



Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

12th May 2019: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Get the Message of God

If a person is alive they speak. It should be the same for God. So how does God speak? In a variety of ways. One of the most fascinating is through the events that happen in the world. Everything that happens is a kind of message from Him, from Jesus, the Word of God, the One who always speaks.

The messages of God are not always immediately obvious to understand. We have to decipher them. "What is God telling me through the happening of this event? What change is this event calling me for?".

This is what Jesus did with the disciples. There is an episode in the Gospel that explains it very well. It happened at the time that the tower of Silo'am fell and killed eighteen people. The disciples began the usual *blame game*: who was at fault? But Jesus looked at this event from another perspective.

Those eighteen upon whom the tower in Silo'am fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Everything that happens is a call for us to change, because beyond everything there is the will of God and if God permits something it is because he wants to tell us a message, he wants that through a particular event, something that shakes us to our core and questions our life.

Before Easter I was really struck by the images of the fire that devoured the roof of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. What was God telling me allowing a disaster like that to happen? More than a set of opinions or answers, an event like that reawakens some important questions in my heart, questions that are usually buried in the deep of our consciousness, but that actually are pivotal because they determine our way of living everyday life. I asked myself: "If even a big cathedral can fall, is there anything that can last forever? Is there something permanent in my life that no-one can take away from me?".

Examining my life I realized that actually only one thing is always there: my vocation, the fact that I have been chosen. Then I thought of my parents and my friends who are married: they have been chosen as well, everyone with their own vocations. And I found myself more grateful.

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



NOTRE DAME: WE WERE MADE TO BUILD CATHEDRALS (by Luca Doninelli)

For one day, the world spoke of nothing besides a church. The sadness of people, not only the believers, revealed a strange nostalgia. It is a sign of something indelible.

To read the article of Luca Doninelli in full go to "gem of the week" in the homepage of our website.

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *THE MERCIFUL LOVE OF THE LORD FILLS THE EARTH; BY THE WORD OF THE LORD THE HEAVENS WERE MADE, ALLELULIA.*

PSALM RESPONSE: *WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK.*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 19TH MAY 2019:

1st reading: Acts 14:21-27 - Psalm: 144 - 2nd reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5 - Gospel: John 13:31-35

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 - Wed 15th May at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, 7.30pm

The Life and Times of St Luke - A talk by Deacon Bob Birtles

Who was Luke? What are the priorities of his two volume work? Join us to share a deeper understanding. (This is a repeat of the talk originally given at the request of the ladies "Oasis" Group.)

Everyone most welcome. 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.

OASIS Women's Group - Tuesday 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.

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 in the Resource Centre in Eastleigh.*

Upcoming Dates:

12th May: 7-9pm with dinner

26th May: 7-8.30pm

9th June: 7-9pm with dinner

23rd June: 7-8.30pm

7th July: 7-9pm with dinner

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

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.

St Edward's Prayer Group - Thursday 16th May, 10am

There will be a Rosary said at the home of Ann Harding, 21 Salcombe Close, Chandlers Ford, SO53 4PJ.

All are welcome.

Coffee Stop (Holy Cross Resource Centre) -

Please come along and support us after Mass on Thursdays.

CHANGES TO MASS



Filipino Mass

Sunday 2nd June, 4pm

There will be a Filipino Mass with Father Claro Conde at St Andrew's Church, North Baddesley.

OFFERINGS & COLLECTIONS



Second Collection this Weekend

There will be a second collection this 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: £14,058.59

PARISH EVENTS



OLQA Social Event - Saturday 18th

May

OLQA 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.

Rosary During the Month of May

Holy Cross: Thursdays, 9am.

St Edward's: Thursdays, 7pm (during Holy Hour).

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.

Friends of St George Catholic College - Quiz Night

Wednesday 15th May, 7pm in the school hall.

Tickets are available now: £3 Adults; £1 Children/Students. Please email friends@stgcc.co.uk.

All welcome!

MESSAGES



Father Wojciech's Anniversary Celebration—Special Collection

If you wish to contribute to Fr Wojciech's 25th anniversary gift (a cheque), collection baskets will be available at each of our churches at the end of Weekend Masses. If you miss the collections, money can be sent to the Parish Office (Chq's payable to 'PCDTR St Swithun Wells', please write "Fr Wojciech's gift" on the reverse of the cheque).

Please can all gift aiders use the yellow collection envelopes to ensure gift aid can be claimed for Father. We want him to know how much we appreciate his ministry, his friendship and his love.
Last Date for Collection: 25th/26th May.

St Andrew's Church have put forward a team to run in the Charity Relay at Broadlands Sunday 12th

May. A team of ten to run in relay completing a Marathon. The efforts of this are going to CAFOD. Any donations kindly received. Thanks to all those who have donated already. If you would like to come and support you would be most welcome.

VIVA VOCE: We are pleased to announce the launch of "Viva Voce", our new Diocesan magazine. Please pick up a copy after Mass.

Poitiers Care Catholic Foodbank Charity

The above charity, organised by Father Des Connolly, distributes food locally to families in very great need. Please help us with this ongoing work. We would welcome donations of tea, coffee, sugar, tinned foods and other non-perishable foods. These may be left in the boxes provided in the Cloister of St. Edward's Church and at St. Andrew's Church. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Special Needs Questionnaire

Next weekend 18/19th May information about the Catholic Disability Fellowship (CDF) and an audit of special needs will be sent with the weekly newsletter. Boxes for the completed questionnaires will be at each of our churches in advance.

Sunday 12th May - Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Please use this Diocesan Prayer for Vocations:

Heavenly Father,

Your Divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest

to send labourers into His vineyard.

We ask You to bless our Diocese with selfless hearts that are willing to serve Your Church.

OTHER EVENTS

Fatima Devotion Day Sat 25th May, 10am-5pm

St Joseph's Centre, 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. See posters for more info.

Contact Fr Des Connolly at fatherdes@icloud.com.

Wisdom Centre: Thurs 16th & Fri 17th May, 10am-4pm.

Explore the heritage of La Sagesse Convent in Romsey and the Daughters of Wisdom in Britain and Ireland, free admission, donations welcome for refreshments.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 11th *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	
	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	Deceased Members of the Johnson Family RIP
	11.00am	HC	Anna & Joseph Dukat RIP
Mon 13th	10.00am	St Ed	Thomas William Mason FM
	11.00am	HC	<u>Requiem Mass: Cecilia Taylor (nee Reynolds) RIP</u>
Tues 14th <i>St Matthias</i>	9.30am	HC	Sheila Starrs FM
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 15th	9.30am	HC	Sidney Wellington RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	Phyllis & Georg Roman FM
Thurs 16th	9.30am	HC	Judith Diane Braybrooke RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 17th	10.00am	St Ed	Tom Layzell (Birthday)
	10.00am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J: AH	
Sat 18th *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	Francesco Papallo FM
	5.00pm*	SSW	Jose Thomas RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Thomas Vokes & Family (With Thanks)
Sun 19th Fifth Sunday Of Easter	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Ursula Allinson (Birthday)
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	John Quinn 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 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

CLERGY

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