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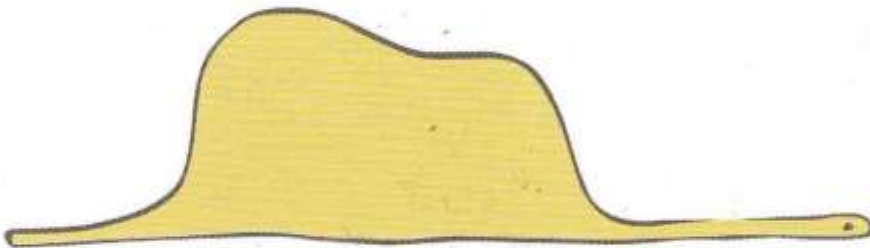
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sometimes I ask myself: "Why am I still in the Catholic Church?". The answer to this question is every time the same yet different. The same because if I am in the Church it is because of the beauty of the face of Jesus and the flourishing of my humanity in the relationship with him. On the other hand, for the one who lives constantly immersed in the life of the Church, the face of Jesus is always new and therefore describing it is a new experience every time.

Since one month after we came into this parish, I had the opportunity to meet once a week with some young people of Saint George's College, a secondary catholic school in Southampton. At the beginning I went there just for lunch: I put myself in the queue, took some food and sat on the first free chair. After a couple of months I became friends with some of the young people and the desire to spend a little more time with them was born. So I proposed an afternoon club called Star Seekers, for boys and girls of years 7, 8 and 9.

During that hour together (between 3 and 4pm, every Tuesday) we eat some biscuits, then play a game and then we read a book, trying to relate it to our personal life, through some questions that I suggest to them. The book that we are reading is "The Little Prince".

The first chapter is about a boy who likes drawing and who shows his first drawing to a friend. Here is the drawing:



Having asked his friend what the drawing represented, he answered: "It's just a hat". Actually the boy didn't want to draw a hat. It was a boa constrictor who had swallowed an elephant. But his friend had no imagination. He was not able to see beyond. He settled with the first impression. From that moment, the protagonist chooses his friends on the basis of their ability to see beyond.

After having read this chapter, I asked myself again: "Why am I still in the Church?". The story of the little prince reminded me that if I am still in the Church it is because she helps me to see beyond, to extend my horizons. Christianity is a matter of sight.

Father Luca

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10th February 2019:

Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Psalm Response:

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

**Readings for next Sunday 17th February 2019
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Luke 6:17. 20-26

1st reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm: 1

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

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.** Our topic will be Our Lady of Lourdes on the 12th February.

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.

Youth Groups - News for Inspire and TOZ

Fr Raffaele and Fr Luca have decided, together with the team of leaders of Inspire and TOZ, to make some changes to our meetings. These changes will enable the groups to continue to grow, allow the young people to meet together more regularly and meet at times most suitable for different age groups.

Here are the new times:

Inspire (for children from school year 4 to 8) **will meet twice a month on Saturday from 2.30 to 4.30pm in the cloister of St Edward's in Chandlers Ford.**

Upcoming Dates: *, 2nd & 16th March; 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 Holy Cross Resource Centre in Eastleigh.**

Upcoming Dates: *, 17th & 31st March, 28th April.

*On Sunday 10th February, **both groups** will meet together for the last time **from 7pm-8.30pm in the Resource Centre in Eastleigh.**

CaFE

Monday **11th February**, 2.30pm in St Joseph's;
Tuesday **12th February**, 7.30pm in St Andrew's.
Further details from Sheila Keefe, 01794 518071 or s.keefe@btopenworld.com.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles - Children's Liturgy

The planned Sunday dates until Easter are:

17th February; 3rd, 17th & 31st March; 14th April.

The sessions are during 9.30am Sunday Mass and all are welcome. **Joanna Somerville**

Email: joannasomerville1@hotmail.com

Parish Groups Continued

Knit & Natter - St Edward's, Mon 11th Feb, 2-4pm

Refreshments available and everyone most welcome!
Any queries please contact Maureen Stephenson on 02380 252104.

Oasis Women's Group - Tuesday 12th February

Women's Fellowship: This month we are joined by Barbara Hillier, President of Chandler's Ford Methodist Church Women's Fellowship. Barbara will be sharing some of the group's 100 year history as well as discussing their current range of activities and speakers. 7:30-9pm in St Edward's Cloister.

All ladies warmly welcomed.

Future Dates: 12th Mar, 2nd Apr, 14th May, 11th Jun.

Knit for Peace - St Andrew's, Wed 13th Feb, 2-4pm

Donations of mens clothes and shoes for Two Saints welcome. Please contact Anne Harcourt on 02380 734710 with any queries.

Offerings & Collections

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC
SO/DD for Jan'19: £13,605.59

February Parish Events

Candlelight Prayer - 13th February, 7.30pm

At St Swithun Wells Church. Come and join us for an evening of prayer, scripture readings, reflection and hymns. Hosted by the Fellowship Group. Refreshments served at end of the evening. Queries to Marion and Deacon Bob Birtles.

Lent Course in Chandlers Ford

The Ecumenical course chosen this year is based on Isaac Watts' hymn 'When I Survey the wondrous cross', and 6 separate house groups will be running on 2 mornings, 1 afternoon and 3 evenings. Sign-up sheets are now in the cloister at St Edward's along with timing and location details of the house groups. All are welcome, as usual, to take part in this enjoyable and worthwhile preparation for Easter, the forms will be collected after 24th February. Further details from Paul Carmody, carmody16@btinternet.com.

March Parish Events

A Day for Special Ministers at St Joseph's - 9th March

Starts with Mass at 10am.

School Notices

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School Queen of Hearts Tea Party, Thursday 14th February

Parishioners are invited to join us for our Queen of Hearts Tea Party, where some of our Year 6 young leaders are joining forces with a group of parents to raise money for PICU - Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Southampton Hospital. A couple of our families have benefited from the care they've received at PICU and it is our small way of showing support and thanks.

From 2.30pm, Holy Crosta Cafe will open for a Queen of Hearts Tea Party which is open to all parishioners, parents and families - the children will serve tea, coffee and refreshments and will also be selling cakes.

Messages

New to the Parish?

A very warm welcome to our Parish; we are delighted that you have joined us. Please feel free to make yourself known to one of the Welcomers or Priest at each Mass and join us for a cup of coffee after Mass. Please complete one of the 'New to the Parish Registration Forms' available in the church foyers, giving us your contact details and leave the form with one of the Priests or Welcomers. All families are welcome at **ALL** Masses; however we have specific Children's Liturgies on Sundays. Please ask one of the Welcomers for details of the times at your Church.

Monique Griffin R.I.P

Many people at St Edward's will know of Monique who was a regular parishioner for very many years. Her Requiem Mass is at St Mary's Church, 211a Wimborne Road, Poole BH15 2EG at 11am on **Friday 15th February**. The Committal will be at Ramalley Cemetery, off Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford SO53 1JG at 2pm on Friday 15th February. The family would welcome any parishioner who wishes to attend either the Requiem Mass and/or the committal. Further details if needed available from Deacon Paul Owen.

Prayers for couples getting married

On Saturday 16th February in the afternoon there will be a Wedding Preparation Course in our Parish. In the morning some couples will be in the Cathedral with Bishop Philip for a special blessing. Let us take these couples into our prayers.

Street Pastors Awarded

Eastleigh, Fair Oak and Chandlers Ford Street Pastors have been recognised with an award by Eastleigh Community Safety Partnership. We were given a "Certificate in recognition of outstanding service helping to keep the local community safe at night." Eastleigh Street Pastors will be celebrating ten years of service to our community in July. We are looking for volunteers for all our communities; to go out one Friday night per month. Our next training starts on 8th March. Please contact:

Eric Hyom – 02380643457; email erichyom@sky.com or June Wilson - juneannwilson52@yahoo.co.uk

Messages Continued

I Belong First Holy Communion Programme 2018/2019

Just a reminder to all, that the next meeting for parents and children, is on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 6.25pm in St Swithun Wells School.

OLQA - Collection Counter Volunteer Needed

Our Lady Queen of Apostles are in search of a volunteer to join the collection counters rota. We just need one more person who can help one Sunday in four to count the collections after Mass. If you are able to help please contact Roger Coleman.

Prayer Link

Please contact me if you have any requests, queries or comments. **Marion**
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Diocesan Events

Join us for the Lourdes Pilgrimage this summer Thursday 25th July - Monday 29th July 2019

The pilgrimage lasts five days, with 4 nights' accommodation at the Hotel La Solitude. The pilgrimage is by air from Southampton to Bordeaux, then from there by coach transfer to Lourdes. The cost includes breakfast, lunch and dinner each day with a full pilgrimage programme, facilitated by Joe Walsh Tours in conjunction with the Diocese of Portsmouth. The price (from £645) includes airline taxes and charges, UK government levy and Lourdes city tax.

In conjunction with the main pilgrimage is our diocesan youth pilgrimage. The youth will be leading some of the liturgies and generally assisting, as well as having their own programme of formation, prayer and fun.

The youth pilgrimage lasts 7 days from Wednesday 24th to Tuesday 30th July and travels by coach. They will be staying with us in Hotel La Solitude. The youth pilgrimage costs £475 per person. For more details, go to <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/>, or contact Fr. PJ Smith on 07780 221686.

Other Events

Alton Day Of REnewal – Sat 23rd Feb, 11am-4pm Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG.

There will be a shared lunch at 1pm (please bring finger food to share) and a talk at 2.30pm, '**Strengthening Prayer Groups**' by Maria Heath, Chair of English Renewal, who will encourage the nurturing of Prayer Groups as places where people can grow in faith.

See poster on noticeboards for more information.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities & Parish Contact Information

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 9th *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	Bernie Casey RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	Canon John McGrorry in thanks for kindness and support
	6.00pm*	St J	Thanksgiving for the birth of grandson Eli Saren Ball
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Anne Connolly RIP & the Wellbeing of her Family
Sun 10th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Peter Phillips RIP
	9.00am	St A	Jeanette Butcher (Anniversary of Death)
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Attenbury Family RIP
	11.00am	HC	Emily Ray RIP
Mon 11th	10.00am	St Ed	Kathleen Ditte & Deceased Family FM
Tues 12th	9.30am	HC	Elson, Mansor & Antoine Chaanine RIP
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	No Mass
Wed 13th	9.30am	HC	George, Janette & Josephine Assaf RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	Lilian De Melo RIP Anniversary
Thurs 14th	9.30am	HC	Tony Williams & Terry Blake (Special Intention)
	10.00am	OLQA	No Mass
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 15th	10.00am	St Ed	Mick (Michael) Whitty RIP
	10.00am	St J: AH	
Sat 16th *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	Emmanuel Altman RIP (21st Anniversary)
	5.00pm*	SSW	Agnes Carter RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Thomas Barry RIP
Sun 17th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Fawzia Al-Khoury RIP
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Freda Walters RIP
	11.00am	HC	Bridget Dee & Margaret Flynn (RIP Anniversary)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: HC - Adoration 1st Tues of the month ,10am-1pm
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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SSW St Swithun Wells Church, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB
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St J **St Joseph's Church**, Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB

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Charlton House 023 8067 7575;
St Mary's Independent School 023 8067 1267.