

Our Mission: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - MAKE DISCIPLES



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Sunday Cycle: Year B
Weekday Cycle: Year 2
Psalter Week: 1

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we near the end of the Church's year, the liturgy encourages us to think about the four last things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. Never a pleasant subject to reflect on. November, of course, is also the month of the Holy Souls when we remember and pray for those who have passed away and for those who gave their lives in war.

This year, the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War, is a particularly poignant time to remember and pray for the millions slaughtered in what was supposed to be the war to end all wars. And it was fitting that our remembrance of the centenary of the Armistice – at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 should fall last Sunday when we gathered to celebrate Mass.

Our remembrance of those that have gone before us always brings with it feelings of sorrow and loss. But we can take some reassurance and hope in the thought that our deceased sisters and brothers have gone to a better place with our Lord in Heaven. And it is that promise of future glory which should help us in living our faith lives in this world today with all its daily temptations, pressures and stresses.

More than anything, it should be an encouragement for us to continue to be faithful. To be more aware that it is our Christian faith that gives meaning to our lives. A meaning that offers us an answer to the sufferings and difficulty of living in this world and reminds us that our ultimate goal is to be with God in eternal life.

So it is perhaps surprising that since 2011, the average numbers attending Mass in the six churches across our parish has gone down from 1330 in 2011 to 920 today. A sign, perhaps that the temptations and distractions of the material world are drawing people away from the need to stay close to God. We know that in our increasingly selfish and secular society professing our Christian faith can be challenging when most of the people around us often regard us as being strange because we profess a belief. If we are not careful, we can be led to think we do not need the regular practice of our faith.

It is so important that we continue to develop our relationship with the Lord through prayer and reflecting on his Word. On maintaining the regular practice of attendance at Mass and in coming to understand better the great love that God has for us. To live our lives in this world loving God and in sharing the peace of Christ with our neighbours. And to help in encouraging those around us to be faithful as well as being more willing to share what we believe with those we come into contact with, hard though that might be.

Saying this prayer, specially written for Remembrance services, might help us:

Lord strengthen our hearts, hands and minds, to work together for peace; to see you in one another, and to seek your kingdom above all things; that your will may be seen to be done, and your Kingdom come, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings.

Amen

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Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Psalm Response: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Parish Groups

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays between 10.15-11.30am (after Mass) in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. We grow in faith by sharing in several different ways. Often by viewing DVD's on various topics the group select, with scripture and prayer, and occasional guest speakers. For more information please email Deacon Paul Wilson on pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or ring June Wilson on 02380 616618, or Lynette Washford on 02380 618542. Upcoming topics: St Edmund of Abingdon, The Rich man, The 4 Magi.

Journey in Faith - Every Wednesday at St Edward's

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 21st November, 7.30pm

St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. In the second part of Eucharistic Prayer 1 we pray for the Holy Apostles and Martyrs including Ignatius, Alexander, Peter, Felicity etc. Join us to explore who they were and what they did. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are served at the end of the meeting. Any queries contact 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. We will be running age specific activities using different rooms at Holy Cross Resource Centre 7pm-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: 18th Nov; 9th Dec; 13th Jan; 10th Feb; 17th Mar.

Fryern Prayer Group - Mon 19th November, 2-3pm

At the home of Sheila and Pauline O Neill, 19 Carthage Close, Chandlers Ford. The theme will be Advent. Everyone is welcome.

Children's Liturgy - Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Dates for the rest of this term: Sundays 25th Nov, 9th Dec & 23rd Dec. These sessions take place during 9.30am Mass and all are welcome. **Joanna Somerville** (joannasomerville1@hotmail.com)

60 Club - Monday 19th November, 2pm, Holy Cross

Resource Centre. You don't have to let us know before hand, just turn up. Maureen (80 692682).

Readings for next Sunday 25th November 2018 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Gospel: John 18:33-37

1st reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm: 92

2nd reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

November Parish Events

Reflections for Advent - Friday 23rd Nov, 10am

At the home of Richard and Irene James, 10 Lancelot Close, Knightwood Park. Everyone welcome.

Remembrance of Parishioners (from Holy Cross, St. Swithun Wells & St Edward's) who have died in the past year:

The Remembrance will take place during weekend Masses at Holy Cross, St Swithun Wells & St Edwards on **24th & 25th November**.

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

in aid of the Open Gate Stroke Club will be held at 11am on **Friday 30th November** in Romsey Parish Centre, 26 Abbey Water. Same time, same place, there will be bottle and cake stalls and refreshments. The money from these will go to our Parish Youth Group. Donations of bottles & cakes most gratefully accepted. Do come along and see what you can win.

December Parish Events

Parish Altar Servers Day - Saturday 1st December

10am to 3:30pm, OLQA. All altar servers from all of our churches are invited to spend the day together: games, chatting, lunch and songs. If you haven't received your invitation or would like more info please email: altarservers.sswp@gmail.com.

Essential Baptism Preparation Session

If you wish to have your child baptised, please contact the Parish Office for an application form, and return the completed form to the Office. Then we look forward to welcoming parents for an essential Preparation Session on **Sunday 9th December 2018 (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.

Good Companions Christmas Lunch

Our next lunch is on **Tues 4th December** at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield. Meet from 12 Noon for 12.30pm start. If you live alone or are lonely do join us for scrumptious food and good company. Please ring Pauline (023 80266617) or Susie (023 80263436). Lifts can be arranged if necessary.

Romsey & North Baddesley Christmas Lunch

Hunters Inn, Romsey, **Tuesday 11th December** at 12.30pm. Menus are on the notice boards.

All are welcome.

Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Sunday 2nd December as we have to pre-order. £10 non-refundable deposit required for each person.

December Parish Events Continued

Cinema at Holy Cross - Saturday 1st December

Film: The Blind Side (Cert 12). Doors open from 6.45pm, film starts at 7.00pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For more info see poster on noticeboards or leaflets in welcome areas.



Parish Christmas Party Sunday 16th December

Venue: St Swithun Wells School, Chandlers Ford.

Time: 1-4pm

Cost: £3 per ticket, children 5 years and under are free.

We would like to get together, as a Parish, for Christmas lunch, followed by a quiz and music. Everyone is welcome, but limited space means we have to restrict numbers. Tickets will be on sale from next weekend 17th/18th November at each Mass (tickets will be allocated to each church according to the Mass counts). The last opportunity to purchase tickets will be 1st & 2nd December.

A vegetarian and gluten-free option will be provided - if you require this please advise the person you are buying the ticket from.

All you need to do is bring your own drink.

Allergies - we cannot guarantee that the food will be free of allergens.



School Notices

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School Christmas Fayre - Sunday 9th December

12.30pm until 3pm. Come along and enjoy an afternoon full of fun for all the family with Santa's grotto, hot food & refreshments, games, tombola's, trading stalls and our Grand Draw. Look out for our raffle tickets which will be on sale soon.

St Mary's Independent School, Year R Open Week

St. Mary's is holding an open week for children who are planning on starting Year R in September 2019. Tours start at 9:30am every morning between **Monday 19th - 23rd November**.

To book a tour please email: prep@stmiss.co.uk.

"Teaching in the early years is among the strongest in the school. Children flourish in their development and settle down to well-established routines from an early age." Ofsted 2018

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.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections: £1,183.30; SO/SD for Oct '18: £13,732.59

Messages & Outreach

Once again thank you so much Holy Cross for your support at the Remembrance Service for doing the drinks and helping to distribute the literature. I have not seen so many people at this service in recent years. A good example of Churches working Together! **Chris Harvey (Churches Together, Eastleigh)**

Angela Fairweather would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes, get well cards and those who visited her in Winchester, she hopes to be home soon.

OLQA - Salvation Army: Please return your Salvation Army clothes bags to the Church by the weekend of 24th & 25th November. Thank you.

Christmas Appeal for the Men of Elderfield 2018

Once again we are making up Christmas gift parcels for the men of Elderfield, some of whom have never experienced a 'family' Christmas. They look forward to their gifts and greetings from our community. We hope that you will continue to support us generously this year. Money donations are preferable, enabling us to plan our selection of gifts. Enquiries/donations please to Moira Moriarty 023 8026 5541.

Red Mission Boxes (APF/Missio)

Many parishioners are kind enough to support the foreign missions by having a 'red box' in their home to collect coins. As main co-ordinator for Holy Cross and St Swithun Wells churches I, and other volunteers, try to arrange for all boxes to be emptied, and counted during the calendar year. If you have not yet been contacted during 2018, and would like to have your box emptied, please contact me on 023 8069 3032, and I will arrange collection. Some parishioners prefer to make a cheque offering (cheques payable to APF) which can be left in the parish office marked for my attention. During 2017 over £1000 was collected. Thanks once again for your generosity and may God go with you.

Chris Shehan (chrisshehan@btinternet.com)

CAFOD Christmas Cards on Sale - OLQA

After Sunday Masses from **18th November** onwards. Advent calendars will also be available during November.

CAFOD World Gifts – the true spirit of Christmas

Giving: Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available at church or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

Other Events

See posters on noticeboards boards for more info:

Christmas at Sea - Hearing and Doing the Word of God (Joint Event with CARITAS) - Sat 24th Nov

Thanksgiving Mass for the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero - Sat 24th November

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 17th Nov Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	John Spittle RIP Joe Conlon (Get Well)	Thurs 22nd	9.30am	HC	Most Abandoned Holy Souls RIP
	6.00pm	St J			10.00am	OLQA	
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	6.30pm	St Ed					
Sun 18th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 23rd	10.00am	St Ed	Patrick Burke FM
	9.00am	St Ed	Constance Brixey FM		10.00am	St J (AH)	Monica Carasco RIP (Anniversary)
	9.00am	St A	Denis Keefe RIP				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J					
	11.00am	HC	Pat Daniels (For Well Being & Recovery)				
Mon 19th	10.00am	St Ed	Peggy Rice RIP	Sat 24th	9.30am	HC	James Thorpe (Birthday)
Tues 20th	9.30am	HC	Gilian Kilinsky RIP	Sat 24th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Thanksgiving
	10.00am	St A	Edward Rayment RIP (Anniversary)		6.00pm	St J	
	10.00am	OLQA			6.00pm	OLQA	
			6.30pm		St Ed		
Wed 21st	9.30am	HC	Phyllis & Emmanuel Altman RIP	Sun 25th Nov Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St Ed	Betty Waite RIP		9.00am	St Ed	Jeanette Butcher RIP
			9.00am		St A		
			9.30am		OLQA		
			11.00am		St J		
			11.00am		HC	Iris Cassar RIP	

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
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 9.30am Wednesday The Holy Rosary
St Joseph 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

St Ed St Edward's, 191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU
 OLQA Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham, SO32 1DN
 HC Holy Cross, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF
 St Sw St Swithun Wells, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB
St A St Andrew's, Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley SO52 9EP
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