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MARCH 12TH 2023 | 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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Called to drink Living Water to become that source of Living Water for others

During this Lenten season the Church gives us three very powerful gospel accounts that correspond to the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This Sunday we meet the Samaritan Woman at the well who asked Jesus for living water reminding us of our Baptism. On the fourth Sunday Jesus meets the man born blind and he is anointed, as we are anointed at Confirmation, with a paste made with spittle and regains his sight, and on the fifth Sunday Lazarus is raised from the dead and given new life, as we are given life every time that we celebrate the Eucharist and are given the bread of life Jesus Himself. Each account reveals the humanity of Jesus as He responds to one who is thirsty, one who is blind and one who is bound.

But today's gospel account has an extra dimension in the encounter. The Samaritan woman is worthless by the standards of Jewish society at the time. Jews had no dealings with Samaritans; secondly, she is a woman: a second-class citizen in the eyes of the Jews and thirdly she has had five husbands and is living with another man, and in her village she is undoubtedly a shamed person. In this situation it would be logical for Jesus not only to uncover the woman's shortcomings and offer her some pastoral and spiritual help but instead Jesus turns the relationship around. He not only approaches the woman, He asks for her help. Jesus is tired and thirsty: 'Give me a drink'. The Samaritan woman then brings Jesus into the village and the villagers come to Jesus because of her. She is no longer worthless, she is called to evangelise her village. It is through the pure gift of love and acceptance that human worthlessness is turned into gift. Before we were baptised, we were outside the Church but through our Baptism we were cleansed of our sins and given living water, a spring of living water to dwell in us. "Once you were no people but now you are God's people".

Like the Samaritan woman each one of us is called to partake in Christ's mission on earth. It does not matter where we have come from or what the past has been, Jesus loves us as we are. And as we journey through Lent, He wants to complete that initiation in each one of us: to anoint us with His spirit and to nourish us with His very self.

As the Samaritan Woman was sent out to her village, through our Baptism, Confirmation and participation in the Eucharist we too are sent out.

At the Plenty group meeting last Monday a number of us explored the pervasiveness of consumerism and advertising and how we are constantly being fed with images and emotive psychology to lure us to a better life or way of living.

Jesus does not ask us to put ourselves on billboards or commercials. He simply asks us to live His gift of living water, that will never make us thirst again in order that others may also drink and be filled.

Tina Quinn

Questions to Ponder for the Week...

1. "The water that I shall give", Jesus says in today's Gospel, "will turn into a spring inside you, welling up to eternal life". What is that 'water' for you? Faith? Hope? Life? Love?.....
2. ".....the people complained against Moses....." (1st reading). Why? Were they frightened? Were they despairing? Did they fear death? Why?
3. "This hope is not deceptive..." St Paul writes (2nd reading). How would you describe your sense of 'hope'? Strong? Weak? Well founded? Founded on what/who?

Vincent Harvey

Today's Notices

Third Sunday of Lent

Second Collection for Catholic Home Care

1st Scrutiny at the 7pm Mass for those to be Baptised, Received or Confirmed at Easter

Peace Walk commencing at the Peace Fountain at 12.30pm: then Medina Mosque, Nanaksar Gurdwara (lunch); St Edmund's Church; Friends Meeting House. Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the church

Next Sunday Notices

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Second Collection for Clergy Assistance Fund

2nd Scrutiny at the 6.15pm Saturday Vigil Mass for those to be Baptised, Received or Confirmed at Easter

This Week...

Sun Peace Walk: see 'Sunday' for details

Mon Plenty group via Zoom

Tues St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm

Wed Evening Prayer @ 6pm.... to join email Dcn Andy
Lectio Divina in Immaculate Conception Church 7pm
Journey in Faith @ 7.30pm St Edmund's Hall

Thurs CAFOD/Christian Aid Lenten Soup Lunch after Mass
Richard Rohr Group 5pm
Poetry Share Group 7.30pm

Fri Belong & Believe via Zoom at 4pm

Sat. FHC 'reconciliation' in St Edmund's: 11am Mass & confessions cancelled

Sun Evening Prayer @ 6pm.... to join email Dcn Andy

For Info...

Mon Day off: JP / VH

Tues St George: VH; Supervision: VH

Wed Team Meeting: VH/JP/AP

Thurs St George: VH; RR: VH

Fri St George: VH

Springhill: VH/JP

CaFE group: VH

Clergy Ministry Group: VH

Prayers

When is there Adoration in St Edmund's?



Mondays 11am - 3pm

Tuesdays 10.30am - 8pm

Thursdays 10am - 5pm

Fridays 1pm - 7pm



Can I come to Adoration?

Yes, you are warmly welcome to attend adoration when you are able! Just come to the church between the times specified above and enjoy quiet time with Our Lord.

If you feel you would like to formally join the Adoration team, then this is a real help and greatly appreciated.

Please simply contact Anna on 07956 379 542 if you feel able to join and we can chat.

Please remember especially in your prayers

Michaela, Sr Maria Innocenta, Mary Mullen, Christopher Browne, Peter Scott, Vasile, Sue and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or experiencing distress.



A Few Words...

As you know I had a week (4 days) on **retreat at Douai Abbey**. As I write this just before leaving, I plan to spend the time reflecting on 'Shepherds & Fishermen' (Spiritual Exercises for Bishops, Priests and Religious) by Raniero Cantalamessa OFM Cap. I will continue this through Lent.

Lent is still with us! Continue your Lenten practices. If you have 'failed' or 'weakened' already don't worry, just start again!

This coming Saturday, **18th March, the 11am Mass and Confessions are cancelled!** This has been announced a few times. It is so that the First Holy Communion children can celebrate the 'Sacrament of Reconciliation'all 110+ of them! **Pray for them.**

Continue to support the appeals for relief to all involved with the earthquakes in Turkey & Syria: CAFOD are, together with other agencies, working in the area and donations can be made to CAFOD via

<http://cafod.org.uk/> Please see if you can donate. There is, of course, also the Disaster Emergency Committee: <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>

Thank you to all who have been completing/updating Standing Orders and Gift Aid for the Parish. If you have not done so yet may I encourage you to do so!

Continue enjoying Lent! Have a good week... Vincent H

Lent 2023

Early Mass in St Edmund's at 6.30am (all through Lent)
Stations of the Cross

St Edmund's: 6.10pm on Fridays and Sundays & St Joseph's: 11.30am on Thursdays

Pope's Prayer Intentions: March - For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



Sacraments

Please remember especially in your prayers all those who have died recently.



Pray for Simon Parry who died recently. Remember also in your prayers his mother Jenepher Parry Davies and his partner Sue at this time. His funeral will be in St Edmund's at 10am on the 28th March. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the repose of David Buxton who died recently. We pray for Elaine, his wife, and the family. His funeral will be in St Joseph's at 11am on the 31st March. May David rest in peace.

What's going on?

CAFOD Big Lent Walk 25th March. We are doing a joint CAFOD walk with St Boniface around the Common. We will begin at St Boniface at 10am, walk the route and then return for refreshments, hot cross buns and cakes. All are welcome, please come along and invite others! Contact Marina (mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) if you are interested in donating cakes/biscuits for refreshments after the walk.

Belong & Believe an online course on Fridays at 4pm to look afresh at our faith and to what we belong and what we believe. The need for vibrant and welcoming Christian communities has never been stronger. This course is a timely resource drawing on the immense wisdom and inspiration from our Celtic spiritual heritage helping us to find renewed faith and vision together. A five session course to revitalise communities & their mission <https://forms.office.com/e/JviEDzcQQS>

Poetry Share. The first meeting of the new season of Poetry Share meetings will take place on **Thursday, 16th March, 2023 at 7.30pm in St Edmund's Hall.** The meeting will give us the opportunity to meet other people who enjoy poetry, share some of our favourite poems and poets, and to discuss how we want the Poetry Share meetings to progress in the future. We look forward to welcoming you! Please simply attend, or contact Kate Greaves at poetryshare@btinternet.com for more info.

Lenten Lectio Divina Course "Turn to the Lord with all your heart" This Lenten course aims to introduce participants to prayer with the scriptures. Each session lasts an hour and includes a short input, some helpful background information and tips, and a time of prayer. We would love for you to join us. The meetings are in the parish hall of the Immaculate Conception Church each Wednesday at 7pm. The address is 346 Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SB and free, unlimited roadside parking is available in the road behind the hall. This is wonderful opportunity to come and pray with another Parish in our Pastoral area. For more info contact the Verbum Dei community on verbumdei.soton@gmail.com

Catholic Home Care is looking to recruit new carers to join a friendly and supportive team undertaking general domestic support, helping older people in their own homes. If you like elderly people and have time 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 given. Success at interview will lead to an enhanced DBS check before appointment. Permanent and holiday cover carers required. Full details from Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce 023 8017 0498
Closing date – **17 March '23, Interviews 21 March '23**

Food Banks Please consider donating to Southampton City Mission Food Bank if you are able to.

<https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>



Plenty (Joy in Enough) Lenten resource for churches equipping Christians to understand more about the economic drivers of the current ecological crisis such as climate change and biodiversity loss. It looks at why we are facing these crises and what we can do about it. Plenty is a Christian initiative which works through churches to advocate for a fair and green economy.

We are running this course jointly with ASA on zoom on Monday evenings during Lent. If you would like to find out more information then please email Tina tquinn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

The Catholic Association to Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023.

August 18th-25th After a fallow few years due to Covid 19 the CA have been working hard to ensure that this year we have a medically supported pilgrimage for Adult Assisted pilgrims who need care and support during their journey and time in Lourdes. This requires a nursing and medical team but most importantly a large number of volunteers to support the smooth running of the pilgrimage.

Volunteering includes a wide range of roles from making teas and coffees, to pushing wheelchairs.

Lourdes is a very special place, and everything is geared around making it a positive and memorable experience for the sick. But for those of us who volunteer it is a week that we never forget, and Our Lady always gives us something in return. If you are interested in joining either as an assisted pilgrim, able-bodied pilgrim, volunteer or a health care professional there are more details on the Catholic Association website:

<https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk>

If you have any questions you can also talk to Tina or Fr Vincent who will be going again this year.

Portsmouth Diocesan "Don Bosco" Boys Camp - 23 to 29 July 2023

We are delighted that this camp will be going ahead again this summer for boys of secondary school age. The camp will be at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £230 (part bursaries may be available on application).

Right to Life Petition The abortion lobby is expected to make another attempt to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth (including sex-selective abortion). This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would introduce one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. Right To Life UK is running a petition to ask the Prime Minister to do everything in his power to stop the introduction of abortion up to birth. **Please add your name to the petition here:** <https://righttolife.org.uk/signthepetitionorishi>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 12TH MARCH

SJ REFERS TO ST JOSEPH'S (BUGLE STREET, SO14 2AH) & SE IS ST EDMUND'S (THE AVENUE, SO17 1XJ)

Saturday 11th Mar	6:15pm	SJ	Gabrielle & James Hall RIP
Sunday 12th Mar	9:00am	SE	Fr Ian Kerr RIP
<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	10:00am	SJ	People of the Parish
	11:00am	SE	John O'Reilly's Intentions
	7:00pm	SE	All Living & Deceased Members of M's family
Tuesday 14th Mar	10:00am	SE	Dad's B'day RIP, Princey B RIP, Capt George Francis Ponniah B'day Blessings & Thanksgiving
<i>Of the 3rd Week of Lent</i>			Ellen Turnbull RIP
Wednesday 15th Mar	6:30am	SE	Patrick James Sharpe RIP
<i>Of the 3rd Week of Lent</i>	7:00pm	SE	
Thursday 16th Mar	12:15pm	SJ	Thanksgiving to God for His Eternal Love in us, for us & with us
<i>Of the 3rd Week of Lent</i>			
Friday 17th Mar	7:00pm	SE	Founder of St Edmund's Church, Fr Emmanuel Rivara
<i>St Patrick</i>			
Saturday 18th Mar	11:00am	SE	Mass cancelled for FHC First Confessions
<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	6:15pm	SJ	People of the Parish
Sunday 19th Mar	9:00am	SE	22nd Birthday Blessings Geo
<i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	10:00am	SJ	Maureen Sharpe RIP
	11:00am	SE	Thomas Lennon RIP
	7:00pm	SE	Thanksgiving for all our Priests

12th March

Psalm Response:

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

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to You, O Christ, You are the Word of God!

Lord, You are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

Glory to You, O Christ, You are the Word of God!

19th March

1st Reading:

1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

Psalm: 22

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel:

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

This week there is no information about the previous collection as I am writing in advance!! Apologies for this.

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A huge thank you to all Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Choir Members & Speakers who have kindly filled in the "GDPR Consent to Livestream" form distributed over the last couple of weeks.

Please find copies in the sacristies for those who have not yet had the opportunity to fill one in!

As we livestream our Masses it has become important for us to gain the written consent of those individuals knowingly appearing on our livestream (i.e., those in the ministries listed above).

The Parish Office is closed between Friday 10th and Monday 20th. As I'm sure you can imagine, my inbox will likely be overflowing upon my return and so I thank you for your patience in advance! Anna :)

Confessions

St Joseph's on Thursdays at 11.45am & Saturdays 5.45pm

St Edmund's on Saturdays after the 11am Mass

Parish Bank Details

Bank Account Name CDP SOUJE

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We the people of St Joseph's and St Edmund's City Centre Catholic Parish, Southampton, sisters and brothers in Christ, accept as our mission, in the service of God and as a community of disciples:

- to share God's love with all those we meet

- to welcome all so as to help others find and recognise Christ in their lives

- to exercise mercy and

understanding with ourselves and others.



Join the Parish!