

**30TH MAY 2021**

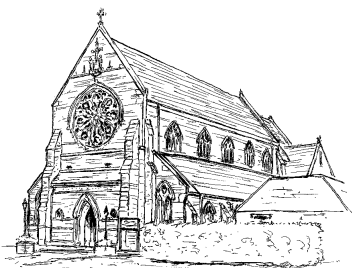
**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**



**ST JOSEPH'S &  
ST EDMUND'S  
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**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 SIMPLICITY OF GOD IN A COMPLEX DOCTRINE**

G.K. Chesterton can always be relied upon for a solid, interesting and accessible read. A sentence of his that has been quoted often comes from his book on St Thomas Aquinas, and I find it helpful on The Most Holy Trinity Sunday. Chesterton wrote; ‘a lady I knew picked up a book of selections from St. Thomas, with a commentary; and began hopefully to read a section with the innocent heading, The Simplicity of God. She then laid the book down with a sigh and said: “Well, if that’s His simplicity, I wonder what His complexity is like.”’

I lack the wit and the space here to explore the doctrine of divine simplicity beyond acknowledging that it points to the utter unity of God, who draws us together into the harmony of His being. God is without parts and is a love which is completely one. The doctrine of the Trinity does not undermine the simplicity of God, because there’s nothing more simple nor stronger than people united in love. The unity of God is a perfect communion of people, where love has no beginning nor end and is a presence persisting across all time.

Today Matthew presents us with the risen Christ instructing us and commissioning us. This is not an invitation where Jesus says “would you mind” but He says “Go, therefore” and make all people followers of His. We are directed to go and take the good news to all. How might we do that? Well, sharing the complexities and intricacies of the Holy Trinity doctrine may not always be the easiest starting point. Telling people that God loves them is a profound truth, but may not in itself convince. Seeing is believing after all.

We have to lead lives that convey the worthiness of our faith. We have to show others to stand up for justice, to cry out on behalf of the dispossessed whoever they are and wherever they are, to give succour to the weak, to feed and clothe the hungry, to comfort those in distress. Then we might find that people come to us asking for baptism.

*Dcn Andy Philpott*

**THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK**

1. What do you think Pope Francis means when he says that the Trinity is wholly at the service of the world, which He wishes to save and re-create? *“The Trinity is.... Love, wholly at the service of the world, which He wishes to save and re-create ... And it would be beautiful if we felt that we were loved. God loves me!”* [Angelus June 7, 2020](#)

2. Does the Holy Spirit draw us into the same dynamism of the Trinity which is love, mutual service and sharing? Could people drawn into this dynamism help re-create the world? How? Could you?

*(Adapted from Anne Osdieck by Vincent Harvey)*

## **TODAY 30 MAY 2021—THE HOLY TRINITY**

**UNIVERSITY MASS** at 4:30pm in St Edmund Church presided over by Father Benjamin Theobald.

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

**2021-2022 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE SETS** are available in the porches for parishioners who have chosen to donate in this way.

### **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 (there 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.

### **Important notes re Public Mass:**

- Please, please do let us know if you decide not to come after booking ... too many people are booking and not turning up! That is not fair on others who are desperate to come along!
- A lot of people are turning up without booking: so far we have managed to squeeze them in but be aware that this may not always be possible and you could be turned away!

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED** to casual visitors. Please phone or email in.

### **NEXT WEEKEND:**

**CORPUS CHRISTI** Feast Day next Sunday 6 June 2021.

### **THIS WEEK**

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY** 31 May 2021. Parish Office day off.

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

**ALPHA COURSE** continues from 7pm—8pm on Tuesdays via Zoom.

**ADORATION WITH FOCUS YOUTH TEAM** from 6pm to 7pm on Wednesdays at St Edmund Church.

### **FOR INFO:**

Mon VH off.

Tues Christian Meditation: VH  
Southampton Council of Faiths: VH

Wed Team meeting: VH/AP  
FHC meeting: VH/AP/RB/LS  
Deanery Clergy Meeting: VH/AP  
Divine Renovation Webinar  
Adoration for Uni Students 6-6.45pm led by the FOCUS missionaries

Thurs Bamenda Committee: VH

Fri Housebound visits: VH  
Ministry Group: VH

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

*I hope you have a good 'extended' weekend and enjoy the Bank Holiday. With a bit of luck the weather will be better also!*

*As you know from last week's Newsletter Supplement, Father Ansel is away for much needed rest to try to recuperate and regain his strength. We are not sure how long but it will be a substantial amount of time. Pray for him. To get away from work he will not be accessing/replying to emails. Pray also for his father who underwent heart surgery last weekend.*

*As lockdown eases it is good to see more people coming along to Mass in the week and the weekends. But! There is a caveat! Please do book via Eventbrite. It might be laborious but the other day more than half of those at Mass had not booked! Thankfully the booked numbers were low, but in the end there were 35 at Mass! Lovely to see, but I fear disappointment if you do not book. Also if you do book please turn up! Most weekends now there are 6-10 people who book and then don't turn up. This is unfair to others and also puts pressure on the Stewards: do they admit those who have not booked and take a risk! Please be responsible!*

*With lockdown easing we may be able to increase the numbers at Mass; but we will not know this until the 21<sup>st</sup> June, or close to. So be patient. We take advice and monitor Government and Bishops' Conference advice.*

*We are moving into a better place, but still 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. I am now doing a 'Lateral Flow Test' twice a week. Are you? Keep safe! Be safe!*

*Thank you for reading this ..... Vincent H*

### **NEXT WEEK**

**RESTORED LIVES:** commences at 7pm on Monday 7 June (for 6 weeks until Monday 12 July 2021) online via Zoom. 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. **Email the Parish Office [southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) if you would like to register.**

### **200 HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS—MAY 2021**

|           |     |               |
|-----------|-----|---------------|
| 1st prize | £20 | David Parnell |
| 2nd Prize | £10 | Cecily Head   |

## POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JUNE: *Evangelisation:*

**The beauty of marriage ...** That young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community may grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

### COVID 19—A VERY CHALLENGING TIME FOR MANY MARRIAGES.

So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart?

*Retrouvaille* is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage .... and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about *Retrouvaille*, or to register for the next programme, **a virtual weekend commencing on 1–4 July 2021** Call or text +44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443 or email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) See their website at: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### WORLD PRIEST ANNUAL GLOBAL ROSARY RELAY for the Sanctification of Priests 7pm Friday 11 June 2021.

**Mysteries: Sorrowful.** Website: [www.worldpriest.com](http://www.worldpriest.com) email: [info.worldpriest@gmail.com](mailto:info.worldpriest@gmail.com) (see noticeboards)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** meeting with Clergy online via Zoom on Saturday 12 June.

**MASS AND CONFESSIONS** 11am Saturday 12 June at St Edmund **have been cancelled.**

**SAFE SPACES (FROM SAFEGUARDING)** Safe Spaces is a free, national support service independently run by Victim Support. It provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England or the Catholic Church of England and Wales.

**FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP:** 16<sup>th</sup>—20<sup>th</sup> August. This year a different venue. See via the link <https://mailchi.mp/12d1f6063275/quarantine-quarterly>

**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.

**HOUSEBOUND? UNABLE TO GET TO MASS?** There may be many reasons you are not able to come to Mass for the foreseeable future. If you wish to receive Holy Communion at home call or email the Parish Office or one of the priests.

## UPDATE



Firstly, huge 'thanks' to our team of carers; they worked tirelessly through the restrictions of the COVID shutdowns putting their vulnerable clients needs first! And many thanks to those who have continued to support us financially, despite not being able to attend Mass in person, with monthly cash collection almost zero. We have received donations - in memory of friends & loved ones, general donations and new standing order commitments. We are so very grateful to you all, and it's not too late if you wish to support the home care service with a cashless donation each month (see details below). We can now claim Gift Aid, please let us know if we are able to add this to your donations.

It has been a very trying year; with carers shielding, clients to cover, clients apprehensive about visits, and last minute changes – all sent to try us! We are now moving into more settled times with both carers and clients double jabbed, and **Hands, Face & Space** part of our 'new normal'.

It's time to rebuild, with new carers in the team and a client promotion ready to go – we want to increase our client base and move forward once more. **If you know of anyone over 65 years in need of domestic support, shopping or sitting service, please pass on our contact details.**

Please remember us in your prayers.

For more info, call Anne or Marina on 023 8017 0498 (Mon – Fri). **Bank details: Catholic Home Care; Sort Code 30-93-04; Account No. 00903338.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Myra & Bosco Andrade, Tony Porter, Lesley Bywater, Erica Burden, Mike Greaves, Peggy Bell, Yasmin, 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, 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, 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, Janette 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 are experiencing extreme poverty.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 30 MAY 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   | 29 MAY | <b>OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b>                            | 11:00AM | SE | IN MEMORY OF TONY O'DONNELL—A WONDERFUL HUSBAND, A MUCH LOVED FATHER & GRANDFATHER—ALWAYS REMEMBERED & PRAYED FOR (AO'D) |
|       |        |  | 6:15PM  | SJ | THOMAS FERNANDES RIP (PF)  |
|       |        |  | 7:00PM  | SE | MASS IN POLISH   |
| SUN   | 30 MAY | <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>                           | 9:00AM  | SE | ANUSHKA'S 70TH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (OFFICE)  |
|       |        |  | 10:30AM | SJ | ANGELA & FRANK CAPOCCI—50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (AC)                                      |
|       |        |  | **      | ** | MARY B, PAM O, ADRIENNE H—BIRTHDAYS—THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA)   |
|       |        |  | 7:00PM  | SE | THERESA BEALES RIP   |
| TUES  | 1 JUNE | <b>ST JUSTIN</b>                                       | 10:00AM | SE | PEOPLE OF THE PARISH   |
| WED   | 2 JUNE | <b>SS MARCELLINUS &amp; PETER</b>                      | 7:00PM  | SE | PRIVATE INTENTIONS (JR)  |
| THURS | 3 JUNE | <b>9TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                       | 12:15PM | SJ | ALICE BREEN RIP (PP)   |
| FRI   | 4 JUNE | <b>9TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                       | 7:00PM  | SE | THERESA BEALES RIP   |
| SAT   | 5 JUNE | <b>ST BONIFACE</b>                                     | 11:00AM | SE | PRINCY BECK RIP (MB)   |
|       |        |  | 6:15PM  | SJ | SOULS IN PURGATORY   |
| SUN   | 6 JUNE | <b>CORPUS CHRISTI (THE BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST)</b> | 9:00AM  | SE | JOAQUIM RODRIGUES RIP (JOY & STEWART HOLLAND)  |
|       |        |  | 10:30AM | SJ | SANTOSH SEQUEIRA RIP (1ST ANNIVERSARY) (NS)  |
|       |        |  | **      | ** | CLAIRE WASTALL'S 4TH & ADRIANO PHILIPS 7TH BIRTHDAYS—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (AP)                                 |
|       |        |  | 7:00PM  | SE | THERESA BEALES RIP   |

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 St George College 023 8032 2603

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

#### READINGS 6 JUNE 2021

#### THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

First Reading: Exodus 24: 3—8  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 9: 11—15  
 Gospel: Mark 14: 12—16, 22—26

#### 30 MAY 2021—THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

##### Psalm Response:

*Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

##### Gospel Acclamation:

##### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

##### **Alleluia!**

#### NO 2ND COLLECTION TODAY

#### 2ND COLLECTION 6 JUNE 2021 CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

| PARISH INCOME<br>23.5.2021 | DONATIONS &<br>STANDING ORDERS | 2ND CATHOLIC<br>HOME CARE |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Totals</b>              | <b>£2,385.09</b>               | <b>£180.00</b>            |
| Donations                  | 514.20                         | —                         |
| Standing Orders            | 1,518.71                       | 144.00                    |
| Gift Aid Rebate            | 352.18                         | 36.00                     |

### CONFESSIONS:

**11:30am Saturdays at St Edmund Church**