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

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

In a week's time we begin the celebration of Holy Week. Palm Sunday is the start of that week of weeks marking the moment when Jesus entered Jerusalem. The timings and details of all our Holy Week Liturgies are printed inside this Newsletter so please make the effort to come and be part of these events in the Church's year. The Mass of the Last Supper, Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday and then Easter Vigil flowing into Easter Sunday – these are at the very heart of everything else that we do during the year and so everyone should come and take part if they possibly can.

In preparation for Holy Week, and as part of our Lenten practice, there are a number of opportunities to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** within Penitential Services later this week: Thursday evening in Bishop's Waltham at 7.30pm, Friday evening in North Baddesley at 7.30pm and on Saturday morning at Chandler's Ford at 11am. On each occasion there will be a number of priests available and it would be good if parishioners came, rather than wait until the days of Holy Week itself.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has a very informative section which asks the question "What Is This Sacrament Called?" and then lists the various titles applied to this particular Sacrament:

It is called the *sacrament of conversion* because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin.

It is called the *sacrament of Penance*, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance and satisfaction.

It is called the *sacrament of confession*, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a 'confession' – acknowledgement and praise – of the holiness of God and of his mercy towards sinful man.

It is called the *sacrament of forgiveness*, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent 'pardon and peace'.

It is called the *sacrament of Reconciliation*, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: 'Be reconciled to God.' He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: 'Go; first be reconciled to your brother.'

[*Catechism nn. 1423 – 1424*]

Last weekend seventy children from across our parish celebrated this sacrament for the first time. It was a moment of joy for them as they reflected on the wonderful gift of God's forgiveness in their lives. As we get older it's possible to lose that sense of joy that God's healing and forgiveness can bring us through this sacrament. But to experience it we need to make the time to celebrate it.

Fr John

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**Psalm Response:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Readings for next Sunday 9th April 2017  
6th Sunday of Lent**

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

1st reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: 21

2nd reading: Philippians 2:6-11

**Easter Flowers** There will be a second collection for Easter flowers in all our churches next weekend 8th /9th April. Thank you for your generous support in helping to make our churches beautiful with the floral arrangements.

**Journey in Faith** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Please note there will be no Journey in Faith on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. We will meet on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April for a rehearsal for the Easter Vigil

**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.

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**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.

On **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** there will be a Re-dedication of St Joseph's Church in Romsey, celebrated with Evening Prayer of the Church. Ecumenical guests will be invited to join parishioners and refreshments will follow in Wisdom House.

**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.

**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

**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:**

Maundy Thursday (13th April) Holy Cross 7.30pm

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

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

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

Easter Vigil

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

Easter Day Mass

Easter Sunday (16th April) Holy Cross 11am

Easter Day Mass

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**North Baddesley & Romsey:**

Maundy Thursday (13th April) St Andrew's 7pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday (14th April) St Andrew's 3pm

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

Easter Vigil

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

Easter Day Mass

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

10.30am – Easter Day Mass

**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.

**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 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.

#### **Friends After Bereavement – Sunday Tea**

We will be meeting this Sunday, 2nd April, and 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.

#### **Oasis Parish Women's Group**

This month our meeting is Tuesday 4th April on the theme of Easter. Stations of the Cross at 7pm – St Edwards Church. Or join us at 7:30pm – 9 pm in St Edwards Cloister.

Come along for an evening of reflection and fellowship. ALL LADIES WARMLY WELCOMED. Meetings to continue this year: May 9, June 13 & July 11.

**LIFE Southampton Group** just wanted to say a big thank you for your support with our recent cake sale held in aid of Life at St Edwards last weekend. We have raised a total of £202.41.

**Wisdom Centre and Daughters of Wisdom** are running a day course Spring, New Shoots & Spiritual Growth on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017.

Please contact Melanie on 01794830206 or email [reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk](mailto:reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk)

Full details are on display at all churches.

#### **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. 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. for more information please contact Paul Carmody, tel: 02380 615373 or email: [carmodys16@btinternet.com](mailto:carmodys16@btinternet.com)

#### **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 £1,238.33 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 1st April Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Conor Quinn RIP	<b>Thurs 6th</b>	9.30am	HC	Thomas & Flora Kelly RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	Ted & Sheila Bennett RIP (Anniversary)		6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Thanksgiving				
<b>Sun 2nd</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	<b>Fri 7th</b>	6.30am	HC	<b>Funeral Mass for Michael Proudlove RIP</b>  Living & Deceased Members of the de Melo & Gove Families
	9.00am	St Ed	Julia Jackson FM		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.15am	St A	Hesla Rayment RIP (Anniversary)		<b>11.30am</b>	<b>St Ed</b>	
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St A			7.00pm	St Ed	
	11.00am	HC	Mary Webber FM				
				<b>Sat 8th April</b>	9.30am	HC	William Reynolds FM
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	10:00am	St Ed	Patrick Lake RIP	<b>Sat 8th Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Iris Happle RIP
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.00pm	St J	
					6.30pm	St Ed	
<b>Tues 4th</b>	9.30am	HC	Living & Deceased Members of the Wallace & Brady Families	<b>Sun 9th</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A			9.00am	St Ed	CAFOD Intentions
	10.00am	OLQA			9.15am	St A	
		9.30am	OLQA				
			11.00am		HC	Maximilan & Joanna Karnecki RIP	
			11.00am		St A		
<b>Wed 5th</b>	9.30am	HC	Leonard & Eveline Hiron RIP				
	10.00am	St Ed	Itti Avirah RIP				

### 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>	Holy Cross	No Confessions
	11.00am	St Edward 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** 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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# DISCIPLE

(TO BE PERFORMED ON JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 3PM)

Calling all young people AGED 10/16.....

...the SWAG team need your help!!!

They need:

Sound

Lighting

Props

Acting

Technical support

Please come along to **ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CHURCH ON APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 4pm** if you think you could assist with any of the above. The new show promises to be exciting, funny, entertaining and nourishing. CONTACT JOANNA ON [joannaaz@cwqsy.net](mailto:joannaaz@cwqsy.net) FOR MORE INFORMATION