



## PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Millbrook

### Fr Benjamin writes ...

Well, the results are in and everything is clear: a prophet is despised in his own country. Despite the people of Nazareth being astonished by His words and having heard of His good works of healing and raising people to new life, they reject Our Blessed Lord. They think they know Him. Indeed, many of them would have known Him since He was a boy. They would have grown up with Mary and Joseph as being familiar figures in the village. If you have ever lived in a close-knit, small community, you will know how everyone thinks they know everything about everybody. Usually, that is simply not the case.

No one is fully known, and it can be argued that we do not fully know ourselves. To say that we know another person fully is risky as it means that when they surprise us we can be startled, alarmed and perhaps disappointed.

When Our Blessed Lord began to reveal Himself during His Public Ministry, and word of this revelation got back to the Nazarenes, all their preconceptions were challenged. This aroused in them sentiments of anger and rejection. They could not accept the reality Who was standing before them.

We can fall into the same trap, which is the mistaken notion that we think we know the Lord. We do know Him and we don't know Him. The mystery is that He can be known yet not fully known. When He goes beyond our expectations or vision of Him, we can begin to question Him, and even reject Him.

It is always good to desire to be close to the Lord, but not simply on our own terms. When He surprises us, it is all part of the marvels of Divine revelation, a revelation which helps not to allow familiarity breed the sort of contempt suffered by the Lord in Nazareth. It is always best to let people be themselves. It is good to accept the Lord as He shows Himself to us, to love rather than despise, to welcome rather than reject. What a result that would be.

### God bless you this Sunday and always

#### Parish Vacancy

Job Title: Permanent Adorer of Our Blessed Lord  
Hours of Work: Saturdays 1 am until 2 am (very early morning)  
Other hours also available—please get in touch  
Salary: Innumerable graces  
Job description: Watch for one hour, wrapped in His love.  
Contact: [ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk](mailto:ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk) or the office



#### July is the Month of the Precious Blood

Uniting with the suffering of Our Blessed Lord and the shedding of His Precious Blood please pray this month for the salvation of souls; for those who are sick and those who care for them; and for the Holy Catholic Church. Please pray for our priests and seminarians and for vocations.

**Adoration** (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);  
outdoor **Rosary** Monday 9am, Tuesday 10am

**Rosary, Vespers and Benediction Sunday 4pm**

**First reading****Ezekiel 2:2-5****These rebels shall know that there is a prophet among them**

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 122(123)****Our eyes are on the lord till he show us his mercy****Second reading****2 Corinthians 12:7-10****The Lord's power is at its best in weakness**

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

**Gospel****Mark 6:1-6****'A prophet is only despised in his own country'**

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS****Sunday 7th July—Lectionary**

there will be a second collection to fund the new Lectionary which will be used from the First Sunday of Advent (we ordered early to get a discount but still need to raise approximately £900!). Anyone wishing to make a larger donation or requiring names to be listed on the bookplates please contact the office. Gift Aid is applicable if you are a taxpayer and would like the Government to return some of your taxes to a good cause! Many thanks to our lovely Frist Holy Communion Group for their generous donation.

**Sunday 14th July—SEA SUNDAY—STELLA MARIS**

Seafarers and fishermen play a vital role in all of our lives but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. On Sea Sunday the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to those in need. You can donate in Church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk)/ donate, or by texting "SEA" to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

# HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

## Parish Notices

### First Holy Communion

Our Parish is delighted to celebrate with the following children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday 30th June at 10.30am

**Daisy, Brayden, Chief, Ryan, Cleven, Freddie, Lola, Daniel, Alexandra**

Please keep them and their families in your prayers, that they will continue to grow in the love of God through the Holy Eucharist.

We now welcome families with children in year 4 or above to register online for next year's preparation  
[SOUHF Initial Enquiry Form First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion \(office.com\)](#)

### Fanning the Flame

19th-23rd August, Ages:11-21. Kintbury. From £140.

A summer camp for young people to come together, learn about our faith and have fun in fellowship. Run by a team with 25+ years experience and with catechesis from The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, it is an excellent opportunity for young people to grow in their faith and get the support they need to live their lives transformed by grace. Camping is easy and the week includes workshops and activities from craft to philosophy, football to archery. Each day also includes celebrating the sacraments, times of praise and worship and other types of prayer, finishing with compline (night prayer) around the camp fire. For more information, or to support the work of FTFCM, please go to [www.fanningtheflame.co.uk](http://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk).

### ADORATION

All are welcome to join us on

**Monday 15th July at 7.30pm**

for a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a bring and share supper.

Please do join our very faithful group who give an hour of their time each week to Our Blessed Lord in Adoration.



### PARISH BARBECUE

**This year's Parish Barbecue will be held on Saturday 27th July from 3-6pm**

**Tickets are now on sale in the Parish Office and in the Louis Suite.**

**Ticket prices Adults £10, Children £5, Family Ticket £30.**

**As this is on the last Saturday of the month there will be no Parish Social after Mass (though we'll probably still be clearing up!**

**Please feel free to email the office to order tickets—if you pay online please indicate BBQ in the description.**

**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**

7 July	<b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	John Smith (RIP) Pura & Amado Taburnal
8 July	<b>Feria</b>	7.30 pm (OF)	Aaron Tom (birthday int)
9 July	<b>St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, &amp; Companions</b>	9.15 am (OF)	Maria Le Thi An & Maria Le Thi Khort (RIP)
11 July	<b>ST BENEDICT</b>	7.30 pm (EF)	Madeleine Beard (Int)
12 July	<b>Feria</b>	9.15 am (OF)	Peter Le Van Hoi & Maria Le Thi Buong (RIP)
13 July	<b>Our Lady on Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>9.00 am (OF)</b> 6.30 pm (OF)	Nichols Family (Int)` People of the Parish
14 July	<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Michael Falvey (RIP) Emilia Tuppein

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>July</b>	<b>27th PARISH BARBEQUE 3pm</b>
7th First Holy Communion 1030 Mass	<b>August</b>
13th Priestly Ordinations Cathedral	<b>6th Transfiguration</b>
14th First Holy Communion 0900 Mass	<b>15th Assumption</b>
20th First Holy Communion Thanksgiving 11am	<b>31st Bring and Share Social 7.30pm</b>
27th Fr Benjamin Anniversary Mass (EF) 2pm	

**THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 9AM UNTIL 7PM EACH DAY**

**PLEASE NOTE MORNING MASS ON 13TH JULY WILL BE AT 9AM**

<p><b>Confessions (when there is Mass)</b></p> <p>Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm Monday &amp; Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm Tuesday &amp; Friday: 8.30—9.10 am</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Adoration</b></p> <p>Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm</p> <p><b>Rosary, Vespers &amp; Benediction for Vocations</b></p> <p>Sunday: 4.00 pm</p>	<p><b>Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite</b></p> <p><b>Outdoor Rosary</b>—Mondays at 9am; Tuesdays 10am <b>Sewing Group</b> - Tuesdays at 10.00am <b>Gardening Club</b> - Tuesdays 10am until 12 noon <b>Mother's Prayers</b> Wednesdays at 2.00 pm <b>Lunch Group</b> Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon: <b>NEXT LUNCH: TBC</b> <b>Youth Group</b> 1st Saturdays 3.00-6.00 pm <b>Catholic Men's Group</b> 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm <b>Bring a Plate to Share Social</b> Last Saturdays at 7.30pm</p>
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Grateful thanks for your generosity in May  
Loose plate: £1621.66 Gift Aid: £1154 Standing orders: £1783

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