# **NEWSLETTER** Catholic Parish of St Swithun Wells

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Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

9th June 2019: PENTECOST SUNDAY

#### **BEAUTY FIRST**

From where can I start? This is a question I often come across, either because I ask it of myself or because someone else asks it of me. It happens sometimes after a conversation about apparently insuperable issues in a relationship that we care about. It could happen also when we gather together to discuss the mission of our community: what is the starting point of new evangelization? How can we communicate effectively the treasure of our catholic faith in today's contest? From where can I start or from where can I start again?

I'm reading a book by Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, called "Catholicism". It is not a brand-new book. In fact it was written 8 years ago. The book is an exposition of the most essential truths of the Catholic faith. What struck me, beyond the content, is the method that he follows. One cannot find in that book clever and deep analysis of today's society, neither psychological advice for married life.

His starting point is the attractive beauty of our faith. Not the problems that we have, but a simple and essential look at the beauty of what we have received.

# At the beginning of his book he says

the truth of Catholicism is best appreciated from within the confines of the church, just as the windows of a cathedral, drab enough when seen from the outside, shine in all of their splendour when viewed from the inside.

This beauty that we are looking for, that makes us start again, is not just a set of information or rudiments. No. It is a person, alive in the Church: we can meet him through the liturgy and the life of the baptised especially the saints. And so, relying on Him, we are made capable of starting again.

Father Luca

# **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



DWELLING WITHIN US, ALLELUIA.

PSALM RESPONSE: SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, O LORD, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 16TH JUNE 2019:

1st reading: Proverbs 8:22-31 - Psalm: 8 - 2nd reading: Romans 5:1-5 - Gospel: John 16:12-15

# **PARISH GROUPS**

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#### 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.

# <u>Candlelight Prayer - St Swithun Wells Church, Fair</u> <u>Oak (Wednesday 12th June at 7.30pm)</u>

Hosted by the Fellowship Group. An evening of Prayer, Scripture Reading, Hymns and Meditation. A warm welcome to everyone. Refreshments served. Queries to Marion and Deacon Bob Birtles.

Oasis – Tuesday 11th June: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This month we'll be reflecting on the experience of Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with some recently returned pilgrims. If you have never been

# **School of Community**

The weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation, every Wednesday at **8pm** in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Please note the change of start time from 7.45pm to 8pm.

# 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: 22nd June; 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:

9th June: 7-9pm with dinner

23rd June: 7-8.30pm

7th July: 7-9pm with dinner

Contact: toz.sswp@gmail.com or phone 07846 438224

(Cath Szymanski)

# 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.

Oasis – Tuesday 11th June: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This month we'll be reflecting on the experience of Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with some recently returned pilgrims. If you have never been, then come and find out why so many treasure the experience. If you have been, then come along and share your experiences (bring your photos). 7:30pm, St Edward's Cloister, finish at 9pm. All ladies warmly welcomed. Future Dates: 9th July

### Coffee Stop (Holy Cross Resource Centre)

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

Knit & Natter - St Edward's, Mon 10th June, 2-4pm Refreshments available and everyone most welcome! Any queries please contact Maureen Stephenson on 02380 252104.

# Knit for Peace - St Andrew's, Wed 12th June 2-4pm

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

OLQA - Children's Liturgy (during 9.30am Mass) Sunday dates for the coming months: 9th June, 23rd June, 7th July, 21st July, 4th August. All are very welcome. Joanna Somerville (tel 01489 891540).

#### **CHANGES TO MASS**



#### **OLQA**

There will be <u>No Mass</u> on the following days: 11th, 14th & 21st June.

Please note that Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 10th June at 10am.

# **OFFERINGS & COLLECTIONS**



# Second Collection

There is a second collection next weekend for Day for Life.

# <u>St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks</u>

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

### **PARISH EVENTS**

# CAFOD Spring Bring & Buy Sale at Holy Cross Sunday 9th June after the 11:00 am Mass.

June or Paul Wilson. Cakes and produce can be brought on the day. We also hope to have a small raffle on the day. All items for the raffle or sale gratefully received. All money raised will go to CAFOD the <u>Catholic charity</u>. For more details speak to June or Paul Wilson 02380 616618.

#### St Andrew's, North Baddesley

On 9th June we will also be celebrating Pentecost at 9am Mass. Please remember to wear bright flame colours and join us for a picnic in Romsey Park starting at midday.

#### Cinema at Holy Cross - Sat 15th June, 7pm

The next film showing at Holy Cross Resource Centre will be First Man (Cert. PG-13). Everyone is welcome! See posters on church notice boards for more info.

#### Special Coffee Time - Sat 15th June

Please join us for refreshments after 5pm Mass at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, on Saturday 15th June, to celebrate with Bob his 35th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate and also Father's Day Weekend.

# First Holy Communion Masses Sunday 23rd June

Please note the First Holy Communion Masses for our parish will take place on Sunday 23rd June. Therefore, these Masses will be busier than usual with parking and seating filling up quickly.

#### Parish Lunch - Wed 26th June, 12.30pm

At the Vine Inn, Ower. All welcome. Menus on Any items for the Bring and Buy table, can be handed to the notice boards. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Monday 17th June as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

# 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 will be available at each church. First come first served! All proceeds to CAFOD.

#### OTHER EVENTS

#### "Don Bosco" Boys Camp - Sunday 28th July to Saturday 3rd August 2019

Fr Mark Hogan will be leading a camp for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury, Berkshire. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £210 (part bursaries may be available on application). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact Angela Mulkerns on 07764 761006 or email: dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

#### **MESSAGES**

#### Street Pastors

Street Pastors would like to invite you to spend a few hours with us on a Friday night, as an observer, come and see what we do. We have a choice of patrols that go out in Fair Oak, Eastleigh and Chandlers Ford. Shift times vary from 8pm to around midnight, or from 11pm to around 4am on the Saturday morning. Our role is to care, listen and help when we can; we strive to spread God's love to make our communities a kinder and more caring place to live.

Contact Eric Hyom 02380643457 or email erichyom@hotmail.com

# Message from Father Wojciech

Our parish family celebrated with me the spiritual gift of the Priesthood last Sunday. Thank you so much for coming and sharing with me such an important day. Thank you too for your prayers, kind wishes, cards and offerings. My special thanks go to John Marsh and his team who prepared a reception, where we experienced the living Jesus family. All of you are in my prayers and on 15th June I will celebrate Mass at St Joseph's to ask God's blessing upon you all.

#### Congratulation to Father Wojciech

The parish would like to extend their congratulations to Fr Wojciech who celebrated 25 years of priesthood last Sunday. His party was attended by over 220 people some of whom had travelled from Reading. May God Bless him always.

#### Knights of St Columba

The 11.00am Mass at Holy Cross on Sunday June 9th is being offered for the Deceased members of the Knights of St Columba. Not only is it the actual feast day of St Columba but this is the centenary of the founding of the KSC. With this in mind the Knights would like parishioners to join them for refreshments after Mass in the Resource Centre.'

#### John Quinn RIP

Mary Quinn and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all the prayers and support throughout John's illness and during their recent bereavement. This is much appreciated by the whole family and we would like to offer the Mass at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak on Sat 22nd June in thanksgiving for the St Swithun Wells church community.



# MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Sat 8th	9.30am	НС	Carmela Campese FM	Tues: HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)
Sat oth	5.00pm*	SSW	Bill Williams RIP	Thurs: St Ed - Holy Hour (7-8pm) Thurs: St J - from Noon-6pm, Rosary and Benediction at
*Vigil Mass	6.00pm*	St J	Muriel & Pascal's Intentions	5.30pm
vigii ividas	6.00pm*	OLQA		ROSARY AND PRAYERS
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Skipton Leonard Haslam RIP	St Edward's 9.30am, Wednesday - The Holy Rosary
Sun 9th	9.00am	НС	Polska Msza Święta	St Joseph's 6.00pm, Wednesdáy - Evening Prayer
Pentecost	9.00am	St Ed	Michael Templeman RIP	CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)
Sunday	9.00am	St A		Saturdays: 10.00am Holy Cross
	9.30am	OLQA		12 noon St Edward's 5.30pm OLQA
	11.00am	St J		5.30pm St Joseph's
	11.00am	НС	Deceased Members of the Knights	Sundays: 8.30am St Andrew's
			of St Columba RIP	CLERGY
Mon 10th The Blessed	10.00am	St Ed	Charlotte White (Special Intention)	Father Raffaele Cossa (Priest in Charge)
Virgin Mary, Mother of the	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>		Tel: 023 8061 2430; E: rcossa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Church				Father Luca Speziale (Assistant Priest)
Tues 11th	9.30am	НС	Exam Success	Tel: 023 8061 2430; E: Ispeziale@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
St Barnabas	10.00am	St A		Fr Wojciech Paszko (Assistant Priest)
	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	No Mass	Tel: 01794 522884; E: wpaszko@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Wed 12th	9.30am	HC	Friends of Suffering Souls	Canon Alan Griffiths (Assistant Priest) Tel: 07760220346; E: frgriffiths@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
	10.00am	St Ed	Exam Success	
	<u>12.30pm</u>	St Ed	Requiem Mass: Laurence Flach RIP	Deacon Bob Birtles Tel: 023 8069 2416; E: bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Thurs	9.30am	HC	Antonio Cicu FM	Deacon John di Meo
13th Our Lord	10.00am 6.00pm	OLQA St J		Tel: 01794 515688; E: jdimeo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Jesus Christ,	0.00pm	313		Deacon Paul Owen
the Eternal High Priest				Tel: 023 80254806; E: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Fri 14th	10.00am	St Ed	Gill Farnsworth (Special Intention)	Deacon Paul Wilson
	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	No Mass	Tel: 02380 616618; E: pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
	10.00am	St J: AH		
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Sat 15th	9.30am	HC	Exam Success	
*\/::  N 4	5.00pm*	SSW	Mary Quinn (Special Intention)	Holy Cross Church, 53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh SO50 9DF Tel: 02380 273882
*Vigil Mass	6.00pm*	St J	People of the Parish	Office Hours: Monday–Wednesday: 9.30am-5pm
	6.00pm*	OLQA	T 0 D 14 DID	Thursday & Friday: 9.30am-2.30pm
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Tom & Rose Murray RIP	Holy Cross Resource Centre & Finance Admin: Linda Roberts
Sun 16th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Iroberts@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
The Most	9.00am	St Ed	Josephine O'Connell RIP	Parish Secretary: Sarah Goodfellow
Holy Tripity	9.00am 9.30am	St A OLQA		stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	St J		Website Contact: website.sswp@gmail.com
	11.00am	HC	Charles &Martha Barrett FM	**obsite Contact. <u>website.sswp@gmall.com</u>
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#### **CHURCH ADDRESSES**

St Ed St Edward's, 191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU
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

#### SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

St Swithun Wells Primary School 023 80266210 St George Catholic V.A. College 023 8032 2603 St Anne's Catholic School 023 80328200 Charlton House 023 8067 7575 St Mary's Independent School 023 8067 1267