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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Next Friday we observe a special day of fasting. This is one of three strands to our Lenten observance, together with prayer and giving to others. Friday is one of the two days in the year when what we manage to save because of our fasting is given through CAFOD to support people in other parts of the world in very practical ways. CAFOD stands for the 'Catholic Fund for Overseas Development' and it was set up to embrace the need for the Catholic community across England & Wales to reach out and connect with communities in other countries. Please use the opportunity on Friday to observe a day when you consume less, and bring your offering to Mass next weekend in the CAFOD envelope which is available.

As mentioned on the Newsletter last week, we are asking you to do something important during this Lent. We all have our own personal ways of marking the Season which should help us in preparation for the great celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. Apparently the Prime Minister is giving up Salt & Vinegar crisps for Lent, quite a challenge if they are something she thoroughly enjoys. What we do doesn't have to be too onerous or heavy-going. And we need to keep in mind why we are doing it and what we hope to achieve.

But as well as each of us having something personal (or maybe as a family) that we do to mark Lent, I suggest we set up a jar in each of our homes and put into it those amounts we might save through self-denial. Label it your 'Lent Jar'. Then, at Easter we'll invite everyone to bring whatever you have collected so that it can be shared in an effective way with those we can support. Rather than every church community across the parish have exactly the same focus the following are nominated:

Our Lady of Peace: **Serenje** – an educational project in Zambia which has been supported for many years by the community at OLQA;

St Joseph's & St Andrew's: **CAFOD** and **Mary's Meals** – a charity which provides food for children from poor backgrounds in their places of education;

St Edward's, Holy Cross & St Swithun Wells: **CAFOD** and **Fledge** – a local charity based in Eastleigh working to provide first-step housing for young homeless adults.

So, as well as those individual and personal actions we take in Lent this is a way of also focusing as a community on the needs of others. In the coming weeks there will be more information distributed about the specific charities named above. But please remember that these two strands of Lent, self-denial and giving to others should be combined with prayer for those we seek to support.

Lent is underway. It only lasts a few weeks and there are numerous opportunities to engage through coming to the Stations of the Cross, finding time for prayer, going to Mass on a weekday, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (especially if it is a while since you did so), allowing yourself time to read from the Bible. Whatever you choose to do, do something, because Lent 2017 only comes once.

Fr John

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Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Psalm Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned

**Readings for next Sunday 12th March 2017
2nd Sunday of Lent**

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

1st reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Psalm:32

2nd reading: Timothy 1:8-10

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 March 8th 2017 from 7.30 to 9.00pm at St Edward Church. Theme this week is 'Christ, our Hope of Glory'. Contact Deacon Paul Owen Tel 02380 254806; email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

St Swithun Wells Prayer Link.

Please continue to use the "Snowdrops and daffodils..." (Prayers for February) Sheet this week! I have sent out a "Prayer Requests" letter, via email and post. Please contact me if you would like to be added to this list. Look out for a Lenten Prayer Sheet which will be available soon.

Marion. marionbirtles@gmail.com 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 March 5th 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.

Eucharistic Adoration As part of the 100 day Eucharistic Adoration prayer campaign organized by Jesus Youth UK from Ash Wednesday till Pentecost Sunday, we are having a day of Eucharistic Adoration in our parish at St Edward's church in Chandlers Ford on Saturday 18th March (9am till 6pm). Rotas will be available in St Edwards from this weekend for people to sign up for hourly slots, but feel free to pop in anytime during the day.

St Mary's Independent School Open week 13th –17th March See the poster on the notice boards for details

Mustard Seed A new Mustard Seed for Lent is available in all our churches this weekend. Please remember to take your copy. *Bob Birtles.*

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

Envelopes will be given out after all Masses this weekend for Cafod Lenten Fast Day which is being held on Friday March 10th.

ADDITIONAL MASSES DURING LENT

Every Friday during Lent there will be an additional Mass at 6.30am at Holy Cross followed by a light breakfast.

Mass at St Edward will be 7.00pm with the Stations of the Cross before Mass and supper after Mass.

Note this 7pm Mass REPLACES the 10am Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are being said during Lent at the following churches:

9.30am Tuesdays at St Andrew's

10.00am Tuesdays at St Swithun Wells

7.00pm Wednesdays at Our Lady Queen of Apostles

9.00am Thursdays at Holy Cross

6.30 pm Fridays at St Edward the Confessor

7.00pm Fridays at St Joseph's Oratory.

ALL WELCOME

Holy Cross Readers

The readers' rota runs out in two weeks. If you are a current reader and wish to be included on the new rota, please see Elizabeth or Lynette after Mass or contact them during the week.

Elizabeth – 01962 712022, Lynette 02380 618542.

Lent Study Course - Returning Home : Christian Faith in Encounter with Other Faiths. A 5 week course from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, commencing 8th March 7.30 pm at St Swithun Wells Church. This course explores how Christian Faith has been deepened and enriched by encounters with people of different religions. We will explore familiar Lenten Themes during the course but with a different approach. Everyone is welcome even if you can only come to one or two. Queries to Peter Baggott 02380694060 or Deacon Bob Birtles.

Chandlers Ford Ecumenical Lent Groups start on 6th March with the theme of 'Lentwise : Spiritual essentials for real life', and will run for 5 weekly sessions. This is a good opportunity to prepare for Easter, and the sign up sheets are out in the cloister this weekend - for more information please contact me, Paul Carmody, tel: 02380 615373 or email: carmody16@btinternet.com

The Knights of St Columba have recently donated £930 to Poitiers Care. This was the Knights share of money raised before Christmas when we supported Rotary collections in Southampton. Thanks to the many Knights and others who made this possible. *David Martin (for KSC)*

St Patrick's Day Celebrations Friday 17th March Eastleigh Irish Club, Station Road, Eastleigh - music by Toni Rossi, drink on door and buffet, raffle, Irish Dancing display, Admission £6, 7pm onwards. All Welcome!

New to the Parish?

A very warm welcome to our Parish; we are delighted that you have joined us. Please feel free to make yourself known to one of the Welcomers or Priest at each Mass and hopefully join us for a cup of coffee after Mass. There are New to the Parish forms/cards in each of the foyers. Please feel free to complete one of the parish registration forms, giving us your contact details and leave the form with one of the Priests or Welcomers. Here at St Swithun Wells Parish, families are welcome at **ALL** Masses; however we have specific Children's Liturgies on Sundays. Please ask one of the Welcomers for details of the times at your Church.

Planned Giving Weekly Envelope Boxes

The last envelope in current boxes is dated 2nd April. So for Easter and the next 12 months, users of Planned Giving envelopes need a new box of envelopes. These will be available during March in our churches. Look out for your local organiser at weekend Masses during March and collect yours. If you want to stop or start using Planned Giving envelopes, please contact your organiser:

Pat Baggott, for Holy Cross, and St Swithun Wells
023 8069 4060

Hank Dawson, for Our Lady Queen of Apostles
01489 892884

Ian Fearon & Mike Greenslade, for St Edward's
023 80265248, 80262870

David Martin, for St Andrew's and St Joseph's
01794 511883

CAFOD Lenten Suppers will take place every Friday in Lent after 7pm Mass at St Edwards, £4 per head. All proceeds will go to our new CONNECT 2 Project in Lima, Peru.

Bishop's Waltham Churches Together Lent Lunch is on Wednesday 15th March from 12 to 2pm at the United Free Church, Basingwell Street, Bishop's Waltham. Lent Lunch consists of home made soup, bread, cheese and tea or coffee. Donations to an Overseas and a Local Charity.

Lenten Lunch Wednesday, 15th March 2017

In the Cloister of St Edward's Church Served between 12:30pm and 1:30pm Adults £4.00, Children free. Proceeds in aid of Poitiers Care, which is a local Catholic Registered Charity that supports families in urgent need of food who live in and around the wider Southampton area. All welcome.

Lenten Lunch in Romsey The Catholic Community is hosting one of a series of Lenten Lunches on Friday 17th March in the Abbey Rooms (rear of Romsey Abbey) 12 noon to 1.30pm. £3.50 including soup, bread and cheese. Profits go to Christian Aid.

Parish Lunch, Monday 20th March, 12.15pm at the Luzborough, Romsey. All welcome. Menus are on church notice boards. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Sunday 12th March as we have to preorder. Thank you.

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

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

TOZ (Time Out Zone) School years 10,11 and Sixth Form College, Sundays once a month. Contact Cath 07846438224 for information. **Next Meetings:** Mar 12th, April 2nd, May 14th, June 11th & July 9th

SWAG Workshops for Age 11/16

Saturday March 25 from 3.00/4.30pm

AT HOLY CROSS RESOURCE CENTRE

Come along and enjoy some drama related GAMES!! Contact Joanna joannaaz@cwgsy.net /07437 440299

Children s Liturgy Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Children s Liturgy will be re restarting on Sunday 12th March Please encourage any young families to come and join in.

Oasis Parish Women's Group Following our viewing of the 'The Way' last month (a film about the Way of St James), we will be reflecting on our experiences of **Pilgrimages**. Tuesday 14th March, 7:30pm – 9 pm at St Edwards Cloister. ALL LADIES WARMLY WELCOMED. Following Meetings : Apr 4, May 9, June 13 and July 11. We meet to share friendship & faith; to network & encourage each other.

Urgently needed a room to let for a single lady of the parish for one month. Also needed is garage space to store about 50 cardboard boxes containing belongings. Any area considered, however, Eastleigh and Chandlers Ford would be most suitable. Contact Parish Office for more details.

KNIT FOR PEACE Next meeting Wednesday March 8th from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at St Andrew's Nth Baddesley. Donations of men's clothes and shoes most welcome for 2 Saints Thank you *Anne Harcourt* 02380 734710

Saturday 25th March, starting at 7.15pm at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church Bishops Waltham. Professor Emeritus Barbieri of Padua University (formerly Professor of Astronomy) will be returning to talk to us about "Our Surprising Solar System". Tickets are now on sale - £15 pp covering the lecture, an Italian-style buffet, and a glass of wine. A donation will be made to a local charity from funds raised. Concessions for families. All are welcome. Joanna Somerville. joannasomerville1@hotmail.com
Jane Crowe. janebcrowe@hotmail.com

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections £1,571.79

SO/SD for the month of January £14,361.59

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 4th March Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Inge Lucas RIP	Thurs 9th	9.30am	HC	Lillian Rachael Gardiner FM
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	NO MASS
	6.00pm	St J	Benedict Matthias & Iris Jones RIP (Anniversary)		6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM				
Sun 5th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 10th	6.30am	HC	Charles Egan RIP (Anniversary)
	9.00am	St Ed	Peter Phillips RIP		10.00am	OLQA	
	9.15am	St A	Patrick McNally RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.30am	OLQA			7.00pm	St Ed	Mgr Paul Donovan RIP
	11.00am	St A					
	11.00am	HC	Bridget Dee & Margaret Flynn RIP (Anniversary)				
				Sat 11th	9.30am	HC	Wilfred Henwood RIP (Anniversary)
Mon 6th	10:00am	St Ed	Charles Egan RIP (Anniversary)	Sat 11th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	James Russell RIP
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.00pm	St J	John Crowther RIP (Anniversary)
					6.30pm	St Ed	Hazel Jurd FM
Tues 7th	9.30am	HC	Antonio Cicu FM	Sun 12th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A			9.00am	St Ed	Steve & Kathleen Docherty 50th Wedding Anniversary
	10.00am	OLQA					
					9.15am	St A	In Thanksgiving for Kathy Runciman
					9.30am	OLQA	
					11.00am	HC	Delia Cronin RIP
Wed 8th	9.30am	HC	Collette Reynolds FM		11.00am	St A	
	10.00am	St Ed	Charles Egan RIP				

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 Prayers	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)

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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