



Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

4th August 2019: **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The Gospel passage for today's Liturgy proposes two brothers who argue over their inheritance. This is a circumstance that we experience even today: let's consider how many families we know who have argued, who argue, who do not greet each other, who hate each other over an inheritance. It happens that what is most important is not love of family, love of children, of brothers and sisters, of parents, no: it's money. This destroys. Everyone knows at least one family torn apart like this.

Avarice, however, is also at the root of wars: yes, there is an ideal, but behind it is money: the money of arms dealers, the money of those who profit from war. Again, Jesus is clear: "Take heed, and beware of all avarice: it is dangerous".

The Gospel traces the profile of a good and successful entrepreneur. His company was given a plentiful harvest, he always had many possessions. But rather than thinking of sharing with his workers and their families, he contemplated how to store them. He sought "always more". The thirst of attachment to possessions never ends. If your heart is attached to possessions — when you have many — you want more. And this is the god of a person attached to possessions. For this reason Jesus says to take heed and beware of all avarice.

Someone might ask: "Father, how is it done? What is the sign that I am not in this sin of avarice, of being attached to possessions?". The answer is simple, and it too is found in the Bible: "give alms". However, that's not enough. Indeed, if I give to those who are in need it is good, but I must also ask myself: "How much do I give? My leftovers?". In this case, it is not good. I have to realize whether in giving I deprive myself of something that might be necessary for me. In that case my gesture signifies that love for God is greater than my attachment to wealth.

Therefore, first question: "Do I give?"; second: "How much do I give?"; third: "How do I give?". In other words: do I give like Jesus, by giving with a loving caress, or like one who is paying a tax? When you help people, do you look them in the eyes? Do you touch their hand? We must not forget that before us is the flesh of Christ, it's your brother, your sister. And in that moment you are like the Father who never leaves the birds of the sky without food.

Let us ask the Lord for the grace to be free of this idolatry, the attachment to possessions; let us ask him for the grace to look to him, so rich in his love and so rich in his generosity, in his mercy; and also for the grace to help others by giving alms, but as he does.

Pope Francis

GEM OF THE WEEK



Seizing the opportunity of the canonisation of John Henry Newman, we invite you to watch a video about his life and legacy by John Davies.
You can find it on our homepage.

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday Cycle: Year C - Weekday Cycle: Year 1 - Psalter Week: 2

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O GOD, COME TO MY ASSISTANCE; O LORD, MAKE HASTE TO HELP ME! YOU ARE MY RESCUER, MY HELP; O LORD, DO NOT DELAY.

PSALM RESPONSE: O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE! 'HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.'

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 11TH AUGUST 2019:

1st reading: Wisdom 18:6-9 - Psalm: 32 - 2nd reading: Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19 - Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

PARISH GROUPS



Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

Gift is now on a Summer Break: However those at Mass on Tuesday, can still meet afterwards in the Resource Centre for tea / coffee and a chat. All are welcome. The new program will recommence on Tuesday 10th September.

School of Community

The weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation. We are now on our Summer break, resuming in early September.

Fellowship Group - Will next meet in September

Queries to Peter Baggott and Deacon Bob Birtles.

Journey in Faith - St Edward's

We are now on our Summer Break resuming late September/early October, date to be confirmed.

It is for anyone enquiring about the Catholic faith and for people intending to become a Catholic.

For more information please contact:

Deacon Paul Owen on tel: 02380 254806; email:

powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

OLOA - Children's Liturgy (Sundays during 9.30am Mass)

Dates for the next few months: 4th & 18th August; 1st, 15th & 29th Sept; 6th & 20th October.

All are welcome! *Joanna*

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Valley Park Prayer Group - Thurs 8th Aug, 2pm

There will be a Scripture Reading and Social Afternoon at the home of Pascale Li Voon Chong, Amberwood, Southdown Rd, Shawford, SO21 2BX. All are welcome.

Youth Groups

IOZ (for young people from school year 10) *meet twice a month on Sunday in the Resource Centre in Eastleigh*. Upcoming meetings will be announced at the beginning of September 2019. Contact: toz.sswp@gmail.com or phone 07846 438224 (Cath Szymanski)

Stars of Abraham (school years 3,4,5 & 6)

Starting in October 2019 there will be meetings every other week for school years 3-6. We will run two groups with games, songs, snacks and reflection:
Tuesday, 5.30-7.00pm in St Edwards Cloister;
Saturday 10.30am-12Noon in Holy Cross Resource Centre.

You will be able to sign up to one of these (you will not be able to attend both groups or to swap groups). Please complete the application form available on our website or from the Parish Office and give it to the Parish Secretary as soon as possible. There will be a meeting for all the parents interested (during which we will explain the activities of the group and few notices for those who want to receive First Holy Communion) on **Sunday 22nd September** at 4.30pm in Holy Cross Church.

Grail Seekers (school years 7,8,9)

Starting in September 2019 there will be weekly meetings for everyone in school years 7, 8 and 9 every Saturday from 2.30pm-4.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre with games, songs, snacks and reflection. To join the group complete the application form (available on our website or from the Parish Office) and give it to the Parish Secretary as soon as possible. There will be a meeting for all young people and parents interested (during which we'll explain the activities of the group and few notices for those who want to be prepared for the Confirmation) on **Sunday 15th September** at 4.30pm in Holy Cross Church.

CHANGES TO MASS & PARISH OFFICE OPENING



The Parish Office will be closed on:
Fri 9th Aug, Mon 12th Aug & Tues 13th Aug.

There will be no Thursday evening Holy Hour at St Edward's from now until early September. The Masses previously stated as cancelled at St Andrew's & St Joseph's will now take place.

OFFERINGS

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £1,298.37;
SO/DD for June'19: £12,432.09.



PARISH EVENTS



INVITATION from the Flower Arranging team of St Joseph's Romsey to Mass and a flower arranging talk in Romsey on Friday 23rd August

This invitation is for everyone interested in arranging flowers within our churches. Many of you may recall that this annual gathering on the feast day of St Rose began in 2017 following the successful flower festival held in Bishop's Waltham. The morning will commence with 10am Mass in St Joseph's, Romsey, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre, concluding with a short walk to Romsey Abbey where a talk will be given on the subject of flower arranging by a member of their team. We do hope you will join us on this occasion.

Please contact Jean Viola on 01794 513912 or email jeanviola@yahoo.co.uk for further details. Numbers attending would also be appreciated.

Parish Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 14th August, 3pm

Poppies (Choice Plants Nursery), Stockbridge Rd, Timsbury. Buy your own drinks and cakes. Please let Rosemary know (01794 522411) by Wednesday 7th August if you will be coming (as we have to give Poppies numbers so everyone can be accommodated). If you would like a fruit scone as well as or instead of cake please tell Rosemary as scones are made to order.

A Farewell Gathering for Fr Wojciech will take place on **Sunday 1st September** in Crosfield Hall, Romsey, SO51 8GL. Fr Wojciech, will soon take up the post of Parish Priest of Yateley, Hampshire. Please come and join us for afternoon tea at 2.30pm-5.30pm. Donations of cakes and scones would be most welcome!

St Wilfred's Pilgrimage Walk - Saturday 7th Sept

St Wilfred founded many Saxon churches in the Meon Valley during the 7th century. Following a similar delightful event 2 years ago, members of OLQA plan to visit 5 of them between Exton and Soberton on Sat 7th Sept (10am-2.30pm). It will be an easy walk through beautiful Hampshire countryside. If interested please contact Angus on: angussomerville@hotmail.com or 07929 867472.

OTHER EVENTS

Organ Recital by David Oldfield

Friday 16th August 2019, 7pm

All Parishioners and Friends of The Bournemouth Oratory, Sacred Heart Church are warmly invited to our Monthly Concert. Free admission, with a retiring Collection for the Oratory Redevelopment Fund. For more info please email: sacredheart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

MESSAGES



First Holy Communion (FHC)

The next FHC celebration will be in June 2020 for children in Year 3 (or older children who haven't yet received First Holy Communion). To be prepared we ask you to join the Stars of Abraham group and get involved regularly for one year with the activities (see the Parish Groups section).

Confirmation

The next confirmation celebration will be in April 2020 for anyone who will be in Year Eight or Nine next year (i.e. starting in September). To be prepared we ask you to join the Grail Seekers group and get involved regularly for one year with the activities (see the Parish Groups section).

KSC/CAFOD BBQ - Saturday 10th August, 1pm

St Edward's, Chandlers Ford. Tickets £10 each (this includes the first drink) go on sale at Masses from this weekend. All proceeds from the day, including the raffle will go towards CAFOD & the Knights charities. For enquiries or to get tickets please contact either Neil Hendricks (02380 266324) or David Martin (01794 511883).

Thank you for your continued prayers for the health of Margaret Turner and her carer who is also ill.

Invitation - We would like you all to join us for coffee and cake in the Resource Centre after the 11 O'clock Mass today (4th August) to celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary. **Mike and Jenny Walsh**

Street Pastor Volunteers needed for Eastleigh, Fair Oak and Chandlers Ford.

Please see the church noticeboards for details of the appeal for volunteers, upcoming September and October training dates/times and application deadline. If you are interested in finding out more about their work or becoming a Street Pastor please contact Eric Hyom on 02380 643457, email: erichyom@hotmail.com.

Vacancy for Diocesan Property Manager

The role will include acquisitions, disposals, leases, ASTs, ensuring statutory compliance, arranging remedial works, managing consultants and contractors for maintenance projects, and other general estate management duties. Please see church noticeboards for the full job advertisement including requirements and salary details.

For an application form, job description and Equal Ops Monitoring form please go to the Diocesan website - www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Closing Date for Applications: Wed 14th Aug 2019.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

| DATE | TIME | CHURCH | MASS INTENTION |
|--|---------|-------------|--|
| Sat 3rd August | 9.30am | HC | |
| | 5.00pm* | SSW | Peter Ward RIP |
| | 6.00pm* | St J | Mary Costigan RIP |
| | 6.00pm* | OLQA | |
| | 6.30pm* | St Ed | Charlotte White (Thanksgiving/ Exam Success) |
| Sun 4th Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9.00am | HC | <i>Polska Msza Święta</i> |
| | 9.00am | St Ed | John Davis RIP |
| | 9.00am | St A | Hugh & Peters Anniversary |
| | 9.30am | OLQA | |
| | 11.00am | St J | Sheila & Keith Monder (Well Being) |
| | 11.00am | HC | Jenny & Mike Walsh (50th Wedding Anniversary) |
| Mon 5th | 10.00am | St Ed | Living & Deceased Members of the Layzell Family FM |
| Tues 6th <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i> | 9.30am | HC | Lucy Dickson (2nd Anniversary of Baptism) |
| | 10.00am | St A | Ricardo Bettosi RIP |
| | 10.00am | OLQA | |
| Wed 7th | 9.30am | HC | Joan lake (for Healing & Birthday) |
| | 10.00am | St Ed | Eric & Clare Lasker (Wedding Anniversary) |
| Thurs 8th <i>St Dominic</i> | 9.30am | HC | |
| | 10.00am | OLQA | |
| | 6.00pm | St J | Yolanda & Peter (25th Wedding Anniversary) |
| Fri 9th <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i> | 10.00am | St Ed | Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP |
| | 10.00am | OLQA | |
| | 10.00am | St J: AH | Mary Costigan RIP |
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| Sat 10th <i>St Laurence</i> *Vigil Mass | 9.30am | HC | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| | 5.00pm* | SSW | Bill Williams RIP |
| | 6.00pm* | St J | John Gare RIP (1st Anniversary of death) |
| | 6.00pm* | OLQA | |
| | 6.30pm* | St Ed | Ed & Mary Vokes (20th Wedding Anniversary) |
| Sun 11th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9.00am | HC | <i>Polska Msza Święta</i> |
| | 9.00am | St Ed | The Living & Deceased Members of the Johns Family FM |
| | 9.00am | St A | Alan French RIP |
| | 9.30am | OLQA | |
| | 11.00am | St J | Jesus Okaya RIP |
| | 11.00am | HC | |

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues: HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)
Thurs: St Ed - No Holy Hour until early Sept, restart date to be confirmed
Thurs: St J - from 4-6pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm

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
12.00 Noon St Edward's
5.30pm OLQA
5.30pm St Joseph's

Sundays: 8.30am St Andrew's

CLERGY

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