAFOD HARVEST

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

PARISH INCOME 26.9.2021	Donations & Standing Orders
Totals	£3,093.47
Donations	813.47
Standing Orders	1,730.00
Gift Aid Rebate	550.00

CONFESSIONS: 11:30am Saturdays at St Edmund's Church
"My daughter, just as you prepare in My presence, so also you make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyse what sort of a priest it is that I am making use of; open your soul in confession as you would to Me, and I will fill it with My light" St. Faustina (1725)