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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

At the beginning of November, over 60 children in our Parish, signed up for the First Holy Communion programme. God willing, they will all receive Jesus for the first time, on the Feast of Corpus Christi in June next year.

Volunteers from the Parish will run the group sessions for the children and the adults, supported by all the priests of our parish.

Each and everyone of us can support this programme with prayers for the children and their parents, as they begin this special journey in their spiritual lives. Indeed we hope it will be the beginning of a life long friendship with Jesus in the Eucharist.

When we are baptized in Christ, we receive His grace of being children of God. In the Eucharist, Jesus is Himself, living, permanent and hidden under the appearance of the Sacred Host. God cannot give us a greater gift. Jesus offered Himself for our salvation to His Father on Calvary and continues to do so at Mass. Our Church was born from the Eucharist and the Eucharist is a priceless treasure - it is JESUS, body and blood, soul and divinity, truly present in the consecrated host.

The adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest among all of the devotions after receiving Him in the Holy Communion. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked His disciples to watch and pray with Him. Eucharistic Adoration is our opportunity to respond to Jesus's request. In St Joseph's, Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Thursday, from 12 noon to Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm and concludes with Mass at 6pm. In St Edward's, Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) takes place every Thursday from 7 to 8pm. In Holy Cross Eucharistic adoration takes place on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 10am to 1pm.

Please come and join us – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament extends the benefits of Holy Communion.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: "Nowhere on Earth are you more welcome. Nowhere on earth are you more loved, than by Jesus living and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, is the best You will spend on earth."

"O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment Thine".

Father Wojciech

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Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.
Psalm Response: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Parish Groups

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group
Tuesdays between 10.15-11.30am (after Mass) in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. We grow in faith by sharing in several different ways. Often by viewing DVD's on various topics the group select, with scripture and prayer, and occasional guest speakers. **It is a time of simple sharing, come and join us, we start with tea and biscuits, and everyone is assured of a warm welcome.**
For more information please email Deacon Paul Wilson on pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or ring June Wilson on 02380 616618, or Lynette Washford on 02380 618542. Upcoming topics: St Edmund of Abingdon, The Rich man, The 4 Magi.

Journey in Faith - Every Wednesday at St Edward's
Is for anyone enquiring about the Catholic faith and for people intending to become a Catholic. The sessions run from 7.30pm to 9pm. For further information please contact Deacon Paul Owen - tel: 02380 254806; email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Fellowship Group: St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. **Advent Bible Study on Wednesday 5th & 12th December** entitled 'Lighten our Path' by Nick Fawcett. The evenings begin at 7.30pm and finish with refreshments at 9pm. Join us in preparing for Christmas. Everyone is most welcome. Any queries please contact Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

Youth Groups at Holy Cross Resource Centre
All young people from school year 4 up to and including 6th Form are welcome to come and join us once a month on Sunday evenings. We will be running age specific activities using different rooms at **Holy Cross Resource Centre 7pm-8.30pm**. For more info please contact: Marianne Wanstall on 07771 704600 [Inspire - school yrs 4-9]; Cath Szymanski on 07846 438224 [TOZ - school yrs 10, 11 & Sixth Form College]
Upcoming dates: 9th Dec; 13th Jan; 10th Feb; 17th Mar.

CaFE - the next meetings will be on:
Monday 10th December, 2.30pm in St Joseph's;
Tuesday 11th December, 7.30pm in St Andrew's.
Further details from Sheila Keefe, 01794 518071 or s.keefe@btopenworld.com.

Children's Liturgy - Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Dates for the rest of this term: Sundays **25th Nov**, 9th Dec & 23rd Dec. These sessions take place during 9.30am Mass and all are welcome. **Joanna Somerville** (joannasomerville1@hotmail.com)

Readings for next Sunday 2nd December 2018
First Sunday of Advent
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28. 34-36
1st reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Psalm: 24
2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

November Parish Events

Candlelight Prayer - Wednesday 28th November, 7.30pm. Join us for hymns, prayer, quiet meditation and readings around the altar. We will remember Pat Hill especially this evening. Pat died recently and, until she moved North, hosted Candlelight Prayer in her home over a number of years. Refreshments served at the end of the evening; hosted by the Fellowship Group. Everyone in the Parish is most welcome. Queries to Marion and Bob Birtles.

St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's Christmas Draw in aid of the Open Gate Stroke Club will be held at 11am on **Friday 30th November** in Romsey Parish Centre, 26 Abbey Water. Same time, same place, there will be bottle and cake stalls and refreshments. The money from these will go to our Parish Youth Group. Donations of bottles & cakes most gratefully accepted. Do come along and see what you can win.

December Parish Events

Parish Altar Servers Day - Saturday 1st December 10am to 3:30pm, OLQA. All altar servers from all of our churches are invited to spend the day together: games, chatting, lunch and songs. If you haven't received your invitation or would like more info please email: altarservers.sswp@gmail.com.

Essential Baptism Preparation Session
If you wish to have your child baptised, please contact the Parish Office for an application form, and return the completed form to the Office. Then we look forward to welcoming parents for an essential Preparation Session on **Sunday 9th December 2018 (4.30pm-6pm)** at Holy Cross Resource Centre. It would be very helpful if you could arrive a little early, refreshments available from 4.15pm. If you want you can attend the preparation session in advance of your baby's birth.

Good Companions Christmas Lunch
Tues 4th Dec at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield. Meet from 12 Noon for a 12.30pm start. If you live alone or are lonely do join us for scrumptious food and good company. Please ring Pauline (023 80266617) or Susie (023 80263436). Lifts can be arranged if necessary.

Cinema at Holy Cross - Saturday 1st December
Film: The Blind Side (Cert 12). Doors open from 6.45pm, **film starts at 7.00pm** in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For more info see poster on noticeboards or leaflets in the welcome area.

December Parish Events Continued

Advent Talks with Fr Alan - 4th & 11th Dec, OLQA

Fr Alan will be giving two talks (both start at 7.30pm) focussing on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If this is a Sacrament you find challenging, then this is the opportunity to get your questions answered! Everyone is welcome, we look forward to seeing you then.

CAFOD Events at St Edward's in December

Craft Morning - Friday 7th Dec after 10am Mass.

Come along and make Christmas Table decorations to sell at the Christmas Fair. No experience necessary.

FAIR TRADE Christmas Stalls - Sat 8th & Sun 9th Dec after both Masses. Come and buy Christmas Gifts, Table Decorations, Culinary Delights and lots more. Any donations of unwanted gifts and cakes gratefully received. There will also be a raffle for a Christmas Hamper.

All proceeds to CAFOD project in Peru and Fair Trade.

For more info contact Clare Lasker on 02380 252138.

Romsey & North Baddesley Christmas Lunch

Hunters Inn, Romsey, **Tuesday 11th December** at 12.30pm. Menus are on the notice boards.

All are welcome. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Sunday 2nd December as we have to pre-order. £10 non-refundable deposit required for each person.

"Advent to Christmas by Candlelight", St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak - as usual our Carol Service will take place on Gaudate **Sunday 16th December**. All welcome. Please note that this year it will be at 5pm to enable people to attend the Parish Party should they wish.

School Notices

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

Christmas Fayre - Sunday 9th December

12.30pm until 3pm. Come along and enjoy an afternoon full of fun for all the family with Santa's grotto, hot food & refreshments, games, tombola's, trading stalls and our Grand Draw. Look out for our raffle tickets which will be on sale soon.

Messages

St Swithun Wells Church

- will be selling Raffle tickets for a Fair Trade Christmas Hamper at the 5pm Mass from the 24th November until weekend of 15th/16th December. Tickets are £1 each and the draw will take place at the Carol Service on 16th December. Money raised will go towards a CAFOD World Gift providing water for a village.

Christmas Hampers at Holy Cross - this year at Holy Cross, not one but three Christmas hampers will be raffled in aid of CAFOD. Tickets are now on sale. The CAFOD team would like to take this opportunity to thank all who continue to support us.

Christmas Appeal for the Men of Elderfield 2018

Once again we are making up Christmas gift parcels for the men of Elderfield, some of whom have never experienced a 'family' Christmas. They look forward to their gifts and greetings from our community. We hope that you will continue to support us generously this year. Money donations are preferable, enabling us to plan our selection of gifts. Enquiries/donations please to Moira Moriarty 023 8026 5441.

Poitiers Care Foodbank

The last of the Book Sales this year was held recently in our Parish for Poitiers Care Foodbank. This local charity is organised by Father Des Connolly and gives support to families in great need. The total amount raised was the splendid sum of **£500!** Thank you to everyone who donated or bought books, helped with the Book Sales in anyway or made monetary donations.

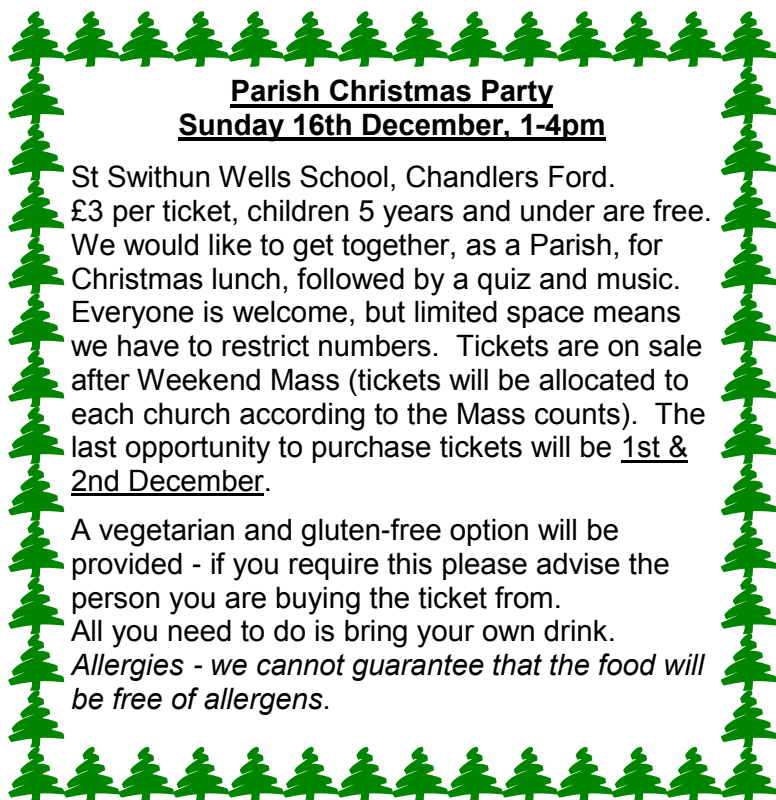
New to the Parish?

A very warm welcome to our Parish; we are delighted that you have joined us. Please feel free to make yourself known to one of the Welcomers or Priest at each Mass and join us for a cup of coffee after Mass.

Please complete one of the 'New to the Parish Registration Forms' available in the church foyers, giving us your contact details and leave the form with one of the Priests or Welcomers. All families are welcome at **ALL** Masses; however we have specific Children's Liturgies on Sundays. Please ask one of the Welcomers for details of the times at your Church.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

St Swithun Wells Primary School 023 80266210;
St George Catholic V.A. College 023 8032 2603;
St Anne's Catholic School 023 80328200;
Charlton House 023 8067 7575;
St Mary's Independent School 023 8067 1267.



Parish Christmas Party Sunday 16th December, 1-4pm

St Swithun Wells School, Chandlers Ford.
£3 per ticket, children 5 years and under are free.
We would like to get together, as a Parish, for Christmas lunch, followed by a quiz and music. Everyone is welcome, but limited space means we have to restrict numbers. Tickets are on sale after Weekend Mass (tickets will be allocated to each church according to the Mass counts). The last opportunity to purchase tickets will be 1st & 2nd December.

A vegetarian and gluten-free option will be provided - if you require this please advise the person you are buying the ticket from.
All you need to do is bring your own drink.
Allergies - we cannot guarantee that the food will be free of allergens.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections: £TBC; SO/SD for Oct '18: £13,732.59

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 24th Nov Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Thanksgiving Maria Luiza Alves RIP	Thurs 29th	9.30am	HC	Antonio Cicu FM
	6.00pm	St J			<u>10.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	<u>No Mass</u>
	6.00pm	OLQA			6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed					
Sun 25th Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 30th	10.00am	St Ed	Catherine Pearson RIP Anniversary
	9.00am	St Ed	Ellen Gobbi RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Jeanette Butcher RIP				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Elsy, Joseph, Devassy RIP				
	11.00am	HC	Iris Cassar RIP				
Mon 26th	10.00am	St Ed	Barney & Peggy Rice FM	Sat 1st Dec	9.30am	HC	In Memoriam FM
Tues 27th	9.30am	HC	Charlie & Rita Kelly FM	Sat 1st Dec Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Sr Frances Calderbank RIP Mrs Edward Christian FM
	10.00am	St A			6.00pm	St J	
	10.00am	OLQA			6.00pm	OLQA	
Wed 28th	9.30am	HC	Most Abandoned Holy Souls RIP	Sun 2nd Dec First Sunday of Advent	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St Ed	Peggy Rice RIP		9.00am	St Ed	Enid Scappaticci RIP (3rd Anniversary of death)
	<u>11.30am</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>Funeral Mass: Maria Hellard RIP</u>		9.00am	St A	Peter Nicholson RIP
					9.30am	OLQA	
					11.00am	St J	Herbert Howie RIP
					11.00am	HC	Kenneth Sweet FM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
Thursday St ED Holy Hour (7-8pm)
Thursday St J from Noon-6pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm (before Mass at 6pm)

Rosary And Prayers
St Edward 9.30am Wednesday The Holy Rosary
St Joseph 6.00pm Wednesday Evening Prayer

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Saturdays: 10.00am Holy Cross Church
 12 noon St Edward's
 5.30pm OLQA
 5.30pm St Joseph
Sundays: 8.30am St Andrew

St Ed **St Edward's**, 191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU
 OLQA Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham. SO32 1DN
 HC Holy Cross, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. SO50 9DF
 St Sw St Swithun Wells, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB
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