



*Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples*

19<sup>th</sup> May 2019: **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

In the Son of Man, God has been glorified

Last Sunday is talked of as Vocations Sunday. Portsmouth Diocese, like all the Diocese in England and Wales, are always in need of more helpers in the harvest. **Please continually pray** for Bishop Philip, all his priests, deacons and religious in the diocese, **but also** that there may be many more people who will hear the call of Jesus to their individual vocations, and answer that call.

Having looked back at the theme of last week's gospel, we now consider this week's gospel. It is traditional that on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Easter season, the gospel readings are taken from the long discourse which St John tells us Jesus had with the apostles at the Last Supper.

This is very deep teaching, so you must make a special effort to experience and understand that it is also down-to-earth, and helps you to understand your own life.

This year's first extract is the beginning of the discourse. It is in clearly distinct sections:

*Verses 31 and 32* are the response of Jesus to the departure of Judas. (*He made his choice as we all must, but hopefully we know that when we get it wrong we can go back to Jesus, saying we are sorry and ask for forgiveness.*) You may also have difficulty interpreting the word "glorify" which occurs several times. It is a biblical term indicating the victory of God's power. It is significant that "hallowed" in the first petition of the Our Father means the same thing.

*In verse 33*, Jesus says clearly that he is at a point in his life when he must make his journey alone. The saying is repeated and clarified in *verse 36*, which is not included in this passage, but which you may want to look up in a Bible.

*In verses 34 and 35* "the commandment of love", which is the dominant theme of the last discourse, is enunciated for the first time.

The strange and the exotic symbolism of the readings seem far removed from our everyday lives, as we sit in the church pew. So is there any point we can connect with these texts? If we have ever heard a homily or read a story which gave us new heart, or if we have ever been moved at the sight of a tear being wiped from the face of someone in sorrow, then these readings can speak to us. For they are about encouragement. All of us need to know that we are not on our own, and that any words of encouragement that we can find for one another are rarely wasted.

*Deacon Paul Wilson*

## GEM OF THE WEEK



DID JESUS REALLY RISE FROM THE DEAD? The gem of the week is a short video made during a recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land by Chris Stefanick. You can find it on our home page.

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *O SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD, FOR HE HAS WORKED WONDERS; IN THE SIGHT OF THE NATIONS HE HAS SHOWN HIS DELIVERANCE, ALLELUIA.*

PSALM RESPONSE: *I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOR EVER, O GOD MY KING.*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019:

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29 - Psalm: 66 - 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23 - Gospel: John 14:23-29

## 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.

### Journey in Faith - 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 on tel: 02380 254806; email: [powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

### Fellowship Group - Wed 22nd May at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak, 7.30pm

Dennis Bensiek will be leading the third part of 20th Century Saints. Everyone most welcome. Queries to Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

### School of Community

The weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation, every Wednesday at 7.45pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.

### Fryern Prayer Group St Edward's

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st May from 2-3 pm at the home of Sheila & Pauline O'Neill, 19 Carthage Close, Chandlers Ford, SO532BL. All Welcome.

Theme : Our Lady of Walsingham.

### 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: 1st June; 22nd June; 6th July; 13th July.

TOZ (for young people from school year 9) *will also meet twice a month on Sunday in the Resource Centre in Eastleigh.*

Upcoming Dates:

26th May: 7-8.30pm

9th June: 7-9pm with dinner

23rd June: 7-8.30pm

7th July: 7-9pm with dinner

Contact: [toz.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:toz.sswp@gmail.com) or phone 07846 438224 (Cath Szymanski)

### Coffee Stop (Holy Cross Resource Centre) -

Please come along and support us after Mass on Thursdays. Pleasant surroundings and good company.

No strangers here, just friends you haven't met yet.

Toasted teacakes 50p, tea/coffee/hot chocolate and biscuit 70p.

We look forward to meeting you, open 10am - 12 noon.

### 60 Club - Holy Cross Resource Centre, 2-4pm

Because of the Spring Bank Holiday, we will meet again on Monday 20th May and then again on Monday 3rd June. Maureen (tel: 80692682).

## CHANGES TO MASS



### Filipino Mass

Sunday 2nd June, 4pm

There will be a Filipino Mass with Father Claro Conde at St Andrew's Church, North Baddesley.

## OFFERINGS & COLLECTIONS



### Special Collection

Fr Wojciech's 25th Anniversary Gift—see Messages section for more details.

### St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC;  
SO/DD for April'19: £14,058.59

## PARISH EVENTS



### Annual CAFOD Spring Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale

**Wed 22nd May** after 10am Mass in St Edward's Cloister. There will be a raffle and cake and produce stall. Articles for sale and cakes etc gratefully received. All money raised will go to our new project "HANDS ON" with Magdalena Medio, Columbia, South America.

### Rosary During the Month of May

Holy Cross: Thursdays, 9am.

St Edward's: Thursdays, 7pm (during Holy Hour).

### Good Companions—Wed 5th June

Our next lunch for those who live alone or are lonely will be at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield. Please meet from 12 Noon for a 12.30pm start. If you would like to join us please ring Pauline on 023 80266617 or Susie on 023 80263436. We hope to see you there.

### OLQA Social Event - Saturday 18th May

OLQA will hold a **Quiz Evening** on Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Food will be 'Bring & Share' - tickets only £5. Contact: Angus Somerville on 07929 867472

## MESSAGES



### Father Wojciech's Anniversary Celebration

**Special Collection:** If you wish to contribute to Fr Wojciech's 25th anniversary gift (a cheque), collection baskets will be available at each of our churches at the end of Weekend Masses. If you miss the collections, money can be sent to the Parish Office (Chq's payable to 'PCDTR St Swithun Wells', please write "Fr Wojciech's gift" on the reverse of the cheque). Please can all gift aiders use the yellow collection envelopes to ensure gift aid can be claimed for Father. We want him to know how much we appreciate his ministry, his friendship and his love.

*Last Date for Collection: 25th/26th May.*

**Change of Venue:** Please note we have had to *change the venue from Wisdom House to Crosfield Hall, SO51 8GL*, as we are now expecting more people than Wisdom House can accommodate.

### Holy Cross Children's Liturgy - Safeguarding and Health & Safety

We have a duty of care to all our children and it's essential to have a true and valid record of everyone present at each session. Most parents/carers 'sign in' diligently before Mass, but most weeks, a few children arrive unregistered. If for any reason you're unable to register before Mass, then bring your child when we process to the Resource Centre at the start of Children's Liturgy and do it then. Parents, please help us to keep your children safe!

A reminder also that the age guideline for Children's Liturgy is from 5 years up until such time that your child makes their First Holy Communion. Parents/carers are always welcome and may add their names to the register, under 'adults present.'

We are keen to welcome everyone, including visitors so please help us to inform others about these necessary procedures. Thank you all for your continued support.

*The Children's Liturgy Team.*

### I Belong First Holy Communion Programme

**2018/2019:** Just a reminder to all, that the next meeting for parents and children, is on Tuesday 21st May 2019 from 6.25pm to 7.45pm in your own churches. Please bring your I belong books with you.

### Special Needs Questionnaire

The six churches in our Parish are mainly ahead of most others in the Diocese in the provision of such things as hearing-loop systems, disability toilets and ease of access, however there are other hidden needs which never receive attention. Where possible, the Catholic Disability Fellowship (CDF) is aiming to carry out audits of such particular needs across the Diocese with a questionnaire which draws attention to deficiencies in the aid we should rightly be offering. The questionnaire will be distributed with this week's newsletter and a box is available for completed questionnaires at each church. CDF Information leaflets are also available.

**Solent Gardeners Fayre:** The Knights of St Columba urgently require parishioners' help with the above event which takes place in Eastleigh over the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> June. This is our big fund raising event of the year and over the years has helped us raise thousands of pounds to support parish projects particularly youth. We need assistance on the Saturday morning to help erect marquees, with the car parking on Sunday and then dismantling the marquees later that afternoon. Any help that can be offered over the weekend would be very much appreciated and enable us to fulfil our obligations to the organizers of the Fayre. For further details and offers of help please contact:

Paul Andrews on 07711 923319 or 02380 268211.

## OTHER EVENTS

### Fatima Devotion Day: Sat 25th May, 10am-5pm

St Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Rd, Ashurst, SO40 7DU. A suggested donation of £15 to help for the upkeep of the Montfort Missionary Centre. Tea & Coffee will be provided. See posters for more information. Contact Fr Des Connolly at [fatherdes@icloud.com](mailto:fatherdes@icloud.com).

# MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 18th  *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Francesco Papallo FM
	5.00pm*	SSW	Jose Thomas RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Thomas Vokes & Family (With Thanks)
Sun 19th  Fifth Sunday Of Easter	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Ursula Allinson (Birthday)
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	John Quinn RIP
Mon 20th	10.00am	St Ed	Special Intention
Tues 21st	9.30am	HC	Bryan Hobbs FM
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 22nd	9.30am	HC	Special Birthday Intention
	10.00am	St Ed	Deceased Members of Wilson & Bonetti Families RIP
Thurs 23rd	9.30am	HC	Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 24th	10.00am	St Ed	Patrick Slavin RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J: AH	
	2.30pm	SJ	<u>Funeral Mass: Margaret Kaufman RIP</u>
Sat 25th  <i>St Bede the Venerable</i> *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Exam Success
	5.00pm*	SSW	Marion Lloyd
	6.00pm*	St J	Fr George Lyons RIP
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Brendon & Patricia McBrien RIP
Sun 26th  Sixth Sunday Of Easter	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
	9.00am	St A	Teresa & Malcolm Rayment (Anniversary of Marriage)
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Sheila Powderley RIP
	11.00am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
Tues:	HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)
Thurs:	St Ed - Holy Hour (7-8pm)
Thurs:	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)		
<u>Saturdays:</u>	10.00am	Holy Cross
	12 noon	St Edward's
	5.30pm	OLQA
<u>Sundays:</u>	5.30pm	St Joseph's
	8.30am	St Andrew's

CLERGY	
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## CHURCH ADDRESSES

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OLQA	Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham SO32 1DN
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

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

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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