



Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

23rd June 2019: **CORPUS CHRISTI**

"Come Lord Jesus" First Communion In Our Parish

Napoleon Bonaparte the French Emperor was asked one day: "What is the most important day in your life?" They expected answers like the day of his coronation as emperor, the day of his royal wedding, the day of his famous victories. But he said, "The most important and the most memorable day of my life is my First Holy Communion Day." For each one of you this day should remain as the happiest and most memorable day of your life.

Why is this the happiest day of your life? It is because you are receiving the biggest celebrity, Jesus our God and Saviour, as the guest of honour into your hearts and lives, for the first time, in Holy Communion. It means somebody very, very important is coming to stay with you, bless you, protect you and guide you. That is why we have all these celebrations.

Over a hundred years ago, a little girl in northern France made her First Holy Communion. She had prepared for it and she had looked forward to it with excitement. And the day finally came. This is how she described the first time she received Jesus. "I felt that I was loved, and I said to Jesus, 'I love you and I give myself to you forever...'" "It was a fusion: Jesus and I were no longer two, I had vanished in Him as a drop of water vanishes in the ocean. Jesus alone remained." She ended her description of her First Holy Communion by recalling the joy she felt that day – and the joy she experienced every time she received Christ in the Eucharist.

Today that little girl is one of the most famous saints in the Catholic Church – St Therese of Lisieux. She illustrates that joy flows from the certainty of being infinitely loved by God. And every time we receive the Eucharist we receive a living reminder of God's love for us. We too can say: "I know that I am loved. And that certainty brings a joy that nothing can take away, because I am safe in the hands of Jesus."

Today our children receive the Eucharist. Let this day be for them the happiest day in their life when Jesus comes in His body and in His blood to fill them with His love and peace.

Father Wojciech

GEM OF THE WEEK



Blessed Frassati - a 30 minute programme about the life of Pier Giorgio Frassati who died aged 24, following a fatal disease contracted whilst working with a poor family. On 20th May 1990 he was beatified by Pope John Paul II who called him the 'Man of the Eight Beatitudes'. Please click the link on our homepage to watch the video.

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday Cycle: Year C - Weekday Cycle: Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: HE FED THEM WITH THE FINEST WHEAT AND SATISFIED THEM WITH HONEY FROM THE ROCK.

PSALM RESPONSE: YOU ARE A PRIEST FOR EVER, A PRIEST LIKE MELCHIZEDEK OF OLD.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 30TH JUNE 2019:

1st reading: Acts 12:1-11 - Psalm: 33 - 2nd reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18 - Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

PARISH GROUPS



Growing in Faith Together (GIFT).

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.

Fellowship Group - St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak (Wednesday 26th June at 7.30pm)

Christian Mindfulness. What is Mindfulness? Is it a useful tool for Christians? Marion Birtles will give a short talk to introduce the concept of mindfulness and the work of experts in this field with time for discussion and questions. Queries to Peter Baggott and Deacon Bob Birtles.

School of Community

The weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation, every **Wednesday at 8pm** in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.

Journey in Faith - 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 on tel: 02380 254806; email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Valley Park Prayer Group - St Edward's

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 27th June**, 10am at the home of Susan Johnston, 9 Danebury Gardens, SO53 4NQ.
All are welcome.

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 July; 13th July.

TOZ (for young people from school year 9) *will also meet twice a month on Sunday in the Resource Centre in Eastleigh.*

Upcoming Dates:

23rd June: 7-8.30pm

7th July: 7-9pm with dinner

Contact: toz.sswp@gmail.com or phone 07846 438224 (Cath Szymanski)

OLQA - Children's Liturgy (during 9.30am Mass)

Sunday dates for the coming months:

23rd June

7th July

21st July

4th August

All are very welcome.

Joanna Somerville (tel 01489 891540).

Coffee Stop (Holy Cross Resource Centre)

Please come along and support us after Mass on Thursdays. Open 10am - 12 noon.

CHANGES TO MASS & PARISH OFFICE OPENING



There should be no changes to Mass this week. Please see the back page of the Newsletter for upcoming funerals.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Friday 28th June.

OFFERINGS & COLLECTIONS



Second Collection

There is a second collection next weekend for Peters Pence.

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £1,291.38;
SO/DD for May'19: £12,362.50

PARISH EVENTS



Parish Readers Retreat - Saturday 29th June, 12.30pm to 4pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre

We begin with a bring and share lunch.
All the readers of the parish are invited to join us.

Parish Quiz Night - Friday July 5th, 7pm

St Edward's Cloister. £5 per head to include two strips of raffle tickets each. Please bring a plate of finger food and your choice of beverage. Bring your sense of humour and a mildly competitive spirit! Open to THE WHOLE PARISH. 10 tables of 5 maximum. Teams will be decided on the night. Tickets are available at each church, however they are selling fast! First come first served! All proceeds to CAFOD.

Get 2Gether Family Afternoon – Sun 7th July

From 2.30pm to 4.30pm in St Edward's Church (Cloister). 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.

OTHER EVENTS

Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni & Assisi, November 2019

The Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyr's is organising a Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Assisi later this year and would like to extend an invitation for Parishioners from St Swithun Wells to join them on this visit. We depart from Heathrow on Tues Nov 26th early am and return on Tues Dec 3rd late pm. The visit led by Father Mark Hogan and being organised through Tangleby Tours includes 3 nights in Rome staying close to St Peters, 2 nights in San Giovanni and 2 nights in Assisi all on a half board basis, return flights, all coach travel in Italy and services of a guide costs £1,090 based on 2 people sharing. The cost doesn't include transport to Heathrow and back or insurance. Insurance is available at a supplementary cost of £33. Transport to and from Heathrow will be arranged once numbers are known. For full information and to make reservation please contact Jen Robinson jennyrobbo7@hotmail.co.uk or contact St Peter's Parish Office on 01962 852804.

Mission Animation Evening at St Peter's Church

"Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the Extraordinary Mission Month. Fr Kevin Hughes MHM (the Red Boxes) will give a one hour presentation about this initiative of Pope Francis on **Tuesday 23rd July** at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, Pastoral Centre, St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY. Tel: 02392 376151; E: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. A very warm welcome to Local Secretaries of Missio. All are welcome. Refreshments are available from 7pm.

MESSAGES



Confirmation

The next confirmation celebration will be in April 2020 for anyone who will be in Year Eight or Nine next year (i.e. starting in September). To be prepared we ask you to join the Grail Seekers group and get involved regularly with the activities (see the next item).

Grail Seekers (school year 7,8,9)

Starting in September 2019 there will be weekly meetings for everyone in school years 7, 8 and 9 every Saturday from 2.30pm-4.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre with games, songs, snacks and reflection. To join the group complete the application form (available on our website or from the Parish Office) and give it to the Parish Secretary as soon as possible. There will be a meeting for all young people and parents interested (during which we'll explain the activities of the group and few notices for those who want to be prepared for the Confirmation) on **Sunday 15th September** at 4.30pm in Holy Cross Church.

Volunteer Required—Safeguarding, St Edward's:

We are looking for a new safeguarding rep for St Edward's Church; it is an important and sensitive role with responsibility and a great help for all of the community. If someone is interested in this opportunity please speak with Father Raffaele after Mass.

Barbecue - An early note for your diaries. The KSC Barbecue in support of CAFOD and the Knights charities will be held at St Edward's, Chandlers Ford on Saturday August 10th. Tickets will go on sale next month.

Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any wedding anniversary over 60 years this year? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to join him at a special celebration Mass, taking place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Sat 6th July 2019**. If you would like to come, please visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/ for more information and to register.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 22nd <i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i> *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Bosman Family (Special Intention)
	5.00pm*	SSW	In gratitude for the prayers and support of SSW community
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Sun 23rd Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ)	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	David Palmer RIP
	9.00am	St A	Mary Matkowski RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Fr George Lyons RIP
	11.00am	HC	Chloe Godding RIP (7th Birthday Anniversary)
Mon 24th <i>The Nativity of St John The Baptist</i>	10.00am	St Ed	The Living and Deceased Members of the Bonetti & Wilson Family FM
Tues 25th	9.30am	HC	Exam Success
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
	11.00am	OLQA	<u>Funeral Service: Vincent Gregory RIP</u>
Wed 26th	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	June Nordstrom RIP
Thurs 27th	9.30am	HC	Thomas & Flora Kelly RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
	2.00pm	St Ed	<u>Funeral Mass: Margaret (Marie) Sadler RIP</u>
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 28th <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	10.00am	St Ed	John Thompson RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J: AH	
Sat 29th <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Kelly Shaw RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Vimal (New Job)
Sun 30th Sts Peter & Paul	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Catherine Hinds RIP (25th Anniversary)
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	Mary Quinn (Special Intention)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
Tues:	HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)
Thurs:	St Ed - Holy Hour (7-8pm)
Thurs:	St J - from Noon-6pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm

ROSARY AND PRAYERS	
St Edward's	9.30am, Wednesday - The Holy Rosary
St Joseph's	6.00pm, Wednesday - Evening Prayer

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)		
<u>Saturdays:</u>	10.00am	Holy Cross
	12 noon	St Edward's
	5.30pm	OLQA
	5.30pm	St Joseph's
<u>Sundays:</u>	8.30am	St Andrew's

CLERGY

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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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