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## EPIPHANY SUNDAY

It's Epiphany today, or at least our Bishops have determined that we observe it today, though its real date is the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, still its proper date on the Extraordinary Form Calendar. The Liturgy for Epiphany calls to mind the coming of the Magi, the Wise Men. Christian tradition, building on the Passage in Isaiah 60 read in the Liturgy for Epiphany, transformed them into three Kings. At Epiphany they present their gifts of gold, incense and myrrh.

But also, Epiphany represents the Baptism of Christ and the first Miracle at Cana in Galilee. Saint John writes that in transforming water into approximately 180 gallons of fine wine, Jesus *manifested his glory and his disciples believed in him* (John 2:11). Three wonders, as a text from Epiphany Vespers has it: *Today the star led the Magi to the manger; today water was changed into wine at the marriage feast; today Christ desired to be baptised by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation; Alleluia.*

The Greek word *epiphaneia* can mean two things. First, it means 'revelation' or 'manifestation' – as in Saint John's account of the Cana miracle. So this is the day when, again in Saint John's words *We saw his glory, the glory that is his as the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth* (John1:14).

Second, it is a technical term that was used to describe what we would call a 'State Visit' – a sovereign visiting another country, or, in the Roman Empire, the formal entry of the Emperor or senior official into a province. The Latin for that is *Adventus* – our 'Advent.' The Entrance Antiphon for Epiphany takes up the theme of a 'State Visit' – *Behold, the Lord, the mighty One, has come, and kingship is in his grasp, and power and Dominion.* So it's a bit like the wheel coming full circle, with Epiphany returning to the time of Advent which began the Christmas Season.

The fourth century AD Roman Poet Prudentius wrote in his famous Epiphany hymn that *Solemn things of mystic meaning, Incense doth the God disclose; Gold a royal child proclaimeth, Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.* For Prudentius, what is revealed at Epiphany is that this Child is Royal, and Divine, but also that *The Son of Man must suffer and so enter into his glory* (Luke 24:46).

T.S. Eliot's famous poem on the Journey of the Magi has the same ambivalence. They come to the divine Child, but were unsure whether they were witnessing birth, or death, because they came away profoundly changed. In the divine exchange which is the Incarnation, we bear in our humanity the humanity of Christ, that we may share in his divinity. But the way of exchange is cruciform. It is the way of the Cross.

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**Psalm Response:** all nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

**Readings for next Sunday 15th January 2017  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: John 1:29-34

1st reading: Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

Psalm:39

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

**Journey in Faith** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or is interested in becoming a Catholic. **Will be resuming every Wednesday evening at St Edward the Confessor Church from 7.30 to 9.00 on January 11th 2017.** Contact Deacon Paul Owen Tel 02380 254806; email: [powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**FELLOWSHIP. GROUP** will recommence on **Wednesday 11th January** at 7.30 p.m. There will be a 'New Year Liturgy' followed by a planning meeting so please come along and share ideas. Queries to Peter Baggott [02380694060](tel:02380694060) or Deacon Bob Birtles.

**Is God calling you to be a deacon?**

Oscott Seminary have introduced a preparatory year for men discerning a call to the Permanent Diaconate.

This is to begin in January 2017 and consists of three overnight stays, January, March and May.

The aim of these sessions is to help candidates better understand the reality of a vocation to Holy Orders and to help discern whether this is what God is calling them to. There will be Parish based pastoral elements, spiritual formation and intellectual input given through teaching, seminars and discussions.

Wives of prospective candidates will also be supported during these days and are encouraged to attend.

Attendance at these days does not commit an individual to beginning the formation program, it is part of the overall selection process.

For further information please contact Fr Peter Hart [diaconate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:diaconate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) as soon as possible.

**St Swithun Wells Prayer Link.** There will be a new prayer sheet available soon. However, "A New Year Prayer" and "A Prayer for Epiphany" have been emailed/posted to people I know to be in the Prayer Link. If you would like to be added to this list please contact Marion Birtles [marionbirtles@gmail.com](mailto:marionbirtles@gmail.com) 02380 692416

**Consultation Admissions Arrangements  
September 2018—St Anne's Catholic School**

As required by regulations the governing body of St Anne's Catholic School, Southampton, SO15 2WQ will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2018-2019. The consultation period runs for a minimum of 6 weeks from 16/12/2016 until 27/01/2017. Proposed changes are: \*All looked after girls or previously looked after girls are first priority; \*Girls will be considered to have a sibling connection if at the time of application they have a sibling who has previously been on roll for at least 1 year or a sibling on roll at the time of application; \*Naming of feeder Catholic primary schools and primary schools with a strong Christian foundation and \*Removal of the criteria for girls whose parents attended the school. Copies of the proposed arrangements can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website [www.st-annes.uk.com](http://www.st-annes.uk.com) Comments on the arrangements should be sent to the clerk of the governing body by 27/01/2017 via Mrs Langford ([flangford@st-annes.uk.com](mailto:flangford@st-annes.uk.com)) The governing body will consider all comments received before determining its admission arrangements by 28/02/2017.

**ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal)**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 11.00-4.00 You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the *Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit*. Please note new venue: at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15 *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk* by international conference speaker and author Charles Whitehead KSG "Charisms: God's power tools"; 3.30 Reconciliation and *Prayer for healing*; and Tea. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com) Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747. Next meeting – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. 11.00-4.00. Guest speaker Peter Hobbs: The Gift of Wisdom.at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

St Swithun Wells Primary School 023 80266210; St George

Catholic V.A. College 023 8032 2603;

St Anne's Catholic School 023 8032 8200; Charlton House 023 8067 7575 / St Mary's College 023 8067 1267

**TODDLER GROUP** will resume at St Edward on Tuesday 10th January 2017 from 10.00am until 12.00.

"**St Swithun Wells Church** Cafod Christmas Card Collection An Amazing £333.50p was donated by you. Well Done and Thank you! Trisha Holmes"

### **CALLED AND GIFTED**

Do you want to understand better what God wants to do with your life? Do you want to know how God is calling you to reach out to others and serve him? Do you want to grow in your personal relationship with Christ? These and other questions will be looked at during the Called and Gifted process which is coming back to the parish soon. Please consider attending the Called and Gifted Weekend Retreat on **4th and 5th March 2017** at St Edward's. This will give time away from your everyday life to reflect on what the Lord calls you to be and to do, and there is no cost! Further details to follow. For now, please save the dates!

**Healing Day** with Little Way Healing Ministries: on Saturday 14 January, 10am – 4.30pm, at the Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ.

Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of healing. There will be a time of praise, worship, teaching and healing prayer. Do you suffer from fear, sickness, loneliness, abuse, rejection, depression or is "something" holding you back? Jesus said: "Lay your hands on the sick and they will recover". Come and see. Tea and coffee will be provided. Booking not required!

### **World Gifts at St Edwards.**

Thanks to all who contributed. £172 was raised, enough to buy 2 greenhouses, 2x1kg of worms and 4 supplies of seeds. These gifts will contribute directly towards CAFOD's Livestock, Agriculture and Livelihoods Fund.

### **Knit & Natter**

Monday 9th January 2017  
2.00-4.00pm at St Edward. Contact Maureen Stephenson on 02380 252104. All Welcome!!

### **KNIT FOR PEACE**

Wednesday 11th January 2017 from 2.00pm until 4.00pm at St Andrew's. Donations of men's clothes and shoes for 2 Saints greatly appreciated. Contact Anne Harcourt on 02380 734710 for further details.

### **S.W.A.G. - St Swithun Wells Acting Group**

Raised £727.00 for CAFOD from their production of 'the Gift' at Christmas. Well done SWAG!! Thank you to all who supported them. Look out for next week's insert on SWAGs journey to date and information on SWAGs next production plus workshops. Joanna Azavedo-Parker email joannaaz@cwgsy.net 07437440299

**Youth Groups** running at Holy Cross Resource Centre Eastleigh Both groups run from 7.00pm 8.30pm.

**Inspire** School years 7, 8 and 9, Wednesdays once a month please contact Marianne 07771704600 for information. **Next Meetings** Jan 18th, Feb 15th Mar 15th, Apr 26th, May 24th, June 21st & July 12th 2017.

**TOZ** (Time Out Zone) School years 10,11 and Sixth Form College, Sundays once a month. Contact Cath 07846438224 for information.

**Next Meetings:** Jan 8th, Feb 12th, Mar 12th, April 2nd, May 14th, June 11th & July 9th 2017

**POITIERS CARE** would like to thank all those who donated food, gifts or money for Christmas and those who continue to support by food or donations.

**TWO SAINTS** (St Dismas) would like to you for their Christmas gifts and also the clothing and shoes that they receive on a regular basis throughout the year.

**Christian Unity week Congregation exchanges in Chandlers Ford on 15th January** - over the last 7 years groups of parishioners from St Edward's have exchanged for a service with one of the local churches in Churches Together, and this year we have the opportunity to attend the New Community church. They meet at Barton Peverill college (the Rose Theatre) at 10.30 a.m and are very welcoming, also volunteers are needed at St Edward's to host our visitors, so can anyone interested please contact me beforehand (to keep track of numbers). Paul Carmody, tel 02380 615373 or email [carmody16@btinternet.com](mailto:carmody16@btinternet.com)

### **Royal South Hampshire Hospital Winchester**

If you are expecting to be admitted into the Hospital in the near future, please inform St Peters Parish Office so they can arrange for a member of the clergy to come and visit and/or bring Holy Communion. They can be contacted on 01962 852804.

### **A date for you diary at Our Lady Queen of Apostles**

We are planning our next social event. We are hoping to have a speaker and meal with an Italian flavour. Please note the date will be mid or late March.

More specific details before the end of January. All are welcome.

Joanna Somerville 01489 891540

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections TBC

SO/SD for the month of December TBC

## Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
<b>Sat 7th Jan Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Mrs Edward Christian FM	<b>Thurs 12th</b>	9.30am	HC	Ann Burns & Jackie Kennedy Special Intention  Dora Pond RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J			6.00pm	St A	
	6.30pm	St Ed					
<b>Sun 8th</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	<b>Fri 13th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Charles Egan RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	Robert Harkness RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.15am	St A					
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St A	Tony & Kitty Kelly Golden Wedding Anniversary				
11.00am	HC	Helen & Ian Baxter Special Intention					
				<b>Sat 14th</b>	9.30am	HC	Gualten Smyth FM
<b>Mon 9th</b>	10:00am	St Ed	Dorothy Forster RIP	<b>Sat 14th Vigil Mases</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Joan Haskett RIP Anniversary  Dick Barber RIP
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.00pm	St J	
					6.30pm	St Ed	
<b>Tues 10th</b>	9.30am	HC	<b>Word &amp; Communion</b>	<b>Sun 15th</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A	Anne McGory RIP		9.00am	St Ed	Birthday Blessing for John Moyse
	10.00am	OLQA	<b>NO MASS</b>		9.15am	St A	Special Intention
			9.30am		OLQA		
					11.00am	HC	Tony Williams & Terry Blake Special Intention
					11.00am	St A	
<b>Wed 11th</b>	9.30am	HC	Michael Lane FM				
	10.00am	St Ed	Captain John & May Simpson RIP				

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

<b>Tuesday</b>	HC	Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00 - 1.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	St E	Holy Hour 7:00pm to 8:00pm, closing with Benediction
<b>Thursday</b>	St J	from 12.00 –6:00pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5:30pm, Holy Mass at 6:00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	St A	following Morning Prayer until 11.00am

<b>Rosary And Prayer</b>	St Edward	9.30 am	Wednesday	The Holy Rosary
	St Joseph	6.00pm	Wednesday	Evening Prayer
	St Andrew	10.00am	Thursday	Evening Prayer

### CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

<b>Saturdays:</b>	10.00am	Holy Cross
	12.00 midday	St Edward the Confessor Church
	5.30pm	Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church
	5.30pm	St. Joseph's Parish Centre.
<b>Sundays:</b>	8.45am	St. Andrew's Church.

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**OLQA** Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham. SO32 1DN  
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**St Sw** St. Swithun Wells, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB  
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