NEWSLETTER Catholic Parish of St Swithun Wells

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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



FACE; HIDE NOT YOUR FACE FROM ME, ALLELULIA.

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

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.

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

<u>Coffee Stop (Holy Cross Resource Centre)</u>

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).

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 TOZ (for young people from school year 9) will also 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).

CHANGES TO MASS

<u>Filipino Mass - Sunday 2nd June, 4pm</u>

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







PARISH EVENTS

Get 2Gether Family Afternoon – Sunday 2nd June

From 2.30pm to 4.30pm in St Edward's Church (Cloister). It is an event for all the families of the Parish: parents, children, grandparents...

During that afternoon we will have some music and games for all the families, and even a little discussion with the parents about some topics of family life like education of the children, prayer in family and so on. It will be an opportunity to have some time together, with fun and friendship.

If you want to bring a cake or some juice, it will be much appreciated, at the end we can finish with some refreshments. Next date: Sunday 7th July.

St Andrew's, North Baddesley

Will hold the next Youth Mass on 2nd June during 9am Mass - children of all ages are welcome to attend and join in. On 9th June we will also be celebrating Pentecost at 9am Mass. Please remember to wear bright flame colours and join us for a picnic in Romsey Park starting at midday.

Good Companions - Wed 5th June

Our next lunch for those who live alone or are lonely will be at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield. Please meet from 12 Noon for a 12.30pm start. If you would like to join us please ring Pauline on 023 80266617 or Susie on 023 80263436. We hope to see you there.

Cinema at Holy Cross - Sat 15th June, 7pm

The next film showing at Holy Cross Resource Centre A reminder (First Holy Communion retreat) will be First Man (Cert. PG-13). Everyone is welcome! See posters on church notice boards for more info.

CAFOD Spring Bring & Buy Sale at Holy Cross Sunday 9th June after the 11:00 am Mass.

Any items for the Bring and Buy table, can be handed to June or Paul Wilson. Cakes and produce can be brought on the day. We also hope to have a small raffle on the day. All items for the raffle or sale gratefully received. All money raised will go to CAFOD the <u>Catholic charity</u>. For more details speak to June or Paul Wilson 02380 616618.

Parish Lunch - Wed 26th June, 12.30pm

At the Vine Inn, Ower. All welcome. Menus on the notice boards. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Monday 17th June as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

Parish Quiz Night - Friday July 5th at 7pm

St Edward's Cloister. £5 per head to include two strips of raffle tickets each. Please bring a plate of finger food and your choice of beverage. Bring your sense of humour and a mildly competitive spirit! Open to THE WHOLE PARISH. 10 tables of 5 maximum. Teams will be decided on the night. Tickets will be available at each church. First come first served!

Parish Readers Retreat - Saturday 29th June, 12.30pm to 4pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre

We begin with a bring and share lunch. All the readers of the parish are invited to join us.

The retreat for FHC children and parents will take place at: Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Church, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham, SO32 1DN. On Saturday 8th June from 10am - 1pm. Please bring a picnic lunch.

Thy Kingdom Come

This week, leading up to Pentecost, "Thy Kingdom Come (TKC)" is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Full details and a suggested novena of prayer can be found at: www.thykingdomcome.global (under "Prayer Resources" - scroll down to "Novena"). This can be used by individuals or groups. Also on that website under "stories" is a video clip of Pope Francis speaking about this event.

Father Wojciech's Anniversary Celebration - 2nd

Don't forget Fr. Wojciech's party this Sunday 2nd June, to celebrate his 25th anniversary of Priesthood, in the CROSFIELD HALL, BROADWATER ROAD, ROMSEY SO51 8GL. Please note the change of venue.

MESSAGES

Street Pastors

Street Pastors would like to invite you to spend a few hours with us on a Friday night, as an observer, come and see what we do. We have a choice of patrols that go out in Fair Oak, Eastleigh and Chandlers Ford. Shift times vary from 8 pm to around midnight, or from 11 pm to around 4 am on the Saturday morning. Our role is to care, listen and help when we can; we strive to spread God's love to make our communities a kinder and more caring place to live.

Contact Eric Hyom 02380643457 or email erichyom@hotmail.com

Message of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who supported the recent Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy sale at St Edward's. £431 including donations was raised in support of the new project in Magdalena Medio, Colombia.



MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Sat 1st June St Justin	9.30am 5.00pm* 6.00pm*	HC SSW St J	Exam Success John Quinn RIP Mrs Morton FM	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
Vigil Mass	6.00pm 6.30pm*	OLQA St Ed	Joseph Layzell (Birthday)	ROSARY AND PRAYERS St Edward's 9.30am, Wednesday - The Holy Rosary St Joseph's 6.00pm, Wednesday - Evening Prayer
Sun 2nd June Seventh Sunday Of Easter	9.00am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am	HC St Ed St A OLQA St J	Polska Msza Święta Mary Whitty RIP Tudor Jones (2nd Anniversary of birth)	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
Mon 3rd St Charles Lwanga & Companions	11.00am 10.00am	HC St Ed	Pat Osborn RIP Agnes & John Walker FM	CLERGY Father Raffaele Cossa (Priest in Charge) Tel: 023 8061 2430; E: rcossa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Father Luca Speziale (Assistant Priest)
Tues 4th	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	HC St A OLQA	Mary Toner RIP	Tel: 023 8061 2430; E: lspeziale@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Fr Wojciech Paszko (Assistant Priest) Tel: 01794 522884; E: wpaszko@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Wed 5th St Boniface	9.30am 10.00am	HC St Ed	Deceased Members of the Charlston, Foster & Catt families FM Mary Sawyer RIP	Canon Alan Griffiths (Assistant Priest) Tel: 07760220346; E: frgriffiths@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Deacon Bob Birtles
Thurs 6th	9.30am <u>10.00am</u> 6.00pm	HC <u>OLQA</u> St J	Margaret Egan RIP <u>No Mass</u>	Tel: 023 8069 2416; E: bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Deacon John di Meo Tel: 01794 515688; E: jdimeo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Fri 7th	10.00am 10.00am 10.00am	St Ed OLQA St J: AH	Keith Small RIP	Deacon Paul Owen Tel: 023 80254806; E: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Deacon Paul Wilson Tel: 02380 616618; E: pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Sat 8th	9.30am 5.00pm*	HC SSW	Carmela Campese FM Bill Williams RIP	PARISH OFFICE
Vigil Mass	6.00pm 6.00pm* 6.30pm*	St J OLQA St Ed	Muriel & Pascal's Intentions Skipton Leonard Haslam RIP	Holy Cross Church, 53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh SO50 9DF Tel: 02380 273882 Office Hours: Monday–Wednesday: 9.30am-5pm Thursday & Friday: 9.30am-2.30pm
Sun 9th Pentecost Sunday	9.00am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am	HC St Ed St A OLQA St J HC	Polska Msza Święta Michael Templeman RIP Deceased Members of the Knights of St Columba RIP	Holy Cross Resource Centre & Finance Admin: Linda Roberts Iroberts@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Parish Secretary: Sarah Goodfellow stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Website Contact: website.sswp@gmail.com

CHURCH ADDRESSES

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 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

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

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