

Our Mission: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - MAKE DISCIPLES



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Weekday Cycle: Year 2
Psalter Week: 4

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the 3rd to 28th October 2018, Catholic Bishops from around the world are meeting in Rome to discuss and debate on the subject: "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment". Pope Francis chose this theme as he feels very strongly on the importance of addressing how the church helps and accompanies young people. Please keep the Synod in your prayers. Below there is an extract from the homily Pope Francis held to open the Synod.

Homily

At the start of this moment of grace for the whole Church, and following God's word, we ask the Paraclete to help us preserve the memory of the Lord and rekindle in us his words that have made our hearts burn (cf. *Lk 24:32*). A Gospel ardour and passion which lead to an ardour and passion for Jesus. A memory that can rekindle and renew in us the *capacity to dream and to hope*. For we know that our young people will be capable of prophesy and vision to the extent that we, who are already adult or elderly, can dream and thus be infectious in sharing those dreams and hopes that we carry in our hearts (cf. *Joel 2:28*).

May the Spirit grant us the grace to be synodal Fathers anointed with the gift of dreaming and of hoping. We will then, in turn, be able to anoint our young people with the gift of prophecy and vision.

Anointed by hope, let us begin a new ecclesial meeting. Hope challenges us, moves us and shatters that conformism which says, "it's always been done like this". Hope asks us to get up and look directly into the eyes of young people and see their situations. This same hope asks us to make efforts to reverse situations of uncertainty, exclusion and violence, to which our young people are exposed.

Having been formed by so many choices taken in the past, young people now call us to join them in facing the present with greater commitment and to work against whatever prevents their lives from growing in a dignified way. They ask us and demand of us a creative dedication, a dynamism which is intelligent, enthusiastic and full of hope. They ask us *not to leave them alone*.

Dear Synod Fathers, many of us were young or taking our first steps in the religious life while the Second Vatican Council was drawing to a close. The final message of the Council Fathers was addressed to the youth of that time. That message which we ourselves heard in our youth will do us much good if we revisit it in our hearts with the help of the poet's words: "May the man hold fast to what the child has promised" (Friedrich Hölderlin, *Poems*).

This is how the Council Fathers spoke to us: "For four years the Church has been working to rejuvenate her image in order to respond the better to the design of her Founder, the great Living One, the Christ who is eternally young. At the term of this imposing re-examination of life, she now turns to you. It is for you, youth, especially for you that the Church now comes through her council to enkindle your light, the light which illuminates the future, your future. The Church is anxious that this society that you are going to build up should respect the dignity, the liberty and the rights of individuals. These individuals are you. [...] She trusts [...] that you will express your faith in life and in what gives meaning to life: the certainty of the existence of a good and just God. It is in the name of this God and of His Son, Jesus, that we exhort you to open your hearts to the dimensions of the world, to heed the appeal of your brothers, to place your youthful energies at their service. Fight against all egoism. Refuse to give free course to the instincts of violence and hatred which beget wars and all their train of miseries. Be generous, pure, respectful and sincere, and build in enthusiasm a better world than your elders had" (Paul VI, 8 December 1965).

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Office hours: Monday–Wednesday 9.30am–5pm; Thursday & Friday 9.30–2.30pm Newsletter items should be received by Wednesday 12:00 noon

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Psalm Response: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

**Readings for next Sunday 21st October 2018
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45
1st reading: Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalm: 32
2nd reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

First Holy Communion Preparation (this is the last weekend to collect registration forms)

Our program for First Holy Communion starts in November, with a schedule of preparation sessions running through until June 2019. Sessions typically run at regular intervals on Tuesday evenings 6.15-7.45pm, some sessions are at St Swithun Wells Primary School in Chandler's Ford, and some at your individual churches. Registration forms will not be available in school or elsewhere this year, but must be collected from your priest at any of the weekend Masses, from Sat 15th Sept to Sunday 14th October. A full list of session dates are attached to the registration forms.

Parents and children are invited to introduce themselves to their priest as wanting to take part in the program this year, and request a form. **Completed forms must be returned to the Parish Office, along with a photocopy of your child's baptismal certificate, by Monday 15th October.** Due to limited numbers of catechists this year we may be required to limit the number of children joining the program, so please request and complete your forms as soon as possible. There will be an introductory meeting for parents in early November.

Journey in Faith

Is for anyone enquiring about the Catholic faith and for people intending to become a Catholic. The sessions run **every Wednesday** from 7.30pm to 9pm at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford. For further information please contact:
Deacon Paul Owen (tel: 02380 254806)
email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Rosary at Holy Cross

Every Thursday throughout October at 9.10am.

Rosary at St Edward's

Every Thursday throughout October during Adoration of the blessed Sacrament (Holy Hour 7-8pm).

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays (10-11.30am), Holy Cross Resource Centre. Any queries please contact Deacon Paul Wilson on 02380 616618; pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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

Second Collection

Please note there will be a second collection next weekend for World Mission Sunday.

Children's Liturgy at OLQA, Bishops Waltham

These are the Sunday dates for this term up until Christmas: **14th Oct**; 28th Oct; 11th Nov; 25th Nov; 9th Dec & 23rd Dec. Children's Liturgy is held during the 9.30am Mass - all are very welcome. **Joanna** (joannasomerville1@hotmail.com).

Prayer Group

Meets once a month on the 3rd Monday of the month from 2-3pm at the home of Pauline and Sheila O'Neill, 19 Carthage Close, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2BL. Everyone welcome.

Next Meeting: Monday 15th October

Theme: Our Lady and St Teresa of Avila (feast day).

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 17th October

St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, 7.30-9pm. An invitation to Fr Raffaele and/or Fr Luca to join us for the evening. Everyone welcome. Queries to Peter Baggott 02380 694060 or Deacon Bob Birtles.

New to the Parish?

A very warm welcome to our Parish; we are delighted that you have joined us. Please feel free to make yourself known to one of the Welcomers or Priest at each Mass and join us for a cup of coffee after Mass.

Please complete one of the 'New to the Parish Registration Forms' available in the church foyers, giving us your contact details and leave the form with one of the Priests or Welcomers. All families are welcome at **ALL** Masses; however we have specific Children's Liturgies on Sundays.

Please ask one of the Welcomers for details of the times at your Church.

Saturday 20th October 2018 - Day for Adults who help with Children's Liturgy, First Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, RCIA (10am-4pm)

Portsmouth Cathedral

Everyone involved or interested in catechesis and children's Liturgy is welcome.

To book please go to: <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters on 01590 681874.

Science - Or - Religion? A Diocesan Symposium

Date: Saturday 3rd November 2018, 10am-4pm

Location: The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's church).

Two leading scientists will ask whether recent research on the Universe suggests the existence of a Creator. There will also be a series of workshops led by experts on such topics as Christianity and Extra Terrestrial Life, the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and whether human consciousness is immortal. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. See the diocesan e-News for more info. Places are limited and bookings are now open at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>.

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. We will be running age specific activities using different rooms at Holy Cross Resource Centre 7pm-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: 14th Oct; 18th Nov; 9th Dec; 13th Jan; 10th Feb; 17th Mar.

SWAG

Rehearsals will start after half term on **3rd November**.

If you are in Year 4 or above, there's still time to sign up...we could use another shepherd or two!

Also I need a tallish and responsible person on lighting. Please see the adverts in all the churches for dates and details and contact me if you are interested.

Deadline for cast sign up is 20th October.

No auditions...the only requirement is enthusiasm!

Joanna (joannapuzzle@gmail.com/07437 440299).

Parish Lunch - Tues 6th Nov at The Vine, Ower

12.30pm. All welcome. Menus are on the notice boards. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal before Monday 29th October as we have to pre-book. Thank you.

Coffee Stop - We would like to thank all who support us on a Thursday morning. Since Aug 2017 to Aug 2018 we have donated **£588** to the church. Please continue to support us on Thursdays from 10am-12 Noon in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate and biscuits 70p and toasted tea cakes 50p. Come and meet new and old friends in pleasant surroundings.

CAFOD Christmas Cards

These will be on sale after both Masses at St Edward's on Oct 13th/14th & 20th/21st.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) - Eastleigh Money

Course: To help people to manage their money better and learn to budget, save and spend well, so avoiding getting into debt. This is a free course and will **be held over three evenings on 16th, 23rd and 30th October** from 7.30pm- 9.30pm at the Junction Church, High St, Eastleigh. If you are interested there is a poster in the welcoming area of Holy Cross and St. Swithun Wells churches plus postcards and leaflets explaining the course and how to book. If you have any queries please contact our CAP representative - Pat Baggott on 02380 694060.

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.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections: £1,456.31; SO/SD for Sept'18: £12,903.09

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

Welcomes you! We would like to invite parents, whose children are due to start school in September 2019, to visit and find out why our recent Ofsted inspection recognised that the school is built on " a clear set of values based on a strong Catholic ethos, enabling children to achieve well and to be the best they can be." We will be hosting open events on **Wed 17th Oct** at 11am (Tour of the School with the Head teacher) and **Wed 7th Nov**, 9.30am -11am. (Open Morning with tours led by our Year 6 children). Parents are also invited to an Information Evening on Wed 7th Nov 7-8.30pm where parents can hear about the school's success from current parents, children and staff. The application process will be explained. If you who would like to visit the school please contact the School Office: Tel: 02380266210; Email: adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School needs your help. We are looking to appoint a practising Catholic to join our Governing Board. Please contact the CASO, Diocesan Schools' Office for further information: governors@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Catholic and Academies Schools Office, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, St. Swithun Wells House, 22 Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, PO1 1DH or the School's website www.st-swithunwells.org.uk (Community - Governors).

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School Charity Event: The Year 6 Holy Cross House Captains are holding a charity event on **Tues 16th Oct** from 2.30pm. Their event is called Holy Crosta Café. All proceeds are going to the SUDC Foundation which funds research into Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood. Please come along for a cuppa and some cake and show your support for this wonderful charity. Parents, Grandparents and Parishioners are very welcome.

Notice of Consultation of Change of Admissions Policy for St George Catholic VA College 2020

Please note that the consultation runs from Monday 8th October to Friday 30th November 2018. A copy of the proposed policy can be found on the school's website www.stgcc.co.uk. All comments are to be addressed to the Clerk to the Governing body, Mrs Jeanine Bonavia, either by post to the school's address or by email to jbnavia@stgcc.co.uk by 3pm on 30th November. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bonavia on 02380 322603.

Thank you

To all who supported the CAFOD Harvest Soup Lunch at St Edward's. We raised **£102.40**.

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.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 13th Oct Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Martin Russell RIP	Thurs 18th	9.30am	HC	Michael Lane FM
	6.00pm	St J	Ashley & Marie Bennett's Intentions		<u>10.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	<u>No Mass</u>
	<u>6.15pm</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	<i>(Please note: there is no confession)</i>		6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM				
Sun 14th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 19th	10.00am	St Ed	FOSS - Friends of Suffering Souls
	9.00am	St Ed	Ian Warwick FM		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Michael Wilmot RIP				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J					
	11.00am	HC	Russell Speight's (Special Intention)				
Mon 15th Oct	10.00am	St Ed	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP	Sat 20th	9.30am	HC	Charles & Ivy Charleston RIP (Birthday Anniversary)
Tues 16th	9.30am	HC	Eleanor de Melo (Birthday)	Sat 20th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Jackie Callow RIP (Anniversary)
	10.00am	St A			6.00pm	St J	John Bryceland's (Special Birthday Intentions)
	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	<u>No Mass</u>		6.00pm	OLQA	
	<u>11.00am</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>Funeral Mass: Iris Cassar RIP</u>		6.30pm	St Ed	
Wed 17th	9.30am	HC	Elaine Hanna Hayek-Francis RIP	Sun 21st Oct 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St Ed	Brian Bennett (Successful Surgery)		9.00am	St Ed	Pam Marchesi (Special Intention)
					9.00am	St A	
					9.30am	OLQA	
					11.00am	St J	Bridie Roddy's Intentions (Well Being)
					11.00am	HC	Charlie & Shiela Stone RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
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 9.30am Wednesday The Holy Rosary
St Joseph 6.00pm Wednesday Evening Prayer

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Saturdays: 10.00am Holy Cross Church
 12 noon St Edward's
5.30pm OLQA (no confession on the 13th Oct)
 5.30pm St Joseph
Sundays: 8.30am St Andrew

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, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. SO50 9DF
St Sw St Swithun Wells, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB
St A St Andrew's, Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley SO52 9EP
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