

Our Mission: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - MAKE DISCIPLES
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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Registered Charity No. 246871

Sunday Cycle: Year B
Weekday Cycle: Year 2
Psalter Week: 1

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We fear being put in second place.

But we cannot love unless we learn to take second place and put others first.

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of the suffering that he must endure before the Resurrection. The disciples do not understand and are filled with fear by his words. This is because their minds are on a subject of a different sort altogether - they were discussing who among them was the greatest!

Each of the twelve apostles is filled with the fear of not being important in comparison to the others. We all fear not being taken into consideration by others. We all have a terror of being humiliated in the eyes of others. Is it possible to love others while we are consumed by this fear? Is it possible to love a spouse, a son or daughter, a friend, a brother in the faith, while we foster this fear of being second? The fact is that love *does* involve being put in second place! How can I truly love if I continue to put myself in first place? How can anyone else love us if they place themselves and the satisfaction of their own egos before everything and everyone else? If someone is not willing to put us first then we feel that we are simply being used by them.

No-one can truly love unless they overcome their terror of not just coming second, but coming *last*, of being overlooked, of not being consulted. What a terror we have of these things! The book of Ecclesiastes says that the entire enterprise of man on earth is nothing other than envy and competition. The tragedy of man, according to Chapter Three of Genesis, begins with his fear of coming second to God. In the grotesque attempt to be number one, man becomes nothing. He loses himself, loses sight of the true meaning of life, and becomes consumed by the fear that he is nothing. He views others as antagonists, and even views God as his opponent. Jesus Christ came into the world so that we would no longer have fear of this void. He himself became the last among men, the most despised, to the extent of being killed. All of this shows us that being last is not a tragic thing, being despised by others is not a tragic thing. The tragedy is not knowing how to love others. The tragedy is the inability to do what love requires; namely, to put others first. The tragedy is not having a heart that loves, but to have a heart that is focussed on one's own ego.

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Office hours: Monday–Wednesday 9.30am–5pm; Thursday & Friday 9.30–2.30pm Newsletter items should be received by Wednesday 12:00 noon

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Psalm Response: The Lord upholds my life.

**Readings for next Sunday 30th September 2018
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

1st reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm: 18

2nd reading: James 5:1-6

Journey in Faith

Is for anyone enquiring about the Catholic faith and for people intending to become a Catholic. If you know of anyone interested then please bring them along. The sessions run **every Wednesday** from 7.30pm to 9pm at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford.

For further information please contact:

Deacon Paul Owen (tel: 02380 254806)

email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Preparation for Baptism

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 30th September 2018** at Holy Cross Resource Centre.

The meeting begins at **4.30pm** and ends at 6.00pm. 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.

First Holy Communion Preparation

Our program for First Holy Communion starts in November, with a schedule of preparation sessions running through until June 2019. Sessions typically run at regular intervals on Tuesday evenings 6.15-7.45pm, some sessions are at St Swithun Wells Primary School in Chandler's Ford, and some at your individual churches. Registration forms will not be available in school or elsewhere this year, but must be collected from your priest at any of the weekend Masses, from Saturday 15th September to Sunday 14th October. A full list of session dates are attached to the registration forms.

Parents and children are invited to introduce themselves to their priest as wanting to take part in the program this year, and request a form. **Completed forms must be returned to the parish office, along with a photocopy of your child's baptismal certificate, by Monday 15th October.** Due to limited numbers of catechists this year we may be required to limit the number of children joining the program, so please request and complete your forms as soon as possible. There will be an introductory meeting for parents in early November.

CaFE - Catholic Faith Exploration

A new series of monthly meetings begins on:
Monday October 8th at 2.30pm in St Joseph's social centre;

Tuesday October 9th at 7.30pm in St Andrew's.
Please contact Sheila Keefe on 01794 518071 or s.keefe@btopenworld.com

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays (10-11.30am), Holy Cross Resource Centre.

Any queries please contact Paul on 02380 616618; pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Fellowship Group

Wednesday 26th September 7.30- 9.00pm at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. We will be having a Harvest Liturgy to which everyone is welcome.

Refreshments will be served at the end. Queries to Peter Baggott 02380 694060 or Deacon Bob Birtles.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day - Fri 5th October

On Family Fast day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. Many thanks for your generous support.

Saturday 20th October 2018 - Day for Adults who help with Children's Liturgy, First Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, RCIA (10am-4pm)

Portsmouth Cathedral

Everyone involved or interested in catechesis and children's Liturgy is welcome. To book please go to: <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters on 01590 681874.

Science - Or - Religion? A Diocesan Symposium

Date: Saturday 3rd November 2018, 10am-4pm

Location: The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's church).

Two leading scientists will ask whether recent research on the Universe suggests the existence of a Creator. There will also be a series of workshops led by experts on such topics as Christianity and Extra Terrestrial Life, the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and whether human consciousness is immortal. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. See the diocesan e-News for more info. Places are limited and bookings are now open at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>.

Prayer Link - Please contact me if you have any requests, queries or comments. **Marion** (02380 692416) marionbirtles@gmail.com

Counters Urgently Needed at St Edward's

We are in urgent need of counters for the weekly collection at St Edward's. The job is not difficult and generally takes no more than an hour on Sunday morning after the 9am Mass. Volunteers would go on a rota and the more volunteers the less often you would have to count. If you are interested please contact John Williams on 02380 251483.

Safeguarding Training - Sat 13th October at St Edward's, Chandlers Ford.

'Child Protection Training' at 10am-12.30pm & 'Creating a Safe Environment Training' at 1.30pm-4pm.

The Child Protection training session is a compulsory requirement aimed at anyone in any ministry involving the young of our Parish. Even if you have attended before, your training may now be out of date – please check with your Safeguarding Rep.

The 'Creating a Safe Environment Training' session is **only** aimed at Leaders of groups, rather than just helpers. Please check with your safeguarding rep (list as follows), if you are uncertain as to whether you should attend the session:

Joan Leith (Holy Cross & St Swithun Wells Churches);
Ann Richards (St Edwards);
Pat Taylor & Carol Loran (OLQA);
Malcolm Foster (St Andrew's & St Joseph's).

To book either contact your Safeguarding Rep or directly with the Safeguarding Office in Portsmouth (T: 02392 836511; E: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

Holy Cross Children's Liturgy - Safeguarding

We will be registering children for children's liturgy over the next few weeks. **Parents:** Please complete the index cards that will be available in the welcoming area (with instructions) and return them to one of the catechists. Someone will be there to help or collect them on return. This **will not** mean children **have** to attend every week, it will be as before, but it is important for us to have basic information to keep your children safe when they attend. Thank you.

Flame - 2nd March 2019

The Diocese is pleased to announce that they are taking a Diocesan group to Flame 2019. This is a highlight national event for young Catholics. Last year 350 people attended from Portsmouth Diocese, with around 8000 in the arena. We will be taking a group from the Parish and are lucky to have subsidised ticket prices available thanks to the generosity of the Knights of St Columba. This is for young people age 14+ and will be a fantastic day of great music, drama, dance and inspirational speakers. Please contact Cath Szymanski for further details and to book your place.

Thank you from Christians Against poverty (CAP)

The Parish donated £490 to CAP (from the St Edward's Summer Tea). Message from CAP:

"We rely on the generosity of churches, and Christians like you, who share our passion to bring justice and salvation to those suffering in debt and poverty. Thank you for joining us to make our vision to see 1000 poverty relieving services, partnered with local churches throughout the UK, by 2021 a reality."

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.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections: £1,284.49; SO/SD for August'18: £12,804.09

Youth Groups at Holy Cross Resource Centre

Inspire and TOZ are back for another year with a new set up. 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.

Join us for games, quizzes, creative activities, discussions, the all important snacks and much more! **First meeting is 23rd September.** We look forward to welcoming our regulars back as well as anyone new who would like to try a session. Please come along and join us. For more information 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: 23rd Sept; 14th Oct; 18th Nov; 9th Dec; 13th Jan; 10th Feb; 17th Mar.

60 Club - Holy Cross Resource Centre

Monday 24th September at the usual time of 2pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Maureen (tel: 02380 692682).

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Sat 29th September

Margaret French will be holding her annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in St Andrew's hall on Saturday 29th September from 10.30am-12.30pm. Please come along and help to make it the best year yet!

Good Companions Lunch

Wednesday 3rd October

The next lunch will be at Keats Restaurant in Ampfield, please arrive from 12noon for 12.30pm start. Please ring Pauline Wilson on 023 80266617 or Susie Warwick on 023 80263436 if you would like to join us for good company and excellent food.

Harvest Fast Day - Friday 5th October

There will be a Fast Day Soup lunch at St Edward's from 12-1.30pm. £3 per person.

Come along and support CAFOD's Harvest Appeal.

St Anne's Welcomes you!

St Anne's Catholic School would like to invite parents to visit and find out why we have been judged as 'Outstanding' by both Ofsted and Portsmouth Diocese and why every year, over 96% of our parents would recommend us to other parents. If you would like to find out how your daughter (or son in the Sixth Form) could join St Anne's, there are open events on **4th October for Years 4, 5 and 6 for entry into Year 7, and 18th October for Years 9, 10 and 11 for entry into the Sixth Form.** Families with daughters in other year groups are also welcome as limited places are available in some year groups. Posters on noticeboards, or see www.st-annes.uk.com

St Edward's CAFOD Pyramid Boxes

These will be collected and emptied on the weekend of 22nd/23rd September at St Edward's; new boxes will be available. All proceeds to Connect2 Peru.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 22nd Sept Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Marie Lewis RIP (1st Anniversary)	Thurs 27th	9.30am	HC	Cyril Hoskin RIP
	6.00pm	St J	John Gair RIP		<u>10.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	<u>No Mass</u>
	6.00pm	OLQA			6.00pm	St J	Sr Kathleen Hughes (Well-Being)
	6.30pm	St Ed					
Sun 23rd 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 28th	10.00am	St Ed	Sr Paschal (Well-Being)
	9.00am	St Ed	Folco Scappaticci RIP Anniversary		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Joy Rigg RIP				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J					
11.00am	HC	Betty McCarthy RIP (1st Anniversary)					
Mon 24th	10.00am	St Ed	Ann Wood RIP (Anniversary)	Sat 29th	9.30am	HC	Robert Richard Alexander Levey FM
Tues 25th	9.30am	HC	Joshua Jose (Thanksgiving)	Sat 29th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Thomas Carr (For Good Recovery after Stroke)
	10.00am	St A	Newton Carrasco RIP		6.00pm	St J	Damian Doherty (60th Birthday Anniversary)
	10.00am	OLQA			6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Wed 26th	9.30am	HC	Pat Freemantle FM	Sun 30th Sept 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St Ed			9.00am	St Ed	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
					9.00am	St A	Sr Melissa Chatata RIP
					9.30am	OLQA	
					11.00am	St J	Slevin, Kelly, Fox Deceased Family Members
					11.00am	HC	Sarah Jose (Special Intention)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday	HC	Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
Tuesday	<u>St A</u>	<u>Adoration will restart in the Autumn.</u>
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

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 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
St A St Andrew's, Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley SO52 9EP
 St J St Joseph's Church, Abbey House Drive, Romsey SO51 8YB

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