



Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

11th August 2019: **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

What can we learn from Newman's life?

As you know on October the 13th Pope Francis will canonize John Henry Newman. The words of Pope Benedict, pronounced here in England during his visit in September 2010 can help us not to take for granted this important event.

Newman traced the course of his whole life back to a powerful experience of conversion which he had as a young man. It was an immediate experience of the truth of God's word, of the objective reality of Christian revelation as handed down in the Church. This experience, at once religious and intellectual, would inspire his vocation to be a minister of the Gospel, his discernment of the source of authoritative teaching in the Church of God, and his zeal for the renewal of ecclesial life in fidelity to the apostolic tradition. At the end of his life, Newman would describe his life's work as a struggle against the growing tendency to view religion as a purely private and subjective matter, a question of personal opinion. Here is the first lesson we can learn from his life: in our day, when an intellectual and moral relativism threatens to sap the very foundations of our society, Newman reminds us that, as men and women made in the image and likeness of God, we were created to know the truth, to find in that truth our ultimate freedom and the fulfilment of our deepest human aspirations.

Newman's life also teaches us that passion for the truth, intellectual honesty and genuine conversion are costly. The truth that sets us free cannot be kept to ourselves; it calls for testimony, it begs to be heard, and in the end its convincing power comes from itself and not from the human eloquence or arguments in which it may be couched. Not far from here, at Tyburn, great numbers of our brothers and sisters died for the faith; the witness of their fidelity to the end was ever more powerful than the inspired words that so many of them spoke before surrendering everything to the Lord. In our own time, the price to be paid for fidelity to the Gospel is no longer being hanged, drawn and quartered but it often involves being dismissed out of hand, ridiculed or parodied. And yet, the Church cannot withdraw from the task of proclaiming Christ and his Gospel as saving truth, the source of our ultimate happiness as individuals and as the foundation of a just and humane society.

Pope Benedict

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a video by Bishop Barron about Newman and his idea of tradition. You can find it on our homepage.

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday Cycle: Year C - Weekday Cycle: Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: LOOK TO YOUR COVENANT, O LORD, AND FORGET NOT THE LIFE OF YOUR POOR ONES FOR EVER. ARISE, O GOD, AND DEFEND YOUR CAUSE, AND FORGET NOT THE CRIES OF THOSE WHO SEEK YOU.

PSALM RESPONSE: HAPPY ARE THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN AS HIS OWN.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 18TH AUGUST 2019:

1st reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10 - Psalm: 39 - 2nd reading: Hebrews 12:1-4 - Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

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.

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

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

All are welcome! joannasomerville1@hotmail.com.

Knit & Natter - St Edward's, Mon 12th Aug, 2-4pm

Refreshments available and everyone most welcome!

Any queries please contact Maureen Stephenson on 02380 252104.

Knit for Peace - St Andrew's, Wed 14th Aug 2-4pm

Donations of mens clothes and shoes for Two Saints welcome. Please contact Anne Harcourt on 02380 734710 with any queries.

Youth Groups

TOZ (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



There is a **Holy Day of Obligation** on **Thursday 15th August** (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Please see the back page of the Newsletter for changes to Mass times on that day.

No Mass at OLQA on 16th, 22nd or 23rd August.

The Parish Office will be closed on Mon 12th, Tues 13th, Fri 23rd, Fri 30th Aug & Tues 24th Sept.

OFFERINGS

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC;
SO/DD for July'19: £13,783.59.



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

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.

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 - Sat 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.

Alton Day of Renewal: Prayer & Evangelisation Saturday 31st August, Alton School, GU34 2NG

A talk by Father Mark Hogan, 'How we can pray more effectively for people to come into a relationship with the Lord'. Please see poster on church noticeboards for more info.

A Day With Mary

St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth
Saturday 7th Sept, 9.45am-5.15pm.

A day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Please see poster on church noticeboards for more info.

Celebrate - Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend 28th-29th September 2019

St George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, SO16 3DQ.

Please pick up a booking form in your church or go to www.celebrateconference.org for more info.

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).

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.

St Swithun Wells Prayer Link

Just a reminder the Summer prayer sheet is in use and available in all of our churches. For any queries or prayer requests please contact marionbirtles@gmail.com.

Vacancy for Diocesan Property Manager

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.

Notice to all Holy Cross Resource Centre Users

Please note that the code to the Key Safe will be changed from **23rd August**. This has been necessary due to the recent break-in resulting in damage to the lock on the link door and the shop cupboards. You should receive an email or phone call from Linda Roberts giving you the new code. If you have not received this by Thursday 22nd August please contact the Parish Office. For security reasons please do not give out the new key safe code to anyone, this should only be done by the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this matter.



MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
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	
Mon 12th	10.00am	St Ed	Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP
Tues 13th	9.30am	HC	Patrick Lake RIP
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 14th <i>St Maximilian Maria Kolbe</i>	9.30am	HC	Caroline Keenaghan RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	Skipton Leonard & Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP
Thurs 15th <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	HC	Rev Paul Beaumont FM
	10.00am	OLQA	
	<u>10.00am</u>	St J	<u>Fr George Lyons RIP</u>
	<u>1.30pm</u>	St Ed	<u>Funeral Service: Barbara Kijanski</u>
	<u>7.00pm</u>	St A	
	<u>7.00pm</u>	St Ed	
Fri 16th	10.00am	St Ed	
	<u>10.00am</u>	OLQA	<u>No Mass</u>
	10.00am	St J:AH	Barbara Crowther's Intentions
Sat 17th *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Michael Lane FM
	5.00pm*	SSW	Judy Brown RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	Chris Lewis RIP (1st Anniversary)
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	
Sun 18th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
	9.00am	St A	Susan & Harold Bucher RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Jean Viola & her family
	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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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

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