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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Answering God's Call And Sharing Our Faith

On Wednesday 19th September, at St Edward the Confessor Church in Chandlers Ford, you are warmly invited to bring with you a family member, neighbour or friend who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or who is interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church teaches.

The call to evangelise is a call to everyone of us. It derives from the final words of Jesus to the disciples at the end of Matthew's Gospel: *"Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you."* The process by which the Church initiates adults into the life of the Church is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

"The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults presents a vision of a Church that is a caring faith community, a Church that reaches out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ, a Church constantly living in the Spirit and discerning the action of that Spirit of God, a Church whose life revolves around the initiation of new members and the continual conversion of all its members."

(RCIA: Renewing the Church as an Initiating Assembly)

The RCIA reminds us that it is the responsibility of all the community of the faithful, not just the priest. It is the whole community that must evangelise their families, friends, neighbours. It is they who must create an atmosphere of hospitality that draws people to the Church and encourages them to stay, who must witness by their daily lives to what the Christian life means, to attract non-believers to Christ and to help enquirers understand what conversion requires of them. They must offer welcome, support and encouragement to those who seek initiation.

So, if you know of anyone in your family or among your friends and neighbours who may be thinking about being baptised or received into the Church talk to them and invite them to come with you to St Edward's on Wednesday 19th September. Alternatively contact the Priest in your church or me, Deacon Paul Owen on 02380 254806 or email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Deacon Paul Owen

Message from Father John

It isn't easy to express just how grateful and overwhelmed I was on my last weekend in the parish. The cards and many expressions of good wishes mean a lot to me - whether that was visible or not. Bishop Crispian once told me he didn't think I was someone who 'wore his heart on his sleeve' and that may be true. But your words and encouragement as I step into a new phase of my life as a priest moved me deeply. The common theme was that you were sad to see me go but understood that what I am able to offer soldiers and their families is important. I thank you for your understanding. And, of course, I want to thank you all sincerely for the enormously generous cheque with which I was presented. Amongst other things I plan to purchase an I-Pad which will be useful as I move around Cyprus and keep in contact with family and friends. My email addresses remain the same, and my postal address is: Salamanca Barracks, Episkopi Garrison, Episkopi, BFPO 53 [NB: do *not* include 'Cyprus' in the address]. I wish you every blessing as a parish community whilst you continue to seek new ways of sharing the Gospel message with the people around you.

Father John

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Office hours: Monday-Wednesday 9.30am-5pm; Thursday & Friday 9.30-2.30pm Newsletter items should be received by Wednesday 12:00 noon

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Psalm Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Readings for next Sunday 23rd September 2018
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37
1st reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20
Psalm: 53
2nd reading: James 3:16-4:3

Journey in Faith restarts Wed 19th September 2018

Restarts with a special enquirers evening - if you know of anyone who would like to become a Catholic or to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches, then bring them along on **Wednesday 19th September** from 7.30-9pm at St Edward the Confessor Church. This is your chance to do something practical for evangelisation! For further information please contact Deacon Paul Owen. Tel: 02380 254806; E: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Preparation for Baptism

If you wish to have your child baptised, please contact the Parish Office for an application form, and return the completed form to the Office. Then we look forward to welcoming parents for an essential Preparation Session on **Sunday 30th September 2018** at Holy Cross Resource Centre.

The meeting begins at **4.30pm** and ends at 6.00pm. It would be very helpful if you could arrive a little early, refreshments available from 4.15pm. You are very welcome to attend the preparation session in advance of your baby's birth.

First Holy Communion Preparation

Our program for First Holy Communion will start in November, with a schedule of preparation sessions running through until June 2019. Exact dates will be published shortly. Sessions typically run at regular intervals on Tuesday evenings 6.15-7.45pm, some sessions are at St Swithun Wells Primary School in Chandler's Ford, and some at your individual churches. Registration forms will not be available in school or elsewhere this year, but must be collected from your priest at any of the weekend Masses, from Saturday 15th September to Sunday 14th October.

Parents and children are invited to introduce themselves to their priest as wanting to take part in the program this year, and request a form.

Completed forms must be returned to the parish office, along with a photocopy of your child's baptismal certificate, by Monday 15th October.

Due to limited numbers of catechists this year we may be required to limit the number of children joining the program, so please request and complete your forms as soon as possible. There will be an introductory meeting for parents in early November.

Second Collection

Please note there will be a second collection this weekend for **Home Mission**. In today's Gospel Jesus presents us, as disciples, with a challenging question, 'Who do you say I am?' For some the most challenging element of this question is whether we talk about him at all. Today on Home Mission Sunday we have been praying for the spread of the Gospel and in the second collection will have the opportunity to support it financially. The money you give to this collection is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith.

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays (10-11.30am), Holy Cross Resource Centre. Any queries please contact Paul on 02380 616618; pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Counters Urgently Needed at St Edward's

We are in urgent need of counters for the weekly collection at St Edward's. The job is not difficult and generally takes no more than an hour on Sunday morning after the 9am Mass. Volunteers would go on a rota and the more volunteers the less often you would have to count. If you are interested please contact John Williams on 02380 251483.

Candlelight Prayer - Wednesday 19th September

7.30pm- 9pm at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, hosted by the Fellowship Group. Join us for an evening of prayer, meditation, hymns and readings, followed by refreshments. Everyone most welcome. Queries to Deacon Bob and Marion Birtles.

Stella Maris Mass - Tuesday 18th Sept

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come and pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Tues 18th Sept at 12.15pm in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, PO1 3HG. Bishop Philip Egan will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to: salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Reflection Day

Sunday 23rd Sept 2018. Fr Des Connolly SMM invites you to join Padre Pio Prayer Groups and other devotees to celebrate Padre Pio's birthday/Feast day in this his 50th Anniversary of his death. The day will be held in St Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Rd, Ashurst, SO40 7DU. Arrival from 10am for a 10.30am start, until 4pm and will include Mass. A donation of £22.50 per person would be very much appreciated. Please bring a packed lunch.

Saturday 20th October 2018 - Day for Adults who help with Children's Liturgy, First Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, RCIA (10am-4pm)

Portsmouth Cathedral

Everyone involved or interested in catechesis and children's Liturgy is welcome. To book please go to: <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters on 01590 681874.

Safeguarding Training - Sat 13th October at St Edward's, Chandlers Ford.

'Child Protection Training' at 10am-12.30pm & 'Creating a Safe Environment Training' at 1.30pm-4pm. **The Child Protection training session is a compulsory requirement** aimed at anyone in any ministry involving the young of our Parish. Even if you have attended before, your training may now be out of date – please check with your Safeguarding Rep.

The 'Creating a Safe Environment Training' session is **only** aimed at Leaders of groups, rather than just helpers. Please check with your safeguarding rep (list as follows), if you are uncertain as to whether you should attend the session.

Safeguarding Reps

Joan Leith (Holy Cross & St Swithun Wells Churches);
Ann Richards (St Edwards);
Pat Taylor & Carol Loran (OLQA);
Malcolm Foster (St Andrew's & St Joseph's).
To book either contact your Safeguarding Rep or directly with the Safeguarding Office in Portsmouth (T: 02392 836511; E: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

Holy Cross Children's Liturgy - Safeguarding

We will be registering children for children's liturgy over the next few weeks.

Parents: Please complete the index cards that will be available in the welcoming area (with instructions) and return them to one of the catechists. Someone will be there to help or collect them on return.

This **will not** mean children **have** to attend every week, it will be as before, but it is important for us to have basic information to keep your children safe when they attend. Thank you.

Youth Groups at Holy Cross Resource Centre

Both groups run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm on a Sunday once a month:

Inspire (School yrs 7, 8 and 9) - please contact Marianne 07771704600 for more information.

TOZ (Time Out Zone) (School yrs 10, 11 & Sixth Form College) - please contact Cath on 07846 438224 for more information.

Upcoming dates: 23rd Sept; 14th Oct; 18th Nov; 9th Dec; 13th Jan; 10th Feb; 17th Mar.

Prayer Link - Please contact me if you have any requests, queries or comments. **Marion** (02380 692416) marionbirtles@gmail.com

The Knights of Columba Annual Barbecue St Edward's Church - Sat 22nd Sept, 1pm

Proceeds go towards parish causes including parish youth and Lourdes pilgrimage. Tickets cost £10. (Neil Hendricks 023 8026 6324).

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

St Swithun Wells Primary School 023 80266210;
St George Catholic V.A. College 023 8032 2603;
St Anne's Catholic School 023 80328200;
Charlton House 023 8067 7575;
St Mary's Independent School 023 8067 1267.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections: £1,292.06; SO/SD for August'18: £12,804.09

Prayer Group

Our small Prayer Group meets once a month on the 3rd Monday of the month from 2-3pm at the home of Sheila and Pauline O'Neill, 19 Carthage Close, a road which is off Alexander Rd just opposite St Edward The Confessor Church. Everyone welcome.

Next Meeting: Monday 17th September
Theme: 'Praying The Psalms'.

Alton Day Of REnewal – Sat 22nd Sept 11am-4pm

Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton, GU34 2NG.

There will be a shared lunch at 1pm (please bring finger food to share). The talk starting at 2.30pm is: "**New sight for the blind - Mission and healing**" by Pauline Edwards and Fr Laurence Brassill of Little Way Healing Ministries. No need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more info please see poster on church noticeboards or website: www.altonrenewal.com.

Parish Lunch

Monday 24th Sept, 12.30pm at The Luzborough, Romsey. All are welcome. Menus are on the notice boards. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Sunday 16th Sept as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Sat 29th September

Margaret French will be holding her annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in St Andrew's hall on Saturday 29th September from 10.30am-12.30pm. Please come along and help to make it the best year yet!

Good Companions Lunch

Wednesday 3rd October

The next lunch will be at Keats Restaurant in Ampfield, please arrive from 12noon for 12.30pm start. Please ring Pauline Wilson on 023 80266617 or Susie Warwick on 023 80263436 if you would like to join us for good company and excellent food.

Harvest Fast Day - Friday 5th October

There will be a Fast Day Soup lunch at St Edward's from 12-1.30pm. £3 per person. Come along and support CAFOD's Harvest Appeal.

St Edward's CAFOD Pyramid Boxes

These will be collected and emptied on the weekend of 22nd/23rd September at St Edward's; new boxes will be available. All proceeds to Connect2 Peru.

St Edward's Church Shop

Open before and after all weekend Masses. There are new items available - new colouring books, new brick bibles with Lego like figures & the Minecrafters bible.

Book Sale For Poitiers Care Foodbank

We have had such a wonderful response to the book sale we have extended it to take place after Mass at St Andrew's Church on **Sunday 16th Sept**. It is hoped the books will also be available sometime in October at St Swithun Wells Church after Sat evening Mass. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 15th Sept Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Harry Long RIP	Thurs 20th	9.30am	HC	Bruce & Iris Wiggins RIP
	6.00pm	St J	Gillian Meeney (Well Being)		10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	OLQA			6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Vishal Raichura (Exam Success & College)				
Sun 16th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 21st	10.00am	St Ed	
	9.00am	St Ed	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Kathleen & Albert Harrison RIP (Anniversary)				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Steve Hanson's Family Intentions				
	11.00am	HC	Peter Byrne & Allan Baxter RIP				
Mon 17th	10.00am	St Ed		Sat 22nd	9.30am	HC	
Tues 18th	9.30am	HC	Frankie Murtagh RIP	Sat 22nd Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Marie Lewis RIP (1st Anniversary)
	10.00am	St A			6.00pm	St J	
	10.00am	OLQA			6.00pm	OLQA	
	1.30pm	HC	Funeral Service: Florian Slugocki RIP		6.30pm	St Ed	
Wed 19th	9.30am	HC		Sun 23rd Sept 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St Ed			9.00am	St Ed	Folco Scappaticci RIP Anniversary
					9.00am	St A	Joy Rigg RIP
					9.30am	OLQA	
					11.00am	St J	
					11.00am	HC	Betty McCarthy RIP (1st Anniversary)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday	HC	Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
Tuesday	St A	Adoration will restart in the Autumn.
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	9.30am Wednesday The Holy Rosary
	St Joseph	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

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 HC Holy Cross, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. SO50 9DF
 St Sw St Swithun Wells, 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

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