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EASTER SUNDAY

Christ is Risen – Alleluia! None of the Gospel writers describes the emergence of Jesus from the tomb, because they are suggesting a mystery rather than reporting news. This is the best guarantee that they are in earnest. ‘Most blessed of all nights, chosen by God, to see Christ rising from the dead’ is the theme of the Easter Proclamation at the Vigil. The resurrection belongs to a different category than the re-animation of a dead body. Lazarus died twice, but Christ raised from the dead dies no more.

All the witnesses to the first Easter are unanimous about the empty tomb. The women who came to embalm Christ’s body never found it; this fact alone ‘proves’ nothing – but the resurrection needs no such proof. It belongs rather to the category of signs and mystery. Would faith remain faith if it insisted on evidence?

The event we celebrate at Easter is absolutely central to our faith as Christians. The resurrection of Jesus marks the opening up for us of the way to eternal life. As he overcomes the last great obstacle, the ultimate barrier, then the path to everlasting life is laid out for us to tread. All our celebrations of Mass - especially on Sunday - all the Funerals and all the Baptisms only make sense because of Easter. This is the pivot, the key to our Christian faith. And this is why we rejoice: He is Risen!

ST JOSEPH’S CHURCH, ROMSEY

This weekend, after a number of years of disuse, St Joseph’s Church in Romsey is once again open for the celebration of Mass. This has been made possible through the generous cooperation of the Daughters of Wisdom (the church is in their Trusteeship) and a small band of people who have worked tirelessly to bring the building up to the standard necessary and appropriate for the congregation to gather there. I know that many parishioners will be very happy to go back into St Joseph’s.

This has required a re-jigging of Mass times in Romsey and North Baddesley. From next weekend the times are as follows: 6pm on Saturday at St Joseph’s; 9am on Sunday at St Andrew’s; 11am on Sunday at St Joseph’s.

LENTEN ALMS

Throughout Lent parishioners were encouraged to put into practise the three ways of using this season, as contained in the Gospel which was read on Ash Wednesday. Self-denial, leading to selfless giving to others who have less than we do, offered in prayer. It was suggested that people might like to use a jar into which the monetary fruits of their self-denial could be put. Some of this has been handed in but if you have money to contribute then please bring it next weekend to whichever Mass you attend. It will be collected and then sent off to the various charities which were nominated. If you pay tax and are able to Gift Aid what you give, please do. As you know, it increases the value of what you give and costs you nothing extra. These offerings will be brought up in the Offertory Procession because they are signs of the way in which we used well the Season of Lent.

Fr John

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Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

**Readings for next Sunday 23rd April 2017
2nd Sunday of Easter**

Gospel: John 20:19-31
1st reading: Acts 2:42-47
Psalm: 117
2nd reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Fellowship Group. - There will be no meeting during Holy Week on Wednesday 12th April, or during Easter Week, 19th April. The date when meetings resume is to be confirmed.

Journey in Faith (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Journey in Faith will restart after Easter on Wednesday 26th April.

St Swithun Wells Prayer Link.

The Prayer Link Sheet for April is available in all our churches this weekend. Marion.
marionbirtles@gmail.com 02380 692416

Mustard Seed & Portsmouth People

There are new issues of Mustard Seed and Portsmouth People available in all our churches. Please remember to take your copies.

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.

On **Friday 28th 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.

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.

Easter Offerings 15th/16th April 2017

Traditionally, your Offering at Easter is for the personal use of the priests and in our diocese forms a major part of their annual income. Please be generous

Significant Wedding Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 24th June 2017** at 11 am. If you would like to come, please visit the Diocesan website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk This address is not monitored daily. Or contact Liz Murphy at St Bede's Parish office on 01256 465214 To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form. Send via email to above email address or by post to St Bede's Parish Office Popley Way Basingstoke RG24 9DX Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass

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.

Wisdom Centre and Daughters of Wisdom are running a day course Eternal Wisdom—Spring, New Shoots & Spiritual Growth on: Saturday April 22nd 2017. Please contact Melanie on 01794830206 or email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk Full details are on display at all churches.

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.

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

Christ sacrifice life rejoice joy Jesus hope crucifixion SAVIOR
He is RISEN
REDEEMER amazing grace LOVE mercy

Father David's 90th Birthday

On Wednesday 19th April at 10.00am I will celebrate Mass at St Edward The Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford, and hope you will join me for this happy occasion. My actual birthday this year fell on Holy Saturday. Tea/Coffee and Birthday Cake will be served in the Cloister after Mass and you are all most warmly invited
Father David.

Public Lectures "Divine Renovation" by Fr. James Mallon

A wonderful opportunity to hear Fr James Mallon from St Benedicts Halifax Nova Scotia talk about parish renewal and new evangelisation. Fr. James Mallon will share with us the many ways for bringing our parishes to life. Through humorous and colourful stories, Fr James challenges us to rethink our models of parish life, from membership-based communities to assemblies of disciples of Jesus who proclaim and share the good news with all peoples. The talk will run from 3.30 to 5.30 pm on Thursday 15th June at Old Windsor. Information and reserving of seats through the following website <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/father-james-mallons-workshop-tickets-32498111727> There is a booking fee and a small charge to help cover costs, which can be paid on-line.

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is an opportunity to enrich your marriage. The weekend is focused on various aspects of relationship, including the Catholic Churches Vision for Marriage. Here is a tremendous opportunity to enrich your relationship away from the stresses of everyday life. The next weekend to be held in this area is at Park Place near Fareham from May 19th –21st. For further details go to www.wvme.org.uk

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

Bishop's Waltham Charity Garden Fair In aid of St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital on Sunday 30th April 10pm - 4.00pm At Wintershill Hall, Durley SO32 2AL Entrance £5.00 (free parking) Children under 14 free Ask the expert: Andy McIndoe, 60+ specialist stalls, Children's corner, Homemade refreshments, Cuff Billett's, New Europa Jazz Band, Birds of Prey display, Hog Roast and award winning sausages. For more information see our website www.bishops-Waltham-garden-Fair.org

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS
Last week's collections TBC
SO/SD for the month of March £13,791.09



Bishop Waltham Mass Times

When Canon Alan is away at the end of April, a supply priest will come and say Mass at 9.30am on Sunday 30th April. However, the Saturday evening Mass at 6pm on Saturday 29th April is cancelled— just for this weekend.

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: May 14th, June 11th & July 9th

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 22nd

April 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, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747

Divine Mercy Day of Reflection Saturday 22nd

April In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, (23rd 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 or phone 02380 292337 and leave a message.

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. All 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.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	
Sat 15th April Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	NO MASS	Thurs 20th	9.30 am	HC	Beulah Ball & Patrick Austin RIP	
	8.00pm	OLQA	The Easter Vigil		10.00am	OLQA		
	8.00pm	St A	The Easter Vigil		6.00pm	St J		Father George Lyons RIP
	8.00pm	St Ed	The Easter Vigil Peter Ashcroft FM					
Sun 16th Easter-Sunday	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 21st	10.00am	St Ed	George, Gertrude & Mary Lawton RIP	
	9.00am	St Ed	For the Intention of Richard Layzell		10.00am	St J		
	9.00am	St A						
	9:30am	OLQA						
	10.30am	St J	Thanksgiving for return to St Joseph's Church					
11.00am	HC	Henry Karnecki RIP (Anniversary)						
				Sat 22nd	9.30am	HC	NO MASS	
Mon 17th	10:00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM	Sat 22nd Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Charles & Ivy Charleston RIP	
					6.00pm	St J		Father George Lyons RIP
					6.00pm	OLQA		
					6.30pm	St Ed		For the Intentions of Andy Gorman
Tues 18th	9.30am	HC	Maguire & Richard Family FM	Sun 23rd	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	
	10.00am	St A			9.00am	St Ed		Mrs Edward Christian FM
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A		
			9.30am		OLQA			
			11.00am		St J	Deceased relatives of the Coughlan & Corry Families		
Wed 19th	9.30am	HC	Francesco Papallo & Bruno Papallo RIP		11.00am	HC		Nora & Jan Korzeniowski RIP (Anniversary)
	10.00am	St Ed	Father David's 90th Birthday					

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 3.30pm - 6:00pm,
Rosary and Benediction at 5:30pm (before Mass at 6pm)

Rosary And Prayers

St Edward 9.30 am Wednesday The Holy Rosary

St Joseph 6.00pm Wednesday Evening Prayer

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Saturdays:

10.00am Holy Cross **NO CONFESSIONS**

Midday St Edward's **NO CONFESSIONS**

5.30pm Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church

5.30pm St. Joseph's

Sundays: 8.30am 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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