

31ST JANUARY 2021

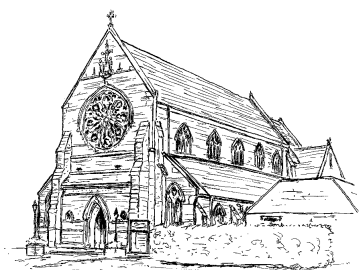
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**ST JOSEPH'S &
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CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC
PARISH SOUTHAMPTON**
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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



AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

In today's Gospel Jesus not only teaches and ministers with authority but demonstrates how He has been invested with the power of the Holy Spirit at His baptism which enables Him to act with the authority of God Himself.

Jesus meets a man possessed with an unclean spirit, a demon, and commands the spirit to leave the man. There is a clear distinction between the divine power and that which needs to be cast out. Throughout His ministry Jesus stays committed to using His power for good; He liberates those who are bound up, heals the broken hearted and cures the sick.

St Paul speaks in his letter to the Corinthians of those things that can distract us from serving Christ in all its fullness.

The readings this Sunday have prompted me to look at my inner demons, my shadow self, those hurts that I cannot or have not removed, and my lack of trust in forgiveness.

In our Richard Rohr group a few weeks ago we were encouraged to look at 'our inner myths'; those attitudes which blind us to the reality of what is imbedded in human history and experience and has left us deluded by our own time and culture. Rohr cites examples of slavery and sexism. In this week's Tablet the editorial reports on the mother and baby scandal in Ireland. The Church and the Irish people have come to the realisation that we cannot defend what was done to our ancestors by our ancestors. There needs to be a change from attitudes driven by society and culture to those which are true to the teachings of Jesus Christ, namely compassion and tolerance.

Rohr goes on to suggest that transformation requires 'metanoia', an utter turnaround, seeing with a new mind and changing us as individuals. This is not of our own doing but from grace, an utterly unknown gift that comes from God himself.

This week we celebrated the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul and again Rohr would suggest that it is through these 'Damascus Road' experiences that we can enter into a new unimaginable world. St Paul reminds us that "it is in our weakness that we are strong".

The cross calls each one of us to a mystery of transformation, whether we need healing from past hurts, the strength to face and renounce our inner demons or the destruction of our inner myths.

St Bernard of Clairvaux in a sermon on the Song of Songs reminds us that there is no sin so deadly that it cannot be pardoned by the death of Christ. 'The piercing nail of the cross has become a key to unlock the door and see the good will of the Lord'.

The man in today's reading was possessed and had no authority over his body or spirit, he was not in charge of his own life. On the cross, none of us are in charge, none of us are in control, but God is. That same man met Jesus face to face and His authority transformed him.

We have been given the gift of that authority through the ministry of the church and our priests in the sacrament of reconciliation. Each one of us has the opportunity to face our shadow selves and to trust in the love and patience of a God who will heal, forgive and transform.

In the words of the well-known hymn: 'Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven!'

Tina Quinn

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. Pope Francis said the following about prophets, in an America Magazine interview led by Antonio Spadaro, SJ:

"Being prophets may sometimes imply making waves. I do not know how to put it. ... Prophecy makes noise, uproar, some say 'a mess.' But in reality, the charism of religious people is like yeast: prophecy announces the spirit of the Gospel". ["A Big Heart Open to God"](#) America Magazine, Sept. 30, 2013 (Section: A Religious Order Pope)

Can you think of people who have caused an "uproar" or made "a mess" announcing the spirit of the Gospel in our time? Who are they? Today, who is "making noise" about racial bias? Climate change?

2. Does God raise ordinary people from our midst to become prophets? Is there a cause for which you might become a prophet?

Anne Osdieck (Sunday Liturgy Website)

TODAY 31st JANUARY 2021

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RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. This year's theme is 'A Time to Act'. Racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally in 2020 generating awareness, emotion and outrage. To find out more visit the English & Welsh Bishops' Conference site: [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (cbcew.org.uk))

CHRISTMAS CRIBS: this weekend is the last opportunity to pray at the Cribs and to donate to 'The Friends of the Holy Land'. If you have not had the opportunity to donate please feel free to put a donation in an envelope and leave in the Parish Office or the Presbytery.



BAPTISMS: We welcome into our worshipping community:

Ryan Munroe, son of Stephen & Chidinma, and

Anson Vales, son of Socor and Airina, who are being baptised at St Edmund on Sunday at 12:30m and 2pm respectively.

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.**



RECENTLY DIED: **Richard Guazzaroni**, late of Middle Road, Park Gate. Funeral Service being held at 1pm on Friday 12 February 2021 at the Wessex Vale Crematorium. *May Richard rest in peace; please keep his family in your prayers.*

Derrick Austin, late of Sholing. Requiem Mass 11:30am Tuesday 23 February 2021 in St Edmund Church followed by committal at Southampton Crematorium. *May Derrick rest in peace; please keep his family in your prayers.*

Please pray for the repose of Pat O'Neill who died on the 21 January. Pat had been admitted to the General Hospital. We pray also for his wife, Ann, and the family. Funeral arrangements will be announced (though limited attendance due to lockdown). *May Pat rest in peace.*

A few words from Father Vincent

I hope you have had a good week and are able to have a relaxed, carefree, weekend!

It's been a week of online meetings (at least 11 if not more.....nothing though compared to many, including our teachers); included in them was a study day on the Prophet Isaiah led by Father Jeremy Corley, Scripture Lecturer in Maynooth, Ireland (Fr J is a priest of our Diocese). It was a fascinating talk/lecture paralleling the exile and return of the Chosen People with our current situation. When they were in exile in Babylon they had no access to the Temple (in Jerusalem), so no place to gather to pray as a community and to worship God. They had to be 'inventive'! When they did return the Temple had been destroyed so, again, they were 'spiritually homeless'. During all this time Isaiah tells them God is with them; God is not limited to a building; God is where they are whether 'in exile' or 'at home' in the Promised Land!

Familiar? God is with them no matter where they are! They had to be 'inventive'! A message/example for us?

Remember you can book to come and participate in Mass, or watch online (see elsewhere). Thanks to the ongoing support of our volunteer stewards.

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

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

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

ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meet online every 2nd Tuesday at 8pm. They meet this coming Tuesday 2 February. Join them on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89191754027>

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

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE Tuesday after which the cribs are dismantled!

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

THANK YOU: To **Julie Jack** for the £100 donation for church maintenance from the sale of cards at St Joseph. From **Erica Burden** for prayers for her father, Kenneth, who died during lockdown and for Erica and the family.

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.

Responding to the prompt (of the Holy Spirit): A Portsmouth Diocese Meeting Saturday 6th 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 to receive the Zoom link.**

FOR INFO:

Mon VH/ADL off
Tues Divine Renovation: VH/ADM/TQ/AW
SCOF: VH
Wed Clergy Team Meeting: VH/ADM/AP (online!)
Scripture study with Sion Centre: VH
Deanery Clergy meeting online
Thurs IAG meeting: VH
Fri Priest Ministry Group: VH

LENT ONLINE RETREATS:

- 'Knowing Jesus' - Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow**
From Ash Wednesday, 17 February to the 1st Sunday of Easter, 11 April. All info on website www.iscglasgow.co.uk/lent2021.html OR
- 'Be Drawn to Christ' - Carmelite tradition** 17—24 March.
As part of this Retreat there are Guided Session Options via Zoom either individually or in groups; through Zoom for a very affordable fee. Email ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk for more info and to book. Places are limited. OR
- 'The Art of Listening' Benedictine tradition** from Belmont Abbey. Mornings 10am to 1pm Wednesdays 24 February, 3, 10, 17 & 24 March. Watch an introductory video at <https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/listening-in-lent>

COLLECTIONS: ongoing income is, as we know, vital. This can be done:

- ° **Online**.... already mentioned, but as a reminder: accessible via the Parish Website

JINGLING BELLS

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS in Southampton: 2Saints Day Centre, 30 Cranbury Avenue Southampton, SO14 GLT. Sleeping bags and dry foodstuff/toiletries much appreciated and clothing to Southampton City Mission. Tel: 023 8055 0435 for details. Many thanks for your generosity. Jenepher.



CAFOD - WALK FOR WATER: Sign up to the walk for water challenge, 10,000 steps a day, for every day in Lent. *Why not join together with your parish group and see how many steps you can do as a team?*

Journey in Faith Group are signed up. Please support this great campaign for one of the fundamental needs of every person on the planet; by your prayers, your donations, your walking. To sign up go to website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water>
To support Journey in Faith see website: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/southampton-journey-in-faiths-walk-for-water> Everybody is invited to walk for water at 2pm on Saturday 20 February.

RIGHT TO LIFE: Ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on FETAL PAIN:

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. *Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion*

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: Sat 6 Feb 2021 from 10am to 1pm. To register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocOivqD0uH90q4WbujyUIAVI9aOff6nHx>

Workshop 2: Sat 13 Feb 2021 from 10am to 1pm. To register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdeiuqDgtGtGp8nhAF651zA-dB-xB31lg>

- ° Each workshop lasts 3 hours and is very well presented.
- ° You need to attend both workshops for diocesan certification, as well as a one-to-one practice.

If you would like to attend please register and let Father Vincent or Father Ansel know.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Jen Bridges (stroke recovery), 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 31 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	30 JAN	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM SJ SINEAD McNALLY RIP (BM)
SUN	31 JAN	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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)
TUES	2 FEB	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	10:00AM SE ERIC CLARKE RIP (MC)
WED	3 FEB	ST BLAISE	7:00PM SE THEO FERNANDES RIP (1ST ANNIVERSARY) (YE)
THURS	4 FEB	4TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	12:15PM SJ ELLEN BROPHY'S INTENTIONS (F)
FRI	5 FEB	ST AGATHA	7:00PM SE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BRENNAN FAMILY (F)
SAT	6 FEB	ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	11:00AM SE THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED (HP) 6:15PM SJ THANKSGIVING (THEOS) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	7 FEB	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00AM SE STELLA & FRED WINTER RIP (F) 10:30AM SJ URSZULA PLACHETKA RIP (MM) * SE BENT B, INDU DISSANAYAKE, SESHANTI, AZAD, PAM HAND—BIRTHDAYS—THANKSGIVING AND GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS PONNIAH) 7:00PM SE PRINCY BRADLEY & ANDREW PONNIAH—MIRACLE HEALING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)

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 4

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Psalm Response:

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth, for revealing the mysteries
of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

**READINGS 7 FEBRUARY 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1st Reading: Job 7: 1—4. 6—7
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16—19.22—23
 Gospel: Mark 1: 29—39

**2ND COLLECTION TODAY
CATHOLIC HOME CARE
NO 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

PARISH INCOME 24.1.2021	DONATIONS & STANDING	2ND CATHEDRAL
Totals	£2,057.89	£121.88
Donations	207.00	20.00
Standing Orders	1,498.71	81.50
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18	20.38