



Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

8th September 2019: **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The Word and the Church

If I look back at the last two years spent here in England, one of the things that fascinated me the most, has been falling in love again with the Word of God.

I must say that this is one of the aspects of English Catholicism that really struck me: putting the Bible and the study of the Word of God at the centre of our faith. Maybe it happens here because we are closer than in other countries to the other Christian denominations, that take into account seriously the Scripture.

This coming year (2020) is also, among us as Catholics, the year of the Word of God. We are called by our bishop and the other bishops to go deeper in the understanding of the place that Scripture has in our daily life.

Therefore I began to read an article of Joseph Ratzinger that really helped me. It is about the Word of God and how it reaches us. Here some extracts:

Nowadays even the greater part of evangelical theologians recognize that sola Scriptura (only Scripture), that is the restriction of the Word to the book, cannot be maintained. On the basis of its inner structure, the Word always comprises a surplus beyond what could go into the book.

Certainly, the Bible carries God's Thoughts within it. Yet it is transmitted by a human history. It carries within it the life and thought of a historical society that we call the "People of God". This society is the essential condition for the origin and the growth of the biblical Word; and, conversely, this Word gives the society its identity and its continuity.

Without this surviving and living agent, the Church, Scripture would not be contemporary with us; it could then no longer combine history and the present day, but would fall back into a past that cannot be recalled.

To read the Scripture together within the life of the Church means, for me, to relate every word to my daily life, the life I live with my friends in the Church and the life of the saints that live among us. It also means to me to try and find always a connection between the experiences of the apostles and my own experience. What a beautiful adventure!

Fr Luca

Message from Father Wojciech

My beloved Parishioners. It was a privilege and pleasure to see how many of you, from all corners of the Parish, came to say farewell and to wish me the best in my new Parish, despite the warm and sunny afternoon. Thank you so much. My three years have ended. As I reflect on these years, it has proved to be a fulfilling and learning experience, sharing the same journey of faith together. Thank you so much for your generous hospitality, your faith and your love, which I have received from so many of you. You will remain in my heart and in my prayers. Please continue to follow Jesus and to build our community for the greater glory of God. God bless you all.

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Where mission begins" – a meditation on the meaning of Church's Mission by Emanuele Silanos. You can find it on our homepage.

Newsletter items should be received into the Parish Office by Wednesday 12:00 Midday

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: YOU ARE JUST, O LORD, AND YOUR JUDGEMENT IS RIGHT; TREAT YOUR SERVANT IN ACCORD WITH YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE.

PSALM RESPONSE: O LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER 2019:

1st reading: Exodus: 32:7-11. 13-14 - **Psalm:** 50 - **2nd reading:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17- **Gospel:** Luke 15:1-32

PARISH GROUPS



Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

The Growing in Faith Together group will continue on Tuesday 10th September at 10.15am in the Resource Centre with a presentation on "Angels". Everyone is welcome. For more details contact June or Paul Wilson on 02380 616618. Or email:

pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

School of Community - restarts Wed 11th Sept

The weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation every **Wednesday at 8pm** in Holy Cross Resource Centre.

Fellowship Group - Restarts Wednesday 18th September, 7.45pm at St. Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak.

At the first meeting we will be looking at women in the Old Testament, namely Sarah and Hagar, Esther, Ruth, Tamar and Rahab and Judith. Refreshments served at end of meeting. Everyone welcome. Queries to Peter Baggott or Dcn 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

CaFE

A new series of CaFE meetings:
Monday September 16th at 2 pm in St Joseph's
Tuesday September 17th at 7.30 pm in St Andrews
Further details from Sheila on 01794 518071.

Oasis Women's Group – Tuesday 10th September

Women in the New Testament: To kick off our new season we welcome Fr Luca who will lead our evening to contemplate the women in the New Testament and the role of women in the church today. Come along, bring a friend, to what promises to be an inspiring evening.

7:30pm, St Edward's Cloister, finish at 9 pm.

All ladies warmly welcomed - See you there!

Future Dates: Oct 8th, Nov 12th, Dec 3rd

Knit & Natter - St Edward's, Mon 9th Sept, 2-4pm

Refreshments available and everyone most welcome! Any queries please contact Maureen Stephenson on 02380 252104.

Knit for Peace - St Andrew's, Wed 11th Sept

2-4pm - Donations of mens clothes and shoes for Two Saints welcome. Please contact Anne Harcourt on 02380 734710 with any queries.

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-Noon in HC 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.

OFFERINGS & SECOND COLLECTIONS

St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £1,194.61

SO/DD for August'19: £12,279.59.

Second Collections

7th/8th September for the Catholic Education Service.

14th/15th September Home Mission Sunday.

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).

Upcoming Safeguarding Training

Vulnerable Adults Training

St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY

Saturday 14th September from 1.30pm-4.00pm.

Val Croughan or Hilary Kemp can be contacted via email as follows:-

valcroughan@ntlworld.com (Val Croughan – Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer)

hilary.kemp761@btinternet.com (Hilary Kemp – Diocesan Safeguarding Rep – Winchester)

Advance registration is necessary.

Child Protection Training

St Edward's Church, Saturday 21st September from 10.00am to 12.30pm.

Trainer: Maureen Wiltshire

People who wish to attend will need to register by emailing Soraya Ciccarone

soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Maureen Wiltshire or Anne Richards can be contacted via email as follows:

maureenwiltshire@hotmail.co.uk (Maureen Wiltshire – Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer)

stedwardssafeguarding@gmail.com (Anne Richards – Diocesan Safeguarding Rep – St Edwards, Chandlers Ford).

Holy Hour at St Edward's: Every Thursday Evening

Restarting 19th September between 7-8pm. All are welcome. Please try and give up an hour to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Rest in Peace

Vivienne Dolbear, close friend to many in the Parish for many years passed away peacefully on 30th August. Vivienne's funeral arrangements will be announced shortly but please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Farewell Message for Father Wojciech

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's community would like to thank Fr. Wojciech for his special pastoral care over the last three years. We are very sad to see him go but as sole parish Priest of Yately he will be very busy. He leaves with our thanks, our prayers and our love. God bless you Father.

OLOA Children's Liturgy - Sunday 29th Sept

Due to the Bishop's visit to OLOA to celebrate Mass on Sunday 29th Sept, there will be no Children's Liturgy that day; the next one will be on 6th October.

Coffee Morning - Saturday 21st September

Margaret French will be holding her annual coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care in St Andrew's meeting room on 21st September from 10.30am to 12.30pm and would like as many people as possible to be there please.

Last year, a number of the members of the youth group came along to help and it would be greatly appreciated if we could have some of them again this year. They really did take the pressure off the adults! Thank you.

Vacancy for Headteacher

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Christchurch is seeking to appoint a new Headteacher. Full details are available on the Government, Dorset and Diocesan websites. For a comprehensive pack and application form please phone 01202 470175 or email b.hincks@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk. Application forms can be downloaded from the CES website. Closing date: 13th September 2019.

OTHER EVENTS

St Padre Pio Retreat Day, Ashurst

Sunday 22nd September, 10am till 3pm

Come and spend some time in the beautiful setting of St Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Rd, Ashurst, SO40 7DU on the eve of the Feast Day of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. Join Father Des and other devotees for Mass, talk and adoration. Come and learn some more about this powerful intercessor in heaven. Please bring a packed lunch and suggested donation of £20.

CHANGES TO MASS & PARISH OFFICE OPENING

The Parish Office will be closed on:
Tuesday 24th (for Staff Training) & Friday 27th September.
We apologise for any inconvenience.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 7th *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Jerry McDonnell FM
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	Ita Dumphy RIP
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Maria Szczetnikowicz (RIP Anniversary)
Sun 8th Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Clare Ashcroft (In Thanksgiving)
	9.00am	St A	Arthur Heslop RIP Anniversary
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Special Intention
	11.00am	HC	Reverend Murphy O'Connor FM
Mon 9th	10.00am	St Ed	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
Tues 10th	9.30am	HC	Louise Tree (Special Intention)
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 11th	9.30am	HC	Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph
	10.00am	St Ed	FOSS (Friends of Suffering Souls) RIP
Thurs 12th	9.30am	HC	Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 13th <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	10.00am	St Ed	Marjorie Harris RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J:AH	
Sat 14th <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	
	5.00pm*	SSW	
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Sun 15th Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Deceased Members of the Atterbury & O'Grady Families RIP
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	Vera Murfet RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues: HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)
Thurs: St Ed - Holy Hour 7-8pm, restarts 19th Sept
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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