



7TH MARCH 2021

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**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



## SPIRITUAL HOUSEWORK AND GOD'S WORK

The Liturgy of the Word at today's Mass begins with: "You shall have no gods except me" and ends with Jesus cleansing the temple. We are at our midway point in our journey from Ash Wednesday to the Triduum and the readings seek to keep us centred on Lent.

The money changers at their tables surrounded by their pigeons, and their sheep and their cattle, and of course the ordure that issues from them, had their own gods; gods of wealth, self-service, greed and money. The Israelites, at the time when Moses descended from Mount Sinai with the words of God inscribed on the Tablets of Stone, had created their own new god in the form of the golden calf. We may have our own gods and are certainly surrounded by the presence of gods in our world.

Some of these false gods are more obvious than others and do not need listing here. The six weeks of Lent encourage us to take a long and hard look at ourselves, to contemplate the problems and frailties that inhabit or stalk our lives, all of those stumbling blocks, the setbacks and problems, all of those little gods that tempt and lure. Lent is our opportunity to stop and softly walk away from them all. Lent is our chance to rehearse good practice before Eastertide when we proceed in confidence. This year on Ash Wednesday we may have found ourselves placing ashes on each other whilst in our own homes and saying the words: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel".

There is no need to upset the tidiness of our living rooms and household furniture, but why not take a cue from the Gospel and the wreckage of the tables, the bellows of the livestock, the clinking of coins hitting the floor, and sweep all of the debris of what we no longer want for our lives and start afresh.

By the end of today there are 24 entire days left before the Triduum. Why not make full use of each and every one of those days to begin anew and centre ourselves, without any exception, on God.

*Dcn Andy Philpott*

### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

1. Commenting on Jesus 'cleansing of the Temple' (today's Gospel) Pope Francis wrote in 2018: *"These words help us to reject the danger of making our soul, which is God's abode, a marketplace, and living in constant search for our benefit instead of in generous and solidary love. This teaching of Jesus is always timely, not only for the ecclesial communities but also for individuals, for civil communities and for society"* (4th March 2018).
2. Why do you think the Ten Commandments have survived from the time of Moses? (1st reading). Is there more in each one than we ordinarily see? For instance, could respect for life be extrapolated from "Thou shalt not kill."? Try some others!
3. To what do the "foolishness" and "weakness" of God refer (2nd reading)? What about you: how do you accept 'The' Cross? And what about the crosses in your own life? Are they "stumbling blocks" or stepping stones for you?

*Vincent Harvey*

**TODAY 7TH MARCH 2021  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**ALL KNEEL FOR PENITENTIAL RITE** (if able to): even at home!!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS STREAMED** from St Edmund at 6:15pm online.

**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.**

**THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY ONLINE EVENING PRAYER** at 5:30pm. To join email Deacon Andy [aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** online at 6:15pm on Sundays during Lent from St Edmund.

**MONDAY ONLINE EVENING PRAYER** at 6:30pm. The Baptism Preparation Team invite you to join them; email Deacon Andy.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION ONLINE** Monday 8 March 2021 from 7pm to 8pm for those who have booked to have their children baptised in the Parish.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TEAM** meeting online on Tuesday 9 March 2021 (VH/RB/LS/AP/ADM).

**ROSARY GROUP** meet online **every Tuesday at 8pm during Lent** (9, 16, and 23 March). Zoom Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3050730356> same link every week.

**EVENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY** at 6pm. To join email Deacon Andy at [aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and **Holy 'Half-hour'** after 7pm Mass (approx. 7:35pm/7:40pm).

**RICHARD ROHR GROUP** meet online on Thursday 11 March.

**ALPHA COURSE** continues Thursdays at 7pm online. Next session titled "Does God Heal Today?". Let Father Vincent or Father Ansel know if you would like to register for the next course or email the Parish Office [southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** online on Fridays at 6:15pm during Lent from St Edmund.

**FOR INFO:**

Mon	VH/AD'M off
Tues	Ecumenical Meditation Group: VH
Wed	SLT VH/TQ/AP/AW
Thurs	Catholic Association meeting: VH
Fri	Priest Ministry Group: VH

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

*I'm getting old (no comment please!! Purely rhetorical!), as I seem to be spending all my time sitting here writing this! And to what avail I ask myself (again no comments .... not to me anyway!). I'm not of course: I sit here late Wednesday evening, or early Thursday morning. But it is the speed this comes around! When we were young time moved slow ... Slow ... slow! Now? Well like a jet ... whizzing at high speed! If only I could whizz at high speed (without falling off my bike ..... again!). I will stop rambling .....*

*Easter, believe it or not, is approaching fast! The Parish Liturgy Group have met to discuss what we can, should and will do for Holy Week and Easter. We are planning a Seder Meal (usually at St Joseph on the Thursday before Palm Sunday); this time it will be the Saturday before Palm Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm) via Zoom. Yes a 'virtual' Seder Meal (see elsewhere): more details to follow.*

*We are engaging with some families to produce a 'virtual' Triduum in the way we did the Nativity at Christmas. Watch this space.*

*The Triduum (Holy Thursday (8pm), Good Friday (3pm) and Holy Saturday (8pm)) will all be celebrated in St Edmund as usual BUT, of course with reduced numbers due to social distancing. Other restrictions means we need to simplify the celebrations.*

*Nevertheless they will be dignified celebrations of the Sacred Triduum and of the Paschal Mystery. There will be no 'Penitential Service' this year but both Father Vincent & Father Ansel available every Saturday morning after the 11am Mass (except the 20<sup>th</sup> March). Watch this space!*

*Between now and then we continue to journey deeper into the Desert of Lent; deeper into the mystery of Christ's Passion. So as I wrote last week, what steps do you think you need to take as an individual to enter deeper into the mystery which is Christ? What steps do you think you need to take as part of the Parish Community to do so? Take them! Or at least begin!*

**Don't forget Lent resources:**

*Stations of the Cross* on line from St Edmund at 6.15pm on a Friday and Sunday. Also *Stations of the Cross during a Time of Pandemic* written by Father Sean Tobin available on the **Parish Website**. *Half-hour reflection* after 7pm Mass Wed 7:40pm **Websites** for online retreats (see elsewhere) *Liturgies* for use at home from the Schools Department (on our webpage)

*The Lent Rosary* .... contact Catheryn; see elsewhere *Apologies* with the issue with the 'masking camera' at St Joseph. 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)

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

## POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH:

**Evangelisation:** that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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

### MARCH 2021—200 CLUB WINNERS

Mary Berridge 1st prize £20.00  
Cecily Head 2nd prize £10.00

**2021-22 fees now due for members.** Contact the Parish Office [southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) if you would like to join. £12pa with a chance of winning 2 prizes per month. All contributions go towards much needed income for the Parish.

## LENT 2021

**THE JOY OF HOPE** online CaFÉ course continues during Lent at 11am on Mondays for those who have registered.

### LENTEN ROSARY PRAYER CHAIN

around Southampton by saying a specific decade of the Rosary to contemplate and pray every day, wherever you wish, during Lent.

Let's surround Southampton with this powerful form of prayer to gain Our Blessed Mother's unfailing protection for ourselves and those around us!

Contact Catheryn Hulme to be given your specific decade, by e-mail: [catherynhulme1@hotmail.com](mailto:catherynhulme1@hotmail.com) or Mobile 07534 110 228 / landline (023) 8057 1704.

### 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. **'The Art of Listening' Benedictine tradition** continues from Belmont Abbey from 10am to 1pm Wednesdays 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
- **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.



**PASSOVER VIA ZOOM?** We're planning a Sedar Celebration Supper via Zoom on Saturday 27 March at 7:30pm, self-catering option only.

Keep the evening free if you're interested; more details to follow.



### CAFOD—WALK FOR WATER LENT APPEAL:

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else.

Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) or phone 0303 303 3030. You can also give via text. Text LENT 5 to 70460 to donate £5 or Text LENT 10 to 70460 to donate £10 or LENT 20 to 70460 to donate £20. Many thanks for your support. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460.

Here is a Link to a short 2 minute film about Abdella: [Lent Appeal 2021: Abdella's walk for water | CAFOD on Vimeo](https://www.vimeo.com/548888888)

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE & CATHOLIC TIMES Subscription:** see website [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call 0161 820 5722 to arrange to email or post it to you.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Yasmin, Mark Evans, Pat Alborough, Jen Bridges, 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, 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 experiencing extreme poverty.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 7 MARCH 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 MAR	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM	SJ	JAMES & GABRIELLE HALL RIP (F)
SUN	7 MAR	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9:00AM	SE	ANTHONY AXTON RIP (HP & GC)
			10:30AM	SJ	MOYRA CLEARKIN RIP (3RD ANNIVERSARY) (CC)
			**	**	MARGARET MATTHEWS (UNITED NATIONS UK)—90TH BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)
			7:00PM	SE	AUXANO FOUNDATION—VINEYARD OF HOPE SHELTER PROJECT IN NIGERIA (LI)
TUES	9 MAR	<b>OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT</b>	10:00AM	SE	AUXANO FOUNDATION—VINEYARD OF HOPE SHELTER PROJECT IN NIGERIA (LI)
WED	10 MAR	<b>OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT</b>	7:00PM	SE	FAITH GODWIN—DIVINE INTERVENTION & HEALING (MI)
THURS	11 MAR	<b>OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT</b>	12:15PM	SJ	FRANCISCA DE LAJUSTICIA RIP (MT)
FRI	12 MAR	<b>OF THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT</b>	7:00PM	SE	AUXANO FOUNDATION—VINEYARD OF HOPE SHELTER PROJECT IN NIGERIA (LI)
SAT	13 MAR	<b>OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT</b>	11:00AM	SE	FORGIVENESS OF SINS, INIQUITY & TRANSGRESSIONS (THEOS)
			6:15PM	SJ	THANKSGIVING FOR STEWARDS—PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE FOR KEEPING OUR CHURCHES SAFE (THEOS)
			7:00PM	SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	14 MAR	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)</b>	9:00AM	SE	ALICE O'DONNELL—WELLBEING (GC & HP)
			10:30AM	SJ	ANA MARIA PASTOELA CARDOSO RIP (JV)
			**	SE	MY DAD, AGNES P, ISHARI K, DR & MRS ELLEGALE RIP, AUNTS & UNCLES RIP (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)
			7:00PM	SE	MARISA & REINHOLD TELLEGEN—50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—THANKSGIVING AND GOD'S BLESSINGS (MT)

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 3

7 MARCH 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Psalm Response:

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

READINGS 14 MARCH 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14—16. 19—23

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 4—10

Gospel: John 3: 14—21

**2ND COLLECTION TODAY  
CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND**

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK  
CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND**

PARISH INCOME 28.2.2021	DONATIONS & STANDING ORDERS	2ND - CAFOD
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,165.89</b>	<b>£191.25</b>
Donations	295.00	—
Standing Orders	1,518.71	153.00
Gift Aid Rebate	352.18	38.25