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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Following the Easter Season, which concluded with the Feast of Pentecost, we have re-entered 'Ordinary Time' and this takes us all the way through to Advent. Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity and next weekend, the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). The Trinity, Father Son and Holy Spirit, takes us into the very nature and essence of God. Hardly surprising then that it is mysterious and not easy to comprehend. One yet three, the Trinity is at heart about the relationship which is God. Distinct but they cannot be separated – each intrinsically connected with the other two. Every time we make the sign of the cross we recall this pivotal tenet of our Christian faith. Unity and oneness in God and the call for us to be drawn into this relationship lies at the very heart of what we believe.

I'm writing this on the eve of the General Election. The result seems less certain than when Theresa May chose to call it and whatever the outcome there will be significant consequences for our future and the future of this country. Details to be negotiated over what kind of exit we'll have from the EU, how national finances will be managed, who will pay and how the most vulnerable will be cared for are just some of the issues. Whether we pull together in the years ahead or whether we spend our time arguing and emphasising what divides us will be up to us.

Into this mix is added the very real danger of terrorist acts which can happen at any time and anywhere. In recent weeks the terrible realities on Westminster Bridge, a pop-concert in Manchester and London Bridge and Borough Market have brought this home to people. Yet I watched an interview with a politician who said: "we just need to sit down with these people (ISIS) and talk." I wondered whether she is living on the same planet as the rest of us – who could you talk to in an organisation that prides itself in not having a clear or hierarchical structure? Those who work behind the scenes to keep us safe have warned that this is not going to end anytime soon.

But although we may not be able to change or affect the actions of those who hate and want to cause harm we can still decide whether they achieve their aims. The main goal of terrorism is to cause fear, suspicion and division. If we allow that to happen, if we start to ostracise elements of our communities then the terrorists can claim success. We live in very cosmopolitan times (the range of nationalities hurt in London demonstrates this) with cultural and religious diversity. Recognising that, cherishing it and getting to know each better ultimately breaks down barriers.

In his Gospel John records the prayer of Jesus: "Father, may they all be one as we are one." This won't happen by magic – it will happen because individuals decide to overcome obstacles and reach out to one another. Sometimes we will be rebuffed and disappointed but it is something we should do. How many of us actually know those who live next door or two doors away? Do we ever talk to them? It starts here, where we are. This may all sound rather distant from the realities we watch on television and see laid out for us graphically in the newspapers after another terrorist attack. But we are created for relationship, with God and with one another. And so, as St Paul says in today's second reading: "try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you."

Fr John

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Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Psalm Response: To you glory and praise evermore.

**Readings for next Sunday 18th June 2017
The Most Holy Trinity**

Gospel: John 6:51-58

1st reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

Psalm:147

2nd reading:1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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 'Corpus Christi'. Contact Deacon Paul Owen Tel 02380 254806; email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Fellowship Group This Sunday is the feast of "The Most Holy Trinity" so Fellowship on Wednesday 14th June 2017 will be around this theme.(St Swithun Wells Church at 7.30pm) Everybody welcome. More details from Bob Birtles.bbirtles@portsouthdiocese.co.uk (02380 692416)

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 July 2nd 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.

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 A new edition (Number 21, Pentecost) was made available last weekend – please collect a copy today if you missed it. Bob bbirtles@portsouthdiocese.co.uk(02380 692416)

FIRST COMMUNIONS AT ST EDWARD'S. Many of the children receiving their First Communion at St Edward's will do so at the 9am Mass on Sunday 25th June. We are expecting a large crowd at that Mass so if any regular attenders could come along on Saturday evening instead that would be helpful.

CLERGY CONVOCATION. This week many priests and deacons from across the diocese will gather with the Bishop in Windsor from Tuesday to Thursday. As a result there are changes and cancellations to some weekday Masses so please check the back of the Newsletter. And do pray for the Bishop and clergy as they gather, pray together and discuss.

Confraternity of the Rosary will be going to Arundel Cathedral, Carpet of Flowers, Feast of Corpus Christi on 15th June. Leaving from St Edmunds Church, The Avenue, Southampton to pick up coach at 12.45pm. Holy Mass followed by procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of Arundel Castle. Return to Cathedral for final prayers. Contact Janet on 02392 820744 for further details and to book a place on the coach.

Our Rebel Emotions If like many of us you have events or situations in life that make it difficult to handle emotions such as Anger, Anxiety and Guilt you may find our day on 17th June (10am – 4pm) useful at The Wisdom Centre. The day is open to those of all faiths and none, and led by a qualified Christian counsellor, Gordon Anderson. Full details on display at all churches.

St Swithun Wells Prayer Link. A new Prayer Sheet (June 2017) is available in all our churches this weekend. Please collect your copy. Do feel free to contact me if you have any questions about Prayer Link or with Prayer Requests. Marion marionbirtles@gmail.com (02380 692416)

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. 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 7.00 9.30pm, Sat & Sun 9.30-4.30, Fri 15th eve, 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, Email:erichyom@hotmail.com

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS
Last week's collections £1,660.27
SO/SD for the month of May £13,577.59

Next weekend June 17th/18th there will be a 2nd Collection for Day for Life 2017.

Dates 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.

The Annual CAFOD barbecue will be held at St Edward's on Saturday July 15th. More details later.

Candlelight Prayer – Advance Notice You are most welcome to come for a period of prayer, meditation, silence and song on **Wednesday 21st June 2017** 7.30pm at St Swithun Wells Church Fair Oak. More details? Contact Bob and Marion Birtles. (02380 692416) marionbirtles@gmail.com

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.

KNIT & NATTER at St Edward's 12th June 2pm–4pm All very welcome. Refreshments available. Any queries Maureen Stephenson 02380 252104

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

KNIT FOR PEACE Wednesday 14th June from 2pm –4pm at St Andrew's. Donations of men's clothes and shoes for Two Saints gratefully accepted. Contact Ann Harcourt on 02380 734710.

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 Edward'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.

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.

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.

Thank You from Poitiers Care.

The parish has received a thank you letter from Poitiers Care for the £555 donated from the proceeds of the Lenten Lunch held St Edward's church.

Lately, due to a rise in the price of vegetables, Fairshare, the charity which collects the leftover stock at supermarkets and warehouses, has not been able to give Poitiers Care so much. This means that Poitiers Care have had to supplement the donated food by buying tinned vegetables etc. So our donation came at the right time. Poitiers Care thanks everyone concerned.

Lent Fast Day for CAFOD our donation of £5,168.40 was gratefully received from CAFOD who expressed their thanks for the generosity given. The monies went to the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Zambia to provide various training projects.

SWAG's 2nd performance of *Disciple* on June 1st raised a very respectable £368 for Brendoncare, which Lloyds Bank is "match giving" bringing it up to £736!!! **Well done** to all the SWAG team, their parents, the safeguarders and YOU for supporting what was an entertaining and thought provoking show. Please check out the website for details of how the children told their story

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
Sat 10th June Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Capt John & Mrs Mary Simpson RIP	Thurs 15th	9.30am	HC	Margaret Egan RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	NO MASS
	6.00pm	St J			6.00pm	St J	Feli Haufft RIP
	6.30pm	St Ed					
Sun 11th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 16th	10.00am	St Ed	Living & deceased of Wallace & Brady Families
	9.00am	St Ed	Dick Lloyd RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A					
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J					
	11.00am	HC	Allan Westwood RIP (Anniversary)				
				Sat 17th	9.30am	HC	Charles & Martha Barrett FM
Mon 12th	10.00am	St Ed	Wedding Anniversary William & Eleanor	Sat 17th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Capt John & Mrs Mary Simpson RIP
					6.00pm	St J	
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	
Tues 13th	9.30am	HC	NO MASS	Sun 18th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A	NO MASS		9.00am	St Ed	Carol Williams RIP
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A	
					9.30am	OLQA	
					11.00am	St J	
		11.00am		HC	Bella & Jerry McDonnell RIP		
Wed 14th	9.30am	HC	NO MASS				
	10.00am	St Ed	Patrick Lake RIP				

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 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
	Middy	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
HC Holy Cross, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. SO50 9DF
St Sw St. Swithun Wells, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB
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