



Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

28th July 2019: **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

One and All - Communion in the Body of Christ

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion the many sacrifices of the (Hebrew) Law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all.

This Prayer over the Offerings for the Sixteenth Sunday of The Year dates back to the time when people brought forward small loaves (they used ordinary leavened bread in those days, not the 'hosts' we use today) and small flasks of wine to the Altar for the Eucharist. This rite, which in a big Roman basilica might have taken as much as half an hour, is described in an account of an Easter Sunday Papal Mass dating from about the year 700AD, roughly contemporary with this prayer text.

The document describes how the little loaves were piled up in rows on the altar and the wine poured into large vessels in the Sanctuary. Some of it was drawn off to fill the Chalice that would be consecrated on the altar. Later on, more of the wine was used to fill the many smaller cups used for the distribution of Holy Communion.

The clergy and people who did this understood that they were engaging together in an act that was both sacred and practical. The Lord's altar had to be prepared, his table spread. In outward appearance the Eucharist is a meal. In its substance, they understood that this act encompassed the Old Testament sacrifices in the one single self-offering of Christ which was - and is - the reality at the heart of every celebration of the Eucharist.

These ancient sacrifices, prescribed in detail in the Torah, were ways of engaging with the God of Israel. Now, in the person and action of Jesus, God had come in person *to be the sacrifice*. Abel was one of his precursors, Abraham and the mysterious priest Melchizedek were others. To this day all three are mentioned together in Eucharistic Prayer 1, the standard Eucharistic Prayer of the Roman Mass.

Christ gave us the pattern of the new and eternal sacrifice: himself. As he took bread and wine and blessed and shared them, he was fulfilling all that mankind had attempted to do in all its ancient rituals.

The people bringing these small loaves and vials of wine also understood that this was a communal act. The offerings of individuals are combined and sanctified on the altar for the whole community's salvation. The Church, Christ's Mystical Body, functions as one single body through the actions of many members, in the act of Christ the Head.

This short prayer expresses a 'theology' of the Eucharist and of the Church, a theology brought to event by Christ in the midst of his people.

Canon Alan

GEM OF THE WEEK



Seizing the opportunity of the canonisation of John Henry Newman, we invite you this week 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: 1

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: GOD IS IN HIS HOLY PLACE, GOD WHO UNITES THOSE WHO DWELL IN HIS HOUSE; HE HIMSELF GIVES MIGHT AND STRENGTH TO HIS PEOPLE.

PSALM RESPONSE: ON THE DAY I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED ME, O LORD.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 4TH AUGUST 2019:

1st reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2. 21-23 - Psalm: 94 - 2nd reading: Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11 - Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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, every **Wednesday at 8pm** in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.

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 (during 9.30am Mass)

Sunday 4th August. Joanna Somerville (tel 01489 891540).

Fryern Prayer Group St Edward's - Mon 29th July

From 2-3pm at the home of Sheila & Pauline O'Neill, 19 Carthage Close, Chandler's Ford S0532BL.

All welcome.

Theme : Prayer based on the writings of Saints.

Please note the following meeting is in September.

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 will be **No Mass** at the following Churches:
St Andrew's on 30th July & 6th August;
St Joseph's on Friday 2nd & 9th Aug.

There will be **No Confession** at:
St Edward's & St Joseph's on Saturday 27th July.
St Andrew's on Sunday 28th July.

The Parish Office will be **closed** on the following Fridays: 2nd & 9th August.

OFFERINGS

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC;
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.

Good Companions Lunch - Wed 7th August

Our next Good Companions lunch will be at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield, meet at 12.00 Noon for 12.30pm. If you would like to join us, please ring Pauline on 023 80266617 or Susie on 80263436 before 1st August. Hope to see you there.

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!

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 BBO - 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).

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.

OTHER EVENTS

Michelangelo Sistine Chapel - A short film

Showing in The Parish Centre, St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester.

All Welcome - Free.

Thursdays at 7.30pm - 22nd Aug & 12th Sept (50 minutes);

Fridays at 3pm throughout July, August & Sept (25 minutes).

Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni & Assisi, 26th November-3rd December 2019

The visit will be led by Father Mark Hogan.

Costs: £1,090 based on 2 people sharing; on a half board basis and includes return flights, all coach travel in Italy plus services of a guide. Insurance is available at a supplementary cost of £33.

For full information and to make a reservation please contact Jen Robinson

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St Peter's Parish Office on 01962 852804.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 27th *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Clare Ashcroft (Birthday Blessing)
Sun 28th Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Herbert Howie RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00am	HC	Beatrice & George White; Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandes FM
Mon 29th <i>St Martha</i>	10.00am	St Ed	Rita Morgan (80th Birthday)
Tues 30th	9.30am	HC	<u>No Mass</u>
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 31st <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	9.30am	HC	Janet Burton FM
	10.00am	St Ed	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
Thurs 1st August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	9.30am	HC	
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 2nd	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	<u>No Mass</u>
	10.00am	St J: AH	
Sat 3rd *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Charlotte White (Thanksgiving/ Exam Success)
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	
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	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Herbert Howie RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00am	HC	Jenny & Mike Walsh (50th Wedding Anniversary)

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 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
No Confession 27th Jul
Sundays: 8.30am St Andrew's
No Confession 28th Jul

CLERGY

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