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Psalter Week: 2

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thursday this week is All Saints' Day and Friday is All Souls' Day. These days remind us that at holy Mass, those who are visibly present form only a fraction of the congregation. In his vision, John the writer of Revelation saw: *A great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes with palms in their hands ...* (Revelation 7:9)

He sees the Saints, the citizens of the new and eternal Jerusalem. In holy Mass we don't just remember them, we are in communion with them. They are with us. We ask their prayers, that *as we honour them on earth, so in heaven they may plead for us* (Offertory Prayer in the old form of the Mass). In every dedicated altar, relics of the Saints are sealed into the structure during the dedication ritual.

All Saints Day leads naturally into All Souls' Day, the remembering of the 'Holy Souls' in Purgatory. It's easy to misunderstand Purgatory and see it as a place of punishment. But to purge is not to punish. It is to clear away, to get shot of the baggage which still clings to most of us at the point of death. It is to prepare us for the presence of the Lord. The 'purging' is simply the work of Christ's redeeming grace.

Most of us when we die haven't sorted everything out in our lives. There are things we regret, stuff we can't forget (even though we've tried to forgive); people we remain at odds with, stuff we didn't want to get into but found it even more difficult to get out of, and so on. Purgatory is a sort of temporal extension of the loving, healing gaze of Jesus.

We pray for the faithful departed. The Church's prayer, and the intercession of the Saints, can aid them. This communion of hope and faith is one of the things that is most characteristic of Catholic practice.

Blessed John Henry Newman, in his *Dream of Gerontius*, sees purgatory as cleansing water, recalling Baptism, into which the Angel lowers Gerontius' soul in expectation of a sleep and a glorious awakening. Edward Elgar's setting of this still brings tears to my eyes. I used to tell students that if they wanted an idea of what the Church believes about death, they should listen to this wonderful Oratorio. Here are some of the Angel's words of farewell:

*Softly and gently, dearly ransomed soul,
In my most loving arms I now enfold thee,
And o'er the penal waters as they roll,
I poise thee, and I lower thee, and hold thee.*

*Angels, to whom the willing task is given,
Shall tend and nurse and lull thee as thou liest;
And Masses on the earth and prayers in heaven
Shall aid thee at the throne of the Most Highest.*

Canon Alan

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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: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Psalm Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

**Readings for next Sunday 4th November 2018
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34
1st reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Psalm: 17
2nd reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Youth Mass - St Andrew's

Our next practice for our monthly Youth Mass will be on Sunday **28th October** during 9am Mass (children's liturgy) at St Andrew's. The Youth Mass will be on Sunday 4th November. All young adults, teenagers and children are welcome. We are always looking for people to read, play musical instruments and participate. For more details please see Katie Thom.

Children's Liturgy at OLQA, Bishops Waltham

These are the Sunday dates for this term up until Christmas: **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).

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.

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 31st October

St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, 7.30-9pm. In the first part of Eucharistic Prayer 1 we venerate Apostles and Martyrs including Linus, Cletus, Clement and Sixtus. Join us to explore who they were and what they did. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are served at the end of the meeting. For any queries please contact Peter Baggott (02380 694060) or Deacon Bob Birtles.

Journey in Faith - Wednesdays at St Edward's

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. For further information please contact: Deacon Paul Owen (tel: 02380 254806) email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Changes to Mass Next Week (see back page)

Thursday 1st November - All Saints
10am Mass at St Joseph's
7pm Mass at St Andrew's
7.30pm Mass at St Edward's
There will also be a 2pm Mass at St Swithun Wells Primary School - Parishioners are welcome to attend.
Friday 2nd November - Holy Souls
The 10am Mass is at St Joseph's, not Abbey House.
There will also be a 7pm Mass at St Andrew's.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Please note there will be a second collection next weekend for **Bamenda**.

Annual Informal Service (OLQA Hosting)

Sunday 4th November 2018

We are holding our Annual Informal Service at Bishop's Waltham House, Free Street, Bishop's Waltham. This consists of Hymns, Prayers and Readings. The service starts at 5.45pm and lasts for approximately half an hour. We meet outside about 5.30pm. Please bring a couple of hymn books with you. If you would like any more information or would like to read something please contact Angela Fairweather at 01489 895968 or e mail afairweather@postmaster.co.uk thank you Angela Fairweather.

Service to mark the Centenary of the End of the First World War - Wednesday 7th November

7.30pm in St. Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. We will remember those who died in that terrible conflict and those who have died in other conflicts since. We will pray for peace in our troubled world. This Service is for the whole Parish and everyone is very welcome.

Thanksgiving Mass for the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero - Sat 24th November

Portsmouth Cathedral, 2pm and will be celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan. The service will be followed by a keynote address in the Discovery Centre about the life and works of Saint Oscar Romero. The Mass is an opportunity for us to thank God for the life and example of Saint Oscar Romero, who was canonised on Sunday 14th October 2018 in Rome. Saint Romero is known as a modern saint who stood up for the oppressed and is still seen as a voice for the voice less. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Mugeni Sumba on 07843 514376 or by email on m.sumba@oaklandscatholicschool.org.

Remembrance of Parishioners who have died in the past year

The Remembrance will take place during weekend Masses at :
St Andrew's & St Joseph on **3rd & 4th November**;
Holy Cross, St Swithun Wells & St Edwards on **24th & 25th November**.

Blessing of Graves

In November each year we remember in a special way those who have died and gone before us. One of our traditions is the Blessing of Graves in the cemeteries within our parish. Details for this year are:
Sunday 4th November
Botley & Woodley Cemeteries - 2pm
Bishopstoke Cemetery - 2pm
Eastleigh (Brookwood) Cemetery - 3pm
Fair Oak Cemetery - 3pm
Ramalley Cemetery - 3pm
Tuesday 7th November
North Baddesley St John's Churchyard— after the 10am Mass at St Andrew's.

Remembrance Sunday (11th November) - Change of Mass Times

St Joseph's

Mass will be at **11.30am** following the civil commemoration in the park.

Holy Cross

Mass will start later at **11.30am**.

CaFE - Catholic Faith Exploration

Are meeting in November on the following dates:

Monday 5th November at 2.30pm in St Joseph's;
Tuesday 13th November at 7.30pm in St Andrew's.

Please contact Sheila Keefe on 01794 518071 or s.keefe@btopenworld.com

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: 18th Nov; 9th Dec; 13th Jan; 10th Feb; 17th Mar.

Holy Cross Shop

We now have Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, gifts, decorations, diaries and calendars for sale. Do pay us a visit - we are in the walkway between the Church and the Resource Centre.

Pat & Angela

St Swithun Wells Prayer Sheet - A new Prayer Sheet was made available last weekend. Many people have expressed their thanks for the prayer support. Our Prayer Link is 2 years old this Autumn! **Marion** (02380 692416) marionbirtles@gmail.com

CAFOD - Gifts in Wills

You might be surprised to learn that gifts in wills raised £9 million last year - enough to pay for a third of our international work.

To find out more about leaving a gift to CAFOD in your will and our free will-writing service please see the leaflets available in our churches, or call Hannah on 020 7095 5367.

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.

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: £TBC; SO/SD for Sept'18: £12,903.09

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.

Autumn Ecumenical Quizzes...brains required for charity!

In Chandlers Ford we have 2 quizzes this autumn:

Our usual one for Christian Aid at St Martin-in-the-Wood on **10th November** at 7.30pm - tickets £8 (available from Paul Carmody), to include food but please bring your own drinks;

A new quiz for Tear Fund (a 50th Anniversary National Quiz) at Velmore Community Centre on 17th November from 7-9pm - tickets £5 direct from Velmore Church, info@velmore.org or 02380 261139). See poster on Noticeboards.

Paul Carmody

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Thank you

A massive thank you for supporting my recent Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Andrew's. The final total raised was **£663.36**, the best ever! **Margaret**

Fairtrade Shopping Evening - Friday 2nd November

7-9pm at St Martin-In-The-Wood Church, Queens Road, Hiltingbury, Chandlers Ford, SO53 5AG.

Enjoy a selection of Fairly Traded crafts, gifts, jewellery, and clothing as well as Christmas cards and foods. Indulge in a free glass of wine and nibbles whilst browsing the catalogues. For more info please contact Tricia on 02380 252546.

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.

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. See the diocesan e-News for more info. Places are limited and bookings are now open at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 27th Oct Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Helen Sanders (Thanksgiving 60th Birthday)	Thurs 1st Nov (Holy Day of Obligation) All Saints	9.30am	HC	Paddy Chandler RIP (Anniversary)
	6.00pm	St J			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	OLQA	10.00am		St J	Alice & Alfred Harcourt RIP (Anniversary)	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Marchesi & James Family Intentions		2.00pm	SSW	<u>Mass at SSW Primary School</u>
					7.00pm	St A	
					7.30pm	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Sun 28th 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 2nd	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	David Sheridan RIP		10.00am	St J	
	9.00am	St A		All Souls	7.00pm	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Colette's Intentions				
11.00am	HC	Antonio Martone RIP					
Mon 29th Oct	10.00am	St Ed		Sat 3rd	9.30am	HC	
Tues 30th	9.30am	HC	Nora Lee RIP	Sat 3rd Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Sepala Family (Special Intention)
	10.00am	St A			6.00pm	St J	
	10.00am	OLQA			6.00pm	OLQA	
			6.30pm		St Ed		
Wed 31st	9.30am	HC	Gerard Carr FM	Sun 4th Nov 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Mass for the Youth)	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St Ed			9.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
			9.00am*		St A	Patricia Roydon RIP Anniversary	
			9.30am		OLQA		
			11.00am		St J		
			11.00am		HC	Beatrice & George White, Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandes FM	

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
 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
 St J **St Joseph's Church**, Abbey House Drive, Romsey SO51 8YB

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