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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Registered Charity No. 246871

Sunday Cycle: Year A
Weekday Cycle: Year 1
Psalter Week 3

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christians against Poverty – CAP

*“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
ensure justice for those being crushed” Proverbs 31:8*



I imagine that many of us use one or more credit cards. I know a number of people who have almost forgotten what “real” money is! Credit re-payment, card related or otherwise, is a fact of life today. Problems arise when the debt, for whatever reason, becomes unmanageable. Such a high level of debt brings loneliness and despair. People don’t know what to do.

CAP is the largest debt advice and counselling organisation in the UK. Based in Bradford it works by partnering with local Christian churches to enable people with severe debt problems to become debt free. Since the first Debt Centre, founded by John Kirkby in 1996, there are now more than 490. As well as Debt Centres, CAP runs Money Courses, Job Clubs, Life Skills projects and Release Groups for people struggling to free themselves of crippling addictions. The vision is to run 3000 CAP projects by the 25th anniversary in 2021.

John Kirkby was a senior member in finance companies but still ended up with a debt of £78,000 when the businesses crashed. This misfortune was the reason why he founded CAP. In his book, ‘Nevertheless’, he writes: *“To be in a place beyond your ability to sustain yourself is to be in a prime place for God to work miracles.”* CAP is passionate about releasing people from a life sentence of debt, poverty and their causes.

Local Debt Centres provide a link between the Bradford team and the people with debt problems. When someone contacts (or is referred to) the local centre, they are welcomed and asked to provide details of all their finances. These details are sent to Bradford where a plan is devised so that those in debt can through CAP, over time, repay their creditors.

- CAP does not give money to the people in debt.
- CAP takes over the management of the creditors.
- The local team keep in touch, prays for (and if acceptable with) those who have approached them.
- CAP is for everyone, not just for Christians.

There is now a Debt Centre in Eastleigh, sharing a building with the Basics Bank. This centre is different in so far as CAP is in partnership with a group of churches (Churches Together in Eastleigh) rather than a single local church. The full story of CAP, and links to the Eastleigh centre, can be found at <https://capuk.org>

St Swithun Wells Catholic parish is a full partner with CAP in Churches Together.

Deacon Bob Birtles

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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: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

**Readings for next Sunday 29th January 2017
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

1st reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalm:145

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

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 25th 2017 from 7.30 to 9.00pm at St Edward Church. Theme this week is 'Foundations of Christian Mortality'. Contact Deacon Paul Owen Tel 02380 254806;

Fellowship Group St. Swithun Wells Church, Wednesday 25th January - "The Church in Eastleigh - Working together in Unity". A Talk and Discussion during Christian Unity Week. Everyone most welcome. Meetings start at 7.30pm. Queries to Peter Baggott 02380 694060 or Deacon Bob Birtles.

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 2nd. 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, ring or text 07984 860590 or visit 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

A Message from Monsignor Stephen Alker

Dear Parishioners

It has been a joy and a privilege to spend the last four weeks with you. Father John will be back in the coming week well rested I hope!

I have had many interactions with parishioners and I thank you all for your welcome!

Please pray for me as I enter a new phase in life. I will move into my Liverpool flat in March and then begins the hassle of decorating and buying furniture etc etc.

I will also pray for you, especially for the bereaved I have met and the sick.

May God bless us all!!

Father Steve

St Swithun Wells Prayer Link. There is a new sheet, available in all our churches. If you would like more information about the Prayer Link please contact Marion Birtles marionbirtles@gmail.com 02380 692416

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal)

Saturday 28th 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. For more information and directions, see poster or website:

www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747. Next meeting – Saturday 25th February. 11.00-4.00. Guest speaker Peter Hobbs: The Gift of Wisdom. at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton

Funeral Service at Holy Cross Church

Tuesday 24th January a service is being held for Mrs Joan Earwalker RIP at 2.00pm
All are welcome to attend.

Catenian Bursary Fund

The Catenian Bursary Fund with more than £100,000 available every year is seeking applications for grant support from young people in the 16 - 24 year age bracket. It is designed to assist participation on projects with Christian and particularly Catholic principles. If you are thinking about a gap year or holiday experience alone or with others, please don't miss this rewarding opportunity. Contact Bas Bush (023 8076 6998) or email brobas@btinternet.com for further information.

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

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**

Social evening at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Bishops Waltham Saturday 25th March 2017

We are very pleased that Professor Barbieri of the University of Padua, will be returning to give us another talk on the solar system. The title of his talk will be "Our Surprising Solar System". More details to come. This will be part of an Italian evening with a buffet, which Andrea and Marina Barbieri have very kindly offered to organise. All are welcome. Part of the money raised will be donated to a local charity. Further details contact Joanna Somerville 01489 891540

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

Parish Women's Group

ALL LADIES WELCOME : Our next meeting is Tuesday 24 January, 7:30pm – 9 pm at St Edwards Cloister. Come along to a thought provoking evening about **refugees** led by some of our parish CAFOD volunteers.

Meetings to continue this year: Feb 7- **Film Night**, Mar 14, Apr 4, May 9, June 13 and July 11 We meet to share friendship and faith; to network and encourage each other.

GOOD COMPANIONS

Our next lunch for those who live alone or are lonely will be at 12.30pm on Tuesday 7 February 2017 at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield. Please ring Pauline Wilson on 023 80266617 to book a place by no later than Friday 3 February. New members are very welcome to join us and transport can be arranged if required.

Job Vacancies at St Swithun Wells Primary School—Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants and Minibus Escort. See church notice boards for details

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

St Valentine's Day Lunch at the Hunters Inn, top of Winchester Hill, Romsey, 12.15pm pm Tuesday 14th February. Menus will be on the church notices boards. If you would like to go, please let Rosemary 01794 5224110, know your choice of meal before Monday 6th February as we have to preorder. Thank you. Details of menu will be on noticeboards shortly.

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

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections £1,310.53

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

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

| DATE | TIME | CHURCH | MASS INTENTION | DATE | TIME | CHURCH | MASS INTENTION |
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| Sat 21st Jan Vigil Masses | 5.00pm | St Sw | Andrew Baniak RIP | Thurs 26th | 9.30am | HC | Maria Smyth FM |
| | 6.00pm | OLQA | | | 10.00am | OLQA | |
| | 6.00pm | St J | Margaret Townson RIP | | 6.00pm | St J | |
| | 6.30pm | St Ed | Sean McGarry RIP | | | | |
| Sun 22nd | 9.00am | HC | Polska Msza Święta | Fri 27th | 10.00am | St Ed | Mary Johnston RIP |
| | 9.00am | St Ed | Josephine Worapay RIP | | 10.00am | St J (AH) | |
| | 9.15am | St A | Special Intention | | | | |
| | 9.30am | OLQA | | | | | |
| | 11.00am | St A | | | | | |
| 11.00am | HC | Ronald Walter Russ FM | | | | | |
| | | | | Sat 28th | 9.30am | HC | Roseleen Elliott & Family & Seamus & Roseleen Hynes |
| Mon 23rd | 10:00am | St Ed | Margaret Egan RIP | Sat 28th Vigil Mases | 5.00pm | St Sw | Mary, Sylvester & Paddy McMahon FM For successful restoration for St Josephs Church Mary Reynolds RIP Anniversary |
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| | | | | | 6.30pm | St Ed | |
| Tues 24th | 9.30am | HC | The Armstrong Family Special Intention | Sun 29th | 9.00am | HC | Polska Msza Święta |
| | 10.00am | St A | Funeral Mass for Nora Fitzgerald RIP | | 9.00am | St Ed | Mrs Edward Christian FM |
| | 10.00am | OLQA | | | 9.15am | St A | Calvin Nel RIP Anniversary |
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| Wed 25th | 9.30am | HC | Rev Father Stephen Walsh Special Intention | | 11.00am | St A | |
| | 10.00am | St Ed | In Thanksgiving | | | | |

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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| 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

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| 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)

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| 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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St A **St. Joseph's Oratory**, 26 Abbey Water, Romsey, SO51 8EJ
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