



*Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples*

18th August 2019: **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### Celebrating Mary in the Church's Year

This week we have celebrated one of the principal Marian feasts of the year: the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 Aug). The feasts of Our Lady abound in the church calendar; we are all familiar with the Immaculate Conception (8 Dec) and the Annunciation of the Lord (25 Mar) nine months before the Nativity of the Lord at Christmas; a more recent addition celebrates Mary, the Holy Mother of God (1 Jan). These are the Solemnities, the highest ranking in the liturgical hierarchy.

You will realise that this is not the whole picture! There are minor variations from year to year e.g. Our Lady's Birthday (8 Sep) nine months after the Immaculate Conception falls this year on a Sunday which takes precedence. So the 2018-2019 Calendar has 17 Marian celebrations: in order of importance 5 Solemnities, 2 Feasts, 7 Memoria and 3 Optional Memoria. In addition, the tradition of remembering Mary on the Saturdays of the year when there isn't a special feast or season means that there are another 19 Saturdays with an option for a Mass of Our Lady.

Many people do not realise that in the long history of the Church there have only been two occasions when an infallible teaching has been proclaimed and both of these refer to Mary: the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception by Pope Pius IX in 1854 and the doctrine of the Assumption by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Of the first the Pope wrote, 'The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.' Of the second the Catechism of the Catholic Church declares that 'the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.'

The significance of Our Blessed Lady in the Church and in our lives becomes clearer as we celebrate year by year the liturgical calendar, take part in Marian devotions and pray to Mary in personal prayer for her intercession in our needs. Mary is a model for our faith and hope, she who intercedes for us with her Son. Mary draws us ever closer to Jesus, the Mediator between God and mankind.

Mary is a 'moon to the sun of Jesus', reflecting his light. We worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; we venerate Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Church and our Mother. She is defined by her vocation, not by her life-story; and she points us always to her Son. St Louis Marie de Montford, a saint with a particular relevance to our Romsey community and who had the greatest devotion to Our Lady, reminds us that 'our entire perfection consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ.'

*Deacon John*

### Statement Re: St Joseph's Church, Romsey

It is with great joy that I am able to inform you of the following agreement that has been reached between the Daughters of Wisdom and the Diocese of Portsmouth in relation to St Joseph's Church, Romsey.

On the expiration of the current lease in 2022 a new lease for a period of 10 years will come into force.

We thank God for this wonderful news, for the generosity of the Daughters of Wisdom, and know it will be a source of immense joy to all who are part of the parish community.

*Fr Raffaele Cossa, Priest in Charge*

## GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a video by Bishop Barron about Newman and his idea of tradition. You can find it on our homepage.

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



### 18th August 2019:

Sunday Cycle: Year C - Weekday Cycle: Year 1

Psalter Week: 4

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: TURN YOUR EYES, O GOD, OUR SHIELD; AND LOOK ON THE FACE OF YOUR ANOINTED ONE; ONE DAY WITHIN YOUR COURTS IS BETTER THAN A THOUSAND ELSEWHERE.

PSALM RESPONSE: LORD, COME TO MY AID!

READINGS:

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10 - Psalm: 39 -

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Hebrews 12:1-4 - Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

### 25th August 2019:

Sunday Cycle: Year C - Weekday Cycle: Year 1

Psalter Week: 1

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: TURN YOUR EAR, O LORD, AND ANSWER ME; SAVE THE SERVANT WHO TRUSTS IN YOU, MY GOD. HAVE MERCY ON ME, O LORD, FOR I CRY TO YOU ALL THE DAY LONG.

PSALM RESPONSE: GO OUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD; PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS. OR, ALLELUIA!

READINGS:

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Isaiah 66:18-21 - Psalm: 116 -

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13 -

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

### 1st September 2019:

Sunday Cycle: Year C - Weekday Cycle: Year 1

Psalter Week: 2

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: HAVE MERCY ON ME, O LORD, FOR I CRY TO YOU ALL THE DAY LONG. O LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING, FULL OF MERCY TO ALL WHO CALL TO YOU.

PSALM RESPONSE: IN YOUR GOODNESS, O GOD, YOU PREPARED A HOME FOR THE POOR.

READINGS:

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29 - Psalm: 67 -

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24 -

Gospel: Luke 14:1. 7-14

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019:

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm: 89

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Philemon 9-10. 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

## PARISH GROUPS



### Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

Gift is now on a Summer Break: However those at Mass on Tuesday, can still meet afterwards in the Resource Centre for tea / coffee and a chat. All are welcome. The new program will recommence on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

### School of Community

The weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation. We are now on our Summer break, resuming in early September.

### Fellowship Group - Will next meet in September

Queries to Peter Baggott and Deacon Bob Birtles.

### Journey in Faith - St Edward's

We are now on our Summer Break resuming late September/early October, date to be confirmed.

It is for anyone enquiring about the Catholic faith and for people intending to become a Catholic.

For more information please contact:

Deacon Paul Owen on tel: 02380 254806; email:

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

TOZ (for young people from school year 10) meet twice a month on Sunday in the Resource Centre in Eastleigh. Upcoming meetings will be

announced at the beginning of September 2019.

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

### Stars of Abraham (school years 3,4,5 & 6)

Starting in October 2019 there will be meetings every other week for school years 3-6. We will run two groups with games, songs, snacks and reflection:

*Tuesday, 5.30-7.00pm in St Edwards Cloister;*

*Saturday 10.30am-Noon in HC Resource Centre.*

You will be able to sign up to one of these (you will not be able to attend both groups or to swap groups). Please complete the application form available on our website or from the Parish Office and give it to the Parish Secretary as soon as possible. There will be a meeting for all the parents interested (during which we will explain the activities of the group and few notices for those who want to receive First Holy Communion) on **Sunday 22nd September** at 4.30pm in Holy Cross Church.

### Grail Seekers (school years 7,8,9)

Starting in September 2019 there will be weekly meetings for everyone in school years 7, 8 and 9 every Saturday from 2.30pm-4.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre with games, songs, snacks and reflection. To join the group complete the application form (available on our website or from the Parish Office) and give it to the Parish Secretary as soon as possible. There will be a meeting for all young people and parents interested (during which we'll explain the activities of the group and few notices for those who want to be prepared for the Confirmation) on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at 4.30pm in Holy Cross Church.

## PARISH EVENTS

### INVITATION from the Flower Arranging team of St Joseph's Romsey to Mass and a flower arranging talk in Romsey on Friday 23rd August

The morning will commence with 10am Mass in St Joseph's, Romsey, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre, concluding with a short walk to Romsey Abbey where a talk will be given on the subject of flower arranging by a member of their team. We do hope you will join us on this occasion. Please contact Jean Viola on 01794 513912 or email [jeanviola@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jeanviola@yahoo.co.uk) for further details.

A Farewell Gathering for Fr Wojciech will take place on **Sunday 1st September** in Crosfield Hall, Romsey, SO51 8GL. Fr Wojciech, will soon take up the post of Parish Priest of Yateley, Hampshire. Please come and join us for afternoon tea at 2.30pm-5.30pm. Donations of cakes and scones would be most welcome!

### Afternoon Parish Tea, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Thursday 5th September, 2.30pm

After the very successful afternoon tea held at Holy Cross some time ago, Jenny Walsh and her team have agreed to repeat the afternoon in aid of CAFOD. Tickets cost £5 and will be available across the Parish. Please come and support CAFOD and have an enjoyable afternoon. Please see June Wilson, Clare Lasker or Elizabeth Nash for tickets.

### St Wilfred's Pilgrimage Walk - Sat 7th Sept

St Wilfred founded many Saxon churches in the Meon Valley during the 7th century. Members of OLQA plan to visit 5 of them between Exton and Soberton on Sat 7th Sept (10am-2.30pm). It will be an easy walk through beautiful Hampshire countryside. If interested please contact Angus on: [angussomerville@hotmail.com](mailto:angussomerville@hotmail.com) or 07929 867472.



## MESSAGES

### First Holy Communion (FHC)

The next FHC celebration will be in June 2020 for children in Year 3 (or older children who haven't yet received First Holy Communion). To be prepared we ask you to join the Stars of Abraham group and get involved regularly for one year with the activities (see the Parish Groups section).

### Confirmation

The next confirmation celebration will be in April 2020 for anyone who will be in Year Eight or Nine next year (i.e. starting in September). To be prepared we ask you to join the Grail Seekers group and get involved regularly for one year with the activities (see the Parish Groups section).

### Notice to all Holy Cross Resource Centre Users

Please note that the code to the Key Safe will be changed from **23rd August**. This has been necessary due to the recent break-in resulting in damage to the lock on the link door and the shop cupboards. You should receive an email or phone call from Linda Roberts giving you the new code. If you have not received this by Thursday 22nd August please contact the Parish Office. For security reasons please do not give out the new key safe code to anyone, this should only be done by the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this matter.

### Message from Chandlers Ford Street Pastors

Chandlers Ford Street Pastors have decided that they have completed their mission on the streets and their last patrol will be on the 30th August 2019. During their mission they, and the Prayer Pastors, have had the privilege of serving the local community on Friday nights, and are grateful for the support from local churches during this time. A celebration of this 10 year discipleship will be held on 28th September at St Martin's Church, details to follow.

### Holy Cross Right of Way

Annually we have to bar access through our car park for 24 hours to prevent it becoming a public right of way. The main Leigh road gate will be closed from the evening of Sunday 25th August and it will re-open at 9.00am on Tuesday 27th August. The barrier and pedestrian gate will remain operational.

### Upcoming Safeguarding Training Vulnerable Adults Training

**St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY**

**Saturday 14th September from 1.30pm-4.00pm.**

Val Croughan or Hilary Kemp can be contacted via email as follows:-

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[hilary.kemp761@btinternet.com](mailto:hilary.kemp761@btinternet.com) (Hilary Kemp – Diocesan Safeguarding Rep – Winchester)

Advance registration is necessary.

### Child Protection Training

**St Edward's Church, Saturday 21st September from 10.00am to 12.30pm.**

Trainer: Maureen Wiltshire

People who wish to attend will need to register by emailing Soraya Ciccarone

[soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

Maureen Wiltshire or Anne Richards can be contacted via email as follows:

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## CHANGES TO MASS, PARISH OFFICE OPENING & NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION



No Mass at OLOA on 20th, 22nd or 23rd August.

The Parish Office will be closed on:  
Friday 23rd & 30th August;  
Tuesday 24th September.  
We apologise for any inconvenience.

### Parish Newsletter

The Parish Secretary is on holiday from Monday 19th August and back in the Office on Wed 4th September. The next Newsletter to be published will be 7th/8th September Edition: Newsletter items should be received into the Parish Office by Wednesday 4th September 12:00 Midday at the latest.

## OFFERINGS & SECOND COLLECTIONS



### St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC;  
SO/DD for July'19: £13,783.59.

### Second Collection

Please note there will be a **Second Collection** for the Catholic Education Service on 7th/8th September.

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 17th  *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Michael Lane FM	Sat 24th  <i>St Bartholomew</i>  *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Frederick John Johnson FM
	5.00pm*	SSW	Judy Brown RIP		5.00pm*	SSW	Andrew Bates RIP (2nd Anniv'ry)
	6.00pm*	St J	Chris Lewis RIP (1st Anniversary)		6.00pm*	St J	Dr Bela & Mrs Maria Toth RIP Anniversary
	6.00pm*	OLOA			6.00pm*	OLOA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed			6.30pm*	St Ed	Ann Sandhu RIP (Birthday)
Sun 18th  Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>	Sun 25th  Twenty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM		9.00am	St Ed	Tim Layzell RIP (Birthday)
	9.00am	St A	Susan & Harold Bucher RIP		9.00am	St A	Arthur Heslop RIP Anniversary
	9.30am	OLOA			9.30am	OLOA	
	11.00am	St J	Jean Viola & her family		11.00am	St J	John Marlow RIP (1st Anniv'ry)
	11.00am	HC	Fr George Lyons RIP		11.00am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP
Mon 19th	10.00am	St Ed		Mon 26th	10.00am	St Ed	
Tues 20th  <i>St Bernard</i>	9.30am	HC	Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM	Tues 27th  <i>St Monica</i>	9.30am	HC	Ron & Collette Reynolds FM
	10.00am	St A	Ricardo Bettosi RIP		10.00am	St A	
	10.00am 11.00am	OLOA SSW	<b>No Mass</b> <b>Funeral Service:</b> <b>William Jackson RIP</b>		10.00am	OLOA	
Wed 21st  <i>St Pius X</i>	9.30am	HC	Lake & Hill Families (Special Int)	Wed 28th  <i>St Augustine of Hippo</i>	9.30am	HC	Thomas Charles Robinson FM
	10.00am	St Ed	Harry & Cavanagh Families Living and Dead FM		10.00am	St Ed	Matthew Lintzer (Special Intention)
	12 Noon	St J	<b>Funeral Mass: Anne Bird RIP</b>				
Thurs 22nd  <i>The Queenship of Mary</i>	9.30am	HC	John Tudor & Family	Thurs 29th  <i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30am	HC	
	10.00am	OLOA	<b>No Mass</b>		10.00am	OLOA	
	6.00pm	St J	Peggy Taggart RIP		6.00pm	St J	
Fri 23rd	10.00am	St Ed		Fri 30th	10.00am	St Ed	
	10.00am	OLOA	<b>No Mass</b>		10.00am	OLOA	
	10.00am	St J:AH	Flower Arranging Team		10.00am	St J:AH	Bertha McCooley RIP

# MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 31st	9.30am	HC	Caroline Keenaghan RIP
*Vigil Mass	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	
Sun 1st Sept	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	St Ed	
	9.00am	St A	Dorothy Keefe RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Donald Pinnock RIP
	11.00am	HC	Rev Mgr Canon Patrick O'Mahony FM
Mon 2nd	10.00am	St Ed	
Tues 3rd <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	9.30am	HC	
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 4th	9.30am	HC	
	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small RIP
Thurs 5th	9.30am	HC	
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 6th	10.00am	St Ed	Dudley Roberts FM
	10.00am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J:AH	
Sat 7th	9.30am	HC	Jerry McDonnell FM
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Maria Szczetnikowicz (RIP Anniversary)
Sun 8th	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am	HC	Reverend Murphy O'Connor FM

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Tues: HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)  
 Thurs: St Ed - No Holy Hour until early Sept, restart date to be confirmed  
 Thurs: St J - from 4-6pm, 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  
 12.00 Noon St Edward's  
 5.30pm OLQA  
 5.30pm St Joseph's  
**Sundays:** 8.30am St Andrew's

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 St J St Joseph's Church, Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB

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