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Sunday Cycle: Year A
Weekday Cycle: Year 1
Psalter Week 2

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Three Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the Jewish week-long, fall Feast of Booths.

In spite of the texts' agreement, it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, according to Scripture scholars, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mt. Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

Father Wojciech

PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2017 – 2018

Thank you to all of those young people who completed an Application Form to join this year's Confirmation Programme. We have more than forty signed up from across the parish with some from each of our six churches. Everyone who signed up should have received a letter from me about the meeting in September which will be held in the Resource Centre at Holy Cross Church (just behind the church). However, before that a list of dates for future meetings will be sent out so that you have all the information you need ready for us to begin in September.

During the coming months we will be asking parishioners to support those taking this important step in their faith journey. Most especially, please pray for these young members of our parish as they seek to deepen their faith and ready themselves to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation sometime after Easter next year.

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: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

Psalm Response: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

**Readings for next Sunday August 13th 2017
19th Sunday of the Year**

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

1st reading: 1 Kings 19:9. 11-13

Psalm: 84

2nd reading: Romans 9:1-5

Journey in Faith: The formal sessions on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at St Edward the Confessor Church have now ended for the summer break.

The group will continue to meet and Fr Wojciech has agreed to lead sessions on Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of scripture). All are welcome to attend.

Fellowship Group. Meetings will recommence after the Summer - date to be confirmed.

More details from Bob Birtles

bbirtles@portsouthdiocese.co.uk 02380 692416 or Peter Baggott 02380 694060

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 September 3rd 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.

St Swithun Wells Prayer Link

Please take a copy of the Prayer Sheet, "Summer 2017" to use at home and so join many others in prayer. I will continue to send Prayer Requests and updates throughout the summer. Please contact me if you would like to receive these emails or have a request for prayer. Marion. marionbirtles@gmail.com (02380 692416)

Young Catholic Adult Weekend @ Douai Abbey 20th -22nd Oct 2017 Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey (in Berkshire) with Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP. You'll be able to hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun. Book soon as places are limited! All Masses are in the Old Rite. To book go to:-To Book:<https://v1.bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2017>For updates go to:-<http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/>. For more details go to:-<http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm>. Prices start from £18.50. See Poster for details.

Bishopstoke, Fair Oak and Horton Heath Street Pastors have served the local area every Friday evening for nearly 10 years. We walk through our community engaging those we come into contact with by listening, caring and helping! **We desperately need to recruit more street and prayer pastors**, in order to strengthen our four teams (Training this Sept/Oct). Please contact Liz Richardson (BiFOHH coordinator) for more information: 07727018985 or fair oak@streetpastors.org.uk

9th August 2017 – Retreat Day for the Deaf There will be a retreat day for the deaf on Wednesday 9th August 2017 at St John's Cathedral and Discovery Centre. This event will be fully sign-interpreted. The theme for the event is St Edith Stein. The day will begin at 10:45 and will include Mass at 12.15. If you are interested then please contact Fr Robin Ellwood on email, careofthedeaf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD Portsmouth Harvest Briefing

Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on Saturday 23 September from 2.15pm to 4.15pm at St Stephen's Church Hall, Oliver's Battery Road, Winchester S022 4JB to hear more about CAFOD's work in El Salvador, the focus of Harvest Fast Day. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Thank you.

St Wilfred's Pilgrimage Walk - Sat 9th Sept

St Wilfred founded many Saxon churches in the Meon Valley during the C7th. Members of OLQA plan to visit up to five of them between Droxford & Warnford on Sat 9th (1000-1430). It will be an easy walk through beautiful Hampshire countryside - as spiritually uplifting as the churches themselves. Anyone who is interested or would like more details, please contact Angus Somerville on angussomerville@hotmail.com or 07929 867472.

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

Cheque Payments to the Parish

Lloyds are imposing stricter conditions on cheques. For any payments to the parish using a cheque please ensure the following details are used or the bank may refuse to accept the cheques. We will then have to ask you for duplicates, which often takes time. Payee - **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells.**

One Community Older People's Network

Wednesday 13th September 10am to 12noon at St Peter's Church Boyatt Wood. A free informal event to find out about the support and opportunities available for older people in your area. Refreshments available. Contact the Community Development Team for further details and/or confirm attendance. 02380 902400 or info@1community.org.uk Posters are on display at all Churches.

St Padre Pio Feast Day

Saturday September 23rd at St Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU. 10am-4pm. Come and join Fr Des Connolly SM and Padre Pio Prayer Groups and devotees for a retreat day to celebrate the Feast Day of this wonderful saint. Day will include Mass, adoration, talk and confession. Please bring packed lunch. Cost will be £20.00 per person and include tea and cake. Please contact Fr Des before Wednesday 20th September on 20380292337 or email fatherdes@icloud.com

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

There are still a couple of places available for the Pilgrimage to Medjugorje in Bosnia Herzegovina Shrine of our Lady Queen of Peace.

The trip will be supported by Marian Pilgrimages departing 4 October 2017 from Gatwick Airport flying to Split and returning on 11 October 2017.

Cost £589 per person in shared accommodation. £130 single room supplement. Insurance £30 if required.

If you are interested please contact Heather Hauschild as soon as possible for details on Mobile No. 07810310316 or email: hauschild287@btinternet.com

Mark your diaries!!: Sunday 10th September, Knights of St Columba parish family BBQ at St Edwards, 1pm. Fund raising for Lourdes pilgrims. Tickets on sale from 19th August in all churches. All under 12s free.

Hospital Admittances

If you are expecting to be admitted into the Royal Hampshire Hospital Winchester 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. Additionally if being admitted to Southampton General Hospital contact Father Michael Cronin on 02380 774273.

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.

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.

Knit for Peace

Next meeting Wednesday 9th August, 2.00pm-4.00pm at St Andrew's Church. Donations of men's clothes and shoes for Two Saints most welcome. Anne Harcourt 02380 734710.

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

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 5th Aug Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Agnes Etherington RIP	Thurs 10th	9.30am	HC	Friends of Suffering Souls
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	Special Intention		6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Réal Boucher RIP				
Sun 6th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 11th	10.00am	St Ed	The Living & Deceased Members of the Johns family FM
	9.00am	St Ed	Living & deceased Members of the Layzell Families FM		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Patino & Carter Families				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Ron & Sheila Rhymer RIP				
	11.00am	HC	Sudha Hall RIP				
				Sat 12th	9.30am	HC	Stephen Byrne RIP
Mon 7th	10.00am	St Ed	Rachel & James Special Intention	Sat 12th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Mary Haslam RIP (Anniversary)
					6.00pm	St J	
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	
Tues 8th	9.30am	HC	Service of Word & Communion	Sun 13th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A	Dorota Kelvin's Intentions		9.00am	St Ed	John Davis RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	NO MASS		9.00am	St A	Alan French RIP (Anniversary)
Wed 9th	9.30am	HC	NO MASS		9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Ed	Friends of Suffering Souls		11.00am	St J	
					11.00am	HC	Lily Lewis RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

Thursday -St E **NO HOLY HOUR 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 noon 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
St J St. Joseph's Church Abbey House Drive, Romsey SO51 8YB

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