



*Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples*

30th June 2019: **SAINTS PETER & PAUL**

## Sacramental Preparation (First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2019-2020)

### What do we really want?

Everything we do in our daily lives, from waking up in the morning to the decisions that we take, the job we choose, the place where we want to live or go on holiday... What is all of this for? Everything we do is in the hope of being truly happy. But, to be honest, despite our daily efforts, we often find ourselves sad and lonely, unable to guarantee what we really want for the entirety of our unknown future. Everything we do seems too little to fill our expectations.

Only one man in history claimed to be the answer of that thirst for true happiness. His name was Jesus. One could say: "but he lived 2000 years ago. How can we meet him today?".

### What is the Church?

The Church is a group of friends who have been chosen to be the Body of Christ in the world. Nothing less than that. Therefore running a ten-session program or focusing on an end product not only would be something against her nature but wouldn't be respectful for the expectations of the people who meet her. It wouldn't be enough. Who needs a course to be happy? Who needs a stunning new product to be really satisfied? Only the Infinite is enough. That's why **the Church can give nothing less than what she is: the lasting friendship of Jesus.**

Now we can understand the real value of the **Sacraments**. They are gifts from the Church and for the Church, never events involving just Christ and me. Their aim is to create a new "we", a new community.

For these reasons, from next September 2019, we have decided to change the preparation to receive **First Holy Communion and Confirmation**. Rather than proposing programs or courses with a beginning and an end, we want to give children and teenagers an everlasting friendship with Jesus within his Body, the Church; that is exactly what they really need.

That's why we are running, starting from September 2019, two new groups for primary school children (**Stars of Abraham** – from school year 3 to 6) and for young people at secondary school (**Grail Seekers** from school year 7 to 9). They will be groups whose aim won't be to prepare people for receiving sacraments, but to discover the friendship with Jesus in every moment of one's life, also through the sacraments.

For those who will be in school year 3 and want to be prepared to receive the First Holy Communion, we'll ask you to come regularly and for one year to the meetings of the *Stars of Abraham*. For those who will be in school year 8 and 9 and want to be prepared to receive the Confirmations we will ask you to come regularly and for one year to the activities of the *Grail Seekers*.

We hope this change brings more happiness to our children and young people. We ask at the same time of the parents some patience, and if you have any questions please come and speak to us without hesitation!

*Fr Raffaele, Fr Luca, Fr Wojciech, Canon Alan*

## GEM OF THE WEEK



**Why Is It So Hard To Make Friends?** - Please click the link on our homepage to watch this short video by Father Mike Schultz.

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** THESE ARE THE ONES WHO, LIVING IN THE FLESH, PLANTED THE CHURCH WITH THEIR BLOOD; THEY DRANK THE CHALICE OF THE LORD AND BECAME THE FRIENDS OF GOD.

**PSALM RESPONSE:** FROM ALL MY TERRORS THE LORD SET ME FREE. OR, THE ANGEL OF THE LORD RESCUES THOSE WHO REVERE HIM.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 7TH JULY 2019:**

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Isaiah 66:10-14 - Psalm: 65 - 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Galatians 6: 14-18 - Gospel: Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

## 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 3rd July at 7.30pm)

Is it a Hymn or is it a Song? An exploration of various styles of contemporary religious music from protest to popular. 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](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

### OLOA - Children's Liturgy (during 9.30am Mass)

Sunday dates for the coming months:

7th July

21st July

4th August

All are very welcome.

Joanna Somerville (tel 01489 891540).

### 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:

7th July: 7-9pm with dinner

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

### Oasis – Tuesday 9th July: End of Year Celebration

Come and join us to celebrate the end of another (academic) year of Oasis meetings. A chance to meet up and relax together, reflect and to share ideas for meetings in the future. We hope all those who have joined us at any point this year may be able to attend; and if you're new it's a great time to come and find out about us. Please, bring along a little food/drink to share. 7:30 pm, St Edward's Cloister, finish at 9 pm.

*All Ladies Warmly Welcomed - See you there!*

Future Dates: Resumes after the summer break in September 2019.

### 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 will be a Memorial Mass for Margaret (Mags) Kemhadjian at St Edward's on **Tuesday 16th July at 11am.**

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd July.**

## OFFERINGS & COLLECTIONS



### Second Collection

There is a second collection this weekend for Peters Pence, and next weekend for Comboni Missionaries.

### St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £1,758.43;  
SO/DD for May'19: £12,362.50

## PARISH EVENTS



### 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 go to CAFOD.

### Visit from Comboni Missionaries (6th/7th July)

Next weekend the Comboni Missionaries will visit our Parish and will be present at weekend Masses. There will be a second collection to support their missions.

### 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.

## MESSAGES



### First Holy Communion

The next First Holy Communion celebration will be in June 2020 for children in Year 3 (or older children who haven't yet received First Holy Communion). To be prepared we ask you to join the Stars of Abraham group and get involved regularly with the activities (see the next item).

### Stars of Abraham (school years 3,4,5 & 6)

Starting in October 2019 there will be meetings every other week for school years 3-6. We will run two groups with games, songs, snacks and reflection:

*Tuesday, 5.30-7.00pm in St Edwards Cloister;*

*Saturday 10.30am-12Noon in Holy Cross Resource Centre.*

You will be able to sign up to one of these (you will not be able to attend both groups or to swap groups). Please 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 the parents interested (during which we will explain the activities of the group and few notices for those who want to receive First Holy Communion) on **Sunday 22nd September** at 4.30pm in Holy Cross Church.

### Margaret (Mags) Kemhadjian RIP

Sadly Mags died on 9th June and her funeral will take place on 10th July in Welwyn. In view of the family's long association with St Edward's, Henri and Erica have arranged for a Memorial Mass at St Edward's on **16th July** at 11am, to be celebrated by Canon Peter Wilkie, followed by a reception at the church. All are welcome. In case you wish to send condolences, or if you have any photos or memories of Mags that you would like to share please send them to Henri at Anson Court, Shackleton Way, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 2FF.

Eastleigh Street Pastors: are celebrating our 10th Anniversary with a Thanksgiving and Commissioning Service at Eastleigh Baptist Church at 7.30pm on **Friday 12th July 2019**. All are welcome and we hope you will be able to come.

### 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 years 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.

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### St Swithun Wells Primary School

On **Friday 5th July** at 2.00pm there will be a Mass in St Swithun Wells School to celebrate the First Holy Communion of the students. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

## OTHER EVENTS

### Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni & Assisi, 26th November-3rd December 2019

The visit will be led by Father Mark Hogan. Costs: £1,090 based on 2 people sharing; on a half board basis and includes return flights, all coach travel in Italy plus services of a guide. Insurance is available at a supplementary cost of £33. For full information and to make a reservation please contact Jen Robinson [jennyrobbo7@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jennyrobbo7@hotmail.co.uk) or contact St Peter's Parish Office on 01962 852804.

# MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 29th <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Kelly Shaw RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	Elssy Joseph RIP
	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)
Mon 1st July	10.00am	St Ed	John Milles FM
Tues 2nd	9.30am	HC	Robbie Robinson RIP
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 3rd <i>St Thomas</i>	9.30am	HC	Florence Bohan FM
	10.00am	St Ed	Margaret Kemhadjian RIP
Thurs 4th	9.30am	HC	Mr Pappachan RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 5th	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs McManus FM
	10.00am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J: AH	
	2.00pm	<u>SSW School</u>	<u>Mass to celebrate the First Holy Communion of the Students</u>
Sat 6th *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Chant & Clifton Families FM
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Keith Small RIP
Sun 7th	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Catenians Mass for Brother John Walker RIP
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	Diane Lopez RIP

**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 4-6pm, 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)**

**Saturdays:** 10.00am Holy Cross  
12 noon St Edward's  
5.30pm OLQA  
5.30pm St Joseph's

**Sundays:** 8.30am St Andrew's

**CLERGY**

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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

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

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