



Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

2nd June 2019: **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"He who is coming" is the very name of Christ

Today all the readings speak of **existing in transition**. All of us live in transition all of the time, not only in the time of death.

In the Gospel Jesus ends his high priestly prayer to the Father with the prospect of entering into the Father's Glory, but without leaving behind those who belong to him, rather, with the prospect of taking them with him into this Glory. They are to be permitted to follow him **in his transition to God**.

The first reading portrays the first Christian martyr, Stephen, **in the same transition**. He has made his great confession of faith. At its conclusion, already "filled with the Holy Spirit", he sees "the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand". As with Jesus, his passage to the Father is a witness of blood.

Finally, in the second reading, we see **the entire Church in transition**. She is all the more in transition because the Lord has promised he will soon return. "Very soon now, I shall be with you again", Jesus says. And the Church calls out: "Come", inviting all people to add their voices to the call.

Transition, movement and change are part of our life. This is the particular teaching of today's liturgy. We can say, in different words, that Christians are people who are always expecting something new.

This doesn't mean that we have to despise the present and prefer a life of dreams and unreal situations. We know that God is present now, in our every day life, and we have to remember this and thank God for what he gives us now. At the same time all of the Scripture is full of expectation. **God is with us now but wants to come again, wants to surprise us again, wants to lead us to a better land and a better place**. "Remember not the events of the past, and do not consider the things of long ago. Behold, I am going to perform new wonders!", God says in the Bible.

May this attitude be ours now that we come closer to Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

Father Raffaele

GEM OF THE WEEK



Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip Egan, "Verbum Dei". Please watch the video by clicking the link on the St Swithun Wells Parish homepage.

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday Cycle: Year C - Weekday Cycle: Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O LORD, HEAR MY VOICE, FOR I HAVE CALLED TO YOU; OF YOU MY HEART HAS SPOKEN: SEEK HIS FACE; HIDE NOT YOUR FACE FROM ME, ALLELUIA.

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD IS KING, MOST HIGH ABOVE ALL THE EARTH.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 9TH JUNE 2019:

1st reading: Acts 2:1-11 - Psalm: 103 - 2nd reading: Romans 8:8-17 - Gospel: John 14:15-16. 23-26

PARISH GROUPS



Growing in Faith Together (GIFT),

Tues 4th June, 10am at Holy Cross

Fr Raffaele will lead a Talk and Answer session on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. After the Blessed Sacrament has been exposed, we will have the opportunity for brief Adoration, before joining Fr Raffaele in the Hall, for his talk, and the opportunity to return to Adoration afterwards. For more details speak to June or Paul Wilson 02380 616618.

Journey in Faith - 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 on tel: 02380 254806; email:

powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Fellowship Group - St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak (Wednesday 5th June at 7.30pm)

"A Christian Perspective on the feast of Pentecost". An exploration of Pentecost through the Book of Acts and Old Testament scriptures which foreshadowed things to come through Jesus Christ. Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting. Everyone most welcome. Queries to Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

School of Community

The weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation, every Wednesday at 8pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Please note the change of start time from 7.45pm to 8pm.

60 Club - Holy Cross Resource Centre, 2-4pm

Monday 3rd June. Maureen (tel: 80692682).

Youth Groups - Inspire and TOZ

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

Upcoming Dates: 22nd June; 6th July; 13th July.

TOZ (for young people from school year 9) *will also meet twice a month on Sunday in the Resource Centre in Eastleigh.*

Upcoming Dates:

9th June: 7-9pm with dinner

23rd June: 7-8.30pm

7th July: 7-9pm with dinner

Contact: toz.sswp@gmail.com or phone 07846 438224 (Cath Szymanski)

Oasis – Tuesday 11th June: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

This month we'll be reflecting on the experience of Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with some recently returned pilgrims. If you have never been, then come and find out why so many treasure the experience. If you have been, then come along and share your experiences (bring your photos). 7:30 pm, St Edward's Cloister, finish at 9 pm. All ladies warmly welcomed. Future Dates: 9th July

Coffee Stop (Holy Cross Resource Centre)

Please come along and support us after Mass on Thursdays. Open 10am - 12 noon.

OLQA - Children's Liturgy (during 9.30am Mass)

Sunday dates for the coming months: 9th June, 23rd June, 7th July, 21st July, 4th August. All are very welcome. Joanna Somerville (tel 01489 891540).

CHANGES TO MASS



Filipino Mass - Sunday 2nd June, 4pm

There will be a Filipino Mass with Father Claro Conde at St Andrew's Church, North Baddesley.

OLQA

There will be No Mass on the following days: 6th; 11th, 14th, 21st & 27th June. Please note that Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 10th June at 10am.

OFFERINGS & COLLECTIONS



Second Collection

There is a second collection this weekend for World Communications. There will also be a second collection on 15th/16th June for Day for Life.

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC;
SO/DD for April'19: £14,058.59

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 1st June <i>St Justin</i> *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Exam Success
	5.00pm*	SSW	John Quinn RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	Mrs Morton FM
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Joseph Layzell (Birthday)
Sun 2nd June Seventh Sunday Of Easter	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Mary Whitty RIP
	9.00am	St A	Tudor Jones (2nd Anniversary of birth)
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	Pat Osborn RIP
Mon 3rd <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	10.00am	St Ed	Agnes & John Walker FM
Tues 4th	9.30am	HC	Mary Toner RIP
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 5th <i>St Boniface</i>	9.30am	HC	Deceased Members of the Charlston, Foster & Catt families FM
	10.00am	St Ed	Mary Sawyer RIP
Thurs 6th	9.30am	HC	Margaret Egan RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	No Mass
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 7th	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J: AH	
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Sat 8th *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Carmela Campese FM
	5.00pm*	SSW	Bill Williams RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	Muriel & Pascal's Intentions
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Skipton Leonard Haslam RIP
Sun 9th Pentecost Sunday	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Michael Templeman RIP
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	Deceased Members of the Knights of St Columba RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
Tues:	HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)
Thurs:	St Ed - Holy Hour (7-8pm)
Thurs:	St J - from Noon-6pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm

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
	12 noon	St Edward's
	5.30pm	OLQA
	5.30pm	St Joseph's
Sundays:	8.30am	St Andrew's

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