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Sunday Cycle: Year A  
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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

With the start of November we enter a month in which we focus our prayer in a particular way for those who have died. Wednesday's feast of All Saints reminds us of our calling, what we are aiming for and working towards in this life. The Commemoration of All Souls on the second day of November sets the scene for those various acts of remembrance we can use to give thanks for those we have known – and those we never knew. As a nation we highlight this on Remembrance Sunday and, more locally, we gather in cemeteries across the parish to bless graves and pray for those who rest there.

For some there is a heaviness to this remembrance. There is sadness, and perhaps a stirring up of grief and that sense of loss which never really disappears but we try to come to terms with. As we grow older we have more people to remember whom we knew: grandparents, parents and others who were part of our lives. In the past year we have celebrated many funerals across St Swithun Wells Parish and those families touched by the loss of a loved one have been invited to come and join us at Masses on a Sunday in the month of November. Some have already replied to say that, although they may not be able to attend, they are grateful that we are thinking of them and including them in our prayers and act of remembrance.

For the Christian the darkness of grief and sadness does give way to the bright promise of immortality (as it says in one of the Prefaces) because we believe that death is not a wall, a full-stop or an end. No, it is a stage on the journey into a life which is to come, an existence in God's presence where we are all reunited. It's no accident that the Gospel passage proclaimed on the Feast of All Saints is from the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount: the Beatitudes. As Jesus lists the qualities and characteristics he would like to see in his disciples in this world, there is also the reassurance that if we do our best to live in this way then our "reward will be great in heaven." The Readings at Mass through November provide food for thought about 'the last things' – and how we can prepare. The month culminates in the great feast of Christ the King, Redeemer and Conqueror of Death.

We pray that all those who have died may enjoy the light, happiness and peace of heaven where they are in the presence of God for all eternity.

## NEW PARISH SECRETARY

After two years as our Parish Secretary, Kris Blake is moving away from Eastleigh. I would like to record my heartfelt thanks to Kris for all that she has done in that time, managing the many requests which come in, producing the Newsletter each week (no mean task!) and giving valuable support to the clergy in all that we do. We wish her and Andrew well as they head for Norfolk and settle in their new home.

I am delighted to announce that Sarah Goodfellow has been appointed as the new Parish Secretary and will begin working with us on 8<sup>th</sup> November. Sarah and her family are members of the parish and worship at St Edward's. We look forward to her becoming part of the team that supports what happens across our parish.

*Father John*

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**Psalm Response:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Readings for next Sunday November 5th 2017  
31st Sunday of the Year**

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

1st reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2.8-10

Psalm: 130

2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13

**Journey in Faith**

There will be no Journey in Faith session at St Edward the Confessor Church on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November as there is a Mass at 7.30pm.

Deacon Paul Owen (tel: 02380 254806)

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

**Candlelight Prayer for Remembrance** - this will take place on Wednesday 8th November at St. Swithun Wells church 7.30 pm. It is hosted by the Fellowship Group. An evening of Prayer, Scripture, Meditation and hymns. Everyone is most welcome. Refreshments available. Please contact Bob and Marion Birtles for any queries.

**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.

Romsey - 5th November Sunday – cemetery at Botley Road at 2 pm, just after in Woodley Cemetery.

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

Fair Oak – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at **2pm**.

North Baddesley St John's Cemetery—Tuesday 7th 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 September 2018.

There will be a **second collection next weekend** for our sister diocese of Bamenda in the Cameroon.

**Mass at Holy Cross: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**CHANGE OF MASS TIME** To enable everyone to take part in the Remembrance Sunday Service in Eastleigh on 12th November, which starts at 11am across the road from Holy Cross Church, the Mass that day will begin at **11.45 am (not 11am)**.

Come and join us, everyone welcome  
For the next few weeks the **Growing in Faith Together** group will be exploring our faith through Prayer and the Holy Spirit.  
On Tue 31st October - DVD on Prayer part 1  
On Tue 7th November -DVD on Prayer part 2  
The group will meet at Holy Cross Resource Centre starting at 10:15am and finish about 11:30am. Tea and coffee will be available.

**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 4th November 10.30am - 3.30pm**.

**St Swithun Wells Prayer Link**, Thank you so much for your continued support. The Autumn Sheet is still in use - look out for a new one next week (Nov.4th/5th). Marion ([marionbirtles@gmail.com](mailto:marionbirtles@gmail.com))

**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.

**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

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections :£1,338.56

SO/SD for the month of Sept £13,208.59.

**Thank you to the Parishioners** who donated rosaries for our Rosary Club. Throughout October, every breaktime, groups of children have prayed the rosary. On Wednesday 18th October, we joined with children around the world praying the rosary for peace. This was an event supported by Aid to the Church in Need who asked 1 million children to all pray the rosary at 9am on that day.

**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 of 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.

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.

### **2 Saints (St Dismas Night Shelter)**

The plight of the homeless has become a lot more visible on our streets in recent months. The night shelters provide a much needed service and are always grateful for our help. Please leave any donations of men's clothing new or used also socks and shoes in bags clearly marked for 2 Saints at any of the following Churches—St Swithun Wells, Holy Cross, St Edward's and St Andrew's.

### **Dramatic Recitation of St Mark's Gospel**

At 7.00 pm on Tues 21 Nov in Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham the Rev Gerald Osborne (a non-stipendiary Anglican priest from Wiltshire) will be giving a dramatic recitation of the Gospel of St Mark. All are welcome - previous attendees have found it both moving and spiritually uplifting. Do try to come.

### **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.

**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, May 16th, 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

**The Knights of St Columba** will be selling Christmas cards at all Masses in the parish this 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.

**Parish Lunch** at the Luzborough, Romsey, 12.15pm on Monday 13th November. Menus on the notice boards. All are welcome. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Sunday 5th November as we have to prebook. Thank you.

**The 60 Club** meetings will resume on Monday 30th October, at the usual time, 2-4pm, in the Resource Centre, behind Holy Cross Church. Maureen 02380 692682

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

Tuesday 7th 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**

**KNIT FOR PEACE** The next meeting will be on 8th Nov at St Andrew's North Baddesley from 2-4pm. All Welcome. Donations of men's clothing and shoes for 2 Saints most welcome. Contact Anne Harcourt 02380 734710

#### 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 28th</b> <b>Oct</b> <b>Vigil</b> <b>Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Andrew Bates RIP	<b>Thurs</b> <b>2nd</b>	9.30am	HC	Robert Bucknell RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J			<b>11.00am</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Antonio Martone</b>
	6.30pm	St Ed	Ann Wood RIP		6.00pm	St J	
<b>Sun 29th</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	<b>Fri 3rd</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Sara Lepera RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	Paul Chandler RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A					
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J					
	11.00am	HC	Patrick & Johanna Lee				
				<b>Sat 4th</b>	9.30am	HC	Bernie Casey RIP
<b>Mon 30th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Fiona Haben RIP	<b>Sat 4th</b> <b>Vigil</b> <b>Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Suzanna Morgan (Birthday)
					6.00pm	St J	
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	
<b>Tues 31st</b>	9.30am	HC	Gerald Carr FM	<b>Sun 5th</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St A</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		9.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A	Robert Breen's Intentions
<b>Wed 1st</b> <b>Nov</b> <b>All Souls</b> <b>Holy Day of</b> <b>Obligation</b>	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP		9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St A	Alice & Alfred Harcourt RIP		11.00am	St J	
	10.00am	OLQA			11.00am	HC	Beatrice & George White
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>SSW</b>	<b>School Mass at SSW Primary School</b>				Laura David & Eduardo Fernandes FM
	7.00pm	SJ					
7.30pm	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM					

## 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** 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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