



Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

26th May 2019: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The blood of the Martyrs is the seed of Christians

The Easter Sunday bombings of churches and hotels in Sri Lanka made world headlines. But in other places too which don't make the newscasts, Christians are coming under attack from Islamists and other extremist groups.

The Catholic Charity Aid to the Church In Need reports that in January the Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Joly, in the Philippines, was bombed during a Sunday Mass. 20 people were killed and over 100 injured. Two years earlier a group of Islamic extremists firebombed St. Mary's Cathedral in Marawi, precipitating a five month siege which left a thousand people dead and twenty seven thousand families homeless.

DAESH inspired atrocities put Christians worldwide under huge pressure. In the Middle East, years of extremist activity have displaced huge numbers of Christians from their heartlands in Iraq and elsewhere, towns and villages which have been Christian since the days of the Persian Empire and the beginnings of the Faith. The same exodus of Christians is a tragic feature of contemporary life in Israel and Palestine.

It should be a regular feature of the General Intercessions at Sunday Mass to remember the Church under persecution. We should pray for Catholics, Orthodox and other Christian communities ancient and modern who form this Church of latter day Martyrs.

We must also pray for the conversion of those who pervert the religion of Islam to justify their indulgence in such violence.

We should also remember the maxim, almost as old as the Church itself, that the blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians. Despite everything, the faith is strong in places where it is under pressure. We should give thanks to the Lord for this, and alongside thanksgiving, we should take a long hard look at our own comfortable circumstances, where faith seems in many places to be so feeble.

If the world hates you, remember that it has hated me before you says the Lord to his disciples on the night of his arrest. That's John 15:18-16:4. It should be required reading for all of us.

Canon Alan

GEM OF THE WEEK



Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip Egan, "Verbum Dei". This will be read out during weekend Masses (25th/26th May), copies are available in all of our churches.

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: PROCLAIM A JOYFUL SOUND AND LET IT BE HEARD; PROCLAIM TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH: THE LORD HAS FREED HIS PEOPLE, ALLELUIA.

PSALM RESPONSE: LET THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU, O GOD; LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 2ND JUNE 2019:

1st reading: Acts 7:55-60 - Psalm: 96 - 2nd reading: Apocalypse 22:12-14. 16-17.20 - Gospel: John 17:20-26

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.

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

There will be no meeting this week 29th May.

Meetings recommence on Wednesday 5th June at 7.30pm where the focus will be "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 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 7.45pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.

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: 1st June; 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:

26th May: 7-8.30pm

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)

Coffee Stop (Holy Cross Resource Centre)

Please come along and support us after Mass on Thursdays. Pleasant surroundings and good company. No strangers here, just friends you haven't met yet. Toasted teacakes 50p, tea/coffee/hot chocolate and biscuit 70p.

We look forward to meeting you, open 10am - 12 noon.

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

Monday 3rd June.

Maureen (tel: 80692682).

CHANGES TO MASS



Holy Day of Obligation

Ascension of the Lord - Thursday 30th May

Please see the back page of the Newsletter for Mass times at our various churches.

Filipino Mass

Sunday 2nd June, 4pm

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

OFFERINGS & COLLECTIONS



Special Collection

Fr Wojciech's 25th Anniversary Gift—see Messages section for more details.

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC;

SO/DD for April'19: £14,058.59

PARISH EVENTS



Rosary During the Month of May

Holy Cross: Thursdays, 9am.

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.

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.

Preparation for Baptism

If you wish to have your baby baptised there is an essential session of preparation. The next one is on **Sunday June 2nd**. Please contact the parish office for more details and an application form, alternatively forms can be downloaded from the Parish Website (go to Parish Life; Sacraments). We very much look forward to meeting you. This is the last session of the academic year, the next one will be in September. Please note, you are welcome, should you wish, to attend the preparation session whilst you are expecting your baby.

MESSAGES



Thy Kingdom Come (TKC)

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. (May 30th until Pentecost Sunday). Pope Francis is encouraging us to take part! For more details go to: www.thykingdomcome.global. To see the conversation between Pope Francis and The Archbishop of Canterbury look under, "stories".

Father Wojciech's Anniversary Celebration

Special Collection: If you wish to contribute to Fr Wojciech's 25th anniversary gift (a cheque), collection baskets will be available at each of our churches at the end of Weekend Masses. If you miss the collections, money can be sent to the Parish Office (Chq's payable to 'PCDTR St Swithun Wells', please write "Fr Wojciech's gift" on the reverse of the cheque). Please can all gift aiders use the yellow collection envelopes to ensure gift aid can be claimed for Father. We want him to know how much we appreciate his ministry, his friendship and his love.

Last Date for Collection: 25th/26th May.

Change of Venue: Please note we have had to *change the venue from Wisdom House to Crosfield Hall, SO51 8GL*, as we are now expecting more people than Wisdom House can accommodate.

Returning Completed Special Needs Questionnaires

Last week the Catholic Disability Fellowship (CDF) questionnaire was distributed to parishioners. A box is available for completed questionnaires at each church. CDF Information leaflets are also available.

Solent Gardeners Fayre:

The Knights of St Columba urgently require parishioners' help with the above event which takes place in Eastleigh over the weekend of 1st / 2nd June. This is our big fund raising event of the year and over the years has helped us raise thousands of pounds to support parish projects particularly youth. We need assistance on the Saturday morning to help erect marquees, with the car parking on Sunday and then dismantling the marquees later that afternoon. Any help that can be offered over the weekend would be very much appreciated and enable us to fulfil our obligations to the organizers of the Fayre. For further details and offers of help please contact: Paul Andrews on 07711 923319 or 02380 268211.

OTHER EVENTS

Pilgrimage to Southern Italy (30th Sept-5th Oct)

The pilgrimage group (led by Father Des Connolly) will visit Padre Pio's birthplace, celebrating Holy Mass in the Parish Church, then a day on the Isle of Capri, celebrating Mass in the ancient Church of the Holy Cross. En-route to the beautiful shrine of San Giovanni Rotondo (the resting place of Padre Pio) Mass will be celebrated in the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, a place of miraculous healing, Pompeii. The group will visit the Cathedral shrine of Saint Andrew the Apostle on the Amalfi coast and then spend a few days in San Giovanni Rodondo, including a visit to the shrine of the Archangel Michael. Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church and the Holy Rosary will be prayed together each day with plenty of time for personal prayer. Ground Package Price is £595 per person based on 2 people sharing. Flight price is extra from London Gatwick with EasyJet. Supplementary charges: Single Room £100 per person and Travel Insurance £33 per person. For further info or to book a place, please contact Gill at Tangney Tours. Telephone: 01732 886666 or email: gill@tangney-tours.com

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 25th <i>St Bede the Venerable</i> *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Exam Success
	5.00pm*	SSW	Marion Lloyd
	6.00pm*	St J	Fr George Lyons RIP
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
Sun 26th Sixth Sunday Of Easter	6.30pm*	St Ed	Brendon & Patricia McBrien RIP
	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
	9.00am	St A	Teresa & Malcolm Rayment (Anniversary of Marriage)
	9.30am	OLQA	
Mon 27th <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	11.00am	St J	Sheila Powderley RIP
	11.00am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	Monica O'Donnell (Birthday)
Tues 28th	10.00am		
	9.30am	HC	Oswald Carr FM
	10.00am	St A	
Wed 29th	10.00am	OLQA	
	9.30am	HC	Assad Bshara-Hayek RIP
Thurs 30th The Ascension of the Lord	10.00am	St Ed	Chris Knight RIP
	9.30am	HC	Cecilia Taylor RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J	
Fri 31st <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7.00pm	St A	
	7.00pm	St Ed	
	10.00am	St J: AH	
Sat 1st June <i>St Justin</i> *Vigil Mass	10.00am	OLQA	Lisa Cooper RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	
	10.00am	St J:	
	10.00am	AH	
Sun 2nd June Seventh Sunday Of Easter	6.30pm*	St Ed	Joseph Layzell (Birthday)
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.00pm*	St J	Mrs Morton FM
	5.00pm*	SSW	John Quinn RIP
Sun 2nd June Seventh Sunday Of Easter	9.30am	OLQA	
	9.00am	St A	
	9.00am	St Ed	Mary Whitty RIP
	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	Pat Osborn RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues: HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)
Thurs: St Ed - Holy Hour (7-8pm) - **Not on 30th May**
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

CLERGY

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