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

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February has seen the culmination of our Parish Marriage Preparation programme for those couples getting married in 2019. The first part of the day is spent with the Bishop at St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. The couples have breakfast with him; listen to a talk from a newly married couple then have their engagement rings blessed by the Bishop in the Cathedral.

The second part of the day is at St Edward the Confessor Church in Chandlers Ford. Following their return from Portsmouth, the couples are given lunch and then spend the afternoon hearing presentations and discussing Catholic marriage as both a Vocation and a Sacrament. The sessions cover the unity of the couples given in free assent; their indissoluble union and their openness to children. All of this in the context of Christian marriage as an example of the living image of the love between Christ and his Church.

This culmination follows the completion by the couples of online marriage relationship assessment questionnaires and an individual feedback session with a trained facilitator from within the Parish. The focus of all the marriage preparation is very much on the love and commitment that is Catholic marriage and how that should be lived out. A total giving of the one to the other.

The Gospel for this Sunday is Luke's version of the Beatitudes. From this week and for the next three weeks we are invited to reflect on Luke's Sermon on the Plain. Luke's version is very direct. There's no mention of the 'poor in spirit'; there is no hungering for righteousness. It is the poor who are blessed, it is those who are hungry who will be filled. It is those who are undergoing trials now who will be blessed later. In the Gospel of Luke, the sermon is preached to the disciples. The emphasis is on the theme of discipleship. On what it requires and what its rewards will be.

Luke's message is that those who place their trust in the Lord will be blessed in the end. The victims of our society who are poor, who are hungry, who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who will be blessed. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings we might think they are because they can blind us to the real value of life. They can prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ. It is neither poverty nor wealth that promises blessing or curse but commitment to Christ

Those in our parish communities who will be married this year will be committing themselves to each other before God. They will be doing so as: *"the living image of the love between Christ and his Church."* Their commitment to each other is a model of the commitment we should have as disciples of Christ placing him before the lures of the world we live in. Please pray for the couples as they take this most important step. We ask God's blessing on them for their married lives together.

*Deacon Paul Owen*

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**17th February 2019:**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Psalm Response:**

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

**Readings for next Sunday 24th February 2019  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

1st reading: 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Psalm: 102

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

**Parish Groups**

**Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group**

**Tuesdays between 10.15-11.30am** (after Mass) in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. **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.** Our topic on 19th February will be St Peter.

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**Journey in Faith - Every Wednesday at St Edward's**

It 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](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

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**Fellowship Group - No meeting on Wednesday 20th February**

Please note there will be no meeting on 20th February due to Half Term. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th February.

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**Youth Groups - News for Inspire and TOZ**

Fr Raffaele and Fr Luca have decided, together with the team of leaders of Inspire and TOZ, to make some changes to our meetings. These changes will enable the groups to continue to grow, allow the young people to meet together more regularly and meet at times most suitable for different age groups. New times as follows:

**Inspire** (for children from school year 4 to 8) **will meet twice a month on Saturday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the cloister of St Edward's in Chandlers Ford.**

Upcoming Dates: 2nd & 16th March; 6th & 27th April

**TOZ** (for young people from school year 9) **will also meet twice a month on Sunday at the usual time 7pm-8.30pm in the Resource Centre in Eastleigh.**

Upcoming Dates: 17th & 31st March, 28th April.

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**CaFE**

Monday **11th March**, 2.30pm in St Joseph's;  
Tuesday **12th March**, 7.30pm in St Andrew's.  
Further details from Sheila Keefe, 01794 518071 or  
[s.keefe@btopenworld.com](mailto:s.keefe@btopenworld.com).

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**Our Lady Queen of Apostles - Children's Liturgy**

The planned Sunday dates until Easter are:  
**17th February**; 3rd, 17th & 31st March; 14th April.  
The sessions are during 9.30am Sunday Mass and all are welcome. **Joanna Somerville**  
Email: [joannasomerville1@hotmail.com](mailto:joannasomerville1@hotmail.com)

**Parish Groups Continued**

**St Edward's Prayer Group - Valley Park**

**Monday 25th February 2019, at 11am**

There will be a Scripture Reading and Social Morning at the home of Daverio & Helen Matteucci, 21 Velmore Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 3HD. All are welcome.

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**60 Club**

We next meet on **Monday 18th February** at the usual time of 2pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.  
Maureen (023 80 692682)

**Offerings & Collections**

**St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks**

Last week's collections: £1,437.82

SO/DD for Jan'19: £13,605.59

**Parish Events**

**Lent Course in Chandlers Ford**

The Ecumenical course chosen this year is based on Isaac Watts' hymn 'When I Survey the wondrous cross', and 6 separate house groups will be running on 2 mornings, 1 afternoon and 3 evenings.

Sign-up sheets are now in the cloister at St Edward's along with timing and location details of the house groups. All are welcome, as usual, to take part in this enjoyable and worthwhile preparation for Easter, the forms will be collected after 24th February. Further details from Paul Carmody,  
[carmody16@btinternet.com](mailto:carmody16@btinternet.com).

**Essential Baptism Preparation Session**

If you wish to have your child baptised, please contact the Parish Office for an application form or alternatively print off the form from the Parish Website ([www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/parishlife](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/parishlife); go to Sacraments and then click the 'Baptism form'), and return the completed form to the Office.

Then we look forward to welcoming parents for an essential Preparation Session on **Sunday 3rd March (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.

**A Day for Special Ministers at St Joseph's - 9th March**

Starts with Mass at 10am.

## Parish Events Continued

### Bishop Philip's Parish Visit

During the weekend of 6th & 7th April, Bishop Philip will visit our Parish of St Swithun Wells. The pastoral visit is one of the ways through which the Bishop maintains personal contact with the clergy and with other members of the People of God.

It is an occasion to rejuvenate the energies of those engaged in evangelization, to praise, encourage and reassure them. It is also an opportunity to invite the faithful to a renewal of Christian life and to an ever more intense apostolic activity.

We are looking forward to meeting Bishop Philip and let us prepare for this visit especially through prayer.

## Parish Office

### Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday 22nd February**, we apologize for any inconvenience caused.

## School Notices

### St Mary's Independent School Open Events

St Mary's Independent School is delighted to be the top performing school in Southampton for GCSE results 2018. Department for Education data released in January 2018 shows that St Mary's outperforms all other schools in Southampton for GCSE results, across all headline measures. St Mary's is Southampton's only Catholic all-through co-educational school. They educate girls and boys from 3 to 16 years old on their stunning 17-acre site. St Mary's Independent School is hosting a series of open events:

**Senior Department open evening: Tuesday 5th March 4 - 7:30pm**

**Senior department open morning: Thursday 7th March 9:30am - 12:00pm**

**Nursery and Year R tours: Wednesday 25th April 9:30 - 11:30am**

No appointment necessary; just come along to find out what makes us the top performing school in Southampton. Details can be found by visiting: [www.stmarysindependentschool.co.uk](http://www.stmarysindependentschool.co.uk)

## Messages

### Messages from the Knights of St Columba

**Rosary:** The Knights of St Columba and SPUC have provided prayer cards "Rosary for the Unborn" in all our churches. A rosary will be said on the *3rd Thursday of each month (until December)* at St Edward's during Holy Hour 7pm - 8pm, and led by a Knight. Please join in with us to pray for this most important cause. The first Rosary is on Thursday 21st Feb. Contact: David Martin on 01794 511883

**Christmas Collection:** The Knights of St Columba are pleased to report that our collection efforts at Christmas (jointly with Southampton Rotary) raised almost £1000 for Poitiers Care.

## Messages Continued

### OLQA - Collection Counter Volunteer Needed

Our Lady Queen of Apostles are in search of a volunteer to join the collection counters rota. We just need one more person who can help one Sunday in four to count the collections after Mass. If you are able to help please contact Roger Coleman.

### Do you want to "make a difference"?

*Roger Lillie, Trustee of the Catenian Bursary Fund writes...* Are you a young Catholic between 16yrs and your 25th birthday? Do you intend to volunteer with a project to help the needy and less fortunate in the world or help with a Diocesan or HCPT organised pilgrimage to Lourdes? If so, the Catenian Bursary Fund could help you. Over recent years we have given over £1.25m to over 10,000 applicants and we want to continue our support. All you need to do is to complete one of the application forms on our website (<https://www.catenianbursary.com/>).

Please visit and follow us on our Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram & YouTube) and you will see feedback on the fantastic help carried out by many young Catholics with our support. There are lots of stories and helpful tips and advice from past volunteers – and we hope it will give you ideas! Look out for us at Flame 19 and make a difference in the world!

### Assistance Required

Eastleigh Basics Bank will be moving stock from the storage facility in Wide Lane to the new storage facility in Derby Road on Saturday 23rd February at 10.00am. A large van has been hired, but they need people to help with loading and unloading. If you can help, please contact Dom Hooley: [dom.hooley@eastleighbasicsbank.co.uk](mailto:dom.hooley@eastleighbasicsbank.co.uk) or Tel: 07557 145206.

## Other Events

### World Day of Prayer 2019

#### World Day of Prayer Bible Study Day

**Wednesday 20th February**, 2pm to 4pm at St Edward's Church, led by Pam Madders. (Organised through Churches Together in Chandler's Ford). All welcome.

#### World Day of Prayer Service - Friday 1st March

The service has been compiled by the women of Slovenia and is themed 'Come, Everything is Ready'.

**1.30pm** at the Abbey United Reform Church, Romsey. Tea and refreshments afterwards;

**1.45pm** at St Martin in the Woods Church, Queens Road, Chandlers Ford. Tea and refreshments afterwards;

**2pm** at St Barnabas Church, Swanmore, SO32 2PA. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments are served after the service.

# Mass Times for our Six Church Communities & Parish Contact Information

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
<b>Sat 16th</b>  <b>*Vigil Masses</b>	9.30am	HC	Emmanuel Altman RIP (21st Anniversary)
	5.00pm*	SSW	Agnes Carter RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	Kevin Glanvil (Well-Being)
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Thomas Barry RIP
<b>Sun 17th</b>  <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Fawzia Al-Khoury RIP
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Freda Walters RIP
	11.00am	HC	Bridget Dee & Margaret Flynn (RIP Anniversary)
<b>Mon 18th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Mary Denning RIP
<b>Tues 19th</b>	9.30am	HC	Baby Harding RIP
	10.00am	St A	Fr Clement Marshall (60th Anniversary of Ordination)
	10.00am	OLQA	
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>St Ed</b>	<b>Funeral Service: Anne Copley RIP</b>
<b>Wed 20th</b>	9.30am	HC	Carol Turner (Birthday)
	10.00am	St Ed	William Johnston (Health&Well-Being)
<b>Thurs 21st</b>	9.30am	HC	Saverina Marucci RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	Clive Martin RIP
<b>Fri 22nd</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Consecration Thanksgiving
	10.00am	St J: AH	Winifred Harris RIP
<b>Sat 23rd</b>  <b>*Vigil Masses</b>	9.30am	HC	Alan Duffy (Special Intention: Thanksgiving for the life of Alan)
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	Winifred Harris RIP
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Mick Whitty RIP
<b>Sun 24th</b>  <b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Fawzia Al-Khoury RIP
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	Marian McDonnell RIP

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday:** HC - Adoration 1st Tues of the month ,10am-1pm  
**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's** 9.30am, Wednesday - The Holy Rosary  
**St Joseph's** 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

## Clergy

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 HC Holy Cross Church, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF  
 SSW St Swithun Wells Church, 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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