

Our Mission: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - MAKE DISCIPLES
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Sunday Cycle: Year C
Weekday Cycle: Year 1
Psalter Week: 3

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The God who notices

Eventually, she decides to ask her husband: “Well then, what do you think? Don’t you like the dress, dear?”

Without looking up from his paper, he asks: “What dress, dear?”

“The one I’ve been wearing for the last three hours,” she says. “Of course, you haven’t noticed, have you? You used to notice every time I changed a curl, and now you wouldn’t notice if my hair was tartan! *And* you’ve forgotten our anniversary again. The trouble with you is that you just don’t notice any more, do you? It really makes me wonder”.

Without looking up from his paper, Harold mumbles to himself and begins to wonder too.

When people fail to notice, or no longer have the time, we begin to wonder about the quality of their love. It’s difficult to ignore people *and* claim to love them at the same time, which makes *awareness* a very important human virtue, because it is the precondition of love. We can’t love people we don’t even notice. Love presupposes awareness; it grows in awareness. So too, love heightens our awareness: because we care for people we pay attention to what is going on in their lives.

It is very important for our faith to believe that God actually cares enough to notice what happens to us, that his reaction to events is not: “I don’t want to know.” In today’s first reading we have the ancient revelation of who God is. The story tells of God revealing himself to Moses, and even though Moses must hide his face from God, he hopes that the Lord will not close his eyes to the affliction of his people. The first part of the revelation puts that fear to rest for it shows God to be a God who notices: “I have *seen* the miserable state of my people in Egypt... I am well *aware* of their suffering.” God does see what is happening; therefore, there is reason to hope.

Father Wojciech

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24th March 2019:

Entrance Antiphon:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Psalm Response:

The Lord is compassion and love.

**Readings for next Sunday 31st March 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

1st reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: 33

2nd reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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.** The next talk (26th March) is by Father Luca on *"My Experience Of Mercy In the Church"*.

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.

Fellowship Group - St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, Wednesday 27th March

Lenten Supper 7pm - Homemade soups and Bread and cheese followed at 7.45pm by Lenten Study Course "The Mystery of God". Everyone most welcome.

Week 3 - "The Mystery of Sin, Suffering and Hope".

Queries to Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

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: 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: 31st March & 28th April.

60 Club - Will next meet on **Monday 25th March** at 2pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.
Maureen (tel: 80692682).

Offerings & Collections

Second Collection - Next Weekend

There is a second collection next weekend (30th/31st March) for the Clergy Assistance Fund.

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £1,481.48

SO/DD for Feb'19: £12,530.59

Parish Events

Programme for the Bishop's Visitation

Saturday 6th April

4-4.30pm: The Bishop meets Inspire Group (children from school year 4 to 8) in St Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford;

5.30pm: Confessions at St Joseph's, Romsey;

6.00pm: Mass at St Joseph's, Romsey.

Sunday 7th April

9.00am: Mass at St Edward's, Chandlers Ford;

11.00am: Mass at Holy Cross, Eastleigh;

3.30-4.15pm: The Bishop meets TOZ Group and young people from 13 up to 25 years old in the Resource Centre, Eastleigh;

4.30-5.30pm: Eucharistic Adoration for all the parishioners in Holy Cross, Eastleigh.

During the three Masses in the programme the Bishop will celebrate and deliver the homily.

There will be no children's liturgy during those Masses.

Unfortunately the Bishop will not be able to visit all of our 6 churches during his time with us, so we would like to invite all parishioners to come and see him during one of the opportunities as listed above.

Stations of the Cross are being said during Lent at:

St Andrew's: Tuesdays at 9.15am (except during Holy Week);

St Swithun Wells: Tuesdays at 10am; followed by tea/coffee;

OLQA: Wednesdays at 7pm;

Holy Cross: Thursdays at 9am;

St Joseph's: Fridays at 9.15am (excluding Good Friday);

St Edward's: Fridays at 6.30pm (excluding Good Friday).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Pope Francis has requested that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament should take place for 24hrs during Lent in all Parishes throughout the world. In response to this, Eucharistic Adoration will take place at St Joseph's church for the whole Parish of St Swithun Wells on **Friday 29th March at 6pm**. The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed until Sat 30th March concluding with Rosary and Benediction from 5.20pm prior to Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm.

Eucharistic Adoration, (30th March, 10am to 5pm)

As part of the 100 day Eucharistic Adoration campaign by Jesus Youth UK, Holy Cross is hosting Eucharistic Adoration. It would be a wonderful opportunity to spend more time in prayer this lent. There would be a rota in the Church if you would like to sign up, but please feel free to pop in at any time.

Parish Events Continued

Communion and Liberation (CL) meets the Parish Saturday 30th March at 7.45pm

In the Cloister at St Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford. Parishioners from CL will describe how this Catholic movement was born and has spread over the world. Sharing their stories they will tell how being part of CL has made their encounter with Christ possible and has strengthened their faith.

Lent Teaching Evenings at OLQA (7.30pm start)

Tues 26th March: The Sacrament of Penance (repeated from Advent 2018) Part 1;

Tuesday 2nd April: The Sacrament of Penance (repeated from Advent 2018) Part 2.

St Edward's - Friday Mass Time Change & CAFOD

Lenten Supper: Please note that during Fridays in Lent, St Edward's Mass **will be at 7pm and not 10am**. Mass will be preceded by Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm and followed by the usual soup and bread and cheese suppers (at £5 a head). All proceeds to CAFOD.

Good Companions - Wednesday 3rd April, 12.30pm

Our next lunch will be at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield. Why not join us for excellent food and pleasant company. Please ring Pauline on 023 80266617 or Susie on 023 80263436 *by Friday 29th March*.

Father Wojciech's Celebration - Sunday 2nd June

This year Father Wojciech will celebrate 25 years as a Priest. He has invited us, his Parish Family, to share this happy occasion with him. Refreshments will be served at 12.30pm in Wisdom House, Romsey, SO51 8EL. The invitations are available in all churches. Please fill out the return slip and post it into the silver covered box marked celebration.

Messages

Lenten Lunch

The Valley Park ladies at St Edward's who usually host/organise the Lenten Lunch have decided that due to other commitments, they will not be able to host a Lenten Lunch this year. If there are other parishioners who would like to organise and host a Lenten Lunch, they are welcome to contact Susan Johnston, tel 02380 269049 for details.

Knights of St Columba

This year the Knights of St Columba in the UK celebrate 100 years. A celebratory Mass is arranged at Westminster Cathedral for **Saturday 6th July**. A coach will take Knights and friends to the Mass, and we currently have about 10 spare seats which we offer free to any parishioners. Departs C/Ford 10:30am and leaves London 6pm. The Mass is at 2pm. Please contact: Anthony Bradley on 023 8026 6818.

Message of Thanks

Thanks to all who supported the CAFOD Fast Day Supper at St Edward's, **£216.10** was raised for the Lenten Appeal.

Messages Continued

Correction to Lent & Easter 2019 Handout

Please note the Lent Penitential Service with Confession on Sat 13th April (11am) is **at Holy Cross and not St Edward's** as previously advertised.

Planned Giving Weekly Envelope Boxes

The last envelope in current boxes is dated 31st March. So for Easter and the next 12 months, users of Planned Giving envelopes need a new box of envelopes. These will be available during March in our Churches.

Look out for your local organiser at weekend Masses during March and collect yours. If you want to stop or start using Planned Giving envelopes, please contact your organiser:

Pat Baggott (023 8069 4060) for Holy Cross, and St Swithun Wells;

The Parish Office (023 8027 3882) for OLQA;

Ian Fearon (023 8026 5248) & Mike Greenslade (023 8026 2870) for St Edward's;

David Martin (01794 511883) for St Andrew's and St Joseph's.

50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing—30th March

Roz and Colin Pritchard will have been married for 50 years on the 29th March, and will be receiving a blessing during Saturday Evening Mass at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. They are inviting all parishioners to stay after Mass for a celebration drink and cake.

Mass of the Oils - Tuesday 16th April, St John's Cathedral:

If you would like to go to the Chrism Mass please let the Parish Office know. We are hoping to run two minibuses but at present we only have one qualified driver. So places will be on a first come first served basis.

Chrism Mass: Appeal for Singers and Musicians

Can you sing? Are you a musician? Would you be willing to help at the Chrism Mass (11am in the Cathedral on **Tues 16th April**)? Chris Olding is the Director of Music for this year's celebration, and is finalising the schedule of music, but is appealing for singers and musicians willing to assist. He intends to arrange a practice one evening a couple of weeks before the Mass, probably in the Eastleigh area. If you would be willing to help or want further info, please email Martin Ryan (mryan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) who is helping with registration.

Fryern Funtasia on Fryern Rec in Chandlers Ford will be on the **Bank Holiday Monday (May 6th)** from 12-4.30pm. The Ecumenical stall will be running as usual, mainly children's craft activities, and anyone able to assist for an hour or so would be very welcome, details from Paul Carmody, carmody16@btinternet.com.

Other Events

Wednesday Prayer Evenings During Lent at St Peters, Winchester (between 8pm and 9pm):

27th March Contrition: Exploring the Love and Mercy of God.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities & Parish Contact Information

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 23rd *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	Mary Bain RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	Shane Tarrant (Exam Success)
	6.00pm*	St J	Carolyne & Family
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Ann Sandhu RIP
Sun 24th Third Sunday of Lent	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Janet Gilda Wilson RIP
	9.00am	St A	Una Akers RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Dian Sebi (birthday)
	11.00am	HC	Mary Nixon RIP
Mon 25th	10.00am	St Ed	Oliver Shamkhani (Birthday)
	10.00am	OLQA	
Tues 26th	9.30am	HC	Grace Moore FM
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 27th	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	Andrew Wilson RIP
Thurs 28th	9.30am	HC	Beatrice & George White; David, Laura & Eduardo Fernandes FM
	10.00am	OLQA	No Mass
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 29th	10.00am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J: AH	
	7.00pm	St Ed	Barry O'Shea (Sick)
Sat 30th *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	Kathleen & Lesley Hammerton RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	Colin & Roz Pritchard (50th Wedding Anniversary)
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Pat Prior (Sick)
Sun 31st Fourth Sunday of Lent	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Umberto Pugi RIP (1st Anniversary of death)
	9.00am	St A	Hesla Rayment RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Joseph Paulo RIP (15th Anniversary of Death)
	11.00am	HC	Ludwick Kolacz RIP & Deceased members of the Killick Family

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: HC - **No Adoration in March**

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

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Charlton House 023 8067 7575;
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