



Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

20th October 2019: 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God wastes His time with us

I have the privilege of being part of a Fraternity of Missionaries. It is always a joy when we meet each other, either during special retreats or every month through an audioconference. What I like the most are the stories, like the following one by fr. Nicolò Ceccolini, chaplain for a juvenile prison in Rome.

Marco is one of the first kids I met at the prison when he was still young. When he was three he lost his mother to an overdose, his father was already in prison condemned to 14 years. He was raised by his grandma. When he was 10 years old he started spending more time with his friends then with his family. The streets educated him. When he was 14 he entered into a bad group and got arrested. A few months ago, he told me about his father. During the rare moments they were able to spend together, when he looked for help in facing a problem, his dad would simply put money into his hands and tell him to get lost. This happened again and again... "At that point" Marco continued, "I started hitting the drugs because "they", unlike my father, were always there, close by, ready to respond to my questions".

This episode helped me to understand the meaning of my presence with these kids. One tends to think about what initiative or program should be implemented. In reality, the point is being there, being present. I am called to stay near them, to welcome their questions and their stories, to offer responses, when it is possible, or at least a space for them to confide in someone.

God does not follow a logic of success. He wastes time with us, with me. It is necessary to waste the time that he gives us with these kids.

One of the kids wrote to me, "I responded to your letter after much time because you wasted time for me, you took a seat, you wrote to me and you stayed close to me". Only when these kids are offered gratuitously a friendship that is authoritative they are able to discover that they do not exist by chance but because they are part of a bigger plan that is good, that has a great task for them. That reality and their everyday life is positive, despite everything.

"There is no hope for me": how many times have I heard this phrase repeated by kids who are 15 or 16 years old! This resignation, however, is one of the elements that has helped me to understand that I need to stay close. Hope: is one of the words I have learned in prison. Something their parents also need to be helped to learn. Sometimes it is the case, usually with the normal families, that their child going to prison causes a shattering of relationships, like the effects of an atomic bomb. Accompanying the families means being close during a difficult moment, to help them to experience the closeness of God who has not abandoned anyone. To remind them that they are not alone in their pain. Educating to hope means helping the parents to stay in front of the mystery that their children represent. Sometimes, it is a violent mystery. I read something a father wrote, commenting on the acts his son had committed, he said : "What he did was horrible. I am desperate, but I also realize that in the disaster, the only thing to do is remain close to him". For me, this means sustaining the hope of this father who is immersed in pain. Expectation, patience, faithfulness: time is not in our hands.

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a video by Bishop Barron entitled, "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players" where you can learn about the Church's newest saint, St John Henry Newman. You can find the link on our homepage.

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: TO YOU I CALL; FOR YOU WILL SURELY HEED ME, O GOD; TURN YOUR EAR TO ME; HEAR MY WORDS. GUARD ME AS THE APPLE OF YOUR EYE; IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS PROTECT ME.

PSALM RESPONSE: .OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 27TH OCTOBER 2019:

1st reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19 - Psalm: 33 - 2nd reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18 - Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

PARISH GROUPS



Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

Tuesdays between 10.15-11.30am (after Mass) in Holy Cross Resource Centre. It is a time of simple sharing, come and join us, everyone is assured of a warm welcome. On 22nd October Father Raffaele will give a talk on his experiences in Portugal. Contact June or Paul Wilson on 02380 616618. Or email: pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

School of Community

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

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church please speak to a priest or email Deacon Paul Owen at powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Preparation will be on Wednesday evenings fortnightly at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford at 7.30pm.

Journey in Faith with the Bible: An opportunity for all to develop through prayer and reflection a better understanding of the readings for the following weekend's Sunday Mass. On Wednesday evenings fortnightly between 7.30pm and 9pm at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford.

Dates up until Christmas: 23rd October; 6th, 20th November; 4th & 18th December. All welcome. Further details from Anne Owen on 02380 254806.

CAFE - the next meeting will be held on:

Monday 21st October in St Joseph's at 2pm. Further details from Sheila on 01794 518071.

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 23rd October,

7.30pm at St. Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. "The Bible - A Brief History", Deacon Bob Birtles will lead us in an evening looking at the different translations of the Bible (see poster on notice boards). Everyone very welcome. Queries to Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

St Edward's Prayer Group - Valley Park

The Rosary will be prayed at the home of Ann Harding 21 Salcombe Close, Chandlers Ford, SO53 4PJ on Thursday, 24th October at 2 pm. All are welcome.

TOZ (for young people from school year 10) meet twice a month on Sunday. Next Meeting Date: 20th October, from 2pm to 4.30pm where we will be visiting Fryars House in Romsey. The mini bus will leave at 2pm from Holy Cross. Contact: toz.sswp@gmail.com or phone 07846 438224 (Cath Szymanski).

Stars of Abraham (school years 3,4,5 & 6)

For everyone in school years 3-6, we meet every other week: Tuesday, 5.30-7.00pm in St Edwards Cloister; Saturday 10.30am-Noon in HC Resource Centre. To join the group complete the application form available on our website or from the Parish Office and give it to the Parish Secretary.

Grail Seekers (school years 7,8,9)

For everyone in school years 7, 8 and 9 we meet weekly every Saturday from 2.30pm-4.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre. To join the group complete the application form (available on our website or from the Parish Office) and give it to the Parish Secretary.

CHANGES TO MASS & PARISH OFFICE OPENING



OLQA, Bishop's Waltham

There will be no Mass on Tuesday 29th October.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd October. We apologise for any inconvenience.

New Time for Confession at St Edward's

Confession at St Edward's has moved to Sundays at 8.30am.

OFFERINGS & SECOND COLLECTIONS



St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £1,455.74;
SO/DD for September'19: £12,423.09

Second Collections

Please note there will be a second collection this weekend (19th/20th October) for World Missions. There will also be a second collection on 2nd/3rd November for Bamenda.

PARISH EVENTS



Get 2Gether Family Afternoon – Sun 3rd Nov

From 2.30pm to 4.30pm in St Edward's Church (Cloister). It is an event for all the families of the Parish: parents, children, grandparents...

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 finish with some refreshments.

Classical Music Evening - Friday 15th November

8.00pm-9.00pm at St Edward's Church. All are welcome!

SCHOOL NOTICES



St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

Is looking to recruit lunchtime supervisory assistants who will help our children at lunchtime. Please contact the school office on 02380 266210 for more information.

OTHER EVENTS

Pilgrimage - Sun 16th - Fri 21st August 2020

Led by Father Des Connolly SMM

This pilgrimage will take us to Pietrelcina (the birth place of Padre Pio), the beautiful island of Capri, to the Shrine of Lady of the Rosary in Pompei, to the Cathedral of the Apostle Andrew on the Amalfi Coast, and then onto the incredible shrine of San Giovanni Rotondo.

Ground Package Price excluding flight cost: £676.00 per person based on 2 people sharing – single room supplement: £120.00.

Flight price is extra – London Gatwick to Naples return. The Flight price will be quoted at the time of receipt of booking form (book early to avoid higher prices!). 2 Nights Half Board in 4 stars Hotel just outside of Naples and 3 nights half board in San Giovanni Rotondo in a very good hotel.

If you would like more information or to make a booking please contact Gill at www.tangney-tours.com or phone her on 01732886666.

MESSAGES



Amendments to "Times a Priest is Available to Meet" (see back page of newsletter)

Fr Luca will now be available to meet on Wednesdays from 4.30pm-6.30pm in the Parish Office, Eastleigh. Fr Raffaele has amended his time on Tuesdays to 4.30pm-6.30pm in the Parish Office, Eastleigh.

For the Month of October to deepen our relationship with Our Lady we want to invite everyone to pray the Rosary:

- Every **Thursday at 9am** in Holy Cross;
- **Half an hour before weekend Masses** in St Joseph & St Andrew.
- Also during October every **Thursday (7-8pm)** we will be praying the Rosary for Vocations at St Edward's.

Church Cleaners Needed! As some of our cleaners are stepping down, we really do need a few more volunteers. We work in teams, with each team cleaning for ~1 hour every 5-6 wks. Without this essential service St Edwards will not look as great as it does today - we really do need your help! Please contact Rachel on 07766223181/rachel.sipaul@me.com.

Christmas Cards on Sale at St Edward's

CAFOD Christmas cards will be on sale on 19th & 20th, and 26th & 27th at both Masses.

Charity Christmas Cards (Aid to the Church in Need and Catholic Children's Society) are now available to purchase from the repository after weekend Masses.

Holy Cross Cleaning Volunteers Meeting

There will be a meeting for the new cleaning team to set-up a rota on **Saturday 26th October, 2.30pm** at Holy Cross Church.

St Joseph's & St Andrew's Christmas Draw -

30th November: This year the proceeds from the Draw will be given to Fryers House, a local charity supporting individuals who have a serious disability to live, learn and work independently. The draw will take place at St Andrew's Church, during the Christmas mini-fayre, 10am-12.30pm on St Andrew's day. Tickets are now on sale.

Recommended Reading

Two suggested books for parishioners until January: *Painted Veil* by W. Somerset Maugham; *Chiara Corbella Petrillo: A Witness to Joy*; It will be possible to buy the books after wk/end Mass.

Poitiers Care Food Bank

The above Catholic charity, founded and organised by Father Des Connolly, supports local families in great need. *Urgently required are tea, coffee, sugar, packet soups, tins of meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, and all other non-perishable food.* These may be left in the boxes provided at St. Joseph's, St. Andrew's and St. Edward's churches.

If you would prefer to support the charity by giving a monetary donation by Standing Order, or an occasional donation, please contact Vincent Clemas, 'Cornerways House', School Lane, Ringwood, Hampshire, BH24 1LG. We would welcome more volunteers. If you would like to help, either on a regular basis, or just occasionally to give our volunteers a short break, please contact Brian Arthur on 07796161047 or 023 8029 2692.

Thank you for your generous contributions in the past and for your continuing prayers and support.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 19th *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	
	5.00pm*	SSW	Charles & Ivy Charleston RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	Kathleen & Ivor Stroud RIP
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	John Mawdsley RIP
Sun 20th Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Vivienne Dolbear RIP
	9.00am	St A	Monica Carrasco RIP (Anniversary)
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Patricia Litherland RIP
	11.00am	HC	Caleb & Oscar Roberts (Well Being)
Mon 21st	10.00am	St Ed	Paul Osman (Special Intention)
Tues 22nd	9.30am	HC	Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 23rd	9.30am	HC	David Bird RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
Thurs 24th	9.30am	HC	
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 25th	10.00am	St Ed	Vivienne Dolbear RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J:AH	Mary McGarraghy RIP
Sat 26th *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	Anne Monahan (Special Intention)
	6.00pm*	St J	Michael Baker RIP
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Jessie Regan (Anniversary)
Sun 27th Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Lake & Hill Families (Special Intention)
	9.00am	St A	Kathleen & Albert Harrison RIP (Anniversary)
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	Antonio Martone RIP

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
5.30pm OLQA
5.30pm St Joseph's
Sundays: 8.30am St Edward's
8.30am St Andrew's

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET
Tues: Fr Raffaele, 4.30pm-6.30pm in the Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.
Weds: Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.
Fridays: Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey.
Saturdays: Fr Marco, 10am-Midday, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey.

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