

7TH FEBRUARY 2021

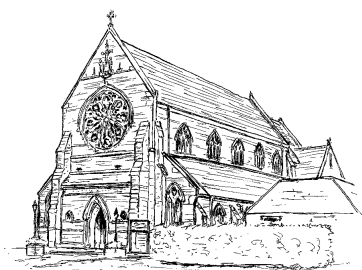
## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**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



## GETTING CLOSER TO JOB

When we arrive for Mass in church or at our screens on Sunday morning, we usually expect to hear something uplifting, hopeful and inspiring to help us through the week. But this Sunday it is different or at first it is different. The first reading from Job is not meant to fill us with hope, but to give voice to the longings we find inside ourselves. We long for a life free from suffering. We long for rest from our work. We look for the day when we will have hope, true hope, that finally crushes those inner doubts.

Here, Job asks the question that scripture seeks to answer. Essentially, he is saying, "My life is painful, hard, sad, and swiftly ends—is this all there is? Is it really meaningless?" We are invited to think, to pray, to join our voices with Job, asking God and to question. Giving voice to such doubts is not a comfortable experience, though.

Grief consumes Job's life, it eats up his hope, it chases away his dreams. On the one hand, his nights drag on with endless, sorrow-filled wakefulness, whilst his days fly swiftly away. Job compares his life to a mere breath, or in his original Hebrew ruach. In the Hebrew Bible the soul, the life and breath itself are connected—as when God breathes the breath or ruach of life into Adam's nostrils. It was the ruach elohim that hovered over the waters at the creation.

And yet still this reading from Job may not leave us satisfied. But perhaps it is not intended to, perhaps it is meant to stoke the fires of longing in our hearts - seeking answers, meaning, rest, hope. Spending time with Job checks any desire for superficiality in our faith. Notwithstanding that Job lived several millennia ago we may find the same complaints, questions and anguish voiced by our friends, our families, even our own hearts.

Lent is 10 days away, a time to dig deep so as to know not only ourselves but the Christ who has redeemed us. Lent is a time to engage in those things we might not always allow ourselves. How about joining one of the Lent Retreats, or reading '**Holy Week Voices of the Holy Land**' available from the **Friends of the Holy Land**; all mentioned in this newsletter. I am. It is through questioning ourselves that we can answer the questions of others.

*Dcn Andy Philpott*

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. "..... she (Peter's mother-in-law) began to wait on them" we are told in today's gospel. In other words she served them (diakonia: deacon). How do you 'serve' others? Family? Friends? Community? Those in need?
2. Job bemoans his lot (1st reading), because of all the suffering he has endured. When have you bemoaned your lot? Why? Put it in God's hands!
3. Paul writes about offering the "Good News free" (2nd reading). To whom do you offer the Good News? How: words, action, prayer.....?

*Vincent Harvey*

**TODAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2021**

**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:**



**Rita Christie**, late of Earls Road, Southampton. Requiem Mass 1pm Thursday 11 February 2021 in St Edmund Church followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. May Rita rest in peace. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**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.

**Joaquim Rodrigues**, late of Oxford Road, Southampton. Requiem Mass 11am Friday 19 February in St Edmund Church, followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. May Joaquim rest in peace. Please keep his wife Ana and the 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.

**Salvador Rodrigues** late of Orchard Lane, Southampton. Requiem Mass 12 noon Tuesday 23 February followed by committal at the East Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. May Salvador rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**Pat O'Neill**, late of Sunrise Living and Blenheim Avenue, Southampton. Requiem Mass at 10:30am on Friday 26 February 2021 in St Joseph Church followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. May Pat rest in peace. Please keep his wife Ann and the family in your prayers.

**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](mailto:aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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

**ROSARY GROUP** meet online every 2nd Tuesday at 8pm. Next meeting 16 February ... watch this space. Join them on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89191754027>

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

Hello and welcome to February! Where has the time gone? In ten days' time we begin Lent (Ash Wednesday: 17th February). Last year Lent began as 'normal' but ended in lockdown which then took us through a strange, almost a 'non' Holy Week and 'not normal' Eastertime!

The question I, the clergy and various teams in the parish, have been asking is, how do we mark Lent this year? What do we do on Ash Wednesday? How can we make the most of Lent? One thing we are certain of, it will not be 'normal service' by any stretch of the imagination!

**Maybe this Lent could be more reflective at both a personal and parish level:**

- schedule time for personal/family prayer;
- use a meditation booklet/or online meditations on a daily/weekly basis;
- participate in one of the retreats advertised in this newsletter; be determined to engage with Mass online as often as we can, especially on Sundays (there is no excuse even if we cannot due to restrictions actually be at Mass; and we can be nourished in a real way through the Scripture, the homily (fingers crossed!) and the prayers;
- during 'exercise time' out and about use nature to pray (look/be alert/notice nature, people ..... ); begin and end the day acknowledging the presence of the Lord (if you don't already): it can simply be 'hello Lord' ..... 'thank you Lord' ..... the important thing is to mark the day and allow the Lord to journey with you.
- join the online Stations of the Cross or time for meditation/reflection we plan to organise

We begin with **Ash Wednesday** (17th Feb) with 3 Masses: so book via Eventbrite or participate online. If online why not **make some ash for yourselves** (hasn't got to be from a palm ..... but if you have one then great ..... it can be ash from anything); when the priest puts ash on the heads of those at Mass (sprinkling on the head; wearing gloves and mask; no words!) do the same at home (but you can do it on the forehead as usual!) Don't be embarrassed! **Improvise!** You/your family are the 'Domestic Church' so live it out!

Keep an eye on the website for liturgies and the like to 'make the most of Lent'

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](http://www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk)

**Finally: does anyone have 'expertise' with a frozen iPad?** Done all the usual things (hard reset etc), even with Apple online ..... no go. Next thing to send it in but rather expensive!! Any ideas?

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

## 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. **'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/len2021.html](http://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/len2021.html) OR
3. **'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](mailto:ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk) for more info and to book. Places are limited. OR
4. **'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>

**RICHARD ROHR** discussion group meet on Thursday online.

**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](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### FOR INFO:

Mon VH/ADL off  
Tues DR meeting: VH  
Wed Scripture lecture: VH; SLT VH/TQ/AW/AP  
Thurs Bamenda meeting: VH  
Fri Priest Ministry Group: VH

### CHARLTON HOUSE Independent School, Southampton.

**Live Virtual Open Day** Friday 12 February and Saturday 13 February 2021. To arrange an appointment or an **online taster day**, please do not hesitate to call the school office on 023 8067 1739 or email them at [admin@charltonhouseindependentschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@charltonhouseindependentschool.co.uk)

**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

### AN EXCITING INVITATION FROM OUR FOCUS MISSIONARIES IN SOUTHAMPTON – starting this week...

Are you a university student/young adult? R U searching for more meaning during lockdown? Want to encounter Christ and build community with other young Catholics? What can you get involved with?

- A weekly men's and women's virtual small group Bible study
- Virtual accompaniment through SEEK21 (virtual conference which will take place in March)
- A virtual weekly Encounter with Christ in prayer (teaching and praying together)
- Monthly virtual fellowship nights with Catholic students across the Diocese
- A journey through Lent virtually, the group meeting virtually each week

Find out more by contacting Kaitlin: [kaitlin.gilday@focus.org](mailto:kaitlin.gilday@focus.org)

their sufferings considered and heeded.



**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.

See the 2021 CAFOD Lent Appeal: [Lent Appeal 2021 short talk video: Abdella's walk for water | CAFOD - YouTube](#)

**HATE CRIME REPORTING** "We at City Centre Catholic Parish are proud to be an organisation that represents individuals from all walks of life, and stands against all forms of Hate Crime. Whoever you are, should you wish to report a Hate Crime feel free to contact us. We will be more than happy to help. #SOLoveDontHate"

- Father Vincent Harvey
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- [www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk](http://www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk)

**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

### CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH:

at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange to email or post it to you. **Special Offers: 3 months £25; 12 months £99; Digital Copies for 12 months £55.**

### TWO HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS—FEBRUARY 2021

P & G Gibbs	1st Prize	£20.00
Stephanie Mercer	2nd Prize	£10.00



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all on our prayer list and those in the parish who are ill, undergoing treatment or affected by the Coronavirus in any way.

- **A 'bucket' at the back of church** during the weekdays



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 7 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	6 FEB	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM	SJ	THANKSGIVING (THEOS)
SUN	7 FEB	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	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—HEALING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS)
TUES	9 FEB	5TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00AM	SE	NICOS KYNACOU RIP (HP)
WED	10 FEB	ST SCHOLASTICA	7:00PM	SE	BILL & CHRISTINE BRAND—HEALING & WELLBEING (LL)
THURS	11 FEB	OUR LADY OF LOURDES	12:15PM	SJ	RITA HERBERT RIP (PB)
FRI	12 FEB	5TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00PM	SE	PROTECTION & GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR THE CHURCH (THEOS)
SAT	13 FEB	<b>OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b>	11:00AM	SE	OLIVE COOK—BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING (RC)
			6:15PM	SJ	DR PAUL McDERMOTT RIP (AGED 58) (PM)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	14 FEB	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM	SE	ELLEN & GEORGE PATTERSON RIP, BERNADETTE KERR RIP, TONY PATTERSON RIP, JOHN FREEMAN RIP (F)
			10:30AM	SJ	SARAH KENNEDY-DONNELLY RIP (F)
			*	SE	MAJ. GEN. DAYA NIJESURIYA—70TH BIRTHDAY— GOD'S BLESSINGS AND ALL BATCH MATES (ANUSHKA)
			7:00PM	SE	FRANCISCA DE LAJUSTICIA RIP (MT)

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 St George College 023 8032 2603

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 1

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

**Psalm Response:**

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
anyone who follows me will  
have the light of life.

**Alleluia!**

### READINGS 14 FEBRUARY 2021

#### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Leviticus 13: 1—2. 44—46  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1  
 Gospel: Mark 1: 40—45

### NO 2ND COLLECTION TODAY

### 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

PARISH INCOME 31.1.2021	DONATIONS & STANDING	2ND CATHOLIC HOME CARE
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,010.89</b>	<b>£173.13</b>
Donations	160.00	—
Standing Orders	1,498.71	138.50
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18	34.63