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Psalter Week: Office Proper

## EASTER

† Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him and all the ages, to Him be glory and power through every age and for ever. Amen.

† By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord guard us and protect us. Amen.

† May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Thus the Paschal Candle is inscribed, pierced and lit at the Easter Vigil to become the symbol of light and life for the people of God for another year. We have journeyed with the Lord on the 'Way of the Cross' (*Via crucis*); now we journey with the Lord on the 'Way of Light' (*Via lucis*).

As we celebrated the 40 days of Lent so now we celebrate the Great 50 Days of Eastertide through to the feast of Pentecost. We cannot separate the reality of the Cross from the reality of the Resurrection. In the words of the Easter hymn, 'Had Christ that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain...' In the words of Denis McBride, a Redemptorist Father, 'It is the Resurrection that truly interprets Jesus' death on the Cross.' If death had been the end, he says, Jesus would have been reduced to a 'forgettable footnote in the crowded history of lost causes.' Death is not the end for Jesus nor for us and so we proclaim: Christ the Lord is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The irony is that, while we are very good in our liturgical and devotional observance of the Lenten season, we find it more challenging to express a similar response to the Easter season.

These weeks of Eastertide give us that opportunity to thank God for our redemption in Jesus Christ, to be filled with joy and hope as were the apostles and disciples and to deepen our understanding of the faith and the mission that is ours today. We are the living legacy of those who have preceded us in faith: from Peter and the apostles right through the ages to our families and friends and all those who passed on to us that faith in the Risen Lord.

The fact that we are Easter People should show in our faces, reflecting the joy, the wonder and the hope that we have as a people redeemed, living in the hope of salvation and striving to hand on the faith to others. The poet Edmund Spenser (1552 - 1599) conveys in his sonnet 'Easter' that sense of ardour, commitment and joy that can be ours too. Here is the first part:

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day  
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin;  
And having harrowed hell didst bring away  
Captivity thus captive, us to win:  
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
And grant that we for whom thou didst die  
Being with thy dear blood cleaned washed from sin,  
May live for ever in felicity.

May the mystery of our Redemption in Christ be revealed to us as each day of Easter unfolds and may each one of us be enfolded tenderly in the love and mercy of our Risen Lord.

*Deacon John*

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**21st April 2019:**

**Entrance Antiphon:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**Psalm Response:** This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. Or, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**28th April 2019:**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Like Newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**Psalm Response:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

### Upcoming Readings

**Sunday 28th April 2019**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

Gospel: John 20:19-31

1st reading: Acts 5:12-16

Psalm: 117

2nd reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19

**Sunday 5th May 2019**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Gospel: John 21:1-19

1st reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

Psalm: 29

2nd reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

### Parish Groups

#### Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group

The GIFT Group will resume meetings on Tuesday 30th April with a talk from our Seminarian Dennis on "What is the Centre of my Life and of Our Life as a Church Community". **10.15-11.30am** (after Mass) in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.

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#### Journey in Faith - St Edward's (Resumes on 1st May)

Please note there will be no JIF on Wed 24th April. We will restart after Easter on 1st May.

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

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#### Fellowship Group - St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, 7.30pm

There will be no meeting during Holy Week, 17th April or 24th April. **Meetings will recommence on 1st May.** Queries to Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

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#### 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: 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: 28th April.

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**60 Club** - Will next meet on **Monday 29th April** at 2pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Maureen (tel: 80692682).

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#### Coffee Stop (Holy Cross Resource Centre)

There will be no Coffee Stop on 25th April. **Coffee Stop will reopen on 2nd May.** Please come along and support us after Mass on Thursdays in the Resource Centre.

### Offerings & Collections

#### Easter Offerings 20th/21st April 2019

As you know, on each Sunday of the year, your Offering (whether placed in the collection, or paid through your bank account) is used for the running of the parish and all its activities. Traditionally, your Offering at Easter is for the personal use of the priests and in our diocese forms a major part of their annual income. Please be generous.

#### St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC

SO/DD for March'19: £12,774.09

### Changes to Mass & Office Closure

There will be **no Mass** at:

OLQA on Tues 23rd & 30th April; 2nd & 3rd May

St Edward's on Monday 22nd April

Holy Cross on Tues 23rd, Wed 24th & Thurs 25th April.

The **Parish Office will be closed** from 22nd April for a week, the Office re-opens on Monday 29th April. There will be no Parish Newsletter produced for the weekend of 27th/28th April.

### Parish Events

#### Get 2Gether Family Afternoon

On Sunday 5th May from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in St Edward's Church (Cloister) we will have our first Get Together Family afternoon. It is an event for all the families of the Parish: parents, children, grandparents...

During that afternoon we will have some music and games for all the families, and even a little discussion with the parents about some topics of family life like education of the children, prayer in family and so on.

It will be an opportunity to have some time together, with fun and friendship.

If you want to bring a cake or some juice, it will be much appreciated, at the end we can finish with some refreshments.

Next Get 2Gether dates:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

As you can see the event is on the first Sunday of each month corresponding to Children's Mass in Holy Cross, St Edward's and at Andrew's.

## Parish Events Continued

### School Of Community - Starting Wed 1st May

We are starting a new group, School of Community, the weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation, from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.45pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Meetings will take place weekly, same time same place.

### Divine Mercy Sunday - Holy Cross, 28th April, starting at 2.45pm

Refreshments will be available afterwards in the Resource Centre. For more info please contact Roz on 07752 639593. Confessions will be available.

## Messages

### I Belong First Holy Communion Programme 2018/2019

Just a reminder to all, that the next meeting for parents and children, is on Tuesday 30th April 2019 from 6.25pm to 7.45pm in your own churches. Please bring your I belong books with you.

### Our Children at Holy Cross

Children's liturgy will resume after the Easter break, on April 28th. Here are just a few helpful guidelines, reminders and safeguarding issues to help parents:

**All children must be signed in at each session they attend.** If you are unable to do this before Mass and still wish to come, please bring your child/children to register when we go to the Resource Centre.

The age group focus for Children's Liturgy sessions is from **4 years upwards and until making their First Holy Communion.**

Sessions are **usually** held every Sunday during term time except for the **1st Sunday of the month when it is Children's Mass.** All children present at Mass will be invited to come forward during the Homily.

We always need more help to support the children. If you feel this might/could be your gift or you would like to know a little more, please speak to one of our team, or just come and join us at a Sunday session for a taster.

***The Children's Liturgy Team wish all our children and their families a very Happy and Holy Easter.***

### Lenten Suppers at St Swithun Wells Church

Thank you to everyone who supported us during Lent. We have raised **£317** to be shared equally between CAFOD and Fledge in Eastleigh.

### Christian Aid Week (Sun 12th - 18th May 2019)

As I'm still finding difficulty in getting about, Eric has kindly volunteered to help with the distribution of envelopes. So if you would like to help with the Christian Aid collection in central Eastleigh this year, by calling on households or making a personal donation, please contact Eric Hyom 023 8064 3547 or email [erichyom@sky.com](mailto:erichyom@sky.com). Many thanks, John Elton.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday:** HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)

**Thursday:** St ED **No Holy Hour (restarts on 2nd May)**

**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)

<b>Saturdays:</b>	10.00am	Holy Cross
	12 noon	St Edward's
	5.30pm	OLQA
	5.30pm	St Joseph
<b>Sundays:</b>	8.30am	St Andrew

## Clergy

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Easter

## Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION		
Easter-Saturday 20th	9.00am	HC	<i>Polish Liturgy (Blessing of the Food)</i>  Mary Bain RIP (1st Anniversary of Death)	Sun 28th April	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta Mrs Edward Christian FM		
	8.00pm	OLQA			9.00am	St Ed			
	8.30pm	St J			9.00am	St A			
	9.00pm	St Ed			9.30am	OLQA			
Easter Sunday 21st	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Umberto Pugi RIP  <u>The Deceased Members of the Coughlans and Corrys Families</u> Henry Karnecki RIP	Mon 29th April	9.00am	St Ed	Mary McCormack RIP		
	9.00am	St Ed			9.00am	St A			
	9.00am	St A			9.30am	OLQA			
	9.30am	OLQA			10.30am	St J			
	10.30am	St J			11.00am	HC			
Mon 22nd April	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>  <b>No Mass</b>	Tues 30th April	9.30am	HC	Loreto Mollicone RIP Anniversary John Harrison RIP (Birthday) <b>No Mass</b>		
	10.00am	OLQA			10.00am	St A			
	10.00am	St Ed			10.00am	OLQA			
Tues 23rd April	9.30am	HC	<b>No Mass</b>	Wed 1st May	9.30am	HC	Emily Ray RIP Ann Sandhu RIP		
	10.00am	St A			10.00am	St Ed			
	10.00am	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA			
Wed 24th April	9.30am	HC	<b>No Mass</b> Mrs Edward Christian FM	Thurs 2nd May	9.30am	HC	Mr & Mrs John RIP Anniversary <b>No Mass</b>		
	10.00am	St Ed			10.00am	OLQA			
Thurs 25th April	9.30am	HC	<b>No Mass</b>	Friday 3rd May	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM <b>No Mass</b>		
	10.00am	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA			
	6.00pm	St J			10.00am	St J: AH			
Friday 26th April	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM	Sat 4th May	9.30am	HC	Keith Small RIP		
	10.00am	OLQA			5.00pm*	SSW			
	10.00am	St J:AH			6.00pm*	St J			
Sat 27th  *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP Oliver McMahon RIP  Rosemary Oxby RIP	*Vigil Masses	6.00pm*	OLQA	Keith Small RIP		
	5.00pm*	St Sw			6.30pm*	St Ed			
	6.00pm*	St J			Sun 5th May	9.00am		HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Patrick Mawdsley (Wellbeing & Exam Success)
	6.00pm*	OLQA				9.00am		St Ed	
6.30pm*	St Ed	Third Sunday of Easter	9.00am	St A					
			9.30am	OLQA					
			11.00am	St J					
			11.00am	HC					

### CHURCH ADDRESSES

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 OLQA Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham, SO32 1DN  
 HC Holy Cross Church, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF  
 SSW St Swithun Wells Church, 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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