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| Our Mission: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - MAKE DISCIPLES |
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Sunday Cycle: Year A  
Weekday Cycle: Year 1  
Psalter Week 1

## TWENTY NINTH-SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

***“Where there is hatred, sow love” – help bring peace to South Sudan***

Peace is something we all crave: peace in our hearts, peace of mind, peace in our families, peace in our land, and peace here on earth.

Even though we may not like it, conflict is a normal part of life. When conflict is expressed in a non-violent, honest and open way, seeking mutual understanding and collaboration, the result will always be genuine and lasting peace. Bridges are built between peoples based on mutual trust.

When conflict is handled with mindless violence, creating hatred and fear, then walls are built between people, walls that take decades, even centuries to break down. As Pope Francis advises, ‘The best way to deal with conflict is the willingness to face conflict head-on, to resolve it and to make it a link in the chain of a new process. “Blessed are the peacemakers!” [Evangelii Gaudium, 227]

The government and people of South Sudan face life and death choices about the future of their country. South Sudan is more than double the area of the United Kingdom with a population the size of London. About 60% of the population is Christian and the largest community is the Catholic Church. After decades of violent inter-ethnic and civil war, South Sudan became independent in 2011, breaking away from the predominantly Muslim north. After a hopeful beginning, the country has steadily become politically polarised and ethnically fragmented. It is now considered the most unstable country in the world. The Church in South Sudan is working hard towards a more peaceful future. It needs your help.

**World Mission Sunday** is celebrated in every parish throughout the world. It is a great opportunity to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression.

Fr Anthony Chantry is the National Director for *Missio* and has this to share with us:

“I have worked as a Mill Hill Missionary in Kenya and South Africa, and as Missio National Director I have visited countries emerging from many decades of violent conflict including Sri Lanka, Myanmar (Burma) and South Sudan. In each and every place I have seen for myself the way in which the Church has been a very effective agent of peace by publicly renouncing all violence, by calling people in conflict together and offering ways to live in peace, and by standing up for the rights of those who are poor, marginalised and oppressed.

In South Sudan, the Church is the only institution trusted by the people, the only place where the poor and powerless will find help, the only voice giving hope for the future of the country.”

Today, your prayers and your donation will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan, and around the world. Please give what you can.

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Office hours: Monday– Wednesday 9am-4.00pm Thursday & Friday 9.30-2.30 Newsletter items should be received by Wednesday 12:00 noon

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**Psalm Response:** Give the Lord glory and power.

**Readings for next Sunday October 29th 2017  
30th Sunday of the Year**

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

1st reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm: 17

2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

**Journey in Faith** Journey in Faith is for anyone who wishes to enquire about the Catholic faith and for people intending to become a Catholic. If you know anyone interested then please bring them along. The sessions run every Wednesday from 7.30pm to 9pm at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford. For further information please contact Deacon Paul Owen (tel: 02380 254806)  
email: [powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**Fellowship Group** - there will be no meeting on Wednesday 25th October - Half term or Wednesday 1st November - All Saints. Queries to Peter Baggott 02380694060 or Deacon Bob Birtles 02380 692416

**Blessing of Graves**

In November each year we remember in a special way those who have died and gone before us. One of our traditions is the Blessing of Graves in the cemeteries within our parish. Details for this year are:

Bishop's Waltham – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November after the 10am Mass

Bishopstoke – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm

Brookwood, Eastleigh – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm

Ramalley, Chandler's Ford – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm

Fair Oak – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm

St John's Cemetery—Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November after the 10am Mass at St Andrew's.

**St Swithun Wells Primary School**

Thursday, 9th November **Open Morning** from 9.30am until 11am for tours of the school. Also, on Thursday, 9th November **Information Evening** at 7pm. There will be an informal talk from the Headteacher and details of how to apply for a place for Sept, 2018.

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

There will be a **second collection** this week for **Foreign Missions**.

**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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am – 3.30pm**. Please put this date in your diary 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. **Readers please note:** 'Sign-up forms are now available for the Day of Prayer and Reflection to be held at St Joseph's, Ashurst, on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am - 3.30pm**.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Date for the Diary – St Mark's Gospel**

At 7.00 pm on Tuesday 21st Nov in Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishops Waltham the Rev Gerald Osborne (a non-stipendiary Anglican priest based in Wiltshire) will be reciting, from memory, the Gospel of St Mark. All are welcome - those who have previously attended this event have found it spiritually uplifting and very moving. Do come and join us.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections :£1,164.70

SO/SD for the month of Sept £13208.59.

**SWAG** invites you to come along to HC Resource Centre on **OCTOBER 28** at 3pm to see the Premier of 'Disciple', to see what SWAG does and whether it might be for you. Year 6 and above welcome. Please call Joanna for more information or just turn up. (07437 440299)

**On Sunday 5th November** we are holding our Annual Informal Service at Bishop's Waltham House, Free Street, Bishop's Waltham.

This consists of hymns, prayers and readings. The service starts at 5.45pm and lasts for approximately half an hour. Please bring a couple of hymn books with you; for more information or if you would like to read something please contact Angela Fairweather 01489 895968 or Joan Ferrer 01489 892430.

#### **Reading Scripture as Prayer**

On Tuesday November 7th (repeated on Tuesday December 5th) Fr. Alan will be giving a presentation on LECTIO DIVINA, the prayerful reading of sacred Scripture. The aim if the evening is to provide some tools for people who wish to engage with the Scriptures at a deeper level. The talk will be held in the Church Hall at OLQA Bishops Waltham starting at 7.30pm finishing by 8.30pm. All very welcome.

**CAFOD** Christmas cards will be on sale at all Masses at St Edward's this weekend. A good selection of reasonably priced cards. Please support.

The very successful **Annual Quiz for Christian Aid** will run again at St Martin's Church, Chandler's Ford on Saturday 11th November at 7.30pm. Places are limited (we have 12 at present..) and are £8 each to include a Ploughman's Supper, so please see me, Paul Carmody for your tickets, or call 07837 308 558 to reserve them.

#### **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA:CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

The new Stella Maris Seafarers Centre in St Bernard's Church, Holbury is now open to welcome seafarers working on tanker ships that come into Fawley. To prepare to welcome seafarers at Christmas and also to enable the Port Chaplains and volunteers to make Christmas special for the seafarers, you are invited to donate the following items: woolly hats, fingerless gloves, bars of chocolate, packets of sweets, diaries, notebooks and Christmas cards. Rolls of Christmas paper will also be welcome. The gifts you donate will be wrapped in Christmas paper ready for distribution in the run up to Christmas. Thank you for your generosity to seafarers who will be thousands of miles away from home and their loved ones at Christmas time.

**Vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant St Swithun Wells Primary School.** 27.5 hours per week (8.45-12.15 and 1.15-3.25pm daily), term time only. Temporary until the end of the Summer term. For more details and an application form contact the school office on 02380 266210

**Youth Groups** running at Holy Cross Resource Centre Eastleigh Both groups run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. **Inspire** School years 7, 8 and 9, Wednesdays once a month please contact Marianne 07771704600 for information. **Next Meetings:** Nov 15th, Dec 13th, Jan 17th, Feb 21st, Mar 21st, Apr 18th, May16th, Jun 13th **TOZ (Time Out Zone)** School years 10,11 and Sixth Form College, Sundays once a month. Contact Cath 07846438224 for information. **Next Meetings:** Nov 26th Dec 17th

**Margaret French** would like to thank everyone who came to, or donated in any way, to her Macmillan coffee morning. She wanted it to be the best ever, and it was. An amazing £605.33 was raised for this very worthy cause. On behalf of cancer sufferers, Margaret thanks you all very much.

**The Knights of St Columba** will be selling Christmas cards at all Masses in the parish this weekend, Oct 21st and 22nd, and the following weekend, Oct 28th and 29th. The cards were created by pupils at St Swithun Wells school and are sold to raise funds for the school and the Knights of St Columba.

#### **St Edward's Prayer Group - Valley Park.**

There will be a Rosary said at the home of Pascale Li Voon Chong, Amberwood, Southdown Road, Shawford, SO21 2BX, on

**Wednesday, 25 October, 2017 at 2pm**

Everyone is most welcome.

#### **Oasis - Parish Women's Group Meeting**

Tuesday 7 November

'A good read' – join us for an evening sharing about our favourite books. A chance to relax together and, perhaps, be inspired to read something new.

You may like to bring along a book or two that you have enjoyed, or found inspirational, of any kind: novel, spiritual, or factual. Meet as usual at 7:30pm, St Edward's, finish by 9pm.

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

ALL LADIES WARMLY WELCOMED.

#### **HOLY CROSS SHOP**

We have now got all our Christmas items on display, including cards and Advent calendars. Please come and take a look after 11.00am Sunday Mass up until Christmas. **Pat & Angela**

**The King's School** in Allington Lane, Fair Oak is hosting a Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 18th November from 11am – 3pm. All welcome with free admission and free parking! See poster for details

#### 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 80328200; Charlton House 023 8067 7575 St Mary's Independent School 023 8067 1267

# Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

| DATE                             | TIME          | CHURCH    | MASS INTENTION                          | DATE                         | TIME           | CHURCH    | MASS INTENTION                       |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---|------------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat 21st Oct Vigil Masses</b> | 5.00pm        | St Sw     | Jackie Callow RIP (Anniversary)         | <b>Thurs 26th</b>            | <u>9.30am</u>  | <u>HC</u> | <u>NO MASS</u>                       |
|                                  | 6.00pm        | OLQA      |   |                              | 10.00am        | OLQA      |                                      |
|                                  | 6.00pm        | St J      | Angela Vardy RIP                        |                              | <u>11.00am</u> | <u>HC</u> | <u>Funeral Mass for Bernie Casey</u> |
|                                  | 6.30pm        | St Ed     | John Hefferman RIP                      |                              | 6.00pm         | St J      | Bernard Hinckley RIP                 |
| <b>Sun 22nd</b>                  | 9.00am        | HC        | Polska Msza Święta                      | <b>Fri 27th</b>              | 10.00am        | St Ed     | Ann Wood RIP                         |
|                                  | 9.00am        | St Ed     | Veronika Davis (Wellbeing)              |                              | 10.00am        | St J (AH) |                                      |
|                                  | 9.00am        | St A      |   |                              |                |           |                                      |
|                                  | 9.30am        | OLQA      |   |                              |                |           |                                      |
|                                  | 11.00am       | St J      | Jan Malschaert's Intention              |                              |                |           |                                      |
|                                  | 11.00am       | HC        | Friends of Suffering Souls              |                              |                |           |                                      |
|                                  |               |           |   | <b>Sat 28th</b>              | 9.30am         | HC        | Friends of Suffering Souls           |
| <b>Mon 23rd</b>                  | 10.00am       | St Ed     | FOSS Special Intention                  | <b>Sat 28th Vigil Masses</b> | 5.00pm         | St Sw     | Andrew Bates RIP                     |
|                                  |               |           |   |                              | 6.00pm         | St J      |                                      |
|                                  |               |           |   |                              | 6.00pm         | OLQA      |                                      |
|                                  |               |           |   |                              | 6.30pm         | St Ed     | Ann Wood RIP                         |
| <b>Tues 24th</b>                 | 9.30am        | HC        | Ann Wood RIP                            | <b>Sun 29th</b>              | 9.00am         | HC        | Polska Msza Święta                   |
|                                  | 10.00am       | St A      |   |                              | 9.00am         | St Ed     | Paul Chandler RIP                    |
|                                  | 10.00am       | OLQA      |   |                              | 9.00am         | St A      |                                      |
|                                  | <u>1.00pm</u> | <u>HC</u> | <u>Funeral Mass for Thomas McMullan</u> |                              | 9.30am         | OLQA      |                                      |
| <b>Wed 25th</b>                  | 9.30am        | HC        | Gerry Doyle RIP                         |                              | 11.00am        | St J      |                                      |
|                                  | 10.00am       | St Ed     | John Hefferman RIP                      |                              | 11.00am        | HC        | Patrick & Johanna Lee                |

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday** HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm  
**Thursday**—St ED 7.00-8.00pm  
**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.

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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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