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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel Jesus returns to Nazareth where he has been brought up, the place which gives him the identity of Jesus of Nazareth. We know that Jesus left home to go and see John the Baptist, and we know that his whole lifestyle changed after his time with John. Jesus didn't stay in the wilderness to live a hermit's life with John: he received a prophetic anointing in his baptism to announce the new age of the kingdom of God. So he became a travelling preacher.

By the time Jesus returns to his home town his reputation has arrived before him: when he goes into the synagogue on the Sabbath, as he usually did, this time he is invited to preach. He chooses a passage from Isaiah which gives a beautiful summary of the programme of his new mission: to announce good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and new sight to the blind; to free the oppressed and to proclaim a year of favour – which was a time when all debts were cancelled and all property returned to the rightful owners.

Jesus points to himself as the fulfilment of ancient prophecy: today the text becomes true in the hearing of his own townspeople. At first they approve his words, but then they remind themselves of his identity and say, "This is Joseph's son, surely?" The neighbours don't allow Jesus' wisdom to interfere with their memories of him. When he presents himself to them for the first time as the prophetic preacher, they remind themselves of his address and pedigree. They won't allow Jesus to grow up so they lock him into the past and into a former identity.

Perhaps the neighbours have a vested interest in focusing on who Jesus was to them, rather than who he is now. It's much easier having a carpenter around the house than a prophet; it is much easier talking about broken chairs than broken lives. The neighbours want to keep Jesus at the level they can handle him at; they want to keep him reasonably harmless. After all, he's only a carpenter!

Jesus reminds them that no prophet is accepted in his own homeland, and as if to prove him right the local crowd become so enraged they try to throw him off a cliff. But Jesus escapes, and it is no surprise that he never returns home again.

Father Wojciech

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27th January 2019:

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Psalm Response:

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

**Readings for next Sunday 3rd February 2019
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

1st reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19

Psalm: 70

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

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.** On **29th January**, Dennis Bensiek, our seminarian will be talking to us about **'Life as a Seminarian'**.

Journey in Faith - Every Wednesday at 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 - tel: 02380 254806;

email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Fellowship Group - Wed 30th January 2019

St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, 7.30-9pm.

We shall be looking at **Saints of the 20th Century**.

Each week we will study 5 Saints - who were they; what did they do; why were they Canonised?

Everyone welcome, refreshments served.

Any queries to Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

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 from 7-8.30pm. 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: 10th Feb; 17th Mar.**

CaFE

Monday 11th February, 2.30pm in St Joseph's;

Tuesday 12th February, 7.30pm in St Andrew's.

Further details from Sheila Keefe, 01794 518071 or s.keefe@btopenworld.com.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles - Children's Liturgy

The planned Sunday dates until Easter are:

February - 3rd & 17th;

March - 3rd, 17th & 31st;

April - 14th.

The sessions are during 9.30am Sunday Mass and all are welcome. **Joanna Somerville**

Email: joannasomerville1@hotmail.com

Offerings & Collections

Second Collection this weekend

This weekend we take the annual collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. Envelopes are available at all Masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £1373.48

SO/DD for Dec'18: £12,874.09

January Parish Events

Churches Together Chandlers Ford Unity Service - Sunday 27th Jan, 4pm at the Methodist Church, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford

As it is a shared service between all our local churches it would be great if some parishioners could attend, just drop in for the service. And remember they have excellent tea/coffee afterwards from their Dovedale centre cafe! Also a big thank you to all those who helped with the 'swaps' last weekend.

Churches Together in Romsey

The Service for Christian Unity at Romsey Abbey takes place on Sunday 27th January at 6.30pm.

February Parish Events

Candlemas at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Saturday 2nd February

Canon Alan will celebrate Candlemas at 10am.

Holy Cross - Children's Mass

As a new initiative for Holy Cross and to enable our children to play a more active role during Mass, we are making the first 11am Sunday Mass in each month, a 'Children's Mass'. This will begin on **3rd February**. Children who feel able and are independent enough to sit in a group together during Mass will be invited to an area at the front of the Church. We hope for them to feel a sense of community with their peers and have an opportunity to share a few necessary tasks. There will be no Children's Liturgy on these mornings as the Liturgy team will be needed to co-ordinate and sit nearby to support. We are hoping these Masses will develop and become a regular feature. We know that everyone will make our children welcome so they feel recognised as the important part of our community that they are. Thank you. **Children's Liturgy Team**

February & March Parish Events Continued

Parish Lunch - Monday 4th February, 12.30pm

Location: The Luzborough.

All welcome. Menu on noticeboards - please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal no later than Sunday 27th Jan as we have to pre-order.

Thank you.

Good Companions - Wednesday 6th February

The next lunch for those who live alone or are lonely will be at 12.30pm at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield. Transport can be arranged if required. Why not join us and enjoy good food, and friendly company in pleasant surroundings. Please ring Pauline on 02380 266617 or Susie on 02380 263436 to book a place.

A Day for Readers at St Joseph - Sat 9th February

Starts with Mass at 10am.

A Day for Special Ministers at St Joseph's - 9th March

Starts with Mass at 10am.

Messages

I Belong First Holy Communion Programme 2018/2019

Just a reminder to all, that the next meeting for parents and children, is on **Tuesday 29th January** at 6.25pm in your chosen church.

Urgently Needed - Volunteer Gift Aid Co-ordinator

To help with administration in Bishops Waltham.

Job Overview

To keep records of all donors including DD/SO and weekly envelope givers on a spreadsheet. Updating the gift aid claims via the Portsmouth Diocese System and acknowledging donations at year end. Close working with Parish Office & Diocese essential.

Job requirements

Access to a computer and knowledge of spreadsheets desirable.

If interested please leave your name and contact details with the Parish Office.

Eastleigh Basics Bank—Volunteers Needed

We are in urgent need of volunteers for:

- 1) Stock Management Assistant: A strong person with a car required to ferry crates of food between the storage unit and the shop, and to sort stock in the storage unit. Heavy lifting involved.
- 2) Shop Volunteer (Tues afternoons): Work involves sorting donated goods, making up packs for clients and some light cleaning.

Please go to <http://www.eastleighbasicsbank.org.uk>, click on 'Get Involved' and complete the application form, making clear which role you are interested in. You can also ring me for an informal chat on 02380 903028. **Hazel Bateman (Volunteer Co-ordinator)**

Messages Continued

Wanted

A volunteer to help with Sunday coffee after 9am Mass at St Edward's, it should only be four times a year. For more information please contact Clare Lasker on 02380 252138.

Bursary Awards

The Catenian Association has launched a new website for young people at <https://www.catenianbursary.com/> and a Twitter account <https://twitter.com/CatenianBursary/status/1078933107732930560>.

If you are aged between 16 and 24 this will be of interest to you. For further information please contact Bas Bush 023 8076 6998.

Prayer Link

Please contact me if you have any requests, queries or comments. **Marion** (02380 692416) marionbirtles@gmail.com

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.

Other Events

Alton Day Of REnewal – Sat 23rd Feb, 11am-4pm

Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. There will be a shared lunch at 1pm (please bring finger food to share) and a talk at 2.30pm, '**Strengthening Prayer Groups**' by Maria Heath, Chair of English Renewal, who will encourage the nurturing of Prayer Groups as places where people can grow in faith. See poster on noticeboards for more information.

CAFOD Meeting

You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on **Saturday 23rd February** at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX, from 10.30am to 1pm.

At this meeting Helen Lavaud CAFOD's HR adviser will be talking about her recent visit to CAFOD's Projects in the Eastern Congo and how CAFOD's partners are caring for child soldiers. There will also be an opportunity to explore the resources for Lent fast day on 15th March.

Everyone is welcome so please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385. **Jo Lewry (Community Participation Co-ordinator)**

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities & Parish Contact Information

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 26th Jan *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	Maria Smyth FM
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	William & George Longworth RIP Anniversary
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Anne Connolly RIP
Sun 27th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Świąta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Patricia Osterfield RIP
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Maureen & Philip's Intentions
	11.00am	HC	Sylvester McMahon FM
Mon 28th	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Tues 29th	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 30th	9.30am	HC	Mary McMahan FM
	10.00am	St Ed	Douglas Topping RIP
Thurs 31st	9.30am	HC	Marjorie Harris & Benji Roberts (RIP Anniversary)
	10.00am	OLQA	
	1.30pm	St J	Funeral Mass: Winifred Harris RIP
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 1st Feb	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small RIP
	10.00am	St J: AH	
Sat 2nd *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	Sil Quodros (Very Ill)
	10.00am	OLQA	Candlemas
	5.00pm*	SSW	Thomas Carr (Sick)
	6.00pm*	St J	John Gare RIP
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Anne Connolly RIP
Sun 3rd Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Świąta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
	9.00am	St A	Calvin Nel
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Sean Kelly RIP
	11.00am	HC	Antonio Martone RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: HC - Adoration **restarts 1st Tues in Feb** 10am-1pm
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's 9.30am, Wednesday - The Holy Rosary
St Joseph's 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

Clergy

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 HC Holy Cross Church, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF
 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

CATHOLIC 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.