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THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Next weekend two wonderful, momentous, grace-filled celebrations will take place. Here in our parish seventy children will receive Our Lord for the very first time in Holy Communion. In Bishop's Waltham, Eastleigh, Chandler's Ford and North Baddesley these children, who have spent many months preparing for this step on their journey of faith, will come forward with their parents and families and be offered 'the Body of Christ' and 'the Blood of Christ'. Receiving Jesus made present in the Eucharist is at the heart of our Catholic faith. The bread and wine are not signs, or tokens, or symbols of Jesus – they are consecrated and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, they really and truly are Jesus Christ. Our prayer for these children is that they will receive Jesus in this way regularly throughout their lives, because they need to.

The second wonderful, momentous and grace-filled celebration next weekend will be at the Cathedral in Portsmouth when Bishop Philip ordains two men for service as priests in our diocese. Ansel de Mello and Robert Stewart, having completed their studies at St John's Seminary Womersley, are on the threshold of the next stage of their journey of faith. The Bishop will lay his hands on their heads and pray that the Holy Spirit of God will fill them with the grace and gifts they'll need to serve him in the people to whom they are sent. In order to live out their calling they, just like the children receiving their First Communion, will need to continue to join themselves to the Lord in prayer – and to receive him in a special way through the Sacraments.

As part of the *Ordination Rite for Priests* there comes a moment when, after the Laying on of Hands, after the Prayer of Consecration, after the Anointing of Hands and Investiture with Stole and Chasuble the new priest kneels before the Bishop and is given a paten and chalice holding the bread and wine. The Bishop then says: "Accept from the holy people of God the gifts to be offered to him. Know what you are doing, and imitate the mystery you celebrate: model your life on the mystery of the Lord's cross." This summarises the role of the priest: for and on behalf of all people to offer to God prayer and thanksgiving, and to make the example of Christ his model and inspiration. Jesus did not hold back but he offered himself without reservation. A priest is called to do the same in imitation of Christ.

On this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) we hear in the Gospel the message of Jesus about how vital it is for us to receive him: "I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you will not have life in you." How much clearer could he make it, how much more explicit? Receiving him in the Eucharist is essential if we are to have his life in us: "Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life and I shall raise him up on the last day." And so receiving Communion binds us to him and by extension binds us to one another, as St Paul remarks in the Second Reading: "though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf."

Pray for the children who look forward to next weekend with excitement and pray for their parents and families who have brought them this far on the journey. Pray too for Ansel and Robert as they prepare to be ordained priests for the Diocese of Portsmouth. May God who has begun this good work in them bring it to fulfilment.

Fr John

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Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Psalms Response: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

**Readings for next Sunday 25th June 2017
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33
1st reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm:68
2nd reading: Romans 5:12-15

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 'Persecution & Suffering'. Contact Deacon Paul Owen Tel 02380 254806; email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Candlelight Prayer Group Wednesday 21st June 2017

You are most welcome to come for a period of prayer, meditation, silence and song at 7.30pm at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. Refreshments will be served afterwards (**hosted by Fellowship Group.**) Everybody welcome. More details? Contact Bob and Marion (02380692416) marionbirtles@gmail.com

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) is available – please collect a copy today if you missed it. Bob bbirtles@portsouthdiocese.co.uk(02380 692416)

This weekend June 17th/18th there will be a 2nd Collection for Day for Life 2017.
Next weekend June 24th/25th there will be a 2nd collection for Peter's Pence

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.

Fatima Centenary -the National Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima is coming to the St George Catholic College for one day only on Monday July 3rd. From 4pm-7pm the statue and relics of Sts Jacinta and Francesco will be available for veneration to members of the local parishes. 6pm will be enrolment of the Brown Scapular and 6.30pm the rosary will be said. All welcome. For more details please contact David Walford 02380322603.

St Swithun Wells Prayer Link. A new Prayer Sheet (June 2017) was made available last weekend. Please collect your copy today if you missed it. Do feel free to contact me if you have any questions about Prayer Link or with Prayer Requests. Marion marionbirtles@gmail.com(02380 692416)

The Rejoice Catholic festival is an exciting event happening in different venues across the east of Southampton between 23rd June and 9th July. For full details visit the Rejoice website at www.ckscolasb.org/rejoice.htm or find us on Facebook by searching for Rejoice Festival. Alternatively e-mail rejoicefestival@gmail.com and request a programme.

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

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.

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.

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.

National Day of Prayer and Fasting for life, Wednesday 21st June 2017. On the vigil of St. John Fisher and Thomas More, please Pray and Fast for the end of abortion in this country. Thousands of babies are saved from abortion each year by Catholic, Pro-Life work, backed up with your Prayer and Fasting. www.goodcounselnetwork.com

St Swithun Wells Primary School would like to thank the Knights of St. Columba for their generous donation of £320. This will contribute towards the cost of two children from Year 6 attending the Summer Residential field trip to Mill Rythe, Hayling Island.

The 60 Club will meet as usual in Holy Cross Resource Centre, from 2pm -4pm, on Monday 19th June . Please just come along.

Royal Hampshire County Hospital Winchester
If you are expecting to be admitted into the Hospital in the near future, please inform St Peters Parish Office so they can arrange for a member of the clergy to come and visit and/or bring Holy Communion. They can be contacted on 01962 852804.

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.

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 Meeting: July 9th.

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.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage

This is for teenagers aged from 14 to 17 years running alongside the main diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage from 18th—25th August. More details from: youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections £1,423.16

SO/SD for the month of May £13,577.59

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 17th June Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Exam Success	Thurs 22nd	9.30am	HC	Gualtero Family FM
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J			6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Capt John & Mary Simpson RIP				
Sun 18th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 23rd	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
	9.00am	St Ed	Carol Williams RIP				
	9.00am	St A			10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J					
	11.00am	HC	Bella & Jerry McDonnell RIP				
				Sat 24th	11.00am	HC	First Communion MASS
Mon 19th	10.00am	St Ed		Sat 24th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Kathleen Stroud RIP (Anniversary) Living & Deceased Members of the Bonetti & Wilson Families FM
					6.00pm	St J	
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	
Tues 20th	9.30am	HC	Jack & Chris Molloy FM	Sun 25th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A	Kathleen Stroud RIP (Anniversary)		9.00am	St Ed	Mike & Nora Brosnan RIP
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A	Felicity Blishen (Birthday)
					9.30am	OLQA	
			11.00am		St J		
			11.00am		HC	Peter Casey RIP	
Wed 21st	9.30am	HC	Maureen Harvey RIP				
	10.00am	St Ed	Living & Deceased Members of the Lake & Hill Families				

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:	NO CONFESSIONS at Holy Cross Church	NO CONFESSIONS at St Edward's
	5.30pm	Our Lady Queen of Apostles
	5.30pm	St. Joseph's Church
Sundays:	8.30am	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
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