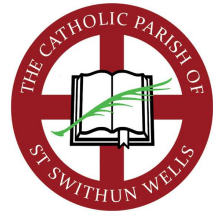


NEWSLETTER

Catholic Parish of St Swithun Wells

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Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

5th May 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Peter, do you love me?

In this Sunday's Gospel we read the episode of Jesus on the shore who prepares a meal for his disciples. During this meal, in the face of Peter's triple denial of him, the risen Jesus three times asks Peter: "Do you love me?". This Gospel helps us to reflect above all on this question.

God created man to communicate his love to one of his creatures, but also because man might enter into communion with Him in love: He wanted to be loved. The last word of Jesus before his ascension in Matthew's Gospel is addressed to all the disciples to give them the mission to continue his work. It is different in today's St John's Gospel, where Jesus' last word, addressed to Peter, insists above all on man's personal love: "Do you love me more than these?". He asked for love. The entire Bible tends towards this request, it has its fulfilment in this plea. God created man to give him the power to respond to God's love.

The Gospel introduces us to a man, Peter, who lived, more than any other man, this relationship of love with Christ. In this relationship the one who turned out to be weak and fearful becomes the man who realizes the divine plan in the love for Christ. It is not about forgiveness: God asks man for love.

Christ did not want as his most intimate friend a genius. He did not want a life of austere penitence from him. He did not grant the power of great successes to his preaching. He did not want to manifest in him the wealth, the depth, the efficacy of a spiritual life that made him stand out from the twelve. Nevertheless Jesus wanted to be loved by Peter more than all of the disciples. Jesus did not take him away from the common life, Peter remained one with everyone else, one like everyone else, but he was the one who loved his Saviour the most.

Fr Raffaele

GEM OF THE WEEK



Pope Francis: *Christ is alive*

Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!

To read the pope's letter in full go to our website: www.stswithunwellsparish.co.uk/gems

Newsletter items should be received into the Parish Office by Wednesday 12:00 Midday

Liturgical Indications



Sunday Cycle: Year C - Weekday Cycle: Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

PSALM RESPONSE: *I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 12TH MAY 2019:

1st reading: Acts 13:14. 43-52 - **Psalm:** 99 - **2nd reading:** Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17 - **Gospel:** John 10:27-30:18

Parish Groups



Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

Group

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.

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.

Fellowship Group - Wednesdays at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, 7.30pm

Queries to Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

School of Community

The weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation, every Wednesday at 7.45pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.

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: 18th May; 1st June; 22nd June; 6th July; 13th July.

TOZ (for young people from school year 9) *will also meet twice a month on Sunday at the usual time 7pm-8.30pm in the Resource Centre in Eastleigh.*

Upcoming Dates: 12th May Contact: toz.sswp@gmail.com or phone 07846 438224 (Cath Szymanski)

OASIS Women's Group - Tues 14th May: Focus on Mary. For May, the month of Mary, and Mother's Day in many parts of the world join us for an evening of reflection on motherhood. 7.30pm, St Edward's Cloister finish at 9pm. All ladies warmly welcomed. Future Dates: 11th Jun & 9th July.

Coffee Stop (Holy Cross Resource Centre) - Please come along and support us after Mass on Thursdays.

Knit for Peace - St Andrew's, Wednesday 8th May 2-4pm - Donations of mens clothes and shoes for Two Saints welcome. Please contact Anne Harcourt on 02380 734710 with any queries.

Knit & Natter - St Edward's, Monday 13th May, 2-4pm - Refreshments available and everyone most welcome! Any queries please contact Maureen Stephenson on 02380 252104.

Changes to Mass



There will be **No Mass** at:

Our Lady Queen of Apostles,
Bishop's Waltham on:
Tuesday 7th May
Thursday 9th May
Friday 10th May

Offerings & Collections



Second Collection Next Weekend

There will be a second collection next weekend (11th/12th May) for the **Clergy Training Fund**.

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC
SO/DD for April'19: £TBC

Parish Events

Get 2Gether Family Afternoon

On **Sunday 5th May** from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in St Edward's Church (Cloister) we will have our first Get Together Family afternoon. 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.

Next Get 2Gether dates: Sun 2nd June; Sun 7th July

As you can see the event is on the first Sunday of each month corresponding to Children's Mass in Holy Cross, St Edward's and at Andrew's.

Cinema at Holy Cross: Saturday 11th May 2019

The next film showing at Holy Cross Resource Centre will be *Inside Out* (Cert. U) at 7pm. All are welcome, especially families and young people! See posters on church notice boards for more information.



OLOA Social Event - Saturday 18th May

OLOA will hold a **Quiz Evening** on Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Food will be 'Bring & Share' - tickets only £5.

Contact: Angus Somerville on 07929 867472

Annual CAFOD Spring Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale

Wed 22nd May after 10am Mass in St Edward's Cloister. There will be a raffle and cake and produce stall. Articles for sale and cakes etc gratefully received. All money raised will go to our new project "HANDS ON" with Magdalena Medio, Columbia, South America. (see Messages section below)

School Notices



St Swithun Wells Primary School PTA are hosting a family race night on **Friday 17th May**, at the school. The evening is based on a horse race event and small bets (50p) can be placed on horses. Hot food will be available to buy throughout the evening plus there will be a licensed bar. Tickets: £2 Adult; £1 Children.

Doors open at 6.30pm, betting on first race starts at 7pm. Due to legal reasons tickets must be bought before the event. Tickets will be on sale at Holy Cross & St Edward's after Weekend Masses or please contact:

Susanna.rayner@yahoo.com.

Message of Thanks

Thanks to all who supported the Lenten Suppers at St Edward's. Your generosity raised **£1,049.50** for CAFOD.

Messages



HANDS ON with Magdalena Medio, Columbia

will transform lives in this region by promoting a culture of peace and reconciliation in this troubled area, with a focus on young people. We will be working with 34 Secondary Schools and also with local youth and women's groups to reach young people who are not in school. The project will last for 2-3 years and St Edward's will be supporting this.

Fatima Devotion Day

Sat 25th May, 10am to 5pm

A day of Prayer & Thanksgiving for the visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima with the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

At St Joseph's Centre of Prayer & Missionary Outreach, 8 Lyndhurst Rd, Ashurst, SO40 7DU.

A suggested donation of £15 to help for the upkeep of the Montfort Missionary Centre. Tea & Coffee will be provided.

Contact Fr Des Connolly at fatherdes@icloud.com.

Other Events

Saying Goodbye (Baby Loss Support Service) - 11th May, 10.30am

The Mariposa Trust is holding one of its Saying Goodbye services at Winchester Cathedral. Please see posters on church noticeboards for more information.

Celebrate - Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend 28th-29th September 2019

St George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, SO16 3DQ.

Please pick up a flyer/booking form in your church or go to www.celebrateconference.org for more information.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 4th May <i>The English Martyrs</i> *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	Sr Jacqualina 40th Anniversary of Vows
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Keith Small RIP
Sun 5th Third Sunday of Easter	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Patrick Mawdsley (for wellbeing & exam success)
	9.00am	St A	Josie and her family intentions
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Sr Maria 40th Anniversary of Vows
	11.00am	HC	Robert Petersen RIP
Mon 6th	10.00am	St Ed	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
Tues 7th	9.30am	HC	
	10.00am	St A	
	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	<u>No Mass</u>
Wed 8th	9.30am	HC	
	10.00am	St Ed	Kathleen Mary Boaden FM
Thurs 9th	9.30am	HC	Windsor Hurd RIP
	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	<u>No Mass</u>
	6.00pm	St J	The Ponds family intentions
Fri 10th	10.00am	St Ed	Mary McCormack RIP
	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	<u>No Mass</u>
	10.00am	St J: AH	
Sat 11th *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	Regina Turl (Special Intention)
	5.00pm*	SSW	Jim O'Donoghue RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Ossie Carr (RIP) FM
Sun 12th Fourth Sunday Of Easter	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Mary McCormack RIP
	9.00am	St A	Doris Bonello RIP Anniversary
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	

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 (before Mass at 6pm)

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

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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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