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**33rd Sunday; 16th November 2025: SOLEMNITY OF ST. EDMUND OF
ABINGDON, BISHOP/JOINT PRINCIPAL PATRON OF PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE**

Readings of the Day

1st Reading: Malachi 4:1-2

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:5-9

(Response): **Proclaim the wonders of the LORD among all the peoples.**

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

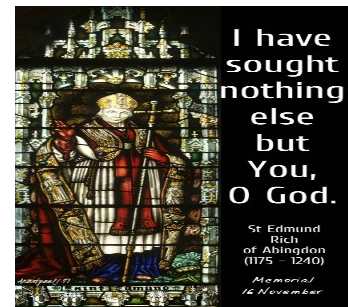
**Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near,**

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

The Triumph Of God
The day is coming
when all that is evil will
be brought to nothing.
Already Christ has
given us the strength
to overcome evil: we
receive it in the
Eucharist.

WEEKLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 15 th :	6 pm(CC):	For the intentions of the people of the parish
Sun 16 th :	9 am (SJ):	For the intentions of Waldren family
	11 am (CC):	For the deceased members of the Blair family
Mon 17 th :	9:30 am (CC):	RIP of Eleanor Mary Minter FM
Tues 18 th :		RIP of John Paul Fewster FM
Weds 19 th :	7 pm (CC):	RIP of Canon Richard Hind FM
Thurs 20 th :	9:30 am (SJ):	
Fri 21 st :	9:30 am(CC):	RIP of Michael & Margaret Walsh FM



Mass intentions can be offered by filling the mass intention envelopes at the back of the church and put in the offertory basket or can be handed to the priest or secretary.

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Sunday Reflection

THEME: FEED MY LAMBS, FEED MY SHEEP.

Today is the thirty-third Sunday in O.T. Year C. But in the Diocese of Portsmouth, we are celebrating the Solemnity of Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop, Joint Principal Patron of the Diocese of Portsmouth. St Edmund Rich was born at St Edmund's Lane, Abingdon, on 20 November, probably in the year 1175. His father was a rich merchant, hence the surname (which he never in fact used himself). Under the influence of his mother, he led an ascetic life. He studied at Oxford and Paris and became a teacher in about 1200 or a little earlier. For six years, he lectured on mathematics and dialectics, apparently dividing his time between Oxford and Paris, and winning distinction for his part in introducing the study of Aristotle. He is the first known Oxford Master of Arts, and the place where he taught was eventually renamed St Edmund Hall.

Between 1205 and 1210, he changed direction, studying theology and being ordained a priest. He took a doctorate in divinity and soon won fame as a lecturer on theology and as an extemporaneous preacher. Sometime between 1219 and 1222, he was appointed vicar of the parish of Calne in Wiltshire and Treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral, and finally became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1233. He was a notable and effective reforming Bishop. His love for discipline and justice aroused opposition, and he found himself ranged against Rome as champion of the national Church. Eventually, like his predecessors, St. Thomas Becket and Stephen Langton, he retired to Pontigny, where he is buried. He died at Soisy-Bouy on 16 November 1240.

Devotion to him was especially marked at Abingdon, and at Catesby where his sisters were both nuns. Edmund was canonised in 1246 and is the Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese of Portsmouth. He is venerated as a vigorous and reforming bishop and as a peacemaker, as well as being a distinguished commentator on the Scriptures and an effective spiritual writer. As we celebrate this solemnity in honour of St. Edmund of Abingdon, I would like us to reflect a bit on the words of Jesus to Simon in today's gospel passage: Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.

We are told in the gospel that "When Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:15-17). From this passage, we can see that the command to tend the flock and feed the sheep is preceded by an affirmation of a genuine love for Christ. This means we can only go out to show God's

love if we have professed our faith and love in Him. Without this, we would not be able to do what has been asked of us effectively. This is the challenge which comes with the resistance we sometimes put in terms of bringing the Good News to others.

The above resistance or unworthiness is reflected in the discourse between God and the Prophet Jeremiah in the first reading of today. The first reading recounts the following: "In the days of King Josiah: The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.' But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a youth"; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.' Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, 'Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.'" (Jer 1:4-9). The lesson from this passage invites us to allow God to lead in the process of going to tend his flock and feed his sheep. God knows our limitations and that is why he does not call the qualified but qualifies all he calls for his service. As he touched the lips of the prophet and inscribed his words in his mouth, so too he wants to do same with us so that we may be faithful in the baptismal mission he gave us all to be kings, priest, prophets and heirs to his kingdom.

The example we can take home today from the readings is St. Paul. St. Paul was a persecutor of the Christian but was called to preach to the Gentiles. He faithfully carried out this task and endured a lot for the sake of the faith. In today's second reading, he had proclaimed the wonders of the LORD among all the people of Corinth and today engages them when he says "Brothers and Sisters: Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant." (2 Cor 3:1-6).

We all, like Jeremiah, St. Paul and St. Edmund of Abingdon, need to rely on God's strength in tending the flock and feeding the sheep even amidst the challenges we may face. Our limitations and weaknesses should not deter us from doing what God wants us to achieve for Him. May St. Edmund of Abingdon help us to be faithful to God's mission in our lives.

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FINANCE & MORE

COLLECTIONS/INCOME 09/11/2025

ST. JOSEPH: Loose plate £123.20, Envelopes £33, Candles £103.35, Flowers £64.19, Heating £144.40 and Hall Rent £1845

Contactless Collection: General £5

CORPUS CHRISTI: Loose plate £125.88, Candles £3.20, Bamenda £5, World Mission £5 and Wintershall £70

Contactless Collection: General £5, Votive Candles £5 & CC New Heating £5

Online Donation: General £25, Mass Intentions £4 & CC New Heating £20

STANDING ORDERS OCTOBER £1576

FINANCIAL APPEAL: We need your financial help to run our parish all the time and now more than ever before. You can help towards the repairs by either using our account name,

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Corpus Christi & St Joseph, sort code is 30-93-04 and account number 00884996 or the online giving page for the parish at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/Portsmouth-corporus-Christi--st-joseph-catholic-parish>

Donations to Bamenda in the orange/yellow buckets for September & £189.00. Thank you to all contributors. Don't forget to put your loose change in the buckets and you can now use the contactless payment machine/QR code in both churches to donate to Bamenda.

CHRISTMAS SALE

Some of our young parishioners from Corpus Christi have organised a Christmas sale for the four Sundays of Advent for church funds.

They would appreciate donations of religious cards, unbroken toys, stocking filler gifts, and Christmas decorations. Thank you.

(gifts for sale can be given to Terry, Geraldine or Liz who sit at the back of the church on a Sunday.)

RECEIVING COMMUNION

May we politely remind you that when you come to receive the precious body of Christ, you should respond with "Amen", not thank you, or nothing at all!

DAILY MASSES

ST. JOSEPH: Adoration at 8:30 am followed by Mass at 9:30 am in English on Thursdays. On Saturdays 5 pm adoration followed by 6 pm mass and 9 am mass on Sundays.

Adoration: 11 am - 1:30 pm Monday to Friday (Most days with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration).

Holy Hour: 7pm - 8pm Monday to Friday (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers (in Latin), Rosary and Benediction).

LATIN MASS COMMUNITY: 7am daily and 11:15 am on Sundays at St Joseph.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Adoration at 8.30 am followed by Mass at 9:30 am on Mondays and Fridays and adoration at 6 pm on Wednesdays followed by Mass at 7 pm to allow workers to have a chance to attend weekday masses. On Sundays at 11 am.

CHURCH TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS DAILY:

Corpus Christi: 9 am – 11 am on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

CONFESSIONS

ST. JOSEPH: 8:30 am on Thursdays and Sundays and 5 pm on Saturdays

CORPUS CHRISTI: 6 pm on Wednesdays and 8:30 am on Mondays and Fridays.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR 2024/2025

- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Two of our members were baptised last week and one was baptised and confirmed this week at Corpus Christi Church. We have 2 others who are also enrolled in this programme.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2025/26:** Second session today Sunday 16th of November at 9:15 am in Corpus Christi Hall.

NEW APPROACH TO GODPARENTS FOR BAPTISM: We have come to realise that some parents do not understand the difference between a Godparent and a witness for baptism. This has led to situations where none Catholics have stood as Godparents for their children. As a clarification, a witness at baptism can be anyone from any denomination or one without a religion. But a Godparent must be a practicing Catholic and one who is able to receive the sacraments. In this light, we would be introducing a form that parents who want their children to be baptised must send to the Godparents so that their Parish priest can fill and sign to testify that they are practicing Catholics and regular in their sacramental lives.

CONTINUATION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTERSHALL THE NATIVITY JOURNEY

20 December 2025

2.00pm

Payments are now due, to secure your place either pay online to:-

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Corpus Christi & St Joseph, sort code is 30-93-04 and account number 00884996

Or put payment in an envelope with your full name and give to Father Emmanuel

ADULTS £34.00

CHILD (3yrs to 18yrs) £17.00

FAMILY of 4 (2 adults & 2 children) £96.00

Transportation taken care of by the parish..

More details to follow.

JOINT EVENT WITH FRIARS: This will take place on Friday, 21 November, in the hall at 6 pm and will be "Remembering the Dead", a talk given by Fr. Serafino.

Leaflets are now available for delivery around the roads in Baffins. We need volunteers to deliver these, just one road each. You should please meet at the Friary (Presbytery) at 10 am on Saturday, 15 November, to collect one road to take for delivery.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP IN DECEMBER:

December's get together will take place on Saturday 13th at 10.30 am. I hope to make this a fun Christmas themed session and am hoping that as many as you can come along as possible.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY AT ST. JOSEPH'S

We are arranging a children's nativity as part of our Carol Service on Christmas eve from 5.00 pm. If you have children who would like to take part by dressing up to create a nativity scene between carols (no speaking required), please see Gail Edwards or Julie Beadsworth at 9 am Mass at St. Joseph's by Sunday, 12 October. All costumes will be provided.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES INCLUDING:

Karen Gardner, Sonia Hopwood, John Micallef, Michael Owen, Sheila Heaward, David Grant, Nicky Waldren, Janet Lentieul, Helen White, Dawn Hurst, Eileen & Joe McGannon, Vanessa Sharman, Debbie Gray, Jenny Pearce, Colin Card, Angie Sharma, Aileen Mary Sullivan, Lolo Kelly, Leonard Donegan, Tom & Joan Maguire, Ellen MacKay, John Clarke, Maureen Floyd, Philip Lush, Margaret & Brian Boland, Jim Cuffe, Giuseppe Mascia, Kamila Rogoz, Terry Walmsley, Pretty Mukuhlane, Clare Hill, Frances & Ron Little, Anna Pagano, Margaret New, Sean New, Leo Howes and Tallieu family.

Please send names of sick & housebound parishioners so that we can add them to this list.

IF YOU HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS AND NOW WISH THESE PEOPLE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST, PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE.

JUBILEE PLANNING MEETING OUTCOME

The ongoing parish activities during this jubilee year, Pilgrims of Hope are as follows. First Friday adoration to be done in our parish churches after masses from 10am to 6pm. Parishioners encouraged to sign up for adoration time slots.

1. Jubilee prayer and the prayer of hope bookmark will be said after every mass throughout the jubilee year.
2. Jubilee "faith in action" plan. We are all encouraged to put into practice our corporal works of mercy; to feed the hungry, visit the sick, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, etc.
3. Closing of the jubilee year will be on the First Sunday of Advent 2025 in our parish.

DONA CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINE:



CHURCH COLLECTION

Please remember you can make your donations to the church via the DONA machine in the porch or by scanning the QR code. This is an easy way of accessing the payment method, rather than queueing at the machine. Just point your phone's camera at the QR code and then follow the instructions on your phone.

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