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Sunday Cycle: Year A
 Weekday Cycle: Year 1
 Psalter Week 4

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

During the coming week we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. These two apostles tower over the early church and both left an indelible mark which shaped things to come. Because we hear quite a bit about both of them in the New Testament we can feel we know Peter and Paul – possibly better than the other apostles. There are differences and there are similarities between them. Coming to follow the Lord with their own life-experience they took on the task of spreading and embedding the Good News, forming and shaping communities in Jerusalem and then in relatively far-flung places. They both came to terms with their faults and weaknesses and therefore were able to cooperate with the Lord as he worked through them. Both died the death of a martyr and are rightly venerated.

Paul and Peter lived in turbulent times: with the dominance of the Roman Empire misunderstanding and challenges were a feature of life. There must have been times when they wondered privately about the state of the world – what would happen next and how the message they preached could make any difference. But underneath, as men of faith, they trusted in God and accepted that they could not always see the bigger picture and comprehend his plan. This enabled them to play their part, to live their calling, and to believe that God was at work.

There are people today in our country, perhaps you included, who are deeply worried about all that is happening and wonder what's gone wrong. Attacks by one person on others, driven by hatred or a twisting of religion, terrible events like the recent the fire in west London, the uncertainty left by the recent General Election and now the start of talks in Brussels over our exit from the European Union. Things that we took for granted as stable points in life are shaken and threatened. It can feel as though familiar touchstones are no longer there. More than anything I find in conversations with parishioners a real concern about the future and what we are handing on to younger people. Grandparents and parents are anxious as they launch their sons and daughters into a world which is uncertain and confusing. If we who have been around a while struggle, despite having gained some life-experience, then how will children and young adults manage?

I'm not going to say to you that we should simply close our eyes hope for the best and say a quick prayer that God will sort it all out for us. Trusting in his providence and believing that he 'holds us in the palm of his hand' does not absolve any of us from engaging and trying to make a difference. At a meeting of Army Chaplains last week we were grappling with how to respond to young soldiers who might say to a priest: 'You say this is important, but what can God do for me in my life?' We felt that part of the answer should be: 'God can help you make a difference – in the world of today and in the lives of others'. Young people invariably want to make a difference – they are nowhere near as self-absorbed as people tend to make out. The call to serve, the chance to do good and help improve the lot of others is a real and motivating force in young people. Allowing God to be active in their lives will help them do what they genuinely want to do. With some justification young people may look at us and wonder how we've managed to mess up on quite such a scale. Maybe we need to rediscover in ourselves the enthusiasm and energy of youth 'to make a difference'.

Fr John

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Office hours: Monday– Wednesday 9am–4.00pm Thursday & Friday 9.30–2.30 Newsletter items should be received by Wednesday 12:00 noon

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Psalm Response: In your great love, answer me, O God.

**Readings for next Sunday 2nd July 2017
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42
1st reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16
Psalm: 88
2nd reading: Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

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 'Sacrament of Baptism'. Contact Deacon Paul Owen Tel 02380 254806; email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Fellowship Group Please come and join us next Wednesday 28th July at 7.30pm for a lively discussion about the meaning of 'Ordinary Time in the Churches. Year' Everybody welcome. More details? Contact Bob & 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 will be 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.

This weekend June 24th/25th there will be a 2nd collection for Peter's Pence

Funeral Mass—Patricia Kuhl

The funeral Mass for Patricia Kuhl will be at 11.00am on Friday 30th June at Our Lady Queen of Apostles. Parishioners are warmly invited to participate in her Funeral Mass and invited to stay for refreshments in the Parish Hall at OLQA immediately afterwards.

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 Edward's Pastoral Area - Valley Park.

There will be a Scripture Reading and Social Morning at the home of Susan Johnston, 9 Danebury Gardens, Chandlers Ford, SO53 4NQ on Thursday, 29 June, 2017 at 11 am All are very welcome.

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 7.00pm-9.30pm, Sat & Sun 9.30am-4.30pm, 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.

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

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.

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.

ANNUAL CAFOD BARBECUE

The barbecue will take place at St Edward's on Saturday July 15th at 12.30pm. Tickets £9 (to include first drink) will be on sale after the weekend Masses at St Edwards from this weekend. If you don't attend St Edward's church and would like tickets please contact Clare Lasker on 02380252138. All proceeds to our new Connect2 Project in Peru.

Please pray for Edward Hauschild (former parishioner of St Edwards,) who has been accepted by Bishop Philip and the Diocese to commence training and ongoing discernment for the Priesthood in the autumn.

St Swithun Wells Prayer Link. A new Prayer Sheet (June 2017) 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)

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.

Catholic Chaplaincies Catholic? Going to university this year?

Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the university or the local parish. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome. To find your local Chaplaincy, and for contact details of all the University Chaplains and Catholic Student Societies, visit the Catholics At University website at: www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk

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 Meeting:** 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.

Christian Aid Solo Cycle Ride 2017 Tour of Switzerland

Jane Hough from St Swithun Wells has successfully completed her ride of 1,031 miles (1,650kms) in just over 2 weeks starting and ending in Zurich and including the highest Pass in Switzerland; the Furka Pass (2,431m) which had only just been cleared of snow. She would like to thank you all for your support both financial and moral in raising over £3,500 for Christian Aid! It is so rewarding to know that this will help many many people in need worldwide.

PACT – Prisoners, ex-prisoners and their families

Pact, the Catholic charity for prisoners and their families is offering free training and support for parishioners interested in volunteering with them in prisons or in the local community. To find out more please contact parishaction@prisonadvice.org.uk or see their website www.prisonadvice.org.uk

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 2 children from Year 6 attending the Summer Residential field trip

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections £1,221.06

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 24th June Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Exam Success	Thurs 29th Sts Peter & Paul Apostles	9.30am	HC	Lilian di Melo RIP	
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	NO MASS	
	6.00pm	St J	Kathleen Stroud RIP (Anniversary)		10.00am	St A		
	6.30pm	St Ed	Living & Deceased Members of		7.00pm	St J		
					7.30pm	St Ed	Exam Success	
Sun 25th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 30th	10.00am	St Ed	Mary Duignan 90th Birthday	
	9.00am	St Ed	Mike & Nora Brosnan RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)		
	9.00am	St A	Felicity Blishen (Birthday)		11.00am OLQA			Funeral Mass for Sheila Kuhl RIP
	9.30am	OLQA						
	11.00am	St J						
	11.00am	HC	Peter Casey RIP					
				Sat 1st July	9.30am	HC		
Mon 26th	10.00am	St Ed	NO MASS	Sat 1st Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw		
					6.00pm	St J		
					6.00pm	OLQA	NO MASS	
					6.30pm	St Ed	John Milles FM	
Tues 27th	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreira RIP	Sun 2nd	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	
	10.00am	St A	Patrick Lake RIP		9.00am	St Ed	Adrian Bonetti & Karen Parish RIP	
	10.00am	OLQA	NO MASS		9.00am	St A		
Wed 28th	9.30am	HC	Mills Family Special Intention		9.30am	OLQA		
	10.00am	St Ed	Tina & Luciano Matteucci RIP		11.00am	St J		
	2.00pm		Mass at St Swithun's Primary School		11.00am	HC	Charles & Maria Cooper FM	
	7.30pm	OLQA	Vigil Mass for Sts Peter & Paul Apostles					

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

Thursday - St E NO HOLY HOUR from 29th June until early Sept

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 And Prayers

St Edward	9.30 am	Wednesday	The Holy Rosary
St Joseph	6.00pm	Wednesday	Evening Prayer
St Andrews	10.00am	Friday	Morning Prayer

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Saturdays: 10.00am Holy Cross Church
12.00 noon St Edward's

NO CONFESSIONS at 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
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