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

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Last Wednesday the death was announced of the author, Michael Bond. His most famous creation was the character of a small bear who came from 'darkest Peru' and arrived in London clutching a suitcase, wearing a duffle coat and hat, with a note attached to him saying 'please look after this bear'. Paddington Bear was born and his exploits entertained children over the years [well before Harry Potter]. Although not quite as commercially sophisticated in those days, there were items linked to Paddington which could be purchased. My brother was a big fan, read all the books, had a Paddington Bear bedspread (duvets hadn't quite caught on then) and even had a wastepaper bin adorned with a picture of the bear! I have still never met anyone with quite the appetite for marmalade that my brother has, now in his fifties. Could this be linked to his devotion to Paddington?

Michael Bond said that this figure of Paddington was partly inspired by the sight of Jewish children arriving in London as refugees, with cards around their necks listing personal details to ensure they were directed to the right centres and homes in this country. I can also remember seeing photographs of evacuees from London during the Second World War, hundreds of thousands of children being loaded onto trains heading out of the capital to places of safety in the countryside less likely to be bombed. My Dad was one of them. They too had those cards around their necks.

We don't hear quite so much these days about migrants and refugees making the perilous journey across the Mediterranean Sea in the hope of settling in Europe. But the fact that it hardly features on our screens doesn't mean it isn't still happening. People are drowning as flimsy craft flounder and sink. These are desperate people fleeing and seeking a better life for themselves and their children. When they arrive many are disappointed at the conditions in which they are held and soon realise the harshness of their new environment. The reception they receive can make such a difference to those whose lives are shattered and who possess only what they wear and can carry.

In developed nations like ours and the United States of America there has always been openness to those seeking a new home. The great Statue of Liberty (Liberty Enlightening the World) was the first sight many immigrants had on their arrival in New York. The harsh realities of the world today have caused a number of nations to turn inwards, partly through fear (national security) and partly because when life is harder for you it isn't always so easy to share what you have with new arrivals. It's a complex and difficult issue: any politician broaching the subject is open the charge of racism or of promulgating an open-door policy. This was, without doubt, one of the factors behind our nation's decision to leave the EU.

Compassion is not an idea, or a word, or well-meant sentiment. Compassion is the ability to 'love with' others – to accept them as of equal value to me. There is a song, not my favourite, which we used to sing more often in church and still pops up in Holy Week as we contemplate Jesus on the cross, not with a note around his neck but rather a sign pinned above his head. The words of the song I'm thinking about are: "When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there ..... And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?"

*Fr John*

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**Entrance Antiphon:** All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**Psalm Response:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

**Readings for next Sunday 9th July 2017  
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

1st reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm: 144

2nd reading: Romans 8:9. 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 'Chasity'. Contact Deacon Paul Owen Tel 02380 254806; email: [powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**Fellowship Group** There will be an "end of term" liturgy followed by refreshments on Wednesday July 5th 2017, St Swithun Wells Church at 7.30pm. All welcome. Meetings will recommence after the Summer - date to be confirmed. More details from Bob. [bbirtles@portsouthdiocese.co.uk](mailto: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 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.

**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

**Next weekend** July 8th/9th there will be a 2nd collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.

**MASSES DURING THIS WEEK:** Father Alan is away this week and as clergy we are a little stretched so there are some adjustments to weekday Masses. If you attend Mass in any of our churches during the week, please check the back of this Newsletter for details of when and where Mass is being celebrated. We do try to keep changes to an absolute minimum but sometimes they are unavoidable.

**FIRST COMMUNIONS:** Thank you to everyone – and that includes so many people – who contributed to the preparation of the children and then celebration of their First Communion Day last weekend. The Masses in each church were joyful, prayerful and memorable for the young people and their families. So much work went on behind the scenes and a special word of thanks is due to Anne Owen who coordinated this year's Programme once again. This weekend children will be presented with Certificates recording this special moment on their journey of faith.

**Prayer Link**

The June Prayer Sheet is in use at the moment. Remember there are no meetings to attend to join in the Prayer Link. Feel free to contact me if you did not get the latest Prayer Sheet for use at home, in your own time. Also please let me know if you have a request for prayers - I only use names on the Request Sheet if specifically asked to do so, otherwise requests are anonymous - God knows the names! Marion [marionbirtles@gmail.com](mailto:marionbirtles@gmail.com) (02380 692416)

**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.

**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](http://www.ckscolasb.org/rejoice.htm) or find us on Facebook by searching for Rejoice Festival. Alternatively e-mail [rejoicefestival@gmail.com](mailto:rejoicefestival@gmail.com) and request a programme.

**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](mailto:parishaction@prisonadvice.org.uk) or see their website [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)

### **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1.00 - 4.30pm

Fryern Recreation Ground Oakmount Rd Chandlers Ford (access via Fryern Close) SO53 2LE  
Bring food, cold drinks (hot drinks provided) something to sit on, Parasol/Shade. Fun for all the family!  
Please support this event - See Posters in your Church for further details

### **ANNUAL CAFOD BARBECUE**

The barbecue will take place at St Edward's on Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Parish Tea on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 3pm** in Poppies Tea Room at Choice Plants Garden Nursery on the Stockbridge Road, just outside Romsey. We need to let Poppies know numbers to ensure they have enough spaces and cakes reserved for us so, if you intend to come, please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know before Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like a fruit scone please tell Rosemary as these will be made to order.

### **Vacancy Foundation Governor(s) - St Swithun Wells Primary School**

A vacancy for Foundation Governor on the governing body has arisen and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for this ministry. The term of office is 4 years from the date of appointment. Full details on display on your Church notice boards.

### **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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup>

**TOZ (Time Out Zone)** School years 10,11 and Sixth Form College, Sundays once a month. Contact Cath 07846438224 for information. **Next Meeting:** July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup>—25<sup>th</sup> August. More details from: [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**60 CLUB** There will be **no** meeting of the **60 Cub** in the Resource Centre this Monday 3 July, instead of which, we are going out for the day on Tuesday 4 July. Maureen on 023 80 692682

**Oasis - Parish Women's Group: Tuesday 11 July Party:** Our final meeting before the summer break to celebrate what we have shared so far and plan for next year. Please bring along a small contribution of food/drink to share. If you have never come along before, it's a good evening to find out more about us and what we may do next year. ALL LADIES WARMLY WELCOMED. Meet as usual at 7:30pm, St Edward's Cloister, finish by 9pm.

### **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.

### **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.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections £1,989.05

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			
<b>Sat 1st July Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	<b>NO MASS</b>  John Milles FM	<b>Thurs 6th</b>	9.30am	HC	Chant & Clifton Families FM			
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	<b>NO MASS</b>			
	6.00pm	St J			10.00am	St A				
	6.30pm	St Ed			6.00pm	St J				
<b>Sun 2nd</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	<b>Fri 7th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Living & Deceased Members of de Melo & Gove Families			
	9.00am	St Ed	Adrian Bonetti & Karen Parish RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)				
	9.00am	St A	Jack & Julie Henshaw (Golden Wedding Anniversary)		<b>12 noon</b>	<b>OLQA</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Roy Willis RIP</b>			
	9.30am	OLQA								
	11.00am	St J								
	11.00am	HC								
			<b>Sat 8th</b>	9.30am	HC					
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Cecilia Mary Jones RIP (Anniversary)	<b>Sat 9th Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Exam Success			
					6.00pm	St J	Ivor Stroud RIP (Anniversary)			
					6.00pm	OLQA				
					6.30pm	St Ed				
<b>Tues 4th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	HC	Exam Success	<b>Sun 9th</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta			
	10.00am	St A	Living & deceased Members of the Lake & Hill Families		9.00am	St Ed	Hugh Cambridge RIP			
	10.00am	OLQA	<b>NO MASS</b>		9.00am	St A	Thanksgiving for Birthdays			
<b>Wed 5th</b>	9.30am	HC	<b>NO MASS</b>		9.30am	OLQA				
					10.00am	St Ed	Word & Communication	11.00am	St J	Elzbieta Jelonek RIP
								11.00am	HC	Diane Lopez RIP

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

<b>Tuesday</b>	HC	Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00 - 1.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	St E	<b>NO HOLY HOUR until early Sept</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	St J	from Noon-6.00pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm (before Mass at 6pm)Thursday -
<b>Friday</b>	St A	Morning Prayer and Adoration 10.00am

<b>Rosary And Prayers</b>	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)

<b>Saturdays:</b>	10.00am	Holy Cross Church
	5.30pm	<b>NO CONFESSIONS at St Edward's</b>
	5.30pm	Our Lady Queen of Apostles
	5.30pm	St. Joseph's Church
<b>Sundays:</b>	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  
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