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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Homes Under the Hammer is a popular programme on television. Various people, in different parts of the country buy properties at auction – usually in a state of disrepair and certainly needing work to be done on them. Having taken the cameras in at the beginning, the presenter returns months or even years later to see what kind of transformation the owner has managed. Then, valuations are made to see whether it was a good investment for resale or rental. On the plus side of this is the fact that many people watching have been inspired to try it themselves which has brought more houses back into use which can then become homes.

Most of the people involved do the work and then sell the property. But sometimes an individual or couple, having gone to all that trouble, decide that they will make this their home instead of selling it. Having moved to a new area they like what they've found, the neighbours have been welcoming (and tolerant during the building works!) and the station and shops are within easy reach. Not having set out with the intention of settling in that place they have now reached their decision. It is good, comfortable, and they want to stay.

In today's Gospel (which is the same story for each of the three Sunday cycles of readings) we hear about Jesus being transfigured, flanked by Moses and Elijah, and in the sight of his three apostles, Peter, James and John who have climbed the mountain with him. And what is Peter's reaction? "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." Peter's is the most human of responses: this is really good, let's stay put, let's hold on to this moment. But that is not an option and the small group descends the mountain so that Jesus can continue his journey. The disciples have been allowed a glimpse of the glory that will be His – but there is work to be done.

On our spiritual journey we can reach a place where it feels comfortable, settled and secure. We may hit a point where our prayer life seems to be going well; we are moderating what we eat and drink; and we are reaching out in charity to those less fortunate. We might think to ourselves "I've got this under control – how wonderful it is to be here!" But we are not permitted the luxury of revelling in what we have achieved or enjoying too much the point we have reached. I have been at Mass when there has been amazing singing, great joy and a true sense of God's presence drawing everyone together in one hymn of praise. Then the Mass ends and we have to leave and continue our journey. These moments are important, just as they were for Peter, James and John, but we can't stay still. There is always more to work towards, further aims and goals because we are a pilgrim people, not a settled race.

Fr John

A [Sobering] Thought for Lent

I shall pass through this world but once.
 Any good that I can do or kindness that I can show
 to any human being,
 let me do it now,
 let me not defer nor neglect it,
 for I shall not pass this way again.
 (Stephen Grellet)

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Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek: hide
not your face from me.

Psalm Response: May your love be upon us, O
Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Readings for next Sunday 19th March 2017
3rd Sunday of Lent

Gospel: John 4:5-42

1st reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm:94

2nd reading: Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

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 15th 2017 from 7.30 to 9.00pm at St
Edward Church. Theme this week is 'Faith as a Gift'.
Contact Deacon Paul Owen Tel 02380 254806; email:
powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

St Swithun Wells Prayer Link.

Please collect a March Prayer Link Sheet from Church
this weekend which gives Prayers for Lent. Contact
Marion with Prayer Requests or to receive updates.
marionbirtles@gmail.com 02380 692416

Filipino Mass will be said at St Andrew's Church on
April 8th 2017 at 5.00pm. Contact Rosalini
on 02381 7830 or 07795965438 for further details.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 25th
March 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. 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, website:

www.altonrenewal.com

Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

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.

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

There will be a second collection after all Masses for
CAFOD Lenten Fast Day which took place on Friday
10th March 2017.

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

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

started 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, - for more information please contact Paul
Carmody, tel: 02380 615373 or email:

carmody16@btinternet.com

Thank you very much to all at St Edward's who
have generously supported the CONNECT2 for
Puentecitos in El Salvador. Since November 2011 to
December 2016 you have helped to raise a
magnificent £32,771.00 for which CAFOD is truly
grateful. It is now time therefore to Connect2 a
different part of the world where people are
struggling. We will now be supporting communities in
Peru in decision making processes which affect their
daily lives and in Lima with women's groups working
with children in deprived areas. For more details
please see the CAFOD notice board in the Cloisters.

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

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.

Lenten Lunches around the Parish

Lenten Lunches are being held at the following:

Bishops Watham March 15th from 12noon to 2pm at The United Free Church. Donations to an overseas and local charity.

Chandlers Ford March 15th from 12.30 to 1.30pm in the cloister at St Edward. £4.00 Proceeds to Poitiers Care.

Romsey March 17th from 12noon to 1.30pm in the Abbey Rooms rear of Romsey Abbey. Profits to Christian Aid.

Unwanted Books to benefit Poitiers Care It is hoped there will be a book stall at the Lenten Lunch at St Edward's on March 15th. Please leave any books in the clearly marked boxes in the St Edward's welcome area or bring with you to the lunch. Thank You

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.

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

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's **FINAL** Workshop will be on MARCH 25 at 3pm at HOLY CROSS Resource Centre and will include an airing of the DVD of *the Gift* PLUS a look at the script for SWAGs next performance. ALL interested youngsters aged 11/16 are invited!! Contact Joanna on 07437 440299 for more details or just turn up.

Help Wanted Could any DBS cleared people who might be able to assist with SWAG rehearsals just by being present, in April and May, please contact Joanna on 07437 440299 or joannapuzzle@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Children's Liturgy will be re restarting as of 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.

KNIT & NATTER at St Edward's on Monday March 13th from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Tea and Coffee. All are welcome. Any queries phone Maureen Stephenson on 02380 252104.

60 Club We are meeting from 2pm -4pm, on Monday 13 March, in the Resource Centre. Deacon Paul Wilson has kindly offered to give us a talk and presentation on the lives of the saints. Which saints? (to be chosen on Monday) Everyone will be most welcome. Maureen on 023 80 692682

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.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS
Last week's collections TBC
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 11th-March Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	James Russell RIP	Thurs 16th	9.30am	HC	Thomas & Flora Kelly RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	John Crowther RIP (Anniversary)		6.00pm	St J	John Carmody RIP
	6.30pm	St Ed	Kieran Teeluck & Naomi Oakley Special Intention				
Sun 12th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 17th	6.30am	HC	Deceased Members of the Armstrong & Williams Families
	9.00am	St Ed	Steve & Kathleen Docherty 50th Wedding Anniversary		10.00am	OLQA	
	9.15am	St A	In Thanksgiving for Kathy Runciman		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.30am	OLQA			7.00pm	St Ed	Andrew Wilson & Dominic Bonetti RIP
	11.00am	St A					
	11.00am	HC	Delia Cronin RIP				
				Sat 18th	9.30am	HC	
Mon 13th	10:00am	St Ed	Peter Dornan RIP	Sat 18th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.00pm	St J	For successful restoration for St Joseph's Church
					6.30pm	St Ed	Mary Uphill FM
Tues 14th	9.30am	HC	Fredrick Lobo RIP	Sun 19th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A			9.00am	St Ed	Patricia Bradley FM
	10.00am	OLQA			9.15am	St A	In Thanksgiving for Ursula Clark
			9.30am		OLQA		
					11.00am	HC	Charles Joseph Reynolds FM
					11.00am	St A	
Wed 15th	9.30am	HC	Kate Mason FM				
	10.00am	St Ed	Patrick BurkeFM				

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.

St Ed St. Edward's 191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU
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
St A **St. Andrew's**, Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley SO52 9EP
St J **St. Joseph's Oratory**, 26 Abbey Water, Romsey, SO51 8EJ

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