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Weekday Cycle: Year 1
Psalter Week: 4

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Over the last week the pope was in Panama in occasion of the 34th World Youth Day. Below we quote some phrases of the Homily of the last day that can inspire us.

“The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them: ‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing’” (Lk 4:20-21).

With these words, the Gospel presents the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. It started in the synagogue that saw him grow up; he was in the midst of neighbours and people he knew, and perhaps even some of his childhood “catechists” who had taught him the Law. It was an important moment in the life of the Master: the child who was educated and grew up in that community, stood up and took the floor to proclaim and put into action God’s dream. A word previously proclaimed only as a future promise, but now, on the lips of Jesus alone, could be spoken in the present tense, as it became a reality: “Today it has been fulfilled”.

Jesus reveals the *now of God*, who comes to meet us and call us to take part in his *now* of “proclaiming good news to the poor... bringing liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, setting at liberty those who are oppressed, announcing the year of the Lord’s favour” (Lk 4:18-19). This is the *now of God*. It becomes present with Jesus: it has a face, it is flesh. It is a merciful love that does not wait for ideal or perfect situations to show itself, nor does it accept excuses for its appearance. It is God’s time, that makes every situation and place both right and proper. In Jesus, the promised future begins and becomes life.

When? Now. Yet not everyone who was listening felt invited or called. Not all the residents of Nazareth were prepared to believe in someone they knew and had seen grow up, and who was now inviting them to realize a long-awaited dream. Not only that, but they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” (Lk 4:22).

The same thing can also happen with us. We do not always believe that God can be that concrete and commonplace, that close and real, and much less that he can become so present and work through somebody like a neighbour, a friend, a relative. We do not always believe that the Lord can invite us to work and soil our hands with him in his Kingdom in that simple and blunt a way. It is hard to accept that “God’s love can become concrete and can almost be experienced in history with all its painful and glorious vicissitudes”.

Often we too behave like the neighbours in Nazareth: we prefer a *distant* God: nice, good, generous, well depicted, yet far-off, and above all a God who does not inconvenience us, a “domesticated” God. Because a close and everyday God, a God who is friend and brother, demands that we be concerned with our surroundings, everyday affairs and above all fraternity. God chose not to reveal himself as an angel or in some spectacular way, but to give us a face that is fraternal and friendly, concrete and familiar. God is real because love is real; God is concrete because love is concrete. Indeed, this “concrete manifestation of love is one of the essential elements in the life of Christians”.

You, dear young people, are not the future. We like to say, “you are the future”. No, you are the present. You are not the future of God, you young people are the *now of God*. He invites you and calls you in your communities and cities to go out and find your grandparents, your elders; to stand up and with them to speak out and realize the dream that the Lord has dreamed for you.

Not tomorrow, now, for wherever your treasure is now, there will your heart also be (cf. Mt 6:21). Whatever you fall in love with, it will win over not only your imagination, it will affect everything. It will be what makes you get up in the morning, what keeps you going at times of fatigue, what will break open your hearts and fill you with wonder, joy and gratitude. Realize that you have a mission and fall in love; that will decide everything. We may possess everything, but, dear young friends, if we lack the passion of love, we will have nothing. The passion of love today! Let us allow the Lord to make us fall in love and let him take us into the future!

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Office hours: Monday–Wednesday 9.30am–5pm; Thursday & Friday 9.30–2.30pm Newsletter items should be received by Wednesday 12:00 noon

3rd February 2019:

Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Psalm Response:

My lips will tell of your help.

**Readings for next Sunday 10th February 2019
First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

1st reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: 137

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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.** Our topics will be St Matthew on 5th Feb, and Our Lady of Lourdes on the 12th Feb.

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.

Fellowship Group - Wed 6th February 2019

St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, 7.30-9pm.

A talk and discussion on **St. Blaise and Candlemas**.

Everyone welcome, refreshments served. Any queries to 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 from 7-8.30pm. 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: 10th Feb; 17th Mar.**

CaFE

Monday **11th February**, 2.30pm in St Joseph's;

Tuesday **12th February**, 7.30pm in St Andrew's.

Further details from Sheila Keefe, 01794 518071 or

s.keefe@btopenworld.com.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles - Children's Liturgy

The planned Sunday dates until Easter are:

February - 3rd & 17th;

March - 3rd, 17th & 31st; April - 14th.

The sessions are during 9.30am Sunday Mass and all are welcome. **Joanna Somerville**

Email: joannasomerville1@hotmail.com

Oasis Women's Group - Tuesday 12th February

Women's Fellowship: This month we are joined by Barbara Hillier, President of Chandler's Ford Methodist Church Women's Fellowship. Barbara will be sharing some of the group's 100 year history as well as discussing their current range of activities and speakers. 7:30-9pm in St Edward's Cloister.

All ladies warmly welcomed.

Future Dates: 12th Mar, 2nd Apr, 14th May, 11th Jun.

Parish Groups Continued

Over 60 Club

Will meet this **Monday 4th February** at 2pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Hope to see you then. Maureen (tel: 02380 692682).

Offerings & Collections

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC

SO/DD for Dec'18: £12,874.09

February Parish Events

Holy Cross - Children's Mass

As a new initiative for Holy Cross and to enable our children to play a more active role during Mass, we are making the first 11am Sunday Mass in each month, a 'Children's Mass'. This will begin on **3rd February**.

Children who feel able and are independent enough to sit in a group together during Mass will be invited to an area at the front of the Church. We hope for them to feel a sense of community with their peers and have an opportunity to share a few necessary tasks. There will be no Children's Liturgy on these mornings as the Liturgy team will be needed to co-ordinate and sit nearby to support.

We are hoping these Masses will develop and become a regular feature. We know that everyone will make our children welcome so they feel recognised as the important part of our community that they are. Thank you. **Children's Liturgy Team**

Good Companions - Wednesday 6th February

The next lunch for those who live alone or are lonely will be at 12.30pm at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield. Transport can be arranged if required.

Why not join us and enjoy good food, and friendly company in pleasant surroundings. Please ring Pauline on 02380 266617 or Susie on 02380 263436 to book a place.

A Day for Readers at St Joseph - Sat 9th February

Starts with Mass at 10am.

March Parish Events

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

Starts with Mass at 10am.

Messages

New to the Parish?

A very warm welcome to our Parish; we are delighted that you have joined us. Please feel free to make yourself known to one of the Welcomers or Priest at each Mass and join us for a cup of coffee after Mass.

Please complete one of the 'New to the Parish Registration Forms' available in the church foyers, giving us your contact details and leave the form with one of the Priests or Welcomers. All families are welcome at **ALL** Masses; however we have specific Children's Liturgies on Sundays.

Please ask one of the Welcomers for details of the times at your Church.

Monique Griffin R.I.P

Many people at St Edward's will know of Monique who was a regular parishioner for very many years. Her Requiem Mass is at St Mary's Church, 211a Wimborne Road, Poole BH15 2EG at 11am on **Friday 15th February**. The Committal will be at Ramalley Cemetery, off Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford SO53 1JG at 2pm on Friday 15th February.

The family would welcome any parishioner who wishes to attend either the Requiem Mass and/or the committal. Further details if needed available from Deacon Paul Owen.

Prayer Link

Please contact me if you have any requests, queries or comments. **Marion**
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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 to sign up.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Briefing

There is a Supporters meeting at Totton instead of having to travel to Basingstoke to which eight people from St Edward's will be going. The venue is St Teresa's, Commercial Rd, Totton, SO40 3AL, from 2.30pm - 4.30pm on **Saturday 9th February**. If anyone would like to attend please contact Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

Eastleigh Basics Bank—Volunteers Needed

We are in urgent need of :
Stock Management Assistant: A strong person with a car required to ferry crates of food between the storage unit and the shop, and to sort stock in the storage unit. Heavy lifting involved.

Please go to <http://www.eastleighbasicsbank.org.uk>, click on 'Get Involved' and complete the application form, making clear which role you are interested in. You can also ring me for an informal chat on 02380 903028. **Hazel Bateman (Volunteer Co-ordinator)**

Message from Bishop Philip (Diocesan E-News)

Southampton University Chaplaincy

On Sunday evening, I said the 18:30hr Mass in the Chaplaincy at Southampton University. It was a great occasion, and afterwards we went to the *Faith and Reflection Centre* for a shared meal. It was great too, to meet up once again with those students who had been with us at SEEK2019. Representatives from the Catenians were present as well and afterwards they generously presented a cheque of £550 towards liturgical items to enhance the future celebration of Mass in the chaplaincy. I was pleased with the joyful and energetic atmosphere of the Chaplaincy. I kept thinking how wonderful it would be if, instead of commandeering each week a lecture room for Mass, one day we might be able to have a permanent chapel and home on the campus for the Catholic chaplaincy. Clearly, the Chaplaincy is a lifeline for many, especially the overseas students, and a means of deepening faith in the Lord. Please pray for this intention that, if it be the Lord's will, we might be able to go forward with this. Meanwhile, do remember in your prayers the chaplains and also the FOCUS team.

Diocesan Events

Join us for the Lourdes Pilgrimage this summer **Thursday 25th July - Monday 29th July 2019**

The pilgrimage lasts five days, with 4 nights' accommodation at the Hotel La Solitude. The pilgrimage is by air from Southampton to Bordeaux, then from there by coach transfer to Lourdes. The cost includes breakfast, lunch and dinner each day with a full pilgrimage programme, facilitated by Joe Walsh Tours in conjunction with the Diocese of Portsmouth. The price (from £645) includes airline taxes and charges, UK government levy and Lourdes city tax. In conjunction with the main pilgrimage is our diocesan youth pilgrimage. The youth will be leading some of the liturgies and generally assisting, as well as having their own programme of formation, prayer and fun. The youth pilgrimage lasts 7 days from Wednesday 24th to Tuesday 30th July and travels by coach. They will be staying with us in Hotel La Solitude. The youth pilgrimage costs £475 per person. For more details, go to <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/>, or contact Fr. PJ Smith on 07780 221686.

Other Events

Alton Day Of REnewal – Sat 23rd Feb, 11am-4pm Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG.

There will be a shared lunch at 1pm (please bring finger food to share) and a talk at 2.30pm, **'Strengthening Prayer Groups'** by Maria Heath, Chair of English Renewal, who will encourage the nurturing of Prayer Groups as places where people can grow in faith.

See poster on noticeboards for more information.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities & Parish Contact Information

| DATE | TIME | CHURCH | MASS INTENTION |
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| Sat 2nd *Vigil Masses | 9.30am | HC | Sil Quodros (Very Ill) |
| | 10.00am | OLQA | Candlemas |
| | 5.00pm* | SSW | Thomas Carr (Sick) |
| | 6.00pm* | St J | John Gare RIP |
| | 6.00pm* | OLQA | |
| | 6.30pm* | St Ed | Anne Connolly RIP |
| Sun 3rd Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9.00am | HC | <i>Polska Msza Święta</i> |
| | 9.00am | St Ed | Mrs Edward Christian FM |
| | 9.00am | St A | Calvin Nel |
| | 9.30am | OLQA | |
| | 11.00am | St J | Sean Kelly RIP |
| | 11.00am | HC | Antonio Martone RIP |
| Mon 4th | 10.00am | St Ed | Deceased Members of the Wyman & Uphill Families FM |
| Tues 5th | 9.30am | HC | William & Isabella Regan FM |
| | 10.00am | St A | |
| | 10.00am | OLQA | |
| Wed 6th | 9.30am | HC | Albert & Violet Harrington FM |
| | 10.00am | St Ed | Angela Frances Adams FM |
| Thurs 7th | 9.30am | HC | The Armstrong Family (Special Intention) |
| | 10.00am | OLQA | |
| | 6.00pm | St J | |
| Fri 8th | 10.00am | St Ed | John Walker RIP |
| | 10.00am | St J: AH | |
| Sat 9th *Vigil Masses | 9.30am | HC | Bernie Casey RIP |
| | 5.00pm* | SSW | Canon John McGorry in thanks for kindness and support |
| | 6.00pm* | St J | Thanksgiving for the birth of grandson Eli Saren Ball |
| | 6.00pm* | OLQA | |
| | 6.30pm* | St Ed | Anne Connolly RIP & the Wellbeing of her Family |
| Sun 10th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9.00am | HC | <i>Polska Msza Święta</i> |
| | 9.00am | St Ed | Peter Phillips RIP |
| | 9.00am | St A | Jeanette Butcher (Anniversary of Death) |
| | 9.30am | OLQA | |
| | 11.00am | St J | Attenbury Family RIP |
| | 11.00am | HC | Emily Ray RIP |

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: HC - Adoration **restarts 1st Tues in Feb** 10am-1pm
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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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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

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