



**9TH, 16TH &
23RD MAY 2021**

**6TH & 7TH
SUNDAY
OF EASTER &
PENTECOST
SUNDAY**



**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



LOVED CHOSEN SEIZED!

What matter language, race,
what matter voice or face;
the just person living in love,
the Lord will make His friend.

The Lord makes us His friends,
He fills us with joy!

We cannot love God:
He has loved us!

We cannot choose Christ:
He has chosen us!

We cannot grasp the Spirit:
He has seized us!

Le Livre d'Heures d'En-Calcat (Dourgne, 1980) 41

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. The one thing Jesus asks of us is that we love our neighbour (Gospel). How would you rate this assignment on a "difficulty" scale from 1-10? Why? What gift does God give you to help with this assignment? (Clue in 1st reading!)
2. According to Pope Francis, through our love for our neighbour we can get to know God, who is love. It is through loving that we can reach love. What can we learn about ourselves and loving our neighbour from looking at the Good Samaritan? *"Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders. ... All of us have in ourselves something of the wounded man, something of the robber, something of the passers-by, and something of the Good Samaritan. There are only two kinds of people: those who care for someone who is hurting and those who pass by; those who bend down to help and those who look the other way and hurry off."*

(Pope Francis: Fratelli Tutti Encyclical on Fraternity and Social Friendship Paragraphs 69-70, 2020)

Anne Osdieck (Adapted: Vincent Harvey)

TODAY 9 MAY 2021—6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS: an annual day of prayer which enables Eastern & Western Christians to come together in communion through prayer. The event unites the Roman Catholic Church in Europe with dioceses of the Eastern Catholic Churches in union with the Bishop of Rome (see item elsewhere in the newsletter).

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 (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. *Parish Secretary on Annual Leave 10th—21 May, Parish Office will be managed by volunteers.*

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MAY: Universal: The world of finance: That those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

THIS WEEK

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION TWO from 7pm—8pm Monday 10 May via Zoom, for parents who have booked to have their children baptised in the parish.

THE NEXT ALPHA COURSE ONLINE BEGINS TUESDAY 11TH MAY AT 7PM VIA ZOOM. It provides a comprehensive introduction to the Christian faith and answers those questions that we all need to ask:

- **Is there more to life than this?**
- **Who is Jesus?**
- **How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?**
- **How can I make the most of the rest of my life?**

Come and join us and invite friends and family. Register at southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

WEDNESDAY ONLINE EVENING PRAYER at 6:00pm. To join email aphilpott@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ASCENSION OF THE LORD Thursday 13th May. To enable as many as possible to celebrate the Ascension with Mass **we have put on three Masses:**

o **Masses: St Edmund 7am & 7:30pm; St Joseph: 12.15pm**

A few words from Father Vincent

I hope you have had a good week and looking forward to next week and the 'magic' 17th May! How that will affect us we don't fully know (except more can attend a wedding, baptism and funeral); it is the 21st June that is the 'big step' as it were.

*Reflecting on this weekend's readings I am struck by how Jesus says he has 'called us friends' and has 'chosen us'. Jesus' ministry abound with invitations to follow him in so very many ways! Always a personal invitation 'come follow me'. Statistics show that most people come to faith, not through evangelical rallies or Papal visits, good and important both are; they come to faith through a personal invitation; usually a one-to-one invitation. This means that the onus/responsibility is on us to 'invite' others to 'come and see' maybe for a Mass or something similar. An ideal opportunity this week is to invite someone to join **Alpha online**: Register at southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alpha.org It is non-threatening, interesting, informative and uplifting. Go for it! Invite someone! Maybe even 'invite' yourself!*

Thank you to all who have sponsored my 'Pentecost Challenge' for 'Friends of the Holy Land' I have doubled my target of £1200 but still going.....back to Bethlehem!! If you are interested see the link: <https://fhl.enthuse.com/pf/vincent-harvey>

Remember also that Janek is doing the same as he has a 'passion' to support the education of disabled children after his experience with us on the Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: <https://fhl.enthuse.com/pf/janek-codlin>

*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. Keep safe! Be safe! **Thank you for reading this***
Vincent H

READINGS 16 MAY 2021—SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

1st Reading: Acts 1: 15—17. 20—26

2nd Reading: 1 John 4: 11—16 * Gospel: John 17: 11—19

READINGS 23 MAY 2021—PENTECOST SUNDAY:

1st Reading: Acts 2:1—11 * 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3—7. 12—13 * Gospel: John 20: 19—23

READINGS 30 MAY 2021—THE MOST HOLY TRINITY:

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32—34. 39—40 * 2nd Reading Romans 8: 14—17 * Matthew 28: 16—20

FOR INFO:

Mon VH/AD'M off. AD'M away 17—20.5.21

Tues Christian Meditation: VH

St George Curriculum meeting VH

Wed Team meeting: VH/ADM/AP

Adoration for Uni Students 6—6:45pm led by the FOCUS missionaries

Thurs Feast of the Ascension. Bamenda Meeting: VH

Fri Divine Renovation Webinar: VH

Ministry Group: VH

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS May / July organised by Paul O'Beirne the Dominican Sisters. Starts 27 May until 7 July (7:15pm—8:30pm). Check out the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSYGftqtoAE&t=16s>



BAPTISM: We welcome into our faith community: **Lara Podgorska**, daughter of Karol & Malgorzata, being baptised at 12:30pm in St Edmund on Sunday 16 May.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Patryk Jablonski & Aneta Szymbor** who are getting married at 2pm Thursday 20 May at St Joseph Church. May God bless them all the days of their lives.

PENTECOST SUNDAY—ADULT BAPTISMS AND RECEPTIONS:

The following candidates will be received into the church on Pentecost Sunday 23 May 2021 at St Edmund:

Baptism: *Sharon Bridger, Fiona Lai*

Reception into Full Communion: *Robin Spencer*

(Sharon, Fiona and Robin will all also receive their First Holy Communion and will be Confirmed). *Please keep them in your prayers.*

CONFIRMATION 2021: We will be starting a confirmation programme soon with a view to celebrate the sacrament in October / November 2021. We will begin with a Zoom meeting and then hopefully meet in person for 6-8 sessions, following the Alpha programme.

The programme is open to young people CURRENTLY IN YEAR 9 OR 10. Due to space restrictions, we are unable to welcome those younger than Year 9.

Please send an email to Fr Ansel anseldmello@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk giving your name, date of birth, school and year group together with a paragraph telling him why you wish to be confirmed, **by SUNDAY 23 MAY**. This will be followed up by a conversation with Father Vincent or Father Ansel to discuss the programme and your commitment to it.

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 Fr Vincent, Fr Ansel or Tina Quinn southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you would like to register.*

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

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.

CATHOLIC HOME CARE is looking to **recruit new carers** to join a friendly and supportive team undertaking general domestic tasks. *If you like elderly people and have a few hours spare during the week, this is the job for you with a good rate of pay.* Car driver is an advantage (but not essential) and full training will be given. Success at interview will lead to an enhanced DBS check before appointment. Permanent and holiday cover carers required. *We are also looking for a person who can help on a voluntary basis for jobs around the home – small repairs & technical support.* Full details and application form available from Anne Monaghan, Tel. 023 8017 0498. **Closing date for applications – 14 May 2021.**

DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS

The Eastern Christians were the first evangelisers without whom Christianity would never have spread to the UK. Today, the Eastern Christians, many of whom are suffering from the effects of war and from discrimination, now face the added crisis of the Covid epidemic, with its threat to their livelihood, health and well-being. This is a crisis within an already existing crisis! They deserve our prayerful support. This Day of Prayer – promoted in the UK by *Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East* (FACE) in partnership with the Congregation for Oriental Churches – will offer Eastern and Western Christians an opportunity to be united in prayer during the time of Easter. A prayer to pray:

Heavenly Father, we pray today for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East. By your heavenly grace, strengthen the faith and hope of Eastern Christians. May they be blessed with peace and prosperity in their countries. May we be inspired by their devotion and witness to the Gospel, by their love and compassion for all in their communities, and by their courage, their endurance and self-sacrifice. Through their charity, tolerance and friendship, bring peace and reconciliation to those troubled lands, where Christianity was born and first spread. This we ask of you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPRINGHILL IS SOON TO SUPPORT GEMS (GUIDANCE, EMPOWERMENT, MOTIVATION AND SAFEGUARDING)

to supply food/meals out of the Newtown Community Centre by providing 60+ cooked meals every so often. Sadly the freezer GEMS uses has broken and we have paid for a new one to be purchased. Any donations gratefully received for the freezer or towards food (via the Parish Office).

FUNDRAISER FOR PAX CHRISTI: In the week from 15—21 May, **Pax Christi**, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun. Please go to their website www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/ for details on how you can sponsor them.



PLEASE PRAY FOR 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 WEEKS COMMENCING SUNDAY 9 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	8 MAY	VIGIL MASS	6:15PM	SJ	PEACE OF JERUSALEM (THEOS)	
SUN	9 MAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM	SE	TONY O'DONNELL RIP (GC & HP)	
			10:30AM	SJ	HELEN & BERT MANSER RIP (MB)	
			**	**	ALL THOSE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED—BILL B, JOAQUIM R, LAWRENCE R, LEANNA H, PADRIAG M, BRIAN G, ROCKY D (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)	
			7:00PM	SE	ROZA MARINIC RIP (DIED 2005) (ZU)	
TUES	11 MAY	OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTER	10:00AM	SE	JOAQUIM RODRIGUES RIP (AR)	
WED	12 MAY	ST PANCRAS	7:00PM	SE	RONALD BERRIDGE RIP (JB & MB)	
THURS	13 MAY	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	7:00AM	SE	SEAN DAVIS RIP (HP & GC)	
			12:15PM	SJ	SHEILA GOODWIN RIP (DG)	
			7:30PM	SE	GORDON ANDERSON RIP, KEITH BRIDGER RIP, GWENDOLINE FINKE RIP (RCIA GROUP)	
FRI	14 MAY	ST MATTHIAS	7:00PM	SE	DEREK CALDER RIP (1ST ANNIVERSARY) (HH)	
SAT	15 MAY	OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTER	11:00AM	SE	MAURA MORAN RIP (GC)	
			6:15PM	SJ	PRINCY BRADLEY RIP & COMFORT FOR ANUSHKA & FRANCIS	
SUN	16 MAY	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9:00AM	SE	MICK PARKER'S CONTINUED RECOVERY (GC)	
			10:30AM	SJ	PRINCY BRADLEY RIP & COMFORT FOR THE FAMILY (MM)	
			**	**	ALL THE UNI ENTRANCE GROUP—ANUSHKA'S COLLEGE BATCH MATES CELEBRATING THEIR 70TH BIRTHDAYS—GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)	
			7:00PM	SE	IVAN MARINIC RIP (DIED 2006) (ZU)	
TUES	18 MAY	OF THE 7TH WEEK OF EASTER	10:00AM	SE	GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING FOR HELP WITH SHOPPING DURING COVID—MICHAEL & MARIA M, ADRIENNE H, SALOMEY & RAPHAEL, ALICE, STEVE W, ALISON C & COMMUNICARE (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS PONNIAH)	
WED	19 MAY	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN, PORTSMOUTH	7:00PM	SE	THERESA BEALES RIP	
THURS	20 MAY	OF THE 7TH WEEK OF EASTER	12:15PM	SJ	MRS. BARBARA SUSAN WAAS RIP (PM)	
FRI	21 MAY	OF THE 7TH WEEK OF EASTER	7:00PM	SE	V. LIGHT—HEALING & WELLBEING (EC)	
SAT	22 MAY	ST RITA OF CASCIA	11:00AM	SE	BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING—AJITH D, ANANDA J (70TH), SRI LANKA AIRFORCE (ANUSHKA PONNIAH)	
			6:15PM	SJ	ANUSHKA'S 70TH BIRTHDAY—PRAYERS & THANKSGIVING (DR. LAURA, ANDY & KIDS)	
SUN	23 MAY	PENTECOST SUNDAY	9:00AM	SE	JOAQUIM RODRIGUES RIP (AR)	
			10:30AM	SJ	SARAH KENNEDY—DONNELLY RIP—BIRTHDAY ANNIV. (F)	
			**	**	ANUSHKA'S 70TH BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (DAKSHI & DARAM)	
			7:00PM	SE	DOCTORS, NURSES, MEDICAL STAFF, PORTERS, PARAMEDICS & ALL NHS STAFF & FAMILIES—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (ANUSHKA)	
TUES	25 MAY	ST BEDE THE VENERABLE	10:00AM	SE	SANCTIFICATION & PERFECTION OF THE SAINTS (THEOS)	
WED	26 MAY	ST PHILIP NERI	7:00PM	SE	MARJORIE MILLS RIP (TQ)	
THURS	27 MAY	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	12:15PM	SJ	ANUSHKA'S 70TH BIRTHDAY—GRATEFUL THANKS FOR MANY BLESSINGS THROUGHOUT LIFE'S JOURNEY, LORD JESUS (FRANCIS)	
FRI	28 MAY		BLESSED MARGARET POLE	7:00PM	SE	PRIESTS & VOCATIONS (HH)
SAT	29 MAY		OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	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)	
SUN	30 MAY	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY		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 (AP)	
			7:00PM	SE	THERESA BEALES RIP	

9 MAY 2021—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Psalm Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." **Alleluia!**

16 MAY 2021—SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Psalm Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven. **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. **Alleluia!**

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	Totals	£2,143.71	£177.55	16.5.21: WORLD COMMS 2ND COLL.
	Donations	272.82	59.42	23.5.21: CATHOLIC HOME CARE
	Standing Orders	1,518.71	94.50	
	Gift Aid Rebate	352.18	23.63	