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Sunday Cycle: Year A
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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Forty-three years ago, in 1974, the dioceses of Bamenda and Portsmouth were twinned. Over those years we have grown closer, sharing our faith and talents for mutual benefit. With your contributions we have been able to work with our partners in Cameroon. Making use of local materials and skills wherever possible, we undertake projects in 4 categories: Faith, Education, Health and Social Welfare.

In the field of **Faith** your donations have paid for the building of a Pastoral Centre which provides training and educational resources to Catechists who carry the faith to the remotest parts of Bamenda Diocese.

In the area of **Health** you have helped extend rural clinics, provided badly needed medical supplies and supported community outreach work for the wellbeing of people with HIV and other health challenges.

Education projects have supported schools with teaching materials and fees for disadvantaged children who would otherwise be unable to access education. This year help has also been given to repair a school in a remote area where the roof had collapsed. The school twinning programme (with 12 schools in Portsmouth taking part) is a great opportunity for children in both dioceses to learn about each other.

The **Social Welfare** work has continued with the construction of a new centre for Vocational Training and Adult Education where students learn skills to enable them to earn a living and support their families. Three projects have been undertaken recently to bring clean water to needy communities.

The relationship between our two dioceses is not one way. Whereas in the 'early days' priests from Portsmouth went out to promote the Faith, the situation is now reversed with priests from Bamenda ministering here and enlivening our faith. Father George, who worked in our parish for two years (and is now in the New Forest) is one of those with us enhancing the life of Portsmouth Diocese.

This year has been especially challenging for the English-speaking areas of Cameroon due to disputes with the predominantly French-speaking government. The Anglophone region (including Bamenda) has experienced violent flare-ups as the central government has repressed dissent over perceived marginalisation and discrimination. The last school year was lost as the schools were closed, and with weekly protests restricting market trading, people have struggled to manage.

So on this Bamenda Sunday, please pray for our sisters and brothers in our twin diocese, particularly for peace in that region and for the continuation of the bond between us.

If you are in a position financially to help carry on vital project work, please be as generous as you can and remember to gift aid your offering. This year the Diocesan Bamenda Committee (which administers the funds) could only meet a quarter of the applications received. Thank you for your generosity and thank you for your continued prayerful support.

Portsmouth Bamenda Committee

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Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Psalm Response: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

**Readings for next Sunday November 12th 2017
32nd Sunday of the Year**

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

1st reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm: 62

2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

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:

Bishopstoke – Sunday 5th November at 2pm.

Brookwood, Eastleigh – Sunday 5th November at 3pm.

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

Ramalley, Chandler's Ford – Sunday 5th November at 3pm.

Fair Oak – Sunday 5th November at **2pm.**

North Baddesley St John's Cemetery—Tuesday 7th November after the 10am Mass at St Andrew's.

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.

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

Mass at Holy Cross: Sunday 12th 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. Tue 7th November -DVD on Prayer part 2 followed by Adoration for those who wish.

Tuesday 14th Nov Lectio Divina

The group will meet at Holy Cross Resource Centre

St Swithun Wells Prayer Link

Please take a copy of the new Prayer Sheet, "November 2017" to use at home and so join many others in prayer.

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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.

St Swithun Wells Church Community will be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Service in Fair Oak village on Sunday 12th November 11 am. We hope that many members of our Community will join us.

First Holy Communion Preparation Reminder:

The next meeting for parents and children is on Tuesday 7th November at St Swithun Well School Hillcrest Avenue, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2JP. Please arrive in good time for a prompt start at 6.25pm. A contribution of £25 is required towards the cost of books and materials for the preparation. Please bring cash or cheque (made payable to PRCDTR St Swithun Wells) in an envelope with your child's name on it.

Confraternity of the Rosary 9th Nov Mass at 12.15pm followed by Rosary at Our Lady Altar in the Cathedral in Portsmouth. Refreshments & snacks will be provided in the Cathedral Centre before a meeting at 2.00pm.

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**

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

Thank you to the Parishioners who donated rosaries for our Rosary Club at St Swithun Wells School. 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.

An Evening with Benny Hill

Thursday 16th November 7.30pm the Resource Centre, Holy Cross Church Eastleigh. We are delighted to be able to reschedule this emotive and entertaining evening about the life of Benny Hill. Light refreshments. All donations gratefully received. Do join us, all most welcome, bring your family and friends.
Parish Social Committee.

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.

SWAG'S next performance is on December 22nd at 7.30pm and there is still time to sign up if you are in Year 6 or above. Closing date is **November 12**. For more details please look at the Facebook Page "SWAG", The Parish Website, email Joannaaz@cwgsy/net phone Joanna on 07437 440299 or see Joanna after the 9am Mass at St Edwards.

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

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.

POITIERS CARE CATHOLIC FOODBANK CHARITY

The above charity, organised by Father Des Connolly, distributes food locally to families in very great need. Please help us with this ongoing work. The items required are tinned foods, including soup, meat, fish, vegetables, fruit and also tea, coffee, sugar. These may be left in the boxes provided in the Cloister of St. Edward's Church and at St. Andrews and St. Joseph's Churches.

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.

THANK YOU

Roger Wood and his family thank the members of the parish for their messages of condolence and sympathy. Also, for the many tributes to Ann: they are appreciated immensely. (There were too many to write to each one!)

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

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.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections :TBC SO/SD for the month of Sept £13,208.59.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 4th Nov Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Suzanna Morgan (Birthday)	Thurs 9th	9.30am	HC	Paul Freeman FM Thanksgiving for Mahima Anthraper
	6.00pm	OLQA			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J			6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed					
Sun 5th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 10th	10.00am	St Ed	Veronika Davis (Special Intention)
	9.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Patricia Roydon RIP				
	9.30am	OLQA	Robert Breen RIP				
	11.00am	St J					
	11.00am	HC					
				Sat 11th	9.30am	HC	William Reynolds FM
Mon 6th	10.00am	St Ed	Dorothy Forster RIP	Sat 11th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Baker & Hanrahan Family RIP
					6.00pm	St J	
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	
Tues 7th	9.30am	HC	Henwood Family RIP	Sun 12th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A	NO MASS		9.00am	St Ed	Ann Wood RIP
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A	
Wed 8th- Nov	9.30am	HC			Alice Marie & Douglas Baird (40th Wedding Anniversary)	9.30am	OLQA
	10.00am	St Ed	Ann Wood RIP		11.00am	St J	
					11.45 am	HC	

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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