

4 APRIL 2021

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

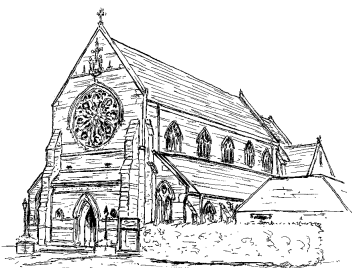


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PARISH SOUTHAMPTON**
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STELLA MARIS DEANERY
INCLUDES:

- 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 CLARITY THAT CAN ONLY COME FROM A NEW DAWN

If we did not realise otherwise, we might expect the Gospel on this Sunday to open to great fanfare and bombast, for has the Saviour of the world not arisen from the dead? But what we read is Mary the Magdalene shocked to discover in the semi-darkness that the tomb has been disturbed. She fears the men of brutality have taken the body and shares her fear with the disciples. Contrary to our expectations John the Evangelist opens his account of the resurrection with an image of dismay. The Magdalene is joined by the disciples, who join with her in dismay. But gradually in the growing light of dawn, as funerary cloths are seen neatly folded, it becomes clear to them, it dawns on them, they see and they believe. Well, still gradually.

The beloved disciple has understood, but the Magdalene still weeps bitterly. Still she thinks that the body has been stolen, and says so to the man she takes for the gardener. Yet that man is the Risen Christ. And then she too is overtaken by joy, caught up in the good news. Now she must again act as a messenger to the other disciples. But even when these disciples have been told and when Jesus has appeared in their midst this gradual recovery of hope through faith is incomplete. There is yet another journey we must embark upon.

To celebrate Easter, we must look at our life from the perspective of the empty tomb, a perspective which renews that life, which Paul tells us in his letter today is by looking for the things that are in heaven. We must take heed, yet he is not telling us to ignore what is happening around us, far from it, but by concentrating on the risen Christ we find our true humanity. By looking in love upon the one who is truly good and radiant with every grace and virtue we come by this same grace to be renewed, remade, in His likeness.

It is then that we are able to face the demons of internecine interfaith hatred, the oppression of the weak and vulnerable by those who prefer the abuse of power, the refinement of greed to an art-form, and all those other temptations which you will be able to add to the list. Then we can eat and drink together, celebrate the Eucharist, in the remarkable awareness that God through love has beaten down these deadly powers and calls us to take our place at His final victory.

Deacon Andy Philpott

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. *Peter seems confused with the empty tomb but 'the other disciple "saw and he believed"' (Gospel). Why do you think that was? What causes you to 'doubt' and what helps you to 'believe'?*
2. *"We are ...witnesses" St Peter says (1st reading). In what way are you a witness to faith? How do you witness to your belief in God, in Christ and in resurrection?*
3. *"You have been brought back to true life with Christ" St Paul writes (2nd reading). How would you describe your life with Christ? Good/bad? Deep/shallow? Open/closed? Why? Vincent Harvey*

TODAY 4 APRIL 2021

EASTER: Christ is risen Alleluia! Wishing you all a Blessed, Holy and Peaceful Easter from Father Vincent, Father Ansel, Deacon Andy and Parish Office staff.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our faith community:



- **Ava Niemiec**, daughter of Hannah being baptised at 11am and
- **Eliana Gray**, daughter of Raymond & Carmencina, being baptised at 12:30pm. Both baptisms take place at St Edmund Church.

ADULT BAPTISMS AND RECEPTIONS will take place at Pentecost this year. Due to Covid there has been a delay in preparation.

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.

RECENTLY DIED:



Janet Gargaro (nee Toby) late of Hedge End and Hertfordshire. Requiem Mass will take place at 10:45am on Wednesday 21 April 2021 in St Edmund Church followed by cremation at the Southampton Crematorium. *May Janet rest in peace. Please keep her husband Joseph and family in your prayers.*

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY ONLINE EVENING PRAYER at ****6:00pm** please note new time**. To join email Deacon Andy aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MONDAY ONLINE EVENING PRAYER at 6:30pm. Join the Baptism Preparation Team; email Deacon Andy.

EVENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY at 6pm. To join email Deacon Andy at aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FOR INFO:

Mon: VH/AD'M off
Tues SCOF: VH
Wed Team Meeting: VH/ADL/AP
Deanery Clergy Meeting via Zoom

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR APRIL: Universal: Fundamental rights. For those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

A few words from Father Vincent:

Christ is risen.....Alleluia!

We have been blessed to have been able to celebrate, despite many restrictions, the Sacred Triduum and Easter. This time last year we were in total lockdown and Father Ansel, Father Jaya and myself prayed the 'Office of the Church' together instead of celebrating the Triduum. If you remember we said it did not make sense without the community (which is generally true of the Eucharist/the Mass). We did concelebrate on Easter Sunday which was strange without a congregation; but it reminded us that, no matter where everyone was, Christ was there: risen, glorified and present to each person.

We then started streaming with an iPad, which was hit and miss, but very personal (either from my study/lounge and then the church). Once the streaming system was up we have been able to stream daily which, I know, is a blessing for so many.

Slowly we are coming out of lockdown; every 5 weeks another step; this is good news in more ways than one. Whether we will ever be back to full churches as we were in the past we don't know. There are too many variables in terms of social distancing, broken habits, some even still with a fear of enclosed spaces. But nevertheless Christ is risen, Christ is with us, Christ is where we are: in church, at home, in the street, in the 'other' we are with, in the stranger, in the passer-by. That knowledge should encourage us to rejoice; to give thanks; to want to engage more with our faith and the expression of that faith within the community context. That will come if we are patient and if we desire and value it.

Finally thank you to all the volunteers who enable us to function as a Parish both in terms of liturgy (stewards, readers, musicians/singers, decorators etc.....) and in terms of support, outreach and the like.

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 for reading this..... I hope! Happy and Blessed Easter. Have a good week.

Vincent H

Thank you so much for your support for CAFOD's Lent appeal.

Your donations will make a huge difference to those communities living in poverty overseas. In 2017 your support provided a solar powered well to Hagos and his community in Ethiopia and we hope to do the same this year for other communities who need access to clean water.



Many thanks to all those taking part in the Walk for Water Lent challenge and to everyone who has sponsored them.

'HELLO SOUTHAMPTON' AND 'TELEPHONE BEFRIENDING':

"Last summer I became a telephone befriender with *Communicare* and am really enjoying the calls I make. I really feel I am contributing to helping reduce loneliness and can see the difference my calls are making. More telephone bidders are needed. To volunteer contact *Communicare* on Tel. 023 8250 0050 or email volunteer@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk They have two telephone befriending projects:

- o **Hello Southampton**—volunteers sign up for a regular slot to call a list of people for a shorter check in call.
- o **Telephone bidders** make a longer call usually once a week. You will need to complete an application form naming 2 people *Communicare* can approach for a character reference.

For **Hello Southampton** calls you need to be available weekday mornings and have a computer, tablet or iPad. Do think about it. To speak with me contact Father Vincent or the Parish Office". Thanks, Christine Parker

THANK YOU for cards and calls of comfort to Anushka and Francis Ponniah on the death of their daughter/stepdaughter **Princy Lourdes Bradley Beck** who died a few weeks ago. May Princy rest in peace. Please keep the family in your prayers, from Anushka Ponniah.

THANK YOU TO TINA QUINN, DEACON ANDY AND THE ALPHA TEAM for all their support and encouragement to those who have completed the Alpha Courses in the Parish. **Thank you to Marina and the RCIA Team** for all their help and support to those who have and are going through their adult baptisms, confirmations and receptions into the church, from Erica Burden.

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**

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 or email southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS – Every Monday evening at 7pm for 5 weeks, starting on the 19th April – on Zoom, run by Sr Hyacinthe. This course is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. Find out more here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists> and register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAtdUqzsoH9HdUzaJXyM4D1LdHq5EfxZR>

To find out all the initiatives currently offered by our Team for adult formation, visit our new website: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/>

READERS WORKSHOPS—Saturdays 17 and 24 April from 10am to 1pm on Zoom. Join us for two workshops to equip or refresh you as a church reader. Workshop 1 is an introduction to the Liturgy and the practical skills of reading, and workshop 2 is an introduction to the Bible. Attend both workshops and sign up for reading practice with a diocesan listener to receive a diocesan Recognition. To Register online <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

PLEASE PRAY FOR 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, Myra & Bosco Andrade, Buntly 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 are experiencing extreme poverty.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 4 APRIL 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	3 APR	HOLY SATURDAY	8:00PM SJ PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SUN	4 APR	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	9:00AM SE OLIVE & CHARLES PARKER RIP (HP) 10:30AM SJ MATTHEW MORAN RIP (F) ** ** HEALING & GOD'S BLESSINGS OF HRH PRINCE PHILIP, CHINTHAB & ALL WHO ARE SICK (ANUSHKA PONNIAH) 7:00PM SE CHRISTOF BODDEKE—90TH BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (WB)
TUES	6 APR	TUESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	10:00AM SE JOAN & MORGAN NEWINGTON RIP (HP)
WED	7 APR	WEDNESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	7:00PM SE RITA CHRISTIE RIP (OC)
THURS	8 APR	THURSDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	12:15PM SJ MR & MRS CUMMINGS INTENTION (F)
FRI	9 APR	FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	7:00PM SE ANNE HOGG—WELLBEING (HP & GC)
SAT	10 APR	SATURDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	11:00AM SE EILEEN AITKEN RIP (F) 6:15PM SJ PERFECTION & SANCTIFICATION OF THE SAINTS (THEOS) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	11 APR	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OF DIVINE MERCY	9:00AM SE TERESA & JAN GACA—50TH ANNIVERSARY & TERESA GACA—70TH BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (GACA FAMILY) 10:30AM SJ RITA CHRISTIE RIP (OC) ** ** ERIC CLARKE RIP (MC) 7:00PM SE CECILIA & RONALD MEARS RIP (F)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

4 APRIL 2021 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Psalm Response:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us
celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

Alleluia!

READING 11 APRIL 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 4: 32—35

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1—6

Gospel: John 20: 19—31

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

FOR OUR TWO PRIESTS

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

PARISH INCOME 28.3.2021	DONATIONS & STANDING ORDERS	2ND—EASTER FLOWERS
Totals	£2,235.02	£79.38
Donations	364.13	—
Standing	1,518.71	63.50
Gift Aid	352.18	15.88