



*Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ*

26th JANUARY 2020: **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Candlemas - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

*A light for revelation to the gentiles  
and the glory of your people Israel.*

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, kept on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, only falls occasionally on a Sunday. This year, however, it will fall next Sunday. Coming forty days after Christmas, this feast has had various names: Candlemas, The Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is one of the great feasts of the Church's liturgical Year.

The Candlemas Mass begins with a procession where we carry lighted candles. We remember the coming of the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem in the arms of his Mother. We will hear the prophecy of Simeon that this child is to be the light of nations. We will mark the joy of the old Covenant, represented by Simeon and Anna, as it encounters the new Covenant embodied in the child Jesus.

*Sion, adorn your bridal chamber  
and welcome Christ the King.  
Embrace Mary, the gate of heaven,  
for she carries the new Light,  
the King of Glory.*

Like Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anna, we go to the Lord's House, rejoicing. Simeon and Anna are inspired by the Holy Spirit. Simeon sings:

*Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared before the face of all people.*

In his Temple, Christ the Lamb is revealed in the mystery of his sacrifice. We reflect that as we enter our temple to offer that same sacrifice as our holy Mass.

Older tradition was that Christmas does not end on Twelfth Night, but lasted until Candlemas. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord marks the true end of the Christmas Season, because the prophecies uttered on this day over the child Jesus point to the fullness of the Christian mystery, the dying, rising and glory of Jesus, the Christ. Candlemas tells us that, lovely though the celebration of Christmas is, it is only the prelude to something greater: Lent, Holy Week and the paschal Triduum. The following Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, will be the third Sunday before Lent, Septuagesima Sunday, that is, seventy days or so to go before the Lord's Passion.

*Canon Alan*

## GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is the story of Sister Catherine Holum, a former speed skating Olympian turned Franciscan sister - you can find the link on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com).

Newsletter items should be received into the Parish Office by **Wednesday 9:30am**

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 26th January 2020:**

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

**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:** THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY HELP.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY 2020:**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Malachi 3:1-4 - **Psalm:**23 - **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Hebrews 2:14-18 - **Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

## 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, we start with tea and biscuits, and everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

### Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

Preparation will be on Wednesday evenings fortnightly at **St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford at 7.30pm.** 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](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).  
Upcoming dates: **5th Feb, 19th Feb**

### Journey in Faith with the Bible

Wednesday evenings fortnightly between **7.30pm and 9pm at St Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford.** All Welcome.

Upcoming dates: **29th Jan, 12th Feb, 26th Feb**  
See poster on Church Noticeboards or contact Anne Owen on 02380 254806 for more information.

**Candlelight Prayer - Wednesday 29th January**  
**7.30pm at St. Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak,** hosted by the Fellowship Group. Evening of prayer, readings, meditation and hymns around the tabernacle. Everyone is very welcome and refreshments are served at the end of the evening. Queries to Deacon Bob and Marion Birtles.

### School of Community

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

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

There will be a Scripture Reading and Social Morning at the home of Helen Matteucci, 21 Velmore Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 3HD on **Thursday 30th January, at 10am.** All welcome.

## CHANGES TO MASS & PARISH OFFICE OPENING



There is **no Mass at OLOA on Tuesday 28th January.**

### Parish Office

Please note that the Office will open from 10.15am instead of 9.30am on Friday 6th & 27th March - we apologise for any inconvenience.

### CaFE: The Year of the Bible!

CaFE invites you to join us exploring 12 Bible themes beginning:

**Mon 27th January, 2.30pm in Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water);**

**Tues 28th January, 7.30pm in St Andrew's Social Centre.**

Contact [sheila.keefe20@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.keefe20@gmail.com).

**TOZ (for young people from school year 10) meet twice a month on Sunday. Next Meeting Date: 26th January, from 7pm to 8.30pm (Topic).**

Contact: [toz.sswp@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Afternoon Club - St. Joseph's Parish Centre (26 Abbey Water),** first Tuesday in the month. Come and join us for tea, delicious scones/cakes, games and good fun. **Next Meeting: 2pm on 4th Feb.**

## OFFERINGS & SECOND COLLECTIONS



### St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC;  
SO/DD for December '19: £12,672.09

### Second Collection

**This weekend (25th/26th January)** 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.

## PARISH EVENTS



**Get 2Gether Family Afternoon - Sunday 2nd February, 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... During that afternoon we will have some music and games for all the families, and a short discussion with the parents about some topics of family life like education of the children, prayer in family and so on. 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 will finish with some refreshments.

**Good Companions** - Feeling lonely? Why not come and join us for a delicious lunch and good company at **Keats Restaurant, Ampfield, meet at 12noon for 12.30pm start on Wed 5th February.** Enquiries to Pauline on 023 80266617 or Susie on 023 80263436.

**Praise In The Parish!** - St Augustine said "to sing is to pray twice", so on **Friday 7th February, 7.30pm at OLOA, Bishops Waltham** give thanks and praise to the Lord through music. Sing it out loud (or very quietly if you prefer). Open to everyone and just come as you are. (Joanna on 07437 440299/ joannapuzzle@gmail.com)

### Formation for All Volunteers of the Parish

Following on from the 'Vision of the Parish' we are continuing with our Formation for volunteers. We next meet on **Friday 14th February, 8pm at St Edward's.**

### Call My Bluff - Tues 18th Feb in Romsey Parish Centre, starting at 2pm and finished by 4pm.

Come and learn not only new English words but also what convincing liars some of your fellow parishioners can be. Numbers will be restricted by space available so we will collect names at the beginning of Feb. No charge and a free cup of tea/coffee.

## SCHOOL NOTICES



### Family Race Night

St Swithun Wells PTA is holding a family race night on **Friday 7th February.**

Doors open at 6.30pm with first race at 7.15pm.

Tickets must be purchased in advanced:

Adults £2, Children £1. Bets will be 50p.

Food (chilli or pasta) and licensed bar available to buy on the night. For tickets please contact Susanna.rayner@yahoo.com / 07793821853.

## MESSAGES



### Recommended Reading

The two new suggested books for parishioners are:

**A Song for Nagasaki: The Story of Takashi Nagai** by Fr. Paul Glynn (£12);

**I'm Not Scared** by Niccolò Ammaniti (£8).

It will be possible to buy the books after weekend Mass.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (19th-26th Jan)

Churches Together in Chandlers Ford are holding their Unity Service on **Sun 26th Jan, 4pm at St Martin in the Wood Church.** All are welcome to attend.

**Thank you** to everyone for your Christmas greetings, prayers, cards and thoughts expressed in so many different ways. We are also very grateful for your generosity shown through the Christmas Offerings which we do appreciate.

**Fathers Raffaele, Luca, Marco & Alan.**

**CAFOD Update Meeting - Sat 15th Feb at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX from 10:15am to 12:15pm.**

At the meeting Lizzie Funnell Programme Officer for the Middle East will give a talk on CAFOD's work there, and I will give an update on how your generous donations are making a difference to people's lives. Everyone is welcome so please let me know if you are coming by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385.

Jo Lewry CPC CAFOD Portsmouth

### 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](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews) to sign up. The Diocese also has a new website, please take a look!

### Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**15th to 19th July 2020**, flying by charter aircraft to Lourdes (Tarbes) from Bournemouth airport; the cost of the pilgrimage is **£695 per person** for a shared room. Staying at the hotel La Solitude where all meals are included. As last year, the pilgrimage will be supported by the 'Youth of the Diocese' those aged 14-35 who volunteer to support the pilgrimage by helping with music, the liturgy, companionship for our pilgrims, and physically supporting those in need by pushing wheelchairs etc. The cost for a youth pilgrim is £545 again for a room shared with probably 3 others. Please see posters on church noticeboards for more info. A video inviting people to join Bishop Philip on the pilgrimage can be found at <https://vimeo.com/367708674>.

### Street Pastors - Volunteers Needed for Eastleigh & Fair Oak.

Could you spare one Friday night a month to listen, care and help make our community a kinder and more caring place to live in? Please see the volunteer appeal notice on the Holy Cross & St Swithun Wells Church noticeboards. It details the training programme and gives Spring & Autumn training dates. Enquiries to Eric Hyom at [erichyom@hotmail.com](mailto:erichyom@hotmail.com) or tel 07736 967921.

# MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 25th <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>  *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Peter Lucas RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	Harry Long & Joan Long RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	William & Josephine Longworth RIP
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Maura McAuliffe (Birthday)
Sun 26th Jan  Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Mick & Marie Whitty RIP
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Eric Norman RIP
	11.00am	HC	Maria Smyth FM
Mon 27th	10.00am	St Ed	Holy Souls - Deceased Members of FOSS RIP
Tues 28th <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.30am	HC	Sylvester McMahon FM
	10.00am	St A	Rosie RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed 29th	9.30am	HC	Ellen Lane (Special Intention)
	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Thurs 30th	9.30am	HC	Mary McMahon FM
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 31st <i>St John Bosco</i>	10.00am	St Ed	Marjorie Harris & Benji Roberts FM
	10.00am	St J:AH	Sr Margaret Young (Well being)
	10.00am	OLQA	
Sat 1st Feb  *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	The Armstrong Family (Special Int)
	5.00pm*	SSW	Sr Kathleen Breen (Special Int)
	6.00pm*	St J	Fr Dominic & Mario (for missionary work)
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	
Sun 2nd Feb  The Presentation of the Lord	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
	9.00am	St A	Calvin Nel RIP Anniversary
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Deceased Montfortian Fathers
	11.00am	HC	Alma Mary Mead RIP

<b>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	
Tues: HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)	
Thurs: St Ed - Holy Hour 7-8pm	
Thurs: St J - 4-6pm, Rosary & Benediction at 5.30pm	
<b>ROSARY AND PRAYERS</b>	
St Edward's	9.30am, Wednesday - The Holy Rosary
St Joseph's	6.00pm, Wednesday - Evening Prayer
<b>CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)</b>	
<b>Saturdays:</b>	10.00am Holy Cross
	5.30pm OLQA
	5.30pm St Joseph's
<b>Sundays:</b>	8.30am St Edward's
	8.30am St Andrew's
<b>TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET</b>	
Tues: Fr Raffaele, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.	
Weds: Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.	
Fridays: Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey.	
Saturdays: Fr Marco, 10am-Midday, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey.	

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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 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