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

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Paul reflects on Adam and Christ in his letters to the Roman and Corinthian Churches. We are reading a small portion of this reflection at Mass today.

In Paul's Letter to the Romans, Adam and Christ are compared. Adam and Christ mean respectively death and life; a human race alienated from God and a human race united to God. Paul wrote that Adam's disobedience brought death into the world. Jesus' obedience put humankind at rights with God. The first Adam is Adam. The second Adam is Christ. The Second Adam comes to restore what the first had lost.

Blessed John Henry Newman referred to this in his great hymn 'Praise to the Holiest in the height' from his poem 'The Dream of Gerontius':

*O loving wisdom of our God, When all was sin and shame;  
A second Adam to the fight, And to the rescue came.  
O wisest love that flesh and blood Which did in Adam fail,  
Should strive afresh against the foe, Should strive and should prevail.*

In the Corinthians text, Paul goes back to the creation of man. The name 'Adam' comes from the Hebrew word for 'earth.' Adam is the 'earthling' into whose nostrils God breathes a breath of life. That is how the earthling becomes a 'living soul.' We breathe with the very breath of God. Christ, says Paul, is that very breath of life which makes Adam a living soul, Christ is the lifegiving spirit.

Adam is of earth, as we are now. Christ is of heaven, as we are promised to be. Christ's people live both on earth and in heaven. We are modelled on Adam, the earthly man. We shall be modelled on Christ, the heavenly Man. In the Letter to the Philippians, Paul repeats this theme. He writes that *Christ will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

One of the Sunday Prefaces in the Missal also weaves its text around this theme of Paul's, that the *Father came to the aid of mortal beings with your divinity and even fashioned for us a remedy out of mortality itself, that the cause of our downfall might become the means of our salvation through Christ Jesus our Lord.* The cause of our downfall becomes the means of our salvation. Humanity, which fell in Adam, is united to the Person of the eternal Word in the Man Jesus Christ. That union undoes Adam's Fall and makes humanity divine.

Humanity is 'taken up' into everything that it means to be God. The Collect for Christmas sums this up with grace and succinctness:

*O God, who wonderfully created human nature  
and still more wonderfully restored it,  
grant that we may come to share in the divinity of Christ,  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.*

Canon Alan

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**24th February 2019:**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**Psalm Response:**

The Lord is compassion and love.

**Readings for next Sunday 3rd March 2019  
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

1st reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

Psalm: 91

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

**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.**

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**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](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

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**Fellowship Group: The Book of Revelation - What in Heaven's name is it?** I was asked recently if I could do something on the "Book of Revelation"!

Always up for a challenge I will be giving a presentation at the next Fellowship meeting on **Wednesday 27th February at St Swithun Wells church, Fair Oak, 7.30pm start.** Followed by refreshments. Come and see some of the mysteries revealed (See what I did there!) *Deacon Bob*

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**Youth Groups - News for Inspire and TOZ**

Fr Raffaele and Fr Luca have decided, together with the team of leaders of Inspire and TOZ, to make some changes to our meetings. These changes will enable the groups to continue to grow, allow the young people to meet together more regularly and meet at times most suitable for different age groups. New times as follows:

**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: 2nd & 16th March; 6th & 27th April

**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: 17th & 31st March, 28th April.

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**CaFE**

Monday **11th March**, 2.30pm in St Joseph's; Tuesday **12th March**, 7.30pm in St Andrew's. Further details from Sheila Keefe, 01794 518071 or [s.keefe@btopenworld.com](mailto:s.keefe@btopenworld.com).

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**Our Lady Queen of Apostles - Children's Liturgy**

The planned Sunday dates until Easter are: 3rd, 17th & 31st March; 14th April. All are welcome. The sessions are during 9.30am Sunday Mass.

**Joanna Somerville** ([joannasomerville1@hotmail.com](mailto:joannasomerville1@hotmail.com))

**Parish Groups Continued**

**St Edward's Prayer Group - Valley Park**

**Monday 25th February 2019, at 11am**

There will be a Scripture Reading and Social Morning at the home of Daverio & Helen Matteucci, 21 Velmore Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 3HD. All are welcome.

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**Fryern Prayer Group: Theme - Miracles**

**Monday 25th February** from 2-3pm at the home of

Sheila and Pauline O'Neill, 19 Carthage Close Chandlers Ford, SO53 2BL. All Welcome.

**Offerings & Collections**

**St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks**

Last week's collections: £TBC

SO/DD for Jan'19: £13,605.59

**Parish Events**

**Lent Course in Chandlers Ford**

The Ecumenical course chosen this year is based on Isaac Watts' hymn 'When I Survey the wondrous cross', and 6 separate house groups will be running on 2 mornings, 1 afternoon and 3 evenings. Sign-up sheets are now in the cloister at St Edward's along with timing and location details of the house groups. All are welcome, as usual, to take part in this enjoyable and worthwhile preparation for Easter, the forms will be collected after 24th February. Further details from Paul Carmody, [carmody16@btinternet.com](mailto:carmody16@btinternet.com).

**Essential Baptism Preparation Session**

If you wish to have your child baptised, please contact the Parish Office for an application form or alternatively print off the form from the Parish Website ([www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/parishlife](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/parishlife); go to Sacraments and then click the 'Baptism form'), and return the completed form to the Office.

Then we look forward to welcoming parents for an essential Preparation Session on **Sunday 3rd March (4.30pm-6pm)** at Holy Cross Resource Centre. It would be very helpful if you could arrive a little early, refreshments available from 4.15pm. If you want you can attend the preparation session in advance of your baby's birth.

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

Starts with Mass at 10am.

**Cinema at Holy Cross - Sat 9th March, 7pm**

The next film showing at Holy Cross Resource Centre will be **The Devil wears Prada** (Cert. PG). See posters on church notice boards for more information.

## Parish Events Continued

### Bishop Philip's Parish Visit

During the weekend of 6th & 7th April, Bishop Philip will visit our Parish of St Swithun Wells. The pastoral visit is one of the ways through which the Bishop maintains personal contact with the clergy and with other members of the People of God.

It is an occasion to rejuvenate the energies of those engaged in evangelization, to praise, encourage and reassure them. It is also an opportunity to invite the faithful to a renewal of Christian life and to an ever more intense apostolic activity.

We are looking forward to meeting Bishop Philip and let us prepare for this visit especially through prayer.

### Parish Lunch - Tuesday 26th March, 12.30pm

The Hunters Inn, Romsey. All are welcome. Menus will be on the notice boards. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal before Monday 18th March as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

## School Notices

### St Mary's Independent School Open Events

St Mary's Independent School is delighted to be the top performing school in Southampton for GCSE results 2018. St Mary's is Southampton's only Catholic all-through co-educational school. They educate girls and boys from 3 to 16 years old on their stunning 17-acre site. St Mary's Independent School is hosting a series of open events:

**Senior Department open evening: Tuesday 5th March 4 - 7:30pm**

**Senior department open morning: Thursday 7th March 9:30am - 12:00pm**

**Nursery and Year R tours: Wednesday 25th April 9:30 - 11:30am**

No appointment necessary, more details can be found by visiting: [www.stmarysindependentschool.co.uk](http://www.stmarysindependentschool.co.uk)

## Messages

### Vacancy For Part-Time Housekeeper

The Catholic Parish of St Swithun Wells requires a Part Time Housekeeper for the clergy in Eastleigh. The position will be based in Eastleigh, and involves housekeeping support to the parish clergy; dealing with house cleaning, laundry for the clergy and house; grocery shopping and cooking of some meals. We require an enthusiastic and self-motivated person sympathetic to the ministry and mission of the Catholic Church. Good communication skills are a must and a flexible and positive attitude is required. The role promises a varied and interesting workload. The job is part-time (7 hours per week – preferably Friday 09.30 to 17.30 including unpaid lunch break) with a salary of £3,476.20 per annum (FTE £17,381). For more details and an application form please contact the Parish Office or go to <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies/> where you can download the forms.

**Closing date for applications:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March (12 Noon).

**Interview date:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

## Messages Continued

### Do you want to "make a difference"?

*Roger Lillie, Trustee of the Catenian Bursary Fund writes...* Are you a young Catholic between 16yrs and your 25th birthday? Do you intend to volunteer with a project to help the needy and less fortunate in the world or help with a Diocesan or HCPT organised pilgrimage to Lourdes? If so, the Catenian Bursary Fund could help you. Over recent years we have given over £1.25m to over 10,000 applicants and we want to continue our support. All you need to do is to complete one of the application forms on our website (<https://www.catenianbursary.com/>). Look out for us at Flame 19 and make a difference in the world!

### Pilgrimage To The Holy Land 15th-22nd May 2019

Due to a cancellation there are **2 places available in a twin or double room**. Cost: £1360pp. Deposit: £250 pp. Flights from Heathrow. Led by Frs John & Michael. Contact St James: [stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or phone 01189 574171. As Soon As Possible.

### Primary Catholic Partnership – Teacher Training Information Events

Would you like to train as a primary teacher with an Ofsted Outstanding Catholic partnership?

Come along to find out more on **Monday 4th March 2019**. You can attend an afternoon taster session from 12:00-14:00 or an evening information session 17:00-19:00.

You will be taught by practising teachers and leaders in a high quality training centre with family-friendly hours. If you have an honours degree and you're keen to teach primary children, we would like to meet you. You can learn more by calling 023 8077 9753 or at [www.pcp-scitt.org.uk](http://www.pcp-scitt.org.uk).

### CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

CAFOD Lent family fast day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March can you eat a simple meal so that others can simply eat? Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth so please collect your fast day envelope from church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day>.

## Other Events

### World Day of Prayer 2019 - Friday 1st March

The service has been compiled by the women of Slovenia and is themed 'Come, Everything is Ready'.

**1.30pm** at the Abbey United Reform Church, Romsey. Tea and refreshments afterwards;

**1.45pm** at St Martin in the Woods Church, Queens Road, Chandlers Ford. Tea and refreshments afterwards;

**2pm** at St Barnabas Church, Swanmore, SO32 2PA. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments are served after the service.

# Mass Times for our Six Church Communities & Parish Contact Information

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	
<b>Sat 23rd</b>	9.30am	HC	Alan Duffy (Special Intention: Thanksgiving for the life of Alan)	
	5.00pm*	SSW		
	6.00pm*	St J	Winifred Harris RIP	
	6.00pm*	OLQA		
<b>*Vigil Masses</b>	6.30pm*	St Ed	Mick Whitty RIP	
	<b>Sun 24th</b>	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Fawzia Al-Khoury RIP	
	9.00am	St A		
<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.30am	OLQA		
	11.00am	St J		
	11.00am	HC	Marian McDonnell RIP	
	<b>Mon 25th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Anthony De Melo RIP Anniversary
<b>Tues 26th</b>	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP	
	10.00am	St A	Ann Bird (Intentions)	
	10.00am	OLQA		
<b>Wed 27th</b>	9.30am	HC	Rose Howarth RIP	
	10.00am	St Ed	George Mawdsley (Birthday)	
<b>Thurs 28th</b>	9.30am	HC	Friends of Suffering Souls RIP	
	10.00am	OLQA		
	6.00pm	St J		
<b>Fri 1st March</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small RIP	
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b><u>Funeral Mass: Riccardo Santovito RIP</u></b>	
	10.00am	St J: AH		
<b>Sat 2nd</b>	9.30am	HC	Regina Turl (Special Intention)	
	5.00pm*	SSW	Andrew Bates RIP (Birthday)	
	6.00pm*	St J		
	6.00pm*	OLQA		
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Baker Family RIP	
<b>Sun 3rd</b>	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>	
	9.00am	St Ed	Kelly & Magee Families FM	
	9.00am	St A		
	9.30am	OLQA		
	11.00am	St J		
	11.00am	HC	Patrick Lee (84th Birthday)	

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Tuesday:** HC - **No Adoration in March**  
**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

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 St Anne's Catholic School 023 80328200;  
 Charlton House 023 8067 7575;  
 St Mary's Independent School 023 8067 1267.