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 Psalter Week 4

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

This weekend, in union with millions of others, we remember. However, our remembrance is shaped by something quite specific – Christian hope. Faith allows us to see through the suffering, death and loss to something glorious. But we need to be clear that hope for the Christian is not some kind of vague wish that things will work out for the best. No, it is much more rooted and firmly established than that as our hope is only possible because of what we have been told by Jesus. He said that there is a life to come, one where we are reunited with each other in God's presence. There suffering and tears and sadness are no more and we exist for all eternity in the joy, peace and love of God.

Across our parish we have celebrated many funerals during the past twelve months, some in the church with a Funeral Mass, others with a simpler service in the chapel at the Crematorium. [By the way, have you made it clear to your family what you would like them to arrange when the time comes for you to move on from this life? Many people haven't.] Whatever the style of liturgy for a Funeral the fundamentals remain constant: praying for the person who has died, and doing so in solidarity with those left behind – who are often struggling with what has happened. The prayer of the church hooks us into that wider communion of faith so even if the Funeral brings just a few people together, the whole Church is involved.

But let's return to this idea of Christian hope. In today's Second Reading, St Paul sums it up:

"We want you to be quite certain about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching." (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

This weekend, when we gather at War Memorials, when we pin a poppy on our jackets, when we stop on the 11th November at 11am and observe a time of silence, we recall the millions whose lives were given in defence of the freedoms we enjoy today – and too easily take for granted. Many of those who died were young with their lives before them and often didn't understand the bigger picture and the plans being put into effect by Generals. But they did understand that what they were doing could make a difference – not for them maybe – but for others. In those days the vast majority in this country will have been Christians who shared the belief that death would not be the end, there was a life to come. Army Chaplains in both World Wars gave testimony to the faith that many soldiers had and which helped them.

For us as Catholics, Remembrance Sunday is set within the context of the month of November when we focus our prayers in a particular way for those who have died. There are books and lists in our churches containing the names of those who died more recently and in previous years. These are not morbid reminders of mortality – they are records of faith and hope. As we profess every Sunday in the Creed: "We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." This is our hope, a genuine, real and well-founded hope - Christian hope.

Father John

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Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.
Psalm Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

**Readings for next Sunday November 19th 2017
33rd Sunday of the Year**

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
1st reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
Psalm: 127
2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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 of 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

Fellowship Group - this will take place on Wednesday 15th November, 7.30pm at St. Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. One of an occasional series of discussions about the Church and Community. Ali Mephram, Vicar of St. Thomas Church in Fair Oak, will join us to share something of his journey of faith and to discuss the topic. For more details please contact Peter Baggott (02380 694060) or Deacon Bob Birtles.

Prayer Link - Please email me if you would like a copy, by email, of the new sheet which was made available in all our churches last week. Also, please let me know if there are copies left at your Church! Our link is growing! Prayer requests are sent by email and people tell me that they feel very supported by our prayer. Would you like to receive this list, or request prayer? (I only use names when specifically asked to do so, otherwise requests are anonymous). Thank you for your prayer. Marion Birtles (02380 692416) (marionbirtles@gmail.com).

Growing in Faith Together

Come and join us, everyone is welcome!
The group will be exploring our faith through Prayer and the Holy Spirit. Tuesday 14th Nov Lectio Divina. The group will meet at Holy Cross Resource Centre starting at 10:15am and finishing about 11:30am. Tea and coffee will be available.

Fruitful Discipleship in our Diocese

Saturday 18th November, at Winchester Parish Centre 9.30am-5pm. This is for everyone who would like to know and serve the Lord more deeply. Bishop Philip will be hosting the day and giving a talk at the beginning and the end. For more info please email Clare at csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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)**.

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.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles - Childrens Liturgy 19th November.

Our next session for the children will be on the above date. All are very welcome. For more information please contact Joanna Somerville.
(joannasomerville1@hotmail.com)

Reading Scripture as Prayer

On Tuesday 5th December 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 Feast of Christ the King & National Youth Sunday

Bishop Philip invites young adults (16-35) from around Portsmouth Diocese to join him at St John's Cathedral on the 26th November: The Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday. He will be celebrating the **6pm Mass**, after which there will be a social with food, and talks from inspiring guest speakers in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. This is a fantastic opportunity for young adults to network, connect to events locally and further afield, and communicate the things that they want to see happening in the Diocese.

Register by contacting your University Catholic Chaplaincy, or emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Ages 16+ (£7)

Compassionate Friends - This is an organisation which helps and supports bereaved parents, whatever the age of the children who have died, and however long ago. Details can be found on all Church Noticeboards. An excellent website to provide support is www.tcf.org.uk.

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

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections: £1,317.01
SO/SD for the month of Oct £14,160.59.

Holy Cross Altar Linen—HELP NEEDED

We have recently lost several members of the team who launder the altar linen, due to ill health, and are in need of more help!

This is not an onerous task, it involves washing and ironing the linen used on the altar: (approximately 20/25 pieces, about the size of a man's handkerchief) once every six to eight weeks, less often depending on numbers of volunteers.

Instructions will be provided by James McElhinney or myself.

Please give this some thought and prayers, and contact me if you are able to help.

Shirley Griffin - 02380 616901.

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.

CAFOD Memorial Mass

A mass of remembrance for all those CAFOD supporters, family and friends who have passed away will be held on Sunday 19th November at 10am at St Michael & All Angels Church Leigh Park. Everyone is welcome.

Wanted!!

Good used toys, books, baby clothes, small baby equipment, LEGO/kits, games (0-13yrs), ladies/mens gift sets.

This is for the Inner City of London Parish for families in dire need, (it had been set-up by the late Father George Lyons).

Urgently needed by 8th December. For further details please contact Heather New on 02380 265616.

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 pre-book. 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.

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.

60 Club

The 60 Club meet fortnightly in the Resource Centre at Holy Cross. Hope to see you all at 2pm on Monday 13th November. Any queries to Maureen on 02380 692682.

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.

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 & Natter

At St. Edwards Church, Monday 13th November from 2-4pm. All welcome. Any queries please contact Maureen Stephenson on 02380 252104.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 11th Nov Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Baker & Hanrahan Family RIP	Thurs 16th	<u>9.00am</u>	HC	CHANGE OF MASS TIME Francesco Papallo & Teresa Vallalunga (RIP) NO MASS Special Intentions
	6.00pm	OLQA			<u>10.00am</u>	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J			6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed					
Sun 12th Remem- brance Sunday	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 17th	10.00am	St Ed	Ann Wood RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	Ann Wood RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A					
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J					
	<u>11.45am</u>	HC	CHANGE OF MASS TIME Bernie Casey RIP				
				Sat 18th	9.30am	HC	Brian Robertson RIP
Mon 13th	10.00am	St Ed		Sat 18th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Marie Lewis RIP
					6.00pm	St J	
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	
Tues 14th	9.30am	HC	Cowling & Tierney Families FM	Sun 19th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	<u>10.00am</u>	St A	NO MASS		9.00am	St Ed	Ann Wood RIP
	<u>10.00am</u>	OLQA	NO MASS		9.00am	St A	Denis Keef anniversary RIP
	11.30am	St J	Funeral Mass Monica Carrasco RIP		9.30am	OLQA	
Wed 15th	9.30am	HC	Joyce Hastings RIP	11.00am	St J		
	10.00am	St Ed	Dorothy Forster RIP	11.00 am	HC	James (Jimmy) Dunne RIP	

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: **No confession at 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
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 St Sw St. Swithun Wells, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB
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