

Our Mission: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - MAKE DISCIPLES



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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

It looks like the Prayer after Communion of today's Mass was a problem for the translators. Literally translated, the original Latin says this:

Grant to us, all-powerful God, that we may be made drunk, and be nourished from the sacraments we have received, to the effect that we may pass into what we consume.

Drunk on Holy Communion ? Ok, celebrating the Holy Eucharist feeds and nourishes us. That we can get. But what about asking that the Sacrament make us inebriated, drunk?

The translators shied at this hurdle and gave us the rather lame 'refreshed and nourished' for the original Latin 'inebriamur et pascimur.' They had evidently forgotten the prayer *Anima Christi*: 'Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, make me drunk.'

Maybe they'd forgotten too that at the first Pentecost, the crowd thought that the Apostles were raving drunk. But what was inebriating them was thoroughly sober: *laeti bibamus sobriam ebrietatem Spiritus*: 'Let us drink joyfully from the sober drunkenness of the Holy Spirit' wrote Saint Ambrose in his glorious hymn for Sunday Mornings.

The second half of the prayer is quite radical too, asking that *we may pass into what we consume*. This time the translators got it right. We ask that *we may be transformed into what we consume*.

The German Philosopher Ludwig Feuerbach (1804-1872) is said to have coined the saying 'You are what you eat.' He thought he had scotched the notion that there was anything else in human existence other than the purely material: nothing spiritual, no 'God.' You might say he had anticipated the singer Madonna ('a material girl') by a century or more.

But what about eating the Body of Christ, drinking the Precious Blood of the Lord, being *transformed into what we consume* ? The Body and Soul of Jesus enters our body and soul through our mouth to change this lowly body of ours by a wonderful 'transubstantiation' into copies of his glorious Body.

Drunk on the Lord ? there are worse descriptions of the intentional Disciple whose life is so radically being changed.

Canon Alan

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Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Psalm Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**Readings for next Sunday October 15th 2017
28th Sunday of the Year**

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

1st reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm: 22

2nd reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

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.

Fellowship Group at St. Swithun Wells church - Harvest Liturgy on Wednesday 11th October 7.30 pm. Everyone most welcome. Please bring donations of food for the Eastleigh Basics Bank.

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

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.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

6th October was CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Please return the CAFOD envelope with your donation as soon as possible.

Growing In Faith Group

This is an open invitation to anyone who wants to deepen and explore their faith. The new group will commence on 17th October at 10.15am at Holy Cross Eastleigh, in the Resource Centre, finishing at 11.30am with tea and coffee. The agenda will be flexible covering different aspects of our faith. Deacon Paul Wilson will start our group with a presentation on the structure of the Bible. If you would like more information please contact Paul or June Wilson on 02380 616618.

There will be an ongoing formation meeting for existing and new **Ministers of Communion** at St Joseph's and St Andrew's on the morning of **Saturday 21 October.** We start with a commissioning Mass at 10am and finish with a shared lunch at 12.30pm. Please make every effort to attend.

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.

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 Prayer Sheet, "Autumn 2017" to use at home and so join many others in prayer. Marion.

marionbirtles@gmail.com (02380 692416)

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.

Prayer Group Monday 16th Oct 2-3pm at the home of Pauline & Shelia O'Neill 19, Carthage Close Chandler's Ford SO53 2BL. All Welcome.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections :TBA SO/SD

for the month of August £13208.59.

KNIT FOR PEACE The next meeting will be on 11th October 2-4pm at St Andrew's Church North Baddesley. Donations of men's clothes and shoes for Two Saints welcome. Contact Anne Harcourt on 02380 734710

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Children's Liturgy
Our next session will be Sunday 15th October. Please bring your children along to meet others and learn more about their Faith. After half term the next date will be Sunday 19th November.
Joanna Somerville. joannasomerville1@hotmail.com

Coffee Stop - Do you come to Eastleigh on a Thursday morning? If so why not pop in to the Resource Centre for coffee/tea/hot chocolate and biscuits only 70p. Toasted Teacakes just 50p. Best value in Eastleigh. Pleasant surroundings and good company. No strangers here, just friends you haven't met yet. Why not give us a try? We look forward to meeting you. Open 10 am - 12 noon.

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.

SWAG 3 begins rehearsing soon for a show just before Christmas so I am looking for Safely Recruited Adults to be present. Please could you contact me if you can help by sparing an hour or so of your time on a weekend. For more details, I can be reached on 07437 440299 or at joannapuzzle@gmail.com

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

Baby Loss Awareness Week is 9th-15th October, with Sunday 15th being nationally recognised as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. A quiet space devoted to those babies who did not make it to birth can be found in St Peters, Winchester from Monday 9th pm. Please visit anytime.

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

Rosary Club at St Swithun Wells School. Throughout October children will pray a decade of the Rosary during morning break. We are looking for rosaries which the children will use to reflect on the Mysteries of the Rosary. If any Parishioner has a spare rosary set which you are happy to donate to the school please drop them in at the School Office or hand them directly to one of our staff who you see at Mass.

VACANCY FOR PARISH SECRETARY - EASTLEIGH

The Catholic Parish of St Swithun Wells requires an office secretary/ administrator for the six churches in the parish, covering Eastleigh, Fair Oak, Chandler's Ford, Bishop's Waltham, Romsey and North Baddesley.

The position will be based in Eastleigh, and involve administrative support to the parish clergy; dealing with correspondence and emails to the parish office; weekly production of the parish newsletter; and updating the parish database and web diary.

We require an enthusiastic and self-motivated person sympathetic to the ministry and mission of the Catholic Church. Good secretarial and communication skills (preferably with a secretarial qualification) are a must and a flexible and positive attitude is required. The role promises a varied and interesting workload with experience of secretarial work essential and knowledge of the Catholic faith desirable. Training and specialist assistance will be available for any areas where the successful applicant has insufficient experience.

The job is part-time (15 hours - three days a week – preferably Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 09.30 to 14.30) with a salary of £8,190 per annum (FTE £19,110). For more details and an application form please see the Diocesan website at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or the parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk or email or call the parish office (stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk ; tel: 02380 273882).

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 13th October 2017.

Interviews will be held on Friday 20th October 2017.

CAFOD Christmas cards will be on sale at all masses at St Edwards next weekend, Oct 14th & 15th, and the following weekend, Oct 21st & 22nd. A good selection of reasonably priced cards. Please support.

Help needed: the Knights of St Columba are engaged to organise car parking at the Pumpkin Festival (Royal Victoria Country Park) on Sat 14th Oct. We need about 15 heads and are a few short at present. Please join us (approx 9-4pm) and help to herd the cars! In return the Knights raise significant charitable funds. Come with your family and they get free entry. David Martin 01794 511883 or 2dmartin@gmail.com

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 7th Oct Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Maria Jacobs RIP	Thurs 12th	<u>9.00am</u>	<u>HC</u>	
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	Thanksgiving		6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Rita & George Hartley RIP				
Sun 8th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 13th	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
	9.00am	St Ed	Kathleen O'Connell RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Jeanette & John Cockshoot RIP				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J					
	11.00am	HC	Frederick Bishop FM				
				Sat 14th	9.30am	HC	FOSS Special Intention
Mon 9th	10.00am	St Ed	FOSS	Sat 14th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Martin Russell RIP
					6.00pm	St J	Fr Peter Tierney's Intentions
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	Don Jose Henao RIP
Tues 10th	9.30am	HC	Antonio Cicu FM	Sun 15th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>St A</u>	<u>NO MASS</u>		9.00am	St Ed	Ian Warwick RIP Anniversary
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A	
			9.30am		OLQA		
			11.00am		St J		
					11.00am	HC	Hugh Cambridge RIP
Wed 11th	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>NO MASS</u>				
	10.00am	St Ed	Paulina Lesniczuk FM				

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