



# PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Millbrook

## Seminarian John Aburn writes ...

Over the past week and a half which I've spent here at Holy Family, I've been able to get a glimpse into the life of a Parish Priest and realise that no two days are the same. First of all, I am truly grateful to Fr Benjamin for his kind hospitality and the warm welcome I've received since I arrived here, and also for the warm welcome which you, the People of the Parish have extended to me as I've begun to get to know you all, and to walk alongside you in faith during my short time here.

My journey of faith, like many these days, began in the Church of England. My Godfather, a retired Anglican clergyman, was the first person responsible for planting the seeds of a vocation in my mind as he had me serving at the altar from a very young age. Together with my family, I was received into full Communion with the Catholic Church in 2009. However, by no means has my call to Priesthood been an easy one, especially during my school years, as I often questioned whether the vocation to which I'm being called was the right thing at the time.

I did, however, join the Bournemouth Oratory-in-Formation as a Postulant a couple of years ago for a short time. But after I left, I seriously began to consider the Diocesan Priesthood. A lengthy, rigorous process followed at the end of which I was accepted by Bishop Philip to enter Seminary in September last year, when I arrived at the Royal and Pontifical College of St Alban in Valladolid, Spain to begin the Propaedeutic Year (similar to a University Foundation Year) of Formation, prior to, please God, beginning my Philosophy studies later this year.

Bishop Philip so often says that vocations and in particular priestly vocations "don't come out of thin air". Vocations have to be prayed for and nurtured within the family setting. As we hear in our First Reading this Sunday, when Samuel says in reply "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" (1 Sam 3:9-10). These words have inspired many young men to respond the Lord's call in their lives. As a Parish dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, perhaps we could pray and nurture vocations within the family setting, and also allow the Lord to speak to those who are listening, these could be ways in which someone may discover their own vocation in life.

Please keep praying for me, for the other wonderful Seminarians being formed for our Diocese, and indeed for more vocations!

## Rosary and Benediction for Vocations

Given the graces received and number of young men discerning their vocation to the priesthood—just imagine the number of potential priests we could have if more than 10 people turned up to Rosary and Benediction on Sundays at 4pm!

**'Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening'**

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10****Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.****Second reading****1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20****Do not sin against your own body**

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

**Gospel****John 1:35-42****'We have found the Messiah'**

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.



## **Parish Notices**

### **Holy Family Statue**

On Friday 19th January Fr Benjamin will bless our statue of The Holy Family which will be given to the first family on Sunday 21st for them to host for a week before passing the statue to the next family. As we are planning for our families to meet up to hand the statue to the next family we need your permission to pass on your details to the next family. Please be aware of this when signing up to host the statue. Other arrangements can be made if you are uncomfortable with this, so please do not hesitate to ask.

### **Funeral**

The Funeral of Catherine Mercer (RIP) will be on Friday 26th January at 1pm at St Boniface Church Shirley. We shall also hold a requiem at The Holy Family on a suitable date (to be arranged).

### **Adoration**

Our grateful thanks to all those who spent time with Our Blessed Lord over Christmastide, especially those who stepped up in an emergency when others were unable to attend.

We are still in great need of permanent adorers

**12 noon -1 pm Fridays**  
**10am -11 am Saturdays**

If you are able to help, even on an occasional basis, please contact  
Angela [ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk](mailto:ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk) or  
Catherine [office@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk](mailto:office@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk)

### **Social and Fundraising**

Many thanks for generous donations to the Heating Fund given over Christmas. We are making progress towards our initial target and have a few social and fundraising activities in the pipeline.

Social—On Thursday mornings from 10-12 we are currently hosting a Caritas “Warm Space” group in the Louis Suite. Everybody is welcome to join the group run by Victoria—just turn up!

Planning is underway for starting a 100 Club, Social and sweepstakes for the European Football Championships and our Summer Fete.

Bonus Ball Cards are ongoing in the Louis Suite.

# THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



**Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form**

Sun 14 Jan	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	People of the Parish Nichols Family (Ints)
Mon 15 Jan	<b>Feria</b>	7.30 pm (OF)	Souls of the D'Costa family
Tues 16 Jan	<b>Feria</b>	9.15 am (OF)	Maria Nguyen Thi Su (RIP)
Thurs 18 Jan	<b>Feria</b>	7.30 pm (EF)	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri 19 Jan	<b>Feria</b>	9.15 am (OF)	In Thanksgiving for the Adorers of Our Lord
Sat 20 Jan	<b>Our Lady on a Saturday Vigil</b>	9.15 am (OF) 6.30 pm (OF)	Siobhan Callaghan (int) Spiteri Family (New Year Blessings)
Sun 21 Jan	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	People of the Parish Bernard Amoah (RIP)

**Please hand Mass intentions to Fr Benjamin, to Catherine, or place in the collection basket.**

<p><b>Confessions (when there is Mass)</b>                  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>                  Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm</p> <p><b>Rosary, Vespers &amp; Benediction for Vocations</b>                  Sunday: 4.00 pm</p>	<p><b>Groups/Activities</b> in the Louis Suite</p> <p><b>Sewing Group</b> Tuesdays at 10.00am  <b>Gardening Club</b>—Winter Break  <b>Mother's Prayers</b> Wednesdays at 2.00 pm</p> <p><b>Lunch Group</b> Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon:  <b>NEXT LUNCH:</b> TBC Siobhan will be away for a couple of weeks</p> <p><b>Youth Group</b> 1st Saturdays 3-6pm  <b>Catholic Men's Group</b> 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm</p>
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<p>January</p> <p>19th Dedication Mass Holy Family                  19th Blessing of Holy Family Statue</p>	<p>February</p> <p>2nd Candlemas—blessing of candles and procession                  14th Ash Wednesday</p>
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**THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 9AM UNTIL 6PM EACH DAY**

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