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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

To prepare for the visit of Bishop Philip to our Parish we report an extract of his recent article on Diocesan Renewal for the Catholic Herald.

«Over the years, I have worked in several dioceses and contexts. I've often heard brother priests say things like: "We don't know where we're going. We need vision, a plan. Are we here just to maintain a dying structure?" The Church is Christ's Body. It belongs to Him. His Holy Spirit leads us. Yet in His name, the bishop as shepherd has to set the priorities. For a diocese to flourish, the bishop has a responsibility, through prayer and consultation, to establish the direction of travel. As Fr Illo says, "flourish" here does not mean success, but fruitfulness. For a diocese to be transformed into an evangelising one, the bishop, clergy and faithful all need to become holy missionary disciples who joyfully place everything at the Lord's service.

Since becoming Bishop of Portsmouth in 2012, I have sought to rally everyone to the new evangelisation. Last year I summed up what this means in a vision statement, "Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ, through His Church", about where I believe God wants to take us and where to direct our energies and resources.

A diocese has many moving parts. We have 95 parishes, 110 priests and 76 schools. Three million people live within our area, of whom 235,000 (circa 7 per cent) are Catholics. Some 34,000 of them attend Mass (13 per cent). In the last 25 years, Anglo-Irish parishioners have given way to Filipinos, Keralans, Nigerians and Poles.

(...)In the vision statement, I say that every member of the Church must grow in holiness. This is the key. We need to broaden the tent, to welcome all. I outline four priorities: proclaiming the Gospel to those around us religiously adrift; converting Catholics, with outreach to the non-practising; total dependence on prayer under the Holy Spirit; and becoming outward-looking servants. There are three specific areas to focus on: youth, vocations and prioritising resources. Currently, all our diocesan agencies are drawing up five-year plans to put this vision into place, each in their own way.

Since 2014, Sherry Weddell, author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*, has been working closely with us. Her *Called and Gifted* programme has been run in many of our parishes. It helps individuals identify the charisms that God has given them for mission and service. As a result, more volunteers are coming forward, and more vocations.

In June 2017, Fr James Mallon, author of *Divine Renovation*, led a convocation of all our clergy. He inspired a new excitement about evangelisation among the priests, with an emphasis on kerygmatic preaching (proclaiming the core teachings of the Gospel). Several parishes have subsequently established leadership teams and adopted new approaches to the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). To overcome parochialism, Evangelisation Strategy Teams are superseding pastoral councils.

A third inspiration has been Curtis Martin, founder of FOCUS and author of *Making Missionary Disciples*. In Southampton, we have four FOCUS missionaries working among university students, with impressive results. In January, I took the Bishop's Council and other senior leaders to Seek2019, a five-day event for college students hosted by FOCUS in Indianapolis. Martin's philosophy of "Win-Build-Send" speaks directly to our restructured diocesan curia with its three vicariates of vocation, formation and evangelisation. It's the same three essential tasks of the Church that Fr Illo takes from St Prosper of Aquitaine and Benedict XVI.

Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church is our Christian vocation. It is about ourselves being evangelised as much as evangelising others. The task is urgent, since many today are living – and dying – without a personal relationship with God. They need missionaries who are humble, holy and orthodox, creative and full of courage.»

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31st March 2019:

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Psalm Response:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Readings for next Sunday 7th April 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Gospel: John 8:1-11

1st reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalm: 125

2nd reading: Philippians 3: 8-14

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.** The next talk is on Divine Mercy.

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;

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Fellowship Group - St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, Wednesday 3rd April

Lenten Supper 7pm - Homemade soups and Bread and cheese followed at 7.45pm by Lenten Study Course "The Mystery of God". Everyone most welcome.

Week 4 - "The Mystery of Relationship and Reconciliation."

Queries to Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

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: 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: 31st March & 28th April.

Oasis Women's Group - Tuesday 2nd April

A Taste of the Philippines at Easter: A demonstration of Filipino cooking by Mr and Mrs Franco. They will also be telling us about Easter celebrations and customs in the Philippines. Please bring a small contribution towards costs (suggested £2). 7:30pm, St Edward's Cloister, finish at 9 pm. **All ladies warmly welcomed.** Future Dates: 14th May, 11th Jun, 9th Jul.

60 Club - Will next meet on **Monday 8th April** at 2pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.

Maureen (tel: 80692682).

St Edward's Prayer Group - Valley Park

There will be a Scripture Reading and Social Morning at the home of Irene James, 10 Sir Lancelot Close, Chandlers Ford, SO53 4HJ on **Thurs 4th April** at 10am. **All are welcome.**

Offerings & Collections

Second Collection

There is a second collection this weekend (30th/31st March) for the Clergy Assistance Fund.

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £1,511.30

SO/DD for Feb'19: £12,530.59

Parish Events

Programme for the Bishop's Visitation

Saturday 6th April

4-4.30pm: The Bishop meets Inspire Group (children from school year 4 to 8) in St Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford;

5.30pm: Confessions at St Joseph's, Romsey;

6.00pm: Mass at St Joseph's, Romsey.

Sunday 7th April

9.00am: Mass at St Edward's, Chandlers Ford;

11.00am: Mass at Holy Cross, Eastleigh;

3.30-4.15pm: The Bishop meets TOZ Group and young people from 13 up to 25 years old in the Resource Centre, Eastleigh;

4.30-5.30pm: Eucharistic Adoration for all the parishioners in Holy Cross, Eastleigh.

During the three Masses in the programme the Bishop will celebrate and deliver the homily.

There will be no children's liturgy during those Masses.

Unfortunately the Bishop will not be able to visit all of our 6 churches during his time with us, so we would like to invite all parishioners to come and see him during one of the opportunities as listed above.

Stations of the Cross are being said during Lent at:

St Andrew's: Tuesdays at 9.15am (except during Holy Week);

St Swithun Wells: Tuesdays at 10am; followed by tea/coffee;

OLQA: Wednesdays at 7pm;

Holy Cross: Thursdays at 9am;

St Joseph's: Fridays at 9.15am (excluding Good Friday);

St Edward's: Fridays at 6.30pm (excluding Good Friday).

St Edward's - Friday Mass Time Change & CAFOD

Lenten Supper: Please note that during Fridays in Lent, St Edward's Mass **will be at 7pm and not 10am.**

Mass will be preceded by Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm and followed by the usual soup and bread and cheese suppers (at £5 a head). All proceeds to CAFOD.

Parish Events Continued

Lent Teaching Evenings at OLQA (7.30pm start)

Tuesday 2nd April: The Sacrament of Penance (repeated from Advent 2018) Part 2.

Cinema at Holy Cross - 14th April

The next film showing at Holy Cross Resource Centre will be **Gran Torino** (Cert. 15) on **Palm Sunday, 14th April**, at 7:00pm. Even if it sounds unbelievable this film's topic will help us to begin the Holy Week better. See posters on church notice boards for more info.

Father Wojciech's Celebration - Sunday 2nd June

Please remember to return your reply slips - closing dates for replies will be the weekend of April 13th & 14th.

School Notices

Message from St Swithun Wells Primary School

Outstanding judgement for our Parish Primary School - St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School has recently been awarded the highest grade of "outstanding" for their recent RE Inspection. The Inspectors commented that "Pupils are outstanding ambassadors for the school and speak about their school with pride. One commented, 'Our school is all one family of Christ which is joyful and happy!'" Their outstanding behaviour and attitudes are underpinned by their knowledge and living out of the school's mission statement. The outstanding spiritual life of the school is very much at its heart. Pupils are provided with a wide range of spiritual opportunities which they value and embrace with enthusiasm. Older pupils are excellent role models to the younger children." Congratulations and well done to the children, staff, governors and parents.

Stations of the Cross - Thursday 4th April

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School would like to invite parishioners to join us for a special liturgy of the Stations of the Cross led by children from years 3 and 4 on Thursday 4th April, 7pm at St Edward's.

Messages

Mothering Sunday

This Sunday is Mothering Sunday – we wish all mothers a very happy day! In medieval England, today was a holiday from work when people went home to the mother church in which they were baptised. As families gathered, they gave gifts to their mothers, hence Mothering Sunday, a day we pray for our mothers too. Please remember to say a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary this Sunday for your mother and grandmother.

Knights of St Columba (Celebrating 100 yrs in UK)

A celebratory Mass is arranged at Westminster Cathedral for **Saturday 6th July**. A coach will take Knights and friends to the Mass, and we currently have about 10 spare seats which we offer free to any parishioners. Departs C/Ford at 10:30am and leaves London at 6pm. The Mass is at 2pm. Please contact: Anthony Bradley on 023 8026 6818.

Messages Continued

British Summer Time

Please remember the clocks go forward 1 hour this weekend (31st March).

Prayer Link:

The new Spring 2019 edition is available in all of our churches this weekend. **Marion** (02380 692416) marionbirtles@gmail.com

Spring Cleaning at St Edward's: Friday 5th April

from 9.30am. Volunteers needed. Please just turn up and help.

Upcoming Marriage at St Edward's

The marriage of Holly Elizabeth Willmott to Paul Roger Goodenough will be taking place on **Saturday 13th April at 12:30 pm**. Friends and parishioners are very welcome to join us at St Edward's on this happy occasion.

Planned Giving Weekly Envelope Boxes

The last envelope in current boxes is dated 31st March. So for Easter and the next 12 months, users of Planned Giving envelopes need a new box of envelopes. These will be available during March in our Churches. Look out for your local organiser at weekend Masses and collect yours. If you want to stop or start using Planned Giving envelopes, please contact your organiser: Pat Baggott (023 8069 4060) for Holy Cross, and St Swithun Wells; The Parish Office (023 8027 3882) for OLQA; Ian Fearon (023 8026 5248) & Mike Greenslade (023 8026 2870) for St Edward's; David Martin (01794 511883) for St Andrew's and St Joseph's.

CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal

You will have seen on the news that Cyclone Idai has killed hundreds of people and affected an estimated 2.6 million people. CAFOD are already working around the clock in the most affected areas. We have also joined with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to launch an appeal. To provide hope to those most affected please donate online at Cafod.org.uk/cycloneidai or call on 0808 585 8885. If you have already given to our Lent appeal and are unable to donate to this emergency, please know that we truly appreciate your support. Please keep our partners and affected communities in your prayers. Thank you.

Elizabeth Bevan

Sadly Elizabeth Bevan died earlier this week, she was known to many parishioners at St Edward's. Details of her funeral will be posted after Easter.

Fryern Funtasia on Fryern Rec in Chandlers Ford will be on the **Bank Holiday Monday (May 6th)** from 12-4.30pm. The Ecumenical stall will be running as usual, mainly children's craft activities, and anyone able to assist for an hour or so would be very welcome, details from Paul Carmody, carmody16@btinternet.com.

Other Events

Passover Meal - Wisdom Centre in Romsey

The Wisdom Centre is hosting a traditional Passover meal, on Holy Thursday 19th April, 11am-1pm. Tickets £10, please book by Friday 13th April, tel: 01794 830206.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities & Parish Contact Information

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 30th *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	Kathleen & Lesley Hammerton RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	Colin & Roz Pritchard (50th Wedding Anniversary)
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Pat Prior (Sick)
Sun 31st Fourth Sunday of Lent	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Umberto Pugi RIP (1st Anniversary of death)
	9.00am	St A	Hesla Rayment RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Joseph Paulo RIP (15th Anniversary of Death)
	11.00am	HC	Ludwick Kolacz RIP & Deceased members of the Killick Family
Mon 1st	10.00am	St Ed	Julia Jackson FM
Tues 2nd	9.30am	HC	Mary Webber FM
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	Joan Chartres RIP
	1.00pm	OLQA	Funeral Service: Joan Chartres RIP
Wed 3rd	9.30am	HC	Edel Tarrant
	10.00am	St Ed	Anthony O'Connell RIP
Thurs 4th	9.30am	HC	Thomas Kelly RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 5th	10.00am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J: AH	
	7.00pm	St Ed	Keith Small RIP
Sat 6th *Vigil Masses	9.30am	HC	Maximilian & Joanna Karnecki RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	Tom & Mary Haren RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Rose Murray RIP (1st Anniversary of death)
Sun 7th Fifth Sunday of Lent	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	John Browne (Sick)
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	Bill Reynolds FM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)
Thursday: St ED **There is no Holy Hour on 4th April**
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

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St J **St Joseph's Church**, Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB

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