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Sunday Cycle: Year A
Weekday Cycle: Year 1
Psalter Week 3

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

This coming week is anything but an Ordinary week, there is a lot that could be said about the 3 Bishops, 1 Pope, 2 of Mary, and the Exultation of the Cross. But it's the latter two I want to draw to your attention.

The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and his Church is the Cross. The feast of **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (14 Sept.), which traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the church built on the site of Mount Calvary. But the meaning of the cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself.

Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. The cross does not explain pain and misery, it does not give us any easy answers, but it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's. We often make the Sign of the Cross. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours.

The title, **Our Lady of Sorrows** (15 Sept.), given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief. However, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, '*This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare*' (**Luke 2:34-35**). These sorrows included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, '*let it be done unto me according to Thy word*', first uttered at the Annunciation.

The Second Vatican Council in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church wrote, ...She stood in keeping with the divine plan, suffering grievously with her only-begotten Son. There she united herself, with a maternal heart, to His sacrifice, and lovingly consented to the immolation of this Victim which she herself had brought forth (#58).

Focusing on the compassion of our Blessed Mother, Pope John Paul II, reminded the faithful, Mary Most Holy goes on being the loving consoler of those touched by the many physical and moral sorrows which afflict and torment humanity. She knows our sorrows and our pains, because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary. Therefore, as we honour our Blessed Mother, our Lady of Sorrows, we honour her as the faithful disciple and exemplar of faith.

There is no greater human model of Christianity, and we should all try to emulate her.

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Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Readings for next Sunday September 17th 2017
24th Sunday of the Year**

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

1st reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Psalm: 102

2nd reading: Romans 14:7-9

Journey in Faith: There will be no Journey in Faith on Wednesday evenings for the next few weeks. This will **restart on Wednesday 11th October** and will then run weekly

Fellowship Group resumes on Wednesday 13th September at 7.30 pm in the meeting room at St Swithun Wells church, Fair Oak. This will be a planning meeting so all ideas are welcome. Refreshments will be served at end of the meeting. Queries to Peter Baggott 02380694060 or to Deacon Bob Birtles 02380 692416

First Holy Communion Preparation 2017 - 2018

For children in year 3 or above:

Application forms are available in the Welcome areas of all our churches.

Please complete and return to the **Parish Office by Monday 9th October 2017.**

(Parish Office Holy Cross Church, 53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF)

There will be a meeting for all parents who have completed and returned application forms on **Tuesday 17th October 2017 7.00pm at St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School,** Hillcrest Avenue, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2JP

St Swithun Wells Prayer Link

Our Prayer Link is a year old this month! Let us ask God's blessing on everybody we have prayed for and on all who take part! Please take a copy of the new Prayer Sheet, "Autumn 2017" to use at home and so join many others in prayer. Marion.

marionbirtles@gmail.com (02380 692416)

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 If you would like to come please contact Mrs Sheila Keefe Tel: 01794 518071 s.keefe@bopenworld.com or Mrs Kathy Thompson 01794 341102 kthompson@yahoo.co.uk

The Case for Christ opens at Southampton Odeon Friday 15th Sept. one of only five Odeons around the UK where it is being trialled. For details see: www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/UK-cinemas-to-screen-new-Christian-film Do try to see it during the opening weekend - bring your friends! Performance times are announced next Tuesday.

There will be a **2nd Collection** this weekend at all churches for the Catholic Education Service

Funeral Service Please pray for Andrew Bates who died recently and whose funeral service will be at Wessex Vale Crematorium on Friday September 15th at 2.30pm. Pray too for his wife Rocio who attends St Swithun Wells Church as a member of our parish.

School Mass at St Swithun Wells Primary School on Tuesday 12th September at 2.00pm. All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Mass with the school as we start the new academic year.

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

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".

New to the Parish? A very warm welcome to our Parish; we are delighted that you have joined us. 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 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.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 23rd September 11.00-4.00. You are warmly welcomed to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the *Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit*. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am to 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). **For more information and directions**, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

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

Fair Trade Weekend at St Edward's

Fair Trade goods will be on sale on Saturday evening and Sunday morning after both Masses on September 16th and 17th September respectively in the Cloister.

KNIT & NATTER at St Edward's on Monday 11th September from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Everyone welcome. Come and knit or just natter. Any queries contact Maureen Stephenson 02380 252104.

Tiny Footprints Babies & Toddlers Group

Starts Tuesday 12th September 10am -12 midday. All Welcome at St Edward Confessor Church. £2 per family.

KNIT FOR PEACE Next meeting Wednesday 13th September from 2.00 –4.00pm at St Andrew's. Donations of men's clothes and shoes welcome for 2 Saints. Thank you. Queries to Anne Harcourt 02380 734710.

Parish Pastoral Area - Fryern There will be a new prayer group starting at the home of Pauline and Sheila O'Neill - 19 Carthage Close SO53 2BL on Monday 18 September at 2pm ALL ARE WELCOME

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Margaret French will be holding her annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in St Andrew's Hall, North Baddesley on Saturday 30th September from 10.30 to 12.30. Please come along and make this the best one ever.

Thank you- Summer Tea in aid of Fledge

Thank you to all who helped and supported the Summer Tea. The total sum raised was £450. 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

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.

Healing Day with Little Way Healing Ministries: on Saturday 30 September, 10am – 4.30pm, at the Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of healing. There will be a time of praise, worship, teaching and healing prayer .Do you suffer from fear, sickness, loneliness, abuse, rejection, depression or is "something" holding you back? Jesus said: "Lay your hands on the sick and they will recover Come and see. Tea and coffee will be provided. Booking not required!

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.

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.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING will be held in the cloister at St. Edward the Confessor Church. The diocese mandates completion of a diocesan safeguarding training session for all volunteers in ministries which involve working with either children and/or vulnerable adults. If you are considering volunteering for a new ministry you are most welcome to attend. To reserve a place please contact your local church safeguarding representative or the diocesan safeguarding office.

SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING SESSION on Saturday, 7th October, from 10am to 12:30pm. This session is for volunteers who have already attended diocesan training but need to refresh their knowledge. The diocese mandates safeguarding training is refreshed every 3 to 5 years.

A CHILD PROTECTION SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSION on Saturday, 14th October, from 10am to 12:30pm. This sessions covers child protection issues and the safeguarding of children. The diocese mandates completion of a diocesan safeguarding training session for all volunteers in ministries which involve working with either children and/or vulnerable adults.

A VULNERABLE ADULT SAFEGUARDING TRAINING SESSION on Saturday, 14th October, from 1:30pm to 4:00pm. This session covers vulnerable adult protection issues and the safeguarding of vulnerable adults. The diocese mandates completion of a diocesan safeguarding training session for all volunteers in ministries which involve working with vulnerable adults. For further information or to reserve a place please contact your local church safeguarding representative.

St. Edward's church representative is Ann Richards who can be contracted by email:

stedwardssafeguarding@gmail.com

Holy Cross and St. Swithun Wells representative is Joan Rees who can be contracted by email:

joaniewee@hotmail.com Alternatively the diocesan

safeguarding office can be contacted on 02392 836511.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections :£1,546.12

SO/SD for the month of July £14,244.59

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 9th Sept Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Sheila Gallagher RIP	Thurs 14th	9.30am	HC	Antonietta Rosario Marucci RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	John Marlow's Intentions		6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Friends of Suffering Souls				
Sun 10th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 15th	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
	9.00am	St Ed	Maria Szczetnikowicz RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Bernadette & Owen Holloway Silver Wedding Anniversary				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Leo King RIP				
	11.00am	HC	Loreto Antonio Mollicone RIP (Anniversary)				
				Sat 16th	9.30am	HC	For the deceased members of the Kolacz & Killick Families
Mon 11th	10.00am	St Ed	Denis McQuail RIP	Sat 16th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Ron Hattersley RIP
					6.00pm	St J	Sheila Rhymer Anniversary
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	Philip & Margaret Burke Thanksgiving
Tues 12th	9.30am	HC	Kasia Monid	Sun 17th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A			9.00am	St Ed	Thanksgiving for John Paul Anthraper
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A	
	2.00pm	SSW Primary School	School Mass		9.30am	OLQA	
Wed 13th	9.30am	HC	Smyth Family FM		11.00am	St J	Maria Appleton Special Intention
	10.00am	St Ed	Haslam & Van Willigenburg Family Intentions		11.00am	HC	Francesco & Vincenza Papallo RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
Thursday—St ED **NO HOLY HOUR UNTIL 12th OCT**
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	St Edward	9.30 am	Wednesday	The Holy Rosary
And	St Joseph	6.00pm	Wednesday	Evening Prayer
Prayers	St Andrews	10.00am	Friday	Morning Prayer

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Saturdays:	10.00am	Holy Cross Church
	12 noon	St Edward the Confessor
	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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