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Sunday Cycle: Year A
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PENTECOST

The Vocation to 'go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News'

Last weekend we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord as he left his disciples on the mountain and returned to his Father. His parting words formed an exhortation to continue the work he had begun: "Go, make disciples of all the nations" remembering that "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." What a task! What trust Jesus was putting in a band of brothers who were not perfect but who had responded to his call "Follow me."

In the Gospel this weekend we hear first of the timidity of the disciples, their lack of confidence: "the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews." But then they receive the gift of God's Holy Spirit, the breath of God, the sign of Jesus being with them. And then things begin to change. From the room where they were hiding they emerge into the daylight and start to preach, they begin in earnest the work they've been given to do.

Our history as a Catholic community in this country is rich but also contains periods of desperate persecution. There are many martyrs whose lives are woven into the tapestry of our story in these lands. Some will cite this as the reason we became a rather introverted church where we were quite happy to be left alone to do 'our thing'. In parts and at times we verged on becoming ghetto communities. Our leaders told us not even to set foot inside non-Catholic churches. In return we were branded by others as 'Roman Catholics' – a pejorative description which implied we couldn't quite be trusted as we must have divided loyalties. In most countries we were simply 'Catholics', but not here. [Note that in recent years we have insisted in dropping 'Roman' – for example our schools are now Catholic Schools – and quite rightly.]

All of this militated against us 'going out to the world' in which we live. We saw ourselves as a community within a community, minding our own business. That changed to a large extent with the Second Vatican Council and the call to engage with the world because we are part of it. With all its troubles, challenges and awful events this world is **our** world and we are called to take an active part. Seeing more Catholics involved in local and national politics is a great sign and there are many others which attest to our engagement. This in turn opens up opportunities for the Gospel to be proclaimed. At every level, in every sphere, we are all of us called to be missionaries taking the Good News to those we meet.

This engagement with the wider world includes taking part in decisions which affect us all. Next Thursday many of us have the chance to vote in the General Election. It has been described as one of the most significant for many years because of the issues facing us as a nation and the consequences if we don't get it right. When I walk down Cranbury Road on Thursday to the Polling Station in the Community Centre, as I place my cross alongside one name, I am actually fulfilling Jesus' command to get involved and to take the Gospel to others. In fact, so many things we do are linked to that central calling we have all received. Seen like that, even seemingly minor tasks become serious business.

Fr John

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Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Psalm Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

**Readings for next Sunday 11th June 2017
The Most Holy Trinity**

Gospel: John 3:16-18

1st reading: Exodus 34.4-6. 8-9

Psalm: Daniel 3

2nd reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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. Every Wednesday until the end of July from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at St Edward the Confessor Church. Theme this week is 'The Holy Trinity'. Contact Deacon Paul Owen Tel 02380 254806; email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 7th June 7.30 pm at SSW church Fair Oak.

A Bible Study based on the birth of the Church at Pentecost. We will look at the original meaning of Pentecost, at what happened on that day according to Acts 2, at the role Pentecost continued to play in the Acts of the Apostles and what it means for us today. Meetings finish at 9.00pm followed by refreshments. Queries to Peter Baggott 028694060 or Deacon Bob Birtles.

Holy Hour at St Edward's.

There will be **NO** Holy Hour closing with Benediction on Thursday June 8th. Will resume Thursday June 15th at 7.00pm.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next year, sometime after Easter 2018, Bishop Philip will celebrate Confirmation for young people who belong to St Swithun Wells Parish. For the last few years the Bishop has arranged a Confirmation once every two years for parishes and next year it is our turn. The plan is to form the group before the summer break so that the preparation will be up and running in good time for September. This means that young people wishing to enrol must do so in the next few weeks. There are *Enrolment Forms* available in each of our churches. Anyone who will be in Year Eight next year (ie. starting in September) and above is eligible to apply. This means that if you are currently in Year Seven you can join the Programme for Confirmation. Please do this soon as we want to have plans well underway before the summer break. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Father John.

MUSTARD SEED

The new addition of the Mustard Seed is now available at all churches. Please collect your copy.

Volunteers needed for Street Pastor patrols. Over the last 8 years the churches in Eastleigh, Fair Oak and Chandlers Ford through Street Pastors, have played an essential part in keeping people safe. Night-time patrols, have meant we can be out there building community in new ways, loving our town and offering reassurance, safety and support through listening, caring and helping. We now urgently need people for night patrols, either to go out on the street or stay in and pray. Can you help? Could you give 5 hours a month? Please Apply NOW—Training starts September 2017. If you would like to apply but cannot commit to all the training, then please talk to me. The Training dates are Fri 7-9.30pm Sat & Sun 9.30-4.30
Fri eve 15th Sat 16th Sun 17th Sept
Fri eve 29th Sat 30th Sept Sun 1 Oct
Fri eve 13th Sat 14th, Sun 15th Oct.
Applications needed by Friday, 1st September.
Eric Hyom: 023 80643457,
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Website: <https://streetpastors.org/locations/eastleigh/>

ST EDWARD'S CHOIR

will be rehearsing on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm for about an hour every week unless notified. Please come along if you want to join in. No audition! Just bring your smile and your voice. Contact Joanna on 07437 440299 or joannapuzzle@gmail.com for more information.

MISSIO - RED BOX HOLDERS AT ST EDWARD'S

Many members of our community have a Red Box in their homes. It's a way we support Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, and the Mill Hill Missionaries, Britain's own missionary society. Thank you to everyone who is a red box holder. I'm holding a special collection for those of St Edwards's whose Red Box may have not been opened for a while. Maybe it's lurking on top of the fridge, or behind some books. If so, please bring it to Mass over the coming weekends and I will empty it. If you have any queries please contact me: Mary Vokes - mejbw@hotmail.co.uk or 02381220502. Or visit: missio.org.uk/RedBox for more information. If anyone can help with quarterly magazine delivery and Box emptying we are in desperate need of new volunteers.

Job Vacancies at St Swithun Wells Primary School

Learning Support Assistant (16.7 hrs per week) and Early Years Assistant (19 hrs per week)
Term time only. Full details on church notice boards.
Closing Date: June 8th 2017

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections TBC

SO/SD for the month of May £13577.59

WANTED!! Lego Cards which Sainsbury are currently distributing, are being collected by St Swithun Wells School. If any parishioners have them please bring into the Parish Office or Church and they will be passed on. Thank You!

The next meeting of the **60 Club** is on Monday 5th June from 2pm-4pm, in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.

Parish Lunch at The Vine, Ower, Wednesday 14th June at 12.30pm. Menus will be on the notice boards. All are welcome. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meals before Monday 5th June as we have to preorder. Thank you.

Date for your Diary

Flower Festival– Fri 23rd-Sun 25th June. Our Lady Queen of Apostles. Floral displays art exhibits refreshments. Pauline Watson 07917 407361.

Parish Picnic Sun 9th July 2017 1.00pm -4.30pm Fryern Hill Recreation Ground Chandlers Ford.

FLOWER FESTIVAL AT BISHOP'S WALTHAM

As noted over recent weeks, there is to be a Festival in Bishop's Waltham in a few weeks' time to which all are invited. Each of our six church communities is preparing a display to support this event. If you would like to contribute to the costs for the arrangement from your church please use the baskets available at the end of Masses this weekend. All contributions are welcome.

GOOD COMPANIONS Our next lunch for those who live alone or are lonely will be at 12.30pm on Tuesday 6th June at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield. Please let Pauline Wilson know on 023 80266617 if you wish to join us. New members are always welcome and transport can be arranged if required.

Oasis Parish Women's Group

Meeting Tuesday 13th June

For our June meeting, we will be undertaking a **prayer walk**: an opportunity for a leisurely walk around our local area and time to pray for our local community. Intrigued? Well come along and find out more. ALL LADIES WARMLY WELCOMED. Meet as usual at 7:30pm, St Edward's Cloister, finish by 9pm. Shorter and 'non' walking options available too. Last meeting before the summer break July 11th

Hope Eastleigh 2017

June 4th 'Pentecost Sunday' Come and be inspired by Roy Crowne, the Executive Director of HOPE, as we look forward to this year's HOPE week. Eastleigh Baptist Church, Wells Place, Eastleigh 6.30 –8.30pm

Wedding in the Parish

Peter Smith and Rebecca Mole are getting married on the 17th June at 2.30pm at Holy Cross Church. They would like to extend an open invite to any parishioners who would like to witness their union.

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:** June 21 & 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: June 11th & July 9th.

Parishioners unable to get to Mass

If you are aware of any parishioner who cannot attend Mass because of age, infirmity etc then please contact the parish office and let them know. Similarly, if you have not seen a parishioner at Mass for a while then please let the parish office know.

The Knights of Columba Annual BBQ

The Knights of St Columba invite all parishioners to a BBQ at St Edwards Church 1pm Saturday 17th June. Cost £10. Proceeds go towards those needing assistance on Lourdes pilgrimage. Tickets on sale on the day, but names/numbers in advance please to David Martin:

2dmartin@gmail.com

2017 Fanning the Flame Summer Camp The annual Fanning the Flame Summer Camp is an exciting week of faith, fun and fellowship here in Hampshire for young people aged 10-25. Come for a week full of good food, fun games, discovering more about your faith, horse riding, creative workshops, sports, lively worship, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Adoration, and of course camping under amazing night sky. Booking Forms are now available on www.dominicansistersofstjoseph.org See poster for details at all Churches.

A thank you letter has been received from the Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers) for the donation of £619.65 for the Serenje Project. Additionally letters have been received from Mary's Meals and CAFOD for the donations received of £432.00 which will be used to provide life changing meals for children in their place of education and £2,495.00 going to the East Africa Crisis Appeal respectively. The monies were raised through the Lenten Alms collected throughout Lent in the Parish. All Charities expressed their thanks for the generosity and support given.

Thanks to all who supported the recent CAFOD Coffee Morning £400 was raised for our Connect2 project in Peru.

A date for your diaries - The annual CAFOD barbecue will be held at St Edward's on Saturday July 15th. More details later.

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

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

| DATE | TIME | CHURCH | MASS INTENTION | DATE | TIME | CHURCH | MASS INTENTION |
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| Sat 3rd June Vigil Masses | 5.00pm | St Sw | Patrick Slavin RIP | Thurs 8th | 9.30am | HC | Carmela Campese FM |
| | 6.00pm | OLQA | | | 10.00am | OLQA | Funeral Mass for Veronica Ashworth RIP |
| | 6.00pm | St J | | | 11.00am | HC | |
| | 6.30pm | St Ed | | | 6.00pm | St J | Ivor Stroud RIP (Anniversary) |
| Sun 4th | 9.00am | HC | Polska Msza Święta | Fri 9th | 10.00am | St Ed | NO MASS |
| | 9.00am | St Ed | Agnes & John Walker FM | | 10.00am | St J (AH) | |
| | 9.00am | St A | Sheila and George Marshall RIP (Anniversary) | | 12 noon | St Ed | Funeral Mass for Bill Bradley RIP |
| | 9.30am | OLQA | | | | | |
| | 11.00am | St J | Bill Dee & Michael Flynn RIP | | | | |
| | 11.00am | HC | | | | | |
| | | | | Sat 10th | 9.30am | HC | Rui Quadros (Anniversary) |
| Mon 5th | 10.00am | St Ed | Aymen Al-Shamkhani Birthday | Sat 10th Vigil Masses | 5.00pm | St Sw | Capt John & Mrs Mary Simpson RIP |
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| | | | | | 6.30pm | St Ed | |
| Tues 6th | 9.30am | HC | Antonio Cicu FM (moved from 13th June) | Sun 11th | 9.00am | HC | Polska Msza Święta |
| | 10.00am | St A | | | 9.00am | St Ed | Dick Lloyd RIP |
| | 10.00am | OLQA | | | 9.00am | St A | Allan Westwood RIP (Anniversary) |
| | | 9.30am | OLQA | | | | |
| | | 11.00am | St J | | | | |
| | | 11.00am | HC | | | | |
| Wed 7th | 9.30am | HC | Francesco Papallo RIP | | | | |
| | 10.00am | St Ed | Margaret Egan RIP | | | | |

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month
10.00 - 1.00pm

Thursday - St E **NO Holy Hour** or **Benediction resumes June 15th**

Thursday - St J from Noon-6.00pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm (before Mass at 6pm)Thursday -

Friday St A Morning Prayer and Adoration 10.00am

Rosary St Edward 9.30 am Wednesday The Holy Rosary

And St Joseph 6.00pm Wednesday Evening Prayer

Prayers St Andrews 10.00am Friday Morning Prayer

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Saturdays: 10.00am Holy Cross Church
Midday St Edward's
5.30pm Our Lady Queen of Apostles
5.30pm St. Joseph's Church

Sundays: 8.30am St. Andrew's Church.

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OLQA Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham. SO32 1DN
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