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

## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Last Monday I concelebrated with Bishop Philip and a number of priests of our diocese at the Funeral Mass for Father Lionel Targett (usually known as Father Leo). This took place in Faringdon not far from Swindon which is on the very edge of the Diocese of Portsmouth and was where Leo spent a number of years as Parish Priest. He died on 15<sup>th</sup> August just a few weeks shy of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Earlier this year on 7<sup>th</sup> June he celebrated 65 years of priesthood. A long life by any standard.

I knew Leo but not all the details of his life, especially the years before he became a priest. Born in 1917 he served as a young man in the Army and spent time in a POW Camp in Italy having been captured at Tobruk. Whilst there he was able to 'reactivate' practice of his Catholic faith and at Midnight Mass in the camp felt a strong urge to become a priest. With two others he escaped and made his way north, over the mountains and into Switzerland. He was always grateful to the Italian people who helped him on that journey with gifts of food and drink and the Swiss who interpreted the Geneva Convention in a way that enabled him to remain there until the war was over.

He was billeted with an elderly lady who became a kind of 'surrogate grandmother' and often accompanied her to collect provisions. On every trip she would take time to go into the Catholic Church and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament, on occasion for up to two hours. Having already thought about priesthood, the witness and example of this lady had a profound effect. When he was ordained following studies at St John's Seminary at Womersley, this lady in Switzerland was unable to attend because she was dying. Days after his ordination Leo flew out and said Mass with her before she died.

During his long ministry Father Leo worked in various parishes, including Havant, Guernsey, Paulsgrove and Faringdon. He also spent seven years in Peru where he came to love deeply the poor – and they were really poor. He held strong views on many subjects and was a supporter of the Movement for the Ordination of Married Men. He was drawn to charismatic prayer and founded the Day of Renewal which, forty-two years later, still takes place each month at Alton Convent. At heart he was a pastoral priest who recognised the providence of God in his own life and was therefore acutely aware of how God was working in the lives of others – and helped them to see what was happening on their journey.

This Sunday's second reading from St Paul writing to the Romans begins: "the life death of each of us has its influence on others." In last week's Gospel we were reminded that, as members of God's family, we do have responsibility for each other, including when things go wrong. These words today from St Paul remind us that, whether we realise it or not, our lives and our deaths make an impact on others – for better or worse. I suspect that many of us underestimate the influence we have on others, through our words, actions, attitudes, our interest and engagement with events around us. I came away from Father Leo's Funeral Mass thinking that no one could argue against the belief that God was at work in his life. He guided Leo through individual people and quite extraordinary events and allowed him to serve as a priest for sixty-five years. May he rest in peace.

*Fr John*

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.  
**Psalm Response:** The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

**Readings for next Sunday September 24th 2017  
25th Sunday of the Year**

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16  
1st reading: Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalm: 144  
2nd reading: Philippians 1:20-24.27

**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

**Candlelight Prayer (hosted by Fellowship Group)** will take place on Wednesday 20th September at 7.30pm at St Swithun Wells Church. All welcome. More details from Bob and Marion Birtles.  
[bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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

**DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS**

Calling all who are Ministers of the Word/Readers at Mass across our parish: there will be a Day of Prayer and Reflection held at St Joseph's, Ashurst, on **Saturday 4th November, 10.30am – 4.30pm.** Please put this date in your diary now and make every effort to attend. The day is important as part of our continuing ministry to the communities in which God's Word is proclaimed week by week. The day is for those who have been Readers for many years as well as those who have started more recently. It is designed to be an opportunity for each one of us to deepen our awareness of the Word of God for ourselves and for those who will hear us. Please reserve the date and come along. Lists will be available soon for you to sign up so that we have an idea of numbers.

There will be a **2nd Collection** this weekend at all churches for Home Mission.

**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](mailto: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](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".

**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.

**A new PTA** has been elected for SSW School and are meeting on 26th September at 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Wine and pudding available. All Welcome. Contact Louise Rowe on 07828025389.

**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](http://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 this weekend in the Cloister at St Edward's.

**Tiny Footprints Babies & Toddlers Group**  
Fun for all 10 -12 midday term time only at St Edward Confessor Church in the cloister. £2 per family.

**60 club** We are meeting in Holy Cross Resource Centre on Monday 18 September, as usual from 2 - 4pm. If you would like to give us a try, please just turn up. Maureen on 023 80 692682

**Prayer Group** on Monday 18th September at 2pm at the home of Pauline and Sheila O'Neil at 19 Carthage Close Chandler's Ford SO53 2BL. ALL WELCOME

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

**The Catholic Disability Fellowship** invites you to our annual Mass on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.30pm at the church of The Sacred Heart and St Peter Apostle, 356 London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7SR The annual Mass is chiefly for people with disabilities of any kind, their families and friends but everyone is invited so.....Please come and join us!! Any queries? Contact Dinah Kennedy 01252 842665 or Rev Peter Hollins 01730 262292

**Facing Depression Together Awareness Day:** an opportunity to learn about depression and how to support those living with depression. The day will include a clinical, a personal and a pastoral perspective of depression, a dramatic perspective to challenge stigma and an introduction to the work of PeerTalk, a charity underpinned by the Methodist Church. This free event takes place on Sat 14 Oct, 10am – 3.30pm, at The Holiday Inn, Egerton Road, Guildford. Lunch is provided. Booking essential. More details at [www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/events](http://www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/events) or contact [admin@peertalk.org.uk](mailto:admin@peertalk.org.uk)

**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!

**The Knights of St Columba** thank the 70 parishioners and clergy who attended last Sunday's barbecue, which was a great success. We hope that by now the smell of the smoke has gone! Our fund for Lourdes pilgrims has benefited by £200.

**Afternoon Tea** Frances Winter will be hosting afternoon tea (tea and cake) at her home on September 29th from 3.00pm –7.30pm at 51 Beresford Rd Chandler's Ford SO53 2JZ. All welcome and donations of cake gratefully received!! All proceeds to Macmillan

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles** Children's Liturgy will restart on Sunday 24th September. We look forward to welcoming your children. Joanna Somerville [joannasomerville1@hotmail.com](mailto:joannasomerville1@hotmail.com)

**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 that 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](mailto:stedwardssafeguarding@gmail.com)

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

[joaniewee@hotmail.com](mailto:joaniewee@hotmail.com) Alternatively the diocesan

safeguarding office can be contacted on 02392 836511.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections :£1,346.35 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
<b>Sat 16th Sept Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Ron Hattersley RIP	<b>Thurs 21st</b>	9.30am	HC	Wiggins & Hoskin RIP Anniversaries
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	Sheila Rhymer Anniversary		6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Philip & Margaret Burke Thanksgiving				
<b>Sun 17th</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	<b>Fri 22nd</b>	10.00am	St Ed	
	9.00am	St Ed	Thanksgiving for John Paul Anthraper		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A					
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Maria Appleton Special Intention				
	11.00am	HC	Francesco & Vincenza Papallo RIP				
				<b>Sat 23rd</b>	9.30am	HC	
<b>Mon 18th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Sara Lepera RIP	<b>Sat 23rd Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Ivy & Charles Charleston RIP
					6.00pm	St J	
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	
<b>Tues 19th</b>	9.30am	HC	Jack Perry RIP	<b>Sun 24th</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A			9.00am	St Ed	Folco Scappaticci RIP
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A	Kathleen Albert Harrison RIP Anniversary
					9.30am	OLQA	
<b>Wed 20th</b>	9.30am	HC	Special Intention		11.00am	St J	Margaret & George's Intentions
	10.00am	St Ed	Antoni Herbich RIP (Anniversary)		11.00am	HC	In Thanksgiving Peter & Ann Schefer Golden Wedding Anniversary

### 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 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 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  
St A **St. Andrew's**, Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley SO52 9EP  
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