



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Millbrook

Fr Benjamin writes ...

“Decisions, decisions” goes the phrase. Some may disagree, but I am a decisive person. I may not come to a decision very quickly, but once I have assessed all the information that is required, it’s full steam ahead.

For the Twelve disciples in today’s Gospel passage, it is also decision time. Not only has Simon Peter decided he knows Our Blessed Lord’s identity as the Christ; he also needs to decide along with the eleven, whether he should continue following Christ.

When Christ confirms that He is indeed the Lord’s Anointed, the Son of the living God, He also speaks about what that identity entails. To follow Him as Christ does not mean an easy life. It does not mean preferential treatment or honour from society. On the contrary, it means following Him where He leads, and He describes in stark detail the destination: to suffering, death on a Cross and rising from the dead. It was a far cry from what Simon Peter would have expected Him to say.

When Simon Peter takes Our Lord aside to remonstrate with Him, Christ interprets his words as a real temptation not to go to the Cross. That explains the strength of His rebuke. When Simon Peter finally knows that Christ is fully intent on going to Jerusalem, to be betrayed, handed-over and killed, he needs to decide whether or not to continue to follow Him. The same is true for all the rest of the eleven. The same is true for us.

We may be called to follow Our Lord on difficult paths, paths we would prefer not to go down, but in the end it comes down to a subject of another significant conversation Simon Peter has with the Lord: Love. “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” It is only after that He says, “Follow me”.

The same applies to us. Do we love the Lord, and follow Him only in the good times, or are we willing to embrace the Cross for love of Him as well? When it comes to the moment of greatest decision, what do we say, who do we follow and so Who do we say Jesus is?

God bless you this Sunday and always

September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Blessed Lady

The Devotion of the Seven Sorrows recalls seven events in Our Blessed Lady’s life when she experienced great sorrow. We unite ourselves with both the Passion of Christ and sufferings of His holy Mother. Please pray for the salvation of souls; for those who are sick and those who care for them; for vocations to the Sacred priesthood and for the Holy Catholic Church.

Please pray each day for our priests and seminarians and for vocations.

Adoration (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);

Rosary, Vespers and Benediction (Sundays 4pm)

outdoor **Rosary** Monday 9am, Tuesday 10am

Stations of the Cross (the Church is open from 9am until 7pm daily)

I offered my back to those who struck me

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 114(116):1-6,8-9****I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living****Second reading****James 2:14-18****If good works do not go with it, faith is quite dead**

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel**Mark 8:27-35****The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously**


Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

*****SECOND COLLECTIONS *****

Second Collection 15th September is for Home Missions:
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HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

Parish Notices

GIFT AID

If you pay UK tax and complete a Gift Aid Declaration form, the Parish can claim back from the Government the tax that you have already paid on your donation. This gives the Parish an extra 25p for each £1 you give. It all adds up and puts to good use some of the taxes we pay. If you did not update your Gift Aid Declaration last year please complete a form from the back of the Church and return it to the office or sacristy. Any questions please ask.

Spiritual Bouquet for Fr Jean-Patrice

We would like to send a spiritual bouquet for the speedy recovery of our dear friend Fr Jean-Patrice. If you would like to commit to praying a rosary, having a Mass offered, or similar please make a note on the list at the back of the Church and we will send the bouquet for his speedy recovery.

Confirmation

We are now taking applications for those **young people** wishing to undertake preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation—please complete this link <https://forms.office.com/e/jpMVZbmU0M>

For those **adults** who would like to become a Catholic, and those **adults** who are not yet confirmed, you are invited to join us on Monday 23rd September at 7pm in the Louis Suite.

Please contact ministry@holysouthampton.org.uk

Stressed?

Relax in the presence of Our Blessed Lord, bathe in His Love

The Parish is seeking regular Adorers of Our Blessed Lord

11-12 noon Saturday mornings

2-3 pm Saturday afternoons

And other hours from 8pm Thursdays right through until 6pm Saturdays

Please contact ministry@holysouthampton.org.uk

Thank you!

Enormous thanks to Siobhan and her team for the fantastic barbecue last Saturday and to all those who braved the rain to attend. Also thanks to everyone for your understanding that it was the only date/time we could fit in before the end of “summer”.

Particular thanks also to those who bore witness to the Faith and supported the rights of the unborn at this year’s March for Life in London (thereby missing the barbecue but not doubt receiving greater reward).

Job vacancies in the Diocese <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

15 Sept (Sun)	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Claire & Tadhg Keating (Int) People of the Parish
16 Sept (Mon)			NO MASS TODAY
17 Sept (Tues)	St Robert Bellarmine	9.15 am (OF)	Helen Matthews (RIP)
18 Sept (Wed)	Nuptial Mass	11.00 am	James and Eunice Wedding
19 Sept (Thur)	St Januarius B & Comps	7.30 pm (EF)	Michael Campbell & Theresa Barron
20 Sept (Fri)	St Andrew Kim Taegon	9.15 am (OF)	Thanksgiving—Neri
21 Sept (Sat)	St Matthew (Apostle) Vigil	9.15 am (OF) 6.30 pm (OF)	Nichols Family (Int) Marie-Therese “Biddy” Hendricks (RIP)
22 Sept (Sun)	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Gavin Rogerson (RIP) People of the Parish

Please hand Mass intentions to Fr Benjamin, to Catherine, or place in the collection basket. We are currently booking Mass intentions for **October** (EF Masses for **November**) Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September	October
14th Catechists Retreat Day	20th Rite of Welcome
14th Adoremus	31st All Saints Eve Children’s Party
14th Sr Lucy Final Profession	
28th Bring & Share and Parish Finance Update	

THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 9AM UNTIL 6PM EACH DAY

Confessions (when there is Mass)	Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite
Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm	Outdoor Rosary —Mondays at 9am; Tuesdays 10am
Monday & Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm	Sewing Group - Tuesdays at 10.00am
Tuesday & Friday: 8.30—9.10 am	Gardening Club - Tuesdays 10am until 12 noon
Eucharistic Adoration	Mother’s Prayers Wednesdays at 2.00 pm
Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm	Lunch Group Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon:
Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations	NEXT LUNCH: TBC
Sunday: 4.00 pm	Youth Group 1st Saturdays 3.00-6.00 pm
	Catholic Men’s Group 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm
	Bring a Plate to Share Social Last Saturdays at 7.30pm

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