

Our Mission: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - MAKE DISCIPLES



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Weekday Cycle: Year 1
Psalter Week: 2

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Well this weekend is the 3rd weekend since the start of the New Year, and I guess many of us will have made “New Year Promises”, and if you are like me you have probably broken at least one of them already. Now New Year promises are normally private, mine predominantly are.

But I thought I would google what the common ones are, and here are some of them:

Lose weight;	Save more and spend less;	Learn a new skill or hobby;	Read more;
Quit smoking;	Spend more time with family;	Drink less alcohol;	Find another job.

It immediately jumped out at me that all these resolution are about the individual. However as I get older I tend to look further with my goals and by further I mean past just our own needs. **I would like to suggest we rethink our resolutions and look at them from another point of view**, not just in the church or even our local community, but specifically overseas.

Our parish already uses some of the collections for local causes, and long may that continue, and we can help in more personal ways also. We can look around in church and see if we can help each other, we can donate to worthy charities especially food banks. There is much to be done in our parish, **speak to the priests or deacons if you want to know more about local opportunities.**

I want to talk about a **National Catholic Charity** that continually needs our support. **I want to talk about CAFOD.** (Catholic Agency For Overseas Development), **it is the official Catholic aid agency for England and Wales, and they are part of Caritas International.** They work around the world, on our behalf, they bring hope and compassion to poor communities, standing side by side with them to reduce poverty and injustice. They work on long-term developments as well as providing fast and timely response to emergencies around the world.

Charities must be effective and accountable with our money, and CAFOD definitely are. If you look at the money raised in 2017-18 it was approx. £52.9 million, which I think is great, but how was it spent? Well approx. £43.4 million, that is over 80%, was spent overseas and only 10.2% was spent on administration, the rest was spent on development, education, advocacy and campaigning.

As part of Caritas International (a group of over 160 Catholic agencies from around the world – known as ‘the helping hand of the Church’), **CAFOD have great credibility as a charity who deliver.** In 2012 CAFOD were awarded Match Funding from the UK Government for the Lent Appeal, this funding doubles the value of that appeal (up to a set cap), and CAFOD have been awarded Match Funding for four appeals.

The CAFOD Lent appeal for 2018 was Match Funded up to £5 million.

We can be proud that the UK government has backed CAFOD, up to £5.0 million, and they are obviously pleased and supportive of the work CAFOD do, just as we should be.

But as usual the need is great, not just the war torn areas or the great emergencies, but many people in the poorest areas are dying for the lack of food or clean water.

Please, please, please support the 2019 CAFOD appeals and events in all of our churches in the parish, they are so important in funding the work of the Catholic Church around the world.

**Maybe we need to set ourselves some “Lent Resolutions”
Watch the parish newsletters for options to support CAFOD.**

Deacon Paul Wilson

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20th January 2019:

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Psalm Response:

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

**Readings for next Sunday 27th January 2019
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

1st reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

Psalm: 18

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Parish Groups

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays between 10.15-11.30am (after Mass) in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. On **29th January**, Dennis Bensiak, our seminarian will be talking to us about 'Life as a Seminarian'.

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 - Wed 23rd & 30th January 2019

St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, 7.30-9pm.

We shall be looking at **Saints of the 20th Century**. Each week we will study 5 Saints - who were they; what did they do; why were they Canonised? Everyone welcome, refreshments served.

Any queries to Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

Youth Groups at Holy Cross Resource Centre

All young people from school year 4 up to and including 6th Form are welcome to come and join us once a month on Sunday evenings from 7-8.30pm. For more info please contact: Marianne Wanstall on 07771 704600 [Inspire - school yrs 4-9], Cath Szymanski on 07846 438224 [TOZ - school yrs 10, 11 & Sixth Form College]. **Upcoming dates: 10th Feb; 17th Mar.**

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: **20th Jan;** 3rd Feb; 17th Feb; 3rd March; 17th March, 31st March & 14th April. The sessions are during 9.30am Sunday Mass and all are welcome. **Joanna Somerville**
Email: joannasomerville1@hotmail.com

Fryern Prayer Group - Monday 21st January, 2-3pm

At the home of Sheila & Pauline O'Neill. Everybody welcome.

St Edward's Prayer Group - Valley Park

There will be a scripture reading and social afternoon at the home of Pascale Li Voon Chong, Amberwood, Southdown Rd, Shawford, SO21 2BX on **Thursday 24th January at 2pm**. All are welcome.

Offerings & Collections

Second Collection next weekend

Please note there will be a second collection next weekend for St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth.

January Parish Events

Churches Together United Service, Sunday 20th January, 6.30pm at Holy Cross Church

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christians from Churches Together in Eastleigh will meet for a United Service on Sunday January 20th at 6.30pm at Holy Cross. As we are hosting the service this year we especially ask for your support. It will be based on a service compiled by the Churches Together in Indonesia, reflecting the world - wide church, on the theme of "Justice and only justice you shall pursue." (Deuteronomy 16:19-20). We shall also pray for local initiatives. The guest speaker will be Gareth Davies from Care U.K.

Refreshments afterwards in the Resource Centre.

CTCF Church 'Swaps' 2019

As part of the week of prayer for Christian Unity this year, Churches Together in Chandlers Ford have organised their annual visits between churches. St Edward's will be visiting the URC 9.30am Communion service on Sunday 20th January, and so volunteers are invited to attend. In previous years around 4-6 parishioners have enjoyed these exchanges and we hope for a similar number this year, so if you are interested please contact Paul Carmody on 02380 615373; email carmody16@btinternet.com.

Churches Together in Romsey

During the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity the Catholic community as part of *Churches Together in Romsey* will be the hosts for **Morning Prayer on Thursday 24th January at St Joseph's Church 11am**. Printed sheets for Morning Prayer will be provided; tea/coffee afterwards. Everyone welcome!

The Service for Christian Unity at Romsey Abbey takes place on Sunday 27th January at 6.30pm.

Afternoon Tea with Games - Tuesday 22nd January

St Joseph's Parish Centre at 2pm.

February Parish Events

Parish Lunch - Monday 4th February, 12.30pm
Location: The Luzborough.

All welcome. Menu on noticeboards - please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal ***no later than Sunday 27th Jan*** as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

February & March Parish Events Continued

Good Companions - Wednesday 6th February

The next lunch for those who live alone or are lonely will be at 12.30pm at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield. Transport can be arranged if required. Why not join us and enjoy good food, and friendly company in pleasant surroundings. Please ring Pauline on 02380 266617 or Susie on 02380 263436 to book a place.

A Day for Readers at St Joseph - Sat 9th February

Starts with Mass at 10am.

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

Starts with Mass at 10am.

Messages

Urgently Needed - Volunteer Gift Aid Co-ordinator

To help with administration in Bishops Waltham.

Job Overview

To keep records of all donors including DD/SO and weekly envelope givers on a spreadsheet. Updating the gift aid claims via the Portsmouth Diocese System and acknowledging donations at year end. Close working with Parish Office & Diocese essential.

Job requirements

Access to a computer and knowledge of spreadsheets desirable.

If interested please leave your name and contact details with the Parish Office.

Eastleigh & Chandlers Ford Street Pastors

Could you spare one Friday night a month to volunteer with either Eastleigh or Chandlers Ford Street Pastors? Over the past 9 years the Churches Together, through Street Pastors, have played an essential part in keeping people safe. Night-time patrols, have meant we can be out there building community in new ways, loving our town and offering reassurance, safety and support through listening, caring and helping.

Our next training will be on:

8/9/10 March, 22/23/24 March & 5/6/7 April 2019.

Please contact:

Eric Hyom on 02380 643457; erichyom@sky.com or June Wilson on 02380 616618; juneannwilson52@yahoo.co.uk.

Eastleigh Basics Bank—Volunteers Needed

We are in urgent need of volunteers for:

- 1) Stock Management Assistant: A strong person with a car required to ferry crates of food between the storage unit and the shop, and to sort stock in the storage unit. Heavy lifting involved.
- 2) Shop Volunteer (Tues afternoons): Work involves sorting donated goods, making up packs for clients and some light cleaning.

Please go to <http://www.eastleighbasicsbank.org.uk>, click on 'Get Involved' and complete the application form, making clear which role you are interested in. You can also ring me for an informal chat on 02380 903028. **Hazel Bateman (Volunteer Co-ordinator)**

Messages Continued

Wanted

A volunteer to help with Sunday coffee after 9am Mass at St Edward's, it should only be four times a year. For more information please contact Clare Lasker on 02380 252138.

Bursary Awards

The Catenian Association has launched a new website for young people at <https://www.catenianbursary.com/> and a Twitter account <https://twitter.com/CatenianBursary/status/1078933107732930560>.

If you are aged between 16 and 24 this will be of interest to you. For further information please contact Bas Bush 023 8076 6998.

Prayer Link

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

Bishop Philip's FREE weekly e-Newsletter

Keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up.

Other Events

Alton Day Of REnewal – Sat 26th Jan. 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, 'Prayer and Renewal' by Charles Whitehead KSG who will explain why and how we should be renewing our prayer lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.

See poster on noticeboards for more information.

CAFOD Meeting

You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on **Saturday 23rd February** at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX, from 10.30am to 1pm. At this meeting Helen Lavaud CAFOD's HR adviser will be talking about her recent visit to CAFOD's Projects in the Eastern Congo and how CAFOD's partners are caring for child soldiers. There will also be an opportunity to explore the resources for Lent fast day on 15th March. Everyone is welcome so please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385.

Jo Lewry (Community Participation Co-ordinator)

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: TBC

SO/DD for Dec'18: £12,874.09

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities & Parish Contact Information

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 19th Jan *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	Charles Egan RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	Barbara & Julian
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Deceased Family Members & Friends of the Bennett Family RIP
Sun 20th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Hazel Freda Jurd FM
	9.00am	St A	Tennyson Family
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Special Intention
	11.00am	HC	Hazel Freda Jurd FM
Mon 21st	10.00am	St Ed	Sheila Mundy RIP
Tues 22nd	9.30am	HC	Ronald Walter Russ FM
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 23rd	9.30am	HC	Vimal Raichura (Special Intention)
	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small FM (1st Anniversary of Death)
Thurs 24th	9.30am	HC	Oliver Armstrong RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
	3.00pm	St J	Funeral Mass: Freda May Walters
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 25th	10.00am	St Ed	Fred & Teresa Finch RIP
	10.00am	St J: AH	
	11.00am	St Ed	Funeral Mass: Michael Whitty RIP
Sat 26th *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	Maria Smyth FM
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	William & George Longworth RIP Anniversary
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Anne Connolly RIP
Sun 27th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Patricia Osterfield RIP
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	Sylvester McMahon FM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: HC - Adoration **restarts 1st Tues in Feb** 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

Clergy

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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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

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St Anne's Catholic School 023 80328200;
Charlton House 023 8067 7575;
St Mary's Independent School 023 8067 1267.