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

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Whenever the subject of singing in church is raised we might hear the saying: "Whoever sings well, prays twice". This is another way of saying that the words of spoken language alone cannot always convey the full expression that we might wish to give in our worship of God: music and singing adds a further dimension. Singing is an activity of mind, heart and body with a very important unifying function: we are not soloists or celebrity performers but members of a community partnership and 'to sing with one voice' is a paradigm of unity in diversity. When we sing 'as one' we are helped to become the community that we aspire to be, members of Christ's body taking our part in the Church's liturgy - literally, the work of God's holy people.

Singing has always been a fundamental part of Christian worship and the Church places great emphasis on its significance. Over the centuries a great wealth of musical form and composition has evolved, from mediaeval plainsong to the polyphonic choirs of the Tudor age and beyond; from the 19th century explosion of hymn-writing to the 'folk Mass' idiom of the 1970s and the worship songs of today. People have tried to express their love of God through music in many different ways. One would venture to hope that we have overcome the unhelpful polarisation that has sometimes existed between opposing musical factions in church life and that the different approaches to music can now co-exist side by side. Whatever the style and period, church music should always be worthy for worship and appropriate to the liturgy.

It follows that, if music is integral to worship, we must take great care with its preparation and its presentation, mindful that it complements the spirit of the liturgy and that it supports the participation of the faithful. For all those involved in the music ministry this is a serious and significant responsibility. Much time and effort is expended in preparing the music for weekend Masses: reading the scripture texts, consulting liturgy guides, choosing what to sing and how much to sing, private music practice and maybe leading or attending rehearsals with other musicians. Most of this is unseen by the congregation and we need to value and appreciate all those who undertake this important work.

The reality we have to face in many churches today is that it is difficult to find a good organist/keyboard player and fewer churches now have a choir or music group. All is not lost because each one of us brings with us to Mass a unique musical instrument: the human voice! Most people *can* sing, if faced with a non-threatening environment and positive encouragement. In unaccompanied singing particularly we support one another; it's a community thing and it can give us a real boost when we have the courage and determination to 'have a go' and become a singing church. It also helps if we memorise some of what is being sung and if we sing from memory - and this fits in well with the priorities of *what* should be sung at Mass: we can all learn and remember a sung Alleluia before the Gospel; at least one setting of the Holy, Holy; the Memorial Acclamation (possibly all 3); and the Great Amen.

Let us rejoice in our God-given gift of music and harness it to give glory and praise to God in our churches. A singing church is a happy church, a vibrant church, a church looking forward in confident hope. To borrow a closing line from a well-known television programme, where music too is fundamentally important: **KEEP SINGING!**

*Deacon John di Meo*

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**Psalm Response:** Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Readings for next Sunday August 27th 2017  
20th Sunday of the Year**

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

1st reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm: 137

2nd reading: Romans 11:33-36

**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 will 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

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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](mailto:marionbirtles@gmail.com) (02380 692416)

**Celebrate Weekend** is taking place at St. George Catholic College on Sat 30th Sept & Sun 1st Oct. Full details can be found on [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or by phoning Peter & Lynda on: 02380292058. Last year we were fully booked so it would be advisable for anyone wishing to attend to apply in good time. For reasons of security and safeguarding we are not able to accept anyone who "turns up on the day".

**Catholic Singles** is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS)**

**Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral**

Please come and join in the celebration of Holy Mass at 12:15pm at St John the Evangelist's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Monday 4 September 2017. It is an opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of the AoS in ports of your diocese. A reception will follow the Mass. For more information contact [salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

**Confraternity of the Rosary**

Thursday 9th Sept day visit to the Isle of Wight  
Visit to Quarr Abbey including lunch  
Coach will visit surrounding areas including Sandown  
Return to St Mary's Church, Ryde for Holy Mass  
Ferry home 6pm  
Pick up St Edmunds Church The Avenue  
Southampton at 8am  
To book telephone 02392820744 and ask for Janet  
Thank you

**Fledge** is a Christian charity operating in Eastleigh. The aim of the charity is to nurture vulnerable and homeless young people from the Borough of Eastleigh, by providing supported housing, mentoring and supported lodgings.

To raise funds for this charity, a Summer Tea at St Edward's Church will be held Thursday, 24th August at 2:30 pm Adults £4.50/children free. A brief talk about the charity will be given during the afternoon. Please come along and bring your friends.

**FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH** A 6 session course to explore the practical benefits of prayer, presented by CAFÉ (*Catholic association for faith exploration*) Beginning October 10 and 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm at 20 Mottisfont Lodge, Alma Road, Romsey SO51 8AG If you would like to come please contact

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Tel: 01794 341102 [jandkthompson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jandkthompson@yahoo.co.uk)

**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](mailto:angussomerville@hotmail.com) or 07929 867472.

**CAFOD Portsmouth Harvest Briefing** on 23rd Sept 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 01252 329385 or [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)

### **Cheque Payments to the Parish**

Lloyds Bank 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](mailto:info@1community.org.uk) Posters are on display at all Churches.

### **St Padre Pio Feast Day**

Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. Please bring packed lunch. Cost will be £20.00 per person and include tea and cake. Please contact Fr Des before Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept on 20380292337 or email [fatherdes@icloud.com](mailto:fatherdes@icloud.com)

A new **Christmas Fayre** is being held at the King's School, Fair Oak on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017, with all profits from stall fees and admission going to the Christian charity Equip, which works in Rwanda ([www.equip.org](http://www.equip.org)) providing vocational education for young people. Anyone wishing to have a pitch to sell crafts should contact [bob@equipuk.org](mailto:bob@equipuk.org). The fee for a pitch will be £5 plus the contribution of a gift for a raffle prize. The Fayre will run from 11am – 3pm.

Tickets now on sale for **Parish Family Barbeque** on Sunday 10th September, 1pm at St Edwards. Members of the Knights of St Columba will be selling tickets at Masses from this weekend at £8, with free entry for under-12's. Any further donations welcome for Lourdes fund. Very good quality food and company are both promised! Also see posters.

### **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.

### **Our Lady of Fatima**

The statue will be at the Cathedral on Sat/Sun 26th/27th August. If you wish to go, a mini-bus has been arranged for **Saturday**. We will meet in the car park at 10am Contact Elizabeth Nash 01962 712022. to book. There are only 5 seats left!!

### **Oasis Parish Women's Group : Tuesday 12 Sept**

We will be focussing on prayer – including time for sharing and praying together. Please try to join us for a great start to our new season. More information to follow; watch this space.! **ALL LADIES WARMLY WELCOMED.** Meet as usual at 7:30pm, St Edward's, finish by 9pm.

### **Parish Lunch**, Tuesday 12th September, 12.15pm at

The Hunters Inn, top of Winchester Hill, Romsey. Menu on the notice boards later. All are welcome. If you'd like to come, please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal before Monday 4th September as we have to preorder. Thank you.

### **Fully escorted 5 Night Pilgrimage** to Knock Shrine,

Ireland, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Led by Fr. Tom Grufferty. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, from London Gatwick, with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. We will also visit Ballintubber Abbey, Westport, Foxford Woollen Mills. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £60. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia anytime on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557. Email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**Bereavement Group** Cessation meeting September 7th at 8pm in the Gallery at Holy Cross Church .

**Disbanding of Eastleigh Faith and Light.** The Eastleigh Faith and Light Community, part of the international Christian organisation for people with learning disabilities, their families and friends, has met monthly in the Parish since the very first gathering held here in 1991, initially in Holy Cross, but latterly at St Edward's. Their presence in the parish will end on 23 August when they celebrate 26 years of sharing the love of God with all who came to them in solidarity and companionship. Since the world wide movement began on pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1971, new communities have sprung up while others, like ours, have inevitably closed as age has caught up with the organisers. Eastleigh Faith and Light offer their grateful and sincere thanks for all the acts of generosity and kindness shown by countless parishioners over the years.

#### 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 :£1,375.50 SO/SD for the month of £14,244.59

# Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
<b>Sat 19th Aug Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Ron Hattersley RIP	<b>Thurs 24th</b>	9.30am	HC	Frederick John Johnson FM
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	Kenneth Maclennan		6.00pm	St J	Fr Titus Nkane OSB
	6.30pm	St Ed	Intentions of the Layzell Family				
<b>Sun 20th</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	<b>Fri 25th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Rachel & James de Melo Special Intention
	9.00am	St Ed	Intentions of the Layzell Family		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A			<b>11.30am</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Ivy Dark RIP</b>
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Anne and Peter Hooper (Wedding Anniversary)				
	11.00am	HC	Kathleen Reynolds FM				
				<b>Sat 26th</b>	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreira RIP
<b>Mon 21st</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Rachel & James Special Intention	<b>Sat 26th Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Agnes Etherington RIP
					6.00pm	St J	
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	Thanks giving Kristina & Andrew Blake
<b>Tues 22nd</b>	9.30am	HC	Sheila Howett RIP	<b>Sun 27th</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A			9.00am	St Ed	Richard & Pat Osterfield (Diamond Wedding Anniversary)
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>OLQA</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		9.00am	St A	Luke Blishen (Birthday)
<b>Wed 23rd</b>	9.30am	HC	Roy Johnson RIP		9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Ed	Harry & Cavanagh Families Living & Dead		11.00am	St J	
					11.00am	HC	Ron & Collette Reynolds FM

### 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
	12 noon	St Edward's
	5.30pm	Our Lady Queen of Apostles
	5.30pm	St. Joseph's Church
<b>Sundays:</b>	8.30am	St. Andrew's Church.

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