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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

On 24th September 2012 Bishop Philip was ordained as Bishop to serve the Diocese of Portsmouth. This weekend marks the fifth anniversary of his ordination and we have a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop which is being read at all Masses. As usual, you can find the letter on the diocesan website. Please remember Bishop Philip in your prayers as he teaches and guides us – with a particular emphasis on the new ways we must seek to proclaim the Gospel in our times.

There are a few 'housekeeping' points to share with you.

Monsignor Stephen Alker. I shall be away in Germany for the next two weeks. My role as a Chaplain with the Army Reserve includes an annual two week training commitment and I am very grateful to Father Stephen for his willingness to return to St Swithun Wells Parish (he was here in January) to cover in my absence. He is now living in his home diocese of Liverpool and I'm sure will be made welcome during his stay here.

Mrs Kristina Blake. Kris has been our Parish Secretary for the past two years but is moving to Norfolk in the near future. Therefore, we are looking for someone to take on this important role in the office based at Holy Cross Church. There will be details of the hours and other information in the Newsletter next week so, if you are interested in applying, please follow this up.

Parish Finance Committee. Working away in the background in the parish is a group of people who do a vital job in monitoring the parish budget, in liaison with Linda Roberts the Parish Finance Officer. In a parish of this size, with the number of churches and properties we have to look after, this is something a Parish Priest cannot (and should not) be doing. Therefore, it is a great comfort to me knowing that we have a Committee comprising competent people involved from each of our communities. I do want to thank John Williams who, after many years of service on the Finance Committee, has now stood down. His contribution has been enormous. The current members are: William Sleeman (Chair, Romsey/Baddesley); Geneva Krupa (Chandler's Ford); Ray Crump (Bishop's Waltham); Peter Baggott (Fair Oak, and as Chair of the Parish Property Committee); Peter Nash (Eastleigh). I am a member and Linda acts as Secretary to the Committee. Although this work goes on largely unseen it might be seen as the oil enabling everything to continue smoothly.

Father David Whitehead. For many years Father David lived in the Presbytery next to St Edward's Church in Chandler's Ford. In the earlier days of his retirement he was active in celebrating Mass in that Church and gave great assistance to Father Michael Dennehy. Following a spell in hospital, Father David moved to Marie Louise House in Romsey for respite care and to consider the best next step for him. Having celebrated this year his 90th birthday and Golden Jubilee of ordination the years have caught up and he is now permanently resident at Marie Louise House. I know that he is very grateful for all the care, support and love he received whilst in Chandler's Ford – and of course is always happy to welcome visitors in Romsey.

Fr John

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Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Psalm Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.

**Readings for next Sunday October 1st 2017
26th Sunday of the Year**

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

1st reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm: 24

2nd reading: Philippians 2:1-11

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

St Swithun Wells Church Fellowship.

Wed 27th September, 7.30. at St Swithun Wells, Fair Oak. First of an occasional series of discussions about Church and Community. Further details from 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 (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 – 3.30pm.** 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.

Oasis - Parish Women's Group :

Meeting Tuesday 3 October

Poetry – join us for an evening of interactive poetry; a chance to share and enjoy some favourite poems.

That's as much as I know. Why not come along and find out more? Please bring a along a book or two that you have enjoyed, or found inspirational, of any kind: novel, spiritual, factual, that you are willing to **lend for a month.** Meet as usual at 7:30pm, St Edward's, finish by 9pm.

Future dates are: 7 Nov, 5 Dec, 26 Jan, 13 Feb, 13Mar, 24 Apr, 15 May, 12 Jun, 10 Jul.

ALL LADIES WARMLY WELCOMED.

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. 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.

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 November 5th 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 are available from 4.15pm.

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

An Evening with Benny Hill

Thursday 12 October, 7.30 in the Resource Centre at Holy Cross church. The Social Committee are putting on an evening about the life of Benny Hill—a very emotive and entertaining evening. Light refreshments. All donations gratefully received. All welcome. Hope to see you on the 12th. Parish Social Committee.

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@btopenworld.com or Mrs Kathy Thompson

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.

Tiny Footprints Babies and Toddlers Group

Fun for all, Tuesdays 10—12 midday term time only at St Edward the Confessor Church, in the cloister. £2 per family.

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 or contact 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

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
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 :TBA SO/SD for the month of August £13208.59.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 23rd Sept Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Ivy & Charles Charleston RIP	Thurs 28th	9.30am	HC	Peter Byrne RIP (Anniversary) & Allan Baxter RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	NO MASS
	6.00pm	St J			12 noon	St Ed	Funeral -Timothy Randall Topping
	6.30pm	St Ed	Réal Boucher RIP		6.00pm	St J	
Sun 24th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 29th	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
	9.00am	St Ed	Folco Scappaticci RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Kathleen Albert Harrison RIP Anniversary				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Margaret & George's Intentions				
11.00am	HC	In Thanksgiving Peter & Ann Schefer Golden Wedding Anniversary					
				Sat 30th	9.30am	HC	Robert Richard Alexander Levey FM
Mon 25th	10.00am	St Ed	Friends of Suffering Souls	Sat 30th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Pat Freemantle FM
					6.00pm	St J	Ger Murphy RIP
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	
Tues 26th	9.30am	HC	Peter Wellington (Sick)	Sun 1st Oct	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A			9.00am	St Ed	Living & Deceased Members of Murphy & Lucas Families FM
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A	
					9.30am	OLQA	
			11.00am		St J		
Wed 27th	9.30am	HC		11.00am	HC	Florence Bohan FM	
	10.00am	St Ed	Patrick Lake 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 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
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