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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

In 1983 I spent six months living and studying at Ridley Hall in Cambridge. Having been ordained as a Deacon, I was able to take part in an exchange with an Anglican student: he went to Rome for half a year and I attended his College in Cambridge. Not having studied at a University in the UK, it was a good experience for me as well as being something of an eye-opener. It was also an opportunity for me to learn a bit more about the Church of England and how it prepared Ordinands for ministry.

I haven't set foot in Cambridge since then – until this week. It wasn't that I'd been avoiding the place but simply had no reason to visit. And it is a long journey by car! My sister and her family, plus my Mum, have been staying near Ely for a week and I met up with them for a day visit to the city of Cambridge which has academic life at its hub. Outside term time there are few students but they are more than replaced by the huge number of visitors. It was very busy. In our group we had two people using wheelchairs and it is interesting, pushing one, how people react so differently when it comes to making way and allowing you through. I have to say that probably the most polite were groups of Chinese young people: they have a lot to teach many other nationalities when it comes to courtesy.

Which set me thinking about what used to be referred to as 'common courtesy'. This meant that there were expectations about how you behaved in relation to others. Holding a door open for someone to pass through is a simple example. How many times these days, when I go into a shop and hold the door for an elderly person entering behind me am I left standing there as a stream of younger and more able people walk past – not one putting out a hand to take the door and enable me to go on in. Maybe I look like a doorman! Trains and buses have signs trying to ensure that wheelchair users, Mums with babies, and the less mobile have access to space and a seat. Should those signs be needed? Why can't people see that someone needs to sit? I've seen pregnant women on the tube in London wearing badges which say 'Baby on Board' in the hope someone might take pity and actually stand up so they can sit down. Why can't we just do these things without being prompted?

Of course it isn't just about common courtesy. It goes deeper and begs the question of how alert we are to the needs and situations of those around us, and whether we consider their needs before our own. With an ever more frenetic pace of life it is the little things which can quickly disappear and our lives become poorer for it – and paradoxically even more stressed. As I drove back from Cambridge on Monday evening one man in a Mini Cooper tried to overtake a row of cars on numerous occasions (the road was not dual carriageway). Eventually he succeeded at some risk to others. Miles further on he found himself four cars in front of where he would have been. In his dangerous haste he'd achieved virtually nothing in terms of journey time. Road users more than anyone appear to have lost perspective.

On these small islands our population continues to increase. In some parts (but not everywhere) it is now very crowded. If we don't instil the simple courtesies of how to exist alongside one another life is not going to get any easier. But it's down to us – you and me and our own behaviour.

Fr John

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Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Psalm Response: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

**Readings for next Sunday September 3rd 2017
22nd Sunday of the Year**

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

1st reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm: 62

2nd reading: Romans 12:1-2

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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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)

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 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".

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

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

Confraternity of the Rosary

Thursday 7th 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

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

Mrs Sheila Keefe Tel: 01794 518071

s.keefe@btopenworld.com or Mrs Kathy Thompson

Tel: 01794 341102 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 or 07929 867472.

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 Oct 2017 from Gatwick Airport flying to Split and returning on 11 Oct 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 07810310316 or email: hauschild287@btinternet.com

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 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 Posters are on display at all Churches.

Thank you from Jane Hough I had a really lovely letter from Christian Aid thanking us for the moving and exceptionally generous gifts totalling £4,137.66 in memory of my husband Dr James Hough they advised that when people have given as generously they offer the ability to restrict their gift to one of their 'match-funded' projects'. Match-funding from the EU quadruples our donation to £16,550.641!!!! It was suggested to give to a project in Ghana which focusses on economic development and training of Young People and Women in vocational and business skills. A VERY fitting memorial to my husband and his work in Developing countries worldwide. Thank you all for your help.
Jane Hough St Swithun Wells

A new **Christmas Fayre** is being held at the King's School, Fair Oak on Saturday 18th November 2017, with all profits from stall fees and admission going to the Christian charity Equip, which works in Rwanda (www.equip.org) providing vocational education for young people. Anyone wishing to have a pitch to sell crafts should contact 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.

Just 2 weeks away Tickets are on sale for **Parish Family Barbeque** on Sunday 10th September, 1pm at St Edwards. The Knights of St Columba will be selling tickets at Masses this weekend at £8, with FREE entry for under-12's. Profits to our Lourdes fund. Great food and company both promised! Also see posters.

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 :£1,241.19
SO/SD for the month of £14,244.59

60 club. After a summer break, the 60 Club will meet again on Monday 4 September. As before, in Holy Cross Resource Centre, from 2 pm to 4pm. You will all be very welcome, so please come along.
Maureen on 02380 692682

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. Menus on the notice boards. 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, 15th 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. 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.

Funeral Service There will be a Funeral Service for Ralph Proverbs RIP on Thursday 31st August at 2.00pm at St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 26th Aug Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Agnes Etherington RIP	Thurs 31st	9.30am	HC	Souls in Purgatory
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	Special Intention		6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Thanks giving Kristina & Andrew Blake				
Sun 27th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 1st Sept	10.00am	St Ed	Robert Horton RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	Richard & Pat Osterfield (Diamond Wedding Anniversary)		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Luke Blishen (Birthday)				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Leo Ling RIP (Anniversary)				
	11.00am	HC	Ron & Collette Reynolds FM				
				Sat 2nd	9.30am	HC	Rev Mgr Canon Patrick O'Mahony FM
Mon 28th	10.00am	St Ed	Elizabeth Burnell RIP	Sat 2nd Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Michael Foster RIP
					6.00pm	St J	Father George Lyons RIP (Anniversary)
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	Father George Lyons RIP (Anniversary)
Tues 29th	9.30am	HC	Thomas Charles Robinson FM	Sun 3rd	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>St A</u>	<u>NO MASS</u>		9.00am	St Ed	
	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	<u>NO MASS</u>		9.00am	St A	Susan & Harold Butcher RIP (Anniversary)
	<u>1.30pm</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>Funeral Mass for Betty McCarthy RIP</u>		9.30am	OLQA	
Wed 30th	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>NO MASS</u>		11.00am	St J	Timothy & Penny Bible RIP (Anniversary)
	10.00am	St Ed	Birthday Blessings for Jean Bucknell		11.00am	HC	Oliver Armstrong RIP (Anniversary)

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 **NO CONFESSIONS**
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
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