

4th JULY 2021

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

“A prophet is despised only in his own country among his own relations and in his own house.”

Mark: 6:4

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Confessions: Saturdays, 10.30 AM (after Mass)

Hall Bookings are not being taken at present .

ALL MASSES ADVERTISED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE TO JOIN LIVE, ONLINE AT

www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur

SEE DETAILS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NEWSLETTER TO BOOK TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASSES

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Mass Times	Mass details & intentions	 <p>SUNDAY'S READINGS 1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5 Psalm: 122 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Gospel: Mark 6:1-6</p>
Sun 04 July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 am 5.30 pm	Booking advised Vocations & Fr Martin Plunkett Booking advised Vocations & Fr Martin Plunkett	
Mon 05 June	St Anthony Zaccaria	-	No Mass	
Tues 06 June	St Maria Goretti	10.00 am	Just turn up, no booking! †Lawrence & Luigina Clegg RIP	
Wed 07 June	Feria	10.00 am	ONLINE ONLY	
Thurs 08 July	Feria	10.00 am	ONLINE ONLY	
Fri 09 July	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions	10.00 am	Just turn up, no booking! †Holy Souls	
Sat 10 July	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00 am	Booking advised †Holy Souls	
Sun 11 July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 am 5.30 pm	Booking advised †Maureen Howard RIP Booking advised	

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever.

Amen



SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY, SUNDAY 04th JULY – No second collection

NEXT SUNDAY 11th JULY - Apostleship of the Sea. Donations can be made at www.stellamaris.org.uk or by leaving a donation in an envelope after Mass.

The Parish Bank Account details are:

Name: PRCDTR Immaculate Conception Church

Sort Code: 30-93-04

Account No: 00887995

For donations please give a reference followed by your gift aid number if you donate in this way. e.g:
GEN = General Fund (offertory collection),
ERF = Emergency Relief Fund

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MASS BOOKING If you would like to book a seat please do so by the preceding Wednesday, 12 noon, by sending an email to icmassbookings@gmail.com (or if you do not have internet access, please ring the parish office during office hours. Please ensure you leave the following:

- Name & contact details
- No of people in your group
- No of children under aged 10
- Any special circumstances

If you forget to make a booking, you are very welcome to turn up and, although we can't guarantee it, we will do our very best to find you a seat.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 4.00 pm

Seeing Christ in Others

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. [Mark 6:4-6](#)

Jesus' encounter with His own kin in His own town was disappointing. They were amazed at His wisdom and the mighty deeds He performed. But despite this amazement at Him, they "took offense at Him." They took offense because they didn't understand how someone whom they knew well, one of their own kin, could be someone special. They allowed their closeness and familiarity with Jesus to cloud their ability to have faith in Him and to rejoice in His greatness.

We do not have this same struggle in a direct way. None of us are from Jesus' own town or members of His extended family by blood relations. But we can still fall into the trap of turning Jesus away as He is present in those closest to us, within *our* own family and among *our* close friends.

This struggle that Jesus encountered reveals our tendency to look at those closest to us without the eyes of faith. Though Jesus was falsely judged, we can, at times, enter into judgment of those close to us on account of their sins or even our false perception of their good actions. Are you able to see others in the light of truth? Are you also able to look beyond the weakness and sins of others and see the presence and grace of God alive in their lives? Are you able to see their goodness and allow God to speak to you through those closest to you? This can be more of a struggle than we may realize.

If it happened to Jesus, it will happen in our families too. The lesson we should learn from this is to identify the temptation to see only the negative in the lives of those closest to us. If we can overcome that temptation, we will be able to focus in on the presence of God alive in their lives. This should be the first and primary thing we seek to discover each and every day.

Reflect, today, upon how well you do see God present in those closest to you. If you find you struggle with that, see it as a temptation you are called to overcome. Discovering the presence of God alive in those around you will help you to grow in love of them and love of God.

Lord, help me to see You in the lives of those closest to me. Help me to rejoice in Your presence and to grow in love of others and in love of You as I see You at work in their lives. Jesus, I trust in You.

A reflection for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
My Catholic Life
<https://mycatholic.life>

TINA COMARMOND RIP

Last Friday Tina Comarmond, a Teaching Assistant at St. Patrick's Primary School Woolston, went home and sadly suffered a massive brain hemorrhage. She later died in hospital on Saturday. It has been a massive shock for Tina's family and the staff, children and parents at St. Patrick's. Please pray for them all at this sad time.

THE BIG DIFFERENCE

Members of our Parish have been working with other churches in the city in the 'Big Difference'. We are now helping over 200 families in the city with food supplies on a weekly basis. Great collections are coming from the supermarkets and the Council has given us a store in Woolston. A team of volunteer drivers are delivering the food on Tuesdays and Fridays.

If anyone knows of families who need food, please contact the Big Difference on their website.

<https://abovebarchurch.org.uk/outreach/the-big-difference>

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue327?e=34c55ac6ce>

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE VOCATIONS LATEST NEWSLETTER

<https://shoutout.wix.com/so/48NfMsMRK?languageTag=en&cid=8eeb309f-dcf5-4938-a4a3-1108ca4991af#/main>

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSOUTHAMPTON/bulletins/2e5766e>

PARISH SECRETARY:

A vacancy has arisen due to retirement.

Southampton City Centre Catholic Parish of St Joseph and St Edmund is seeking to appoint a new Parish Secretary

- Full time 35 hours per week
- Based at: St Edmund's Lodge, The Avenue, Southampton, SO17 1XJ

We offer:

- Competitive Salary (up to £23,000pa), plus contributory pension, dependant on experience. Reporting to the Parish Priest.

- A supportive working environment

We are looking for someone who:

- Has excellent secretarial and computer skills
- Is self-motivated and flexible
- Is emotionally resilient, able to work in a team and to maintain total confidentiality

Email/call the Parish Office

at southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk (023 8033 4891) for Job Description, Person Specification and Application Form.

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 7th July 2021 – midday

Interviews: Thursday/Friday 15th / 16th July 2021

Commencement date: 9th August 2021 or as soon as possible after this date.