



Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

21st July 2019: **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

You may not remember what you were doing on July 20th 1969? Well, here's a clue:

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind!"

It was the moon landing, of course. Neil Armstrong stepped out of the Lunar Module and was the first of 12 people to walk on the moon's surface since that date. The last manned mission being in 1972. I suspect that politics rather than science (47 years?) have become more dominant since then!

Back then, TV coverage was not always instantaneous. July 20th 1969 was on a Sunday. The landing was at 7 pm BST and the actual footfall six hours later! I remember the event when I watched it the next day, Monday, with a group of twenty 10 year-old boys in an excuse for a science lesson! I think most of them would have rather watched "Thunderbirds". TV news coverage in 1969 even of such a momentous event was not always that gripping, even if too good to miss!

There are times in everyone's life that are too good to miss. When the Lord appeared to Abraham 'at the Oak of Mamre', Abraham was anxious not to let the event pass him by. I think Mary in the gospel reading felt that when she listened attentively to Jesus' words. It is still tempting to feel some sympathy with Martha as she busied herself with the hospitality expected of them, even as it was with Abraham many centuries earlier. It is significant that the gospel comes from Luke with his characteristic tenderness for the women in the story. It would not have been seemly, or accepted, for a woman to sit at the master's feet in those days!

Last week, Fr Luca told us at Fair Oak that we should love God *in* our neighbour, rather than love God *and* our neighbour. St Paul, in today's reading from Colossians, talks about a mystery that has been revealed to us. He says: "The mystery is Christ among you...this is the Christ we proclaim!" Our challenge is to see Christ in others and make sure that they can see Christ in us. How we achieve that will be different for every single one of us because we are all unique in God's eyes, no one is the same as anyone else. Paul speaks about the suffering he has undergone 'for the sake of his (Christ's) body, the Church'. Did anyone say to be a follower of Christ is easy? Sometimes it can be very hard, but there are other times which are far too good to miss. It might be as simple as being aware of God's presence around us. No need to say much, He already knows, better than us, what we need.

Deacon Bob

GEM OF THE WEEK



Seizing the opportunity of the canonisation of John Henry Newman, we invite you this week to watch a video about his life and legacy by John Davies.
You can find it on our homepage.

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday Cycle: Year C - Weekday Cycle: Year 1 - Psalter Week: 4

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: SEE, I HAVE GOD FOR MY HELP. THE LORD SUSTAINS MY SOUL. I WILL SACRIFICE TO YOU WITH WILLING HEART, AND PRAISE YOUR NAME, O LORD, FOR IT IS GOOD.

PSALM RESPONSE: THE JUST WILL LIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 28TH JULY 2019:

1st reading: Genesis 18:20-32 - Psalm: 137 - 2nd reading: Colossians 2:12-14 - Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

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.

School of Community

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

Fellowship Group - Will next meet in September

Queries to Peter Baggott and Deacon Bob Birtles.

Journey in Faith - St Edward's

We are now on our Summer Break resuming late September/early October, date to be confirmed.

It is for anyone enquiring about the Catholic faith and for people intending to become a Catholic.

For more information please contact:

Deacon Paul Owen on tel: 02380 254806; email:

powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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

Sunday dates: 21st July & 4th August All are very welcome. Joanna Somerville (tel 01489 891540).

Youth Groups

Inspire - Due to the large age range of the group Inspire will now go forward as Stars of Abraham and Grail Seekers (see below).

TOZ (for young people from school year 10) *meet twice a month on Sunday in the Resource Centre in Eastleigh.* Upcoming Dates: TBC

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

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.

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.

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 & OFFERINGS



There will be **No Mass** at the following Churches:
St Andrew's on 23rd, 30th July & 6th August;
St Joseph's on Friday 26th July, 2nd & 9th Aug.
OLQA on Friday 26th July.

There will be **No Confession** at:

St Edward's & St Joseph's on Saturday 27th July.
St Andrew's on Sunday 28th July.

The Parish Office will be **closed** on the following Fridays: 26th July, 2nd & 9th August.

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £1,391.54;
SO/DD for June'19: £12,432.09.



PARISH EVENTS



INVITATION from the Flower Arranging team of St Joseph's Romsey to Mass and a flower arranging talk in Romsey on Friday 23rd August

This invitation is for everyone interested in arranging flowers within our churches. Many of you may recall that this annual gathering on the feast day of St Rose began in 2017 following the successful flower festival held in Bishop's Waltham. The morning will commence with 10am Mass in St Joseph's, Romsey, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre, concluding with a short walk to Romsey Abbey where a talk will be given on the subject of flower arranging by a member of their team. We do hope you will join us on this occasion.

Please contact Jean Viola on 01794 513912 or email jeanviola@yahoo.co.uk for further details. Numbers attending would also be appreciated.

Good Companions Lunch - Wed 7th August

Our next Good Companions lunch will be at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield, meet at 12.00 Noon for 12.30pm. If you would like to join us, please ring Pauline on 023 80266617 or Susie on 80263436 before 1st August. Hope to see you there.

Parish Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 14th August, 3pm

Poppies (Choice Plants Nursery), Stockbridge Rd, Timsbury. Buy your own drinks and cakes. Please let Rosemary know (01794 522411) by Wednesday 7th August if you will be coming (as we have to give Poppies numbers so everyone can be accommodated. If you would like a fruit scone as well as or instead of cake please tell Rosemary as scones are made to order.

A Farewell Gathering for Fr Wojciech will take place on **Sunday 1st September** in Crosfield Hall, Romsey, SO51 8GL.

Fr Wojciech, will soon take up the post of Parish Priest of Yateley, Hampshire. Please come and join us for afternoon tea at 2.30pm-5.30pm.

Donations of cakes and scones would be most welcome!

MESSAGES



First Holy Communion (FHC)

The next FHC celebration will be in June 2020 for children in Yr 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 for one year with the activities (see the Parish Groups section).

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 for one year with the activities (see the Parish Groups section).

KSC/CAFOD BBQ - Saturday 10th August, 1pm

St Edward's, Chandlers Ford. Tickets £10 each (this includes the first drink) go on sale at Masses from this weekend. All proceeds from the day, including the raffle will go towards CAFOD & the Knights charities. For enquiries or to get tickets please contact either Neil Hendricks (02380 266324) or David Martin (01794 511883).

Christian Aid Week (12th May – 18th May 2019)

£168 was raised in the Holy Cross house to house collection this year. With grateful thanks to the collectors and donors for their time and generosity.
John Elton

Congratulations

Hannah Forrest, daughter of Charles and Rebecca, has been nominated for an award for being the youngest ship visitor with Apostleship of the Sea in Plymouth, where she is now living. She won the 'Celebrating Young People Awards', called the Pope Francis Award, which was recently presented to her in London by Archbishop Vincent Nichols.

THE PARISH QUIZ was a very successful evening of fun, food and friendly competition.

7 teams put their thinking hats on and we even had some youngsters who made their voices heard.

Thank you to all who came to participate and enjoy the evening sharing and learning together, raising £200 for CAFOD. Thank you Quizzers!!!

Joanna, Tony and Trish

OTHER EVENTS

Michelangelo Sistine Chapel - A short film

Showing in The Parish Centre, St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester.

All Welcome - Free.

Thursdays at 7.30pm - 18th July, 22nd Aug, 12th Sept (50 minutes);

Fridays at 3pm throughout July, August & Sept (25 minutes).

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 20th *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	
	5.00pm*	SSW	Bill Williams RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	Ron & Sheila Rhymer RIP
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Sun 21st Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Living & Deceased Members of the Mongan and Turner Families FM
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Ann Kelly RIP (5th Anniversary)
	11.00am	HC	Mr Pappachan RIP
Mon 22nd <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	10.00am	St Ed	Margaret Kemhadjian RIP
Tues 23rd <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	9.30am	HC	Margaret Egan RIP
	10.00am	St A	No Mass
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 24th <i>St Bonaventure</i>	9.30am	HC	
	10.00am	St Ed	Edward Fenwick FM
Thurs 25th <i>St James</i>	9.30am	HC	
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 26th <i>SS Joachim & Anne</i>	10.00am	St Ed	John Baker (80th Birthday)
	10.00am	OLQA	No Mass
	10.00am	St J: AH	No Mass
Sat 27th *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Clare Ashcroft (Birthday Blessing)
Sun 28th Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Herbert Howie RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00am	HC	Beatrice & George White; Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandes FM

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
St Edward's No Confession 27th July
5.30pm OLQA
St Joseph's No Confession 27th July
Sundays: St Andrew's No Confession 28th July

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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

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