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 Weekday Cycle: Year 1  
 Psalter Week 4

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

How is your Lent going? Not a bad question to consider as we enter the second half of this holy season. This Sunday is often referred to as Laetare Sunday, the fourth in Lent. 'Laetare' means 'Rejoice' in Latin and the Introit (Entrance Antiphon) is from Isaiah, which begins "Laetare Jerusalem" (Rejoice, O Jerusalem).

Because the mid-point of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, Laetare has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is lessened. Laetare Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday, and it has a counterpart in Advent: Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, when purple vestments may be exchanged for rose ones. The point of both days is to provide us with some encouragement as we progress toward the end of each respective penitential season. In the past, the Golden Rose was blessed today and sent by Popes to Catholic Sovereigns, and for this reason the day became known as 'Domenica de Rosa'.

Part of our Lenten observance is to contribute to the needs of those who struggle to live with much less than we have. I suggested at the start of Lent that you might like to put money into a jar – a 'Lent Jar' – which can be brought along to Mass on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday or the Sunday after Easter (not Easter Sunday itself). From the money collected at St Edward, Holy Cross and St Swithun Wells half will be sent to CAFOD and half to Fledge, a local charity helping young homeless adults get on the first rung for accommodation. From the money collected at St Andrew and St Joseph half will go to CAFOD and half to Mary's Meals, a charity which feeds young people at places of education. The idea behind it (which has worked extremely well in many countries) is to encourage children to attend schools to learn and whilst there they will also get a decent meal. Money contributed at Our Lady of the Apostles will be sent to the educational project, Serenje, which the community in that part of the parish has supported over many years. As well as putting amounts of money aside, please pray for the work these various charities do.

## EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL

You will have seen the harrowing pictures of famine conditions in parts of East Africa. The major charities in this country have joined forces to appeal for help to save lives in South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. The situation is dire. The money for CAFOD that comes in through the Lent Jars will go to this particular appeal. For this reason we don't plan to have an additional appeal in our churches at this time. However, many of you have probably donated already, or will want to do so. Two websites through which donations can easily be made are:

cafod.org.uk  
 dec.org.uk

If you aren't sure how to donate in this way you are welcome to put whatever you wish to give in an envelope marked 'East Africa Appeal' and place it in the Sunday collection. It will be forwarded through CAFOD.

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Psalm Response:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Readings for next Sunday 2nd April 2017  
5th Sunday of Lent**

Gospel: John 11:1-45

1st reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm: 129

2nd reading: Romans 8:8-11

**This Weekend there will be a 2nd Collection** for the Clergy Assistance Fund.

**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 29th 2017 from 7.30 to 9.00pm at St Edward Church. Theme this week is 'Paschal Mystery in Sacraments'. Contact Deacon Paul Owen Tel 02380 254806; email: [powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**St Swithun Wells Prayer Link.**

Please continue to use the "Stations of the Cross, with a difference..." sheet. I have recently sent out a "Prayer Requests" via email and post. If you have not received this, would like to be added to this list or have a Prayer Request, do please contact me.

Marion. [marionbirtles@gmail.com](mailto:marionbirtles@gmail.com) 02380 692416

**Filipino Mass** will be said at St Andrew's Church on April 18th 2017 at 5.00pm. Contact Rosalini on 02381 783807 or 07795965438 for further details.

**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 May 7th 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.

**Ministers of Communion Day**

Calling all Ministers of Holy Communion in the parish who assist at Mass and/or take Communion to the Sick: there will be a **Day of Prayer and Reflection at St Joseph's, Ashurst on Saturday 13 May**. Please note the date in your diary. A letter of invitation with further details will be coming soon.

**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.

**LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

- Thursday 6th April 7.30pm: Our Lady Queen of Apostles – Bishop's Waltham
- Friday 7th April 7.30pm: St Andrew's North Baddesley
- Saturday 8th April 11am: St Edward's – Chandler's Ford

**HOLY WEEK – EASTER TRIDUUM - EASTER**

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles,**

**Bishop's Waltham:**

Maundy Thursday (13th April) 7.30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday (14th April) 3pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday (15th April) 8pm

Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (16th April) 9.30am

Easter Day Mass

**Holy Cross and St Edward's,**

**Eastleigh & Chandler's Ford:**

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Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday (14th April) Holy Cross 3pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Good Friday (14th April) St Edward's 5pm

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Holy Saturday (15th April) St Edward's 8pm

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Easter Sunday (16th April) St Edward's 9am

Easter Day Mass

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**North Baddesley & Romsey:**

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Easter Day Mass

Easter Sunday (16th April) St Joseph's Church

10.30am – Easter Day Mass

**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 Independent School 023 8067 1267

**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.

**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: [carmodys16@btinternet.com](mailto:carmodys16@btinternet.com)

**Thank You-- Lenten Lunch in aid of Poitiers Care.** Thank you to all who helped and supported the Lenten Lunch and thank you to all who supported the book sale at the Lenten Lunch and over the weekend after Mass. Any books remaining are being passed to the 'Life' shop in Eastleigh.  
**The total sum raised was £535.** Poitiers Care is a local Catholic Charity that supports families in urgent need of food across the Southampton area and locally.

**60 club** When? On Monday 27 March from 2-4pm. Where? At Holy Cross Resource Centre. This week we will be playing Scrabble. Ideas for future meetings will be very welcome. Please phone Maureen on 023 80 692682

**Friends After Bereavement – Sunday Tea**  
As 26<sup>th</sup> March is Mother's Day, we will not be meeting then but will, instead, be meeting the following week on Sunday 2nd April, when we will be having a suitable film with the usual tea and cakes. Everyone is welcome, so please come along. We'll be meeting in the Holy Cross Resource Centre, as usual at 2.30 pm for a 3.00 pm start. If anybody needs transport, please contact Brian Stansbridge on 02380 470461 or 07703 546277.

**GOOD COMPANIONS**  
Our next lunch for those who live alone or are lonely will be at 12.30pm on Tuesday 4 April at Keats Restaurant at Ampfield. Please ring Pauline Wilson on 023 80266617 to book a place by no later than Friday 31 March. New members especially welcome and, if required, transport can be arranged.

**Dates for your Diary**  
Parish Quiz Night—Saturday May 6th 2017 at The Resource Centre Holy Cross Eastleigh. More details to follow.  
Flower Festival—Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th June. Our Lady Queen of Apostles will be hosting a Flower Festival with arrangements by all 6 churches in St. Swithun Wells Parish, as part of the Bishops Waltham Blooming Arts Festival. Floral displays, art exhibits, refreshments. Come and support your Parish flower arrangers and have an interesting day out!  
Contact: Pauline Watson 07917 407361 or [paulinestmargaret@gmail.com](mailto:paulinestmargaret@gmail.com)

**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:** ,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:** April 2nd, May 14th, June 11th & July 9th

### **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. Please complete one of the new to the parish registration forms/Cards available in the church foyers, 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.

**Lent Study Course - Returning Home : Christian Faith in Encounter with Other Faiths.** A 5 week course from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, commenced 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.

**The Faith and Light group** next gathering at St Edward's is 2 30 to 4 30 pm Saturday 1 April.

**Divine Mercy Day of Reflection Saturday 22nd April**  
In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, (23<sup>rd</sup> April) a day of reflection led by Father Des will be held at Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU on Saturday 22nd April 2016. Coffee and Tea will be available from 10.00am for a 10.30am start and the day will finish at 4.00pm. The cost of the day: £20.00 (lunch and the celebration of Holy Mass is included). If you would like to be present please contact Father Des either by email: [fatherdes@icloud.com](mailto:fatherdes@icloud.com) or phone 02380 292337 and leave a message.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
Divine Mercy Sunday will be taking place on 23rd April 2017 at 2:45pm at Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh. There will be refreshments in the resource centre afterwards. All are welcome. Full details will be in forthcoming newsletters.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections £1,589.48 SO/SD for the month of February £13,290

## Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
<b>Sat 25h-March Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Conor Quinn RIP	<b>Thurs 30th</b>	9.30am	HC	Guiseppina Bava & Rita Vallelonga RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	Ron Rhymer RIP (Anniversary)		6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	David Oag RIP				
<b>Sun 26th</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	<b>Fri 31st</b>	6.30am	HC	Iris Happle RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	Capt John & Mrs Mary Simpson RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.15am	St A	In thanksgiving for Mrs Lown		7.00pm	St Ed	
	9:30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St A					
	11.00am	HC	Grace Moore FM				
				<b>Sat 1st April</b>	9.30am	HC	
<b>Mon 27th</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>St Ed</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Anna Mary King RIP</b>	<b>Sat 1st Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Conor Quinn RIP
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.00pm	St J	Ted & sheila Bennett RIP (Anniversary)
					6.30pm	St Ed	Thanksgiving
<b>Tues 28th</b>	9.30am	HC	Ellen Lane (Well-Being)	<b>Sun 2nd</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A	For Family Thanksgiving		9.00am	St Ed	Julia Jackson FM
	10.00am	OLQA			9.15am	St A	Hesla Rayment RIP (Anniversary)
					9.30am	OLQA	
<b>Wed 29th</b>	9.30am	HC	Beatrice & George White David, Laura& Eduardo Fernandes FM	11.00am	HC	Mary Webber FM	
	10.00am	St Ed	Susan Wilks (Well-Being)	11.00am	St A		

### 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 Prayers</b>	<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)

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

**St Ed** 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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