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Sunday Cycle: Year A  
Weekday Cycle: Year 1  
Psalter Week 2

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Called and Gifted Weekend Retreat - Saturday/Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Jesus Christ calls every one of us – personally and uniquely – to proclaim His Gospel in the world. Called and Gifted is a process that will help us for so great a mission.

Parishioners are invited to a Weekend Retreat on Saturday and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford. This is the first step in a three-part discernment process. Its purpose is to help Catholics discover and reflect on the spiritual gifts they have received from the Holy Spirit, through Baptism and Confirmation. These spiritual gifts (or charisms) should be used with our natural talents, and all that we are, to serve God and our neighbour. Their purpose is primarily for evangelisation and to reach outside the Church with the Good News of Christ.

The weekend will explain all about the scriptural basis for Called and Gifted; what charisms are; how they are to be applied; and about the three-part discernment process. It will also offer the opportunity to fill in a questionnaire which is the first step in discerning our possible charisms. The weekend will also offer the following:-

- A number of talks, including a look at discipleship today and seeing that as a personal call
- Guided scriptural meditations
- Time to reflect on certain questions and write privately in a prayer notebook
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Worship
- Short discussions in groups
- Commission

Many people in our parish and across the Diocese have already been through the Called and Gifted process. As a result, many of them have discovered with joy their place in the world and in the Church. Many have become more willing to develop their own personal relationship with Christ and to serve his Church.

Are you prepared to be one of them? The weekend offers time away to reflect on what the Lord calls each one of us to be and to do. It's an opportunity not to be wasted. Please consider carefully through your prayer whether you should apply. If you decide to, booking forms are available in all our churches. Please complete one and return it to your local church representative as below:

Holy Cross: June Wilson

Our Lady Queen of Apostles: Joanna Richardson

St Andrew's: Graham Alldred

St Edward's: Deacon Paul Owen

St Joseph's: Graham Alldred

St Swithun Wells: Deacon Bob Birtles

Alternatively you can book online through the diocesan website home page at [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

If you have any questions or would like more information then please talk to one of the above church representatives.

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Office hours: Monday– Wednesday 9am-4.00pm Thursday & Friday 9.30-2.30 Newsletter items should be received by Wednesday 12:00 noon

**Entrance Antiphon:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**Psalm Response:** Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

**Readings for next Sunday 22nd January 2017  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

1st reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Psalm:26

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17

**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. Wednesday January 18th 2017 from 7.30 to 9.00pm at St Edward Church. Theme this week is 'Vocation' Contact Deacon Paul Owen Tel 02380 254806; email: [powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**Candlelight Prayer (Hosted by Fellowship Group)**

You are most welcome to come for a period of prayer, meditation, silence and song this Wednesday 18th January, 7.30pm at St Swithun Wells Church Fair Oak. More details? Contact Bob and Marion Birtles. (02380 692416)

**Preparation for Baptism.** If you wish to have your child baptised, please contact the Parish Office for an application form, and return the completed form to the office. Then we look forward to welcoming parents for an essential Preparation Session on January 29th 2017 at Holy Cross Resource Centre. The meeting begins at 4.30pm and ends at 6.00pm. It would be very helpful if you could arrive a little early and refreshments are available from 4.15pm.

**Street Pastor Training**

The next Street Pastor Training takes place over three weekends March 3rd-5th, 17th-19th and March 31st-April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Closing date for applications is 17 February 2017. If you would like to know more or you want to apply, please e-mail [Eastleigh@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:Eastleigh@streetpastors.org.uk), ring or text 07984 860590 or visit [www.eastleigh.streetpastors.org.uk](http://www.eastleigh.streetpastors.org.uk) and leave a message via the website. Steve Smallwood (Eastleigh Street Pastors Co-Ordinator)

**Funeral Notice**

Maureen Hewson, late of Chandler's Ford, died on 1st January 2017. A Requiem Mass is being said in her memory on Monday 23rd January 2017 at 12.15pm at St Peters Church, Jewry Street Winchester. All very welcome. For further details contact Michael Hewson (son) on 07956 161 042

**St Swithun Wells Prayer Link.** There is a new sheet, available today in all our churches. If you would like more information about the Prayer Link 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. 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

**60 CLUB** Our first meeting in 2017 is next Monday 16th January in the Resource Centre at the usual time 2.00pm –4.00pm.

**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

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections £1,431.79

SO/SD for the month of December £13,464.42

**CONGRATULATIONS to Father David Whitehead on his Golden Jubilee of Ordination.** Father David Whitehead will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary of his ordination as a priest on Wednesday 25th January 2017. An invitation is extended to all parishioners to join him for a thanksgiving mass which will be held at St Edward on the above date at 10.00am Refreshments will be served in the cloister afterwards.

### **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! To book your place, contact Graham Alldred (SA/SJ), Deacon Paul Owen (SE), June Wilson (HC), Deacon Bob Birtles (SSW), or Joanna Richardson (OLQoA); or you can book online through the diocese at: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/> (find the Called and Gifted section halfway down the page, then click on "ONLINE FORM").

### **Churches Together in Eastleigh Annual Unity Service on 22 January, 6.30pm at All Saints Church Building in Desborough Road Eastleigh**

The gathering this year will comprise praising the Lord in worship, thanking Him for the 2016 CAP Centre launch and hear of our other partners' progress last year, together with commissioning this year's Street Pastors intake. Steve Clifford, the General Director of the Evangelical Alliance, will be speaking to us, bringing his national perspective, as we look at continuing our Regional call to prayer, mission and discipleship together in 2017. Steve and the EA have been fully involved in seeking to share the Great Commission in 2016 and we believe the Lord will speak to us powerfully through him. We will also hear all the info for our plans to minister together through "*Thy Kingdom Come - The Eastleigh Response*" and "*HOPE Eastleigh - 2017*". Should be a great night with each other, our brothers and sisters across the region and the Lord's presence among us all.... really hope you can come! **Danny Stupple Chair CTiE**

### **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. Please see this week's insert on SWAGs journey to date and information on SWAGs next production plus workshops. **Joanna Azavedo-Parker email [joannaaz@cwgsy.net](mailto:joannaaz@cwgsy.net) 07437440299**

**Various Job Vacancies** at St Georges Catholic College —please see church notice boards for details.

**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 25th, 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:** 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 thank you for their Christmas gifts and also the clothing and shoes that they receive on a regular basis throughout the year.

### **CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting – Saturday 4 February 2017**

Join us at our next CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting on Saturday 4 February 2017 from 10am-1.30pm at St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. There will be a special talk on our livelihoods work in Zambia (our Lenten focus) by Mark Chamberlain and a chance to hear an update on all our exciting campaigns from Dan Hale. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) Thank you.

### **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ELDERFIELD 2016**

**THANK YOU** so much for your generous contributions to Elderfield for Christmas 2016. A total of £360 was raised which enabled us to buy a good range of gifts. We were able to give the following to each resident: a hat, socks and gloves, a towel and flannel, toiletries and chocolate. These were wrapped individually and packed with a personal card, Christmas cake and a cracker. These gifts certainly helped the men to enjoy Christmas and in many cases were the only ones they received.

### **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**

**St Edwards would welcome any volunteers** to Lead and/or Host Ecumenical Lent Groups this Lent. The commitment is for 6 sessions of about 2 hours, one each week of Lent, and dates/times can be arranged to suit. The groups are mostly between 5 and 8 people from several of the local churches, and the course details will be announced soon. If interested please contact me, Paul Carmody, tel: 02380 615373 or email: [carmody16@btinternet.com](mailto:carmody16@btinternet.com)

## Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
<b>Sat 14th Jan Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Joan Haskett RIP Anniversary	<b>Thurs 19th</b>	9.30am	HC	Isabelle Murray & Family Special Intention
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	Nora Fitzgerald RIP		6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Dick Barber RIP				
<b>Sun 15th</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	<b>Fri 20th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Isabel Trinidad Arias RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	Birthday Blessing for John Moyse		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.15am	St A	Special Intention				
	9:30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St A					
11.00am	HC	Tony Williams & Terry Blake Special Intention					
				<b>Sat 21st</b>	9.30am	HC	Ann Pat Whelan & Family Special Intention
<b>Mon 16th</b>	10:00am	St Ed	Greg & Sarah Layzell Special Intention	<b>Sat 21st Vigil Mases</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Andrew Baniak RIP
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.00pm	St J	Margaret Townson RIP
					6.30pm	St Ed	Sean McGarry RIP
<b>Tues 17th</b>	9.30am	HC	Catherine Mary Robinson FM	<b>Sun 22nd</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A			9.00am	St Ed	Josephine Worapay RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	<b>NO MASS</b>		9.15am	St A	
			9.30am		OLQA		
					11.00am	HC	Ronald Walter Russ FM
					11.00am	St A	
<b>Wed 18th</b>	9.30am	HC	Sean & Polina Special Intention				
	10.00am	St Ed	Marie Whitty RIP Anniversary				

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday** HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month  
10.00 - 1.00pm

**Thursday** - St E Holy Hour 7:00pm to 8:00pm, closing with Benediction

**Thursday** - St J from 12.00 -6:00pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5:30pm, Holy Mass at 6:00pm

**Thursday** - St A following Morning Prayer until 11.00am

**Rosary And Prayer**

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

### CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

**Saturdays:** 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.

**Sundays:** 8.45am St. Andrew's Church.

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**OLQA** Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham. SO32 1DN  
**HC** Holy Cross, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. SO50 9DF  
**St Sw** St. Swithun Wells, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB  
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