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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS – ‘ADORAMUS’

The Bishops of England and Wales have established a Eucharistic Congress to take place in Liverpool from the 7th – 9th September 2018. This three-day event is expected to be the largest gathering of Catholics in the UK since the visit of Pope Benedict in 2010. The elements of the Congress are:

1. A one day Theological Symposium taking place in Liverpool on Friday 7th September. Admission will be by ticket only.
2. A conference styled Congress on Saturday 8th September, at the Echo Arena in Liverpool. Admission will be by ticket only.
3. A Eucharistic Procession in the city of Liverpool on Sunday 9th September for which our diocese has been invited to line the processional route.
4. And our own two day celebration which will take place on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th May in Portsmouth.

Our parish of St Swithun Wells has been allocated nine places for the ticket-only events. At this stage we have been asked to confirm whether we will take up our allotted places. The time-scale is very tight and I need to inform the diocese whether we can fill those places by **5th December**. Therefore, if you are interested in going, please email or telephone me **as soon as possible** so that I have a clear idea of numbers. If we cannot use our places then they will be given to other parishes.

The organisers have suggested that participation will enable our parish:

- To rejuvenate Eucharistic Adoration;
- To encourage greater love for the mystery of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar;
- To engender a deeper understanding of the place of the Eucharist in the life of the church;
- To provide practical resources for Eucharistic Adoration for Parishes and Schools;
- To better form Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Bishop Philip is particularly keen that some younger members of our parishes take part in the Eucharistic Congress (by young he means 18 – 35) so if even a few within that age group are able to take part it would be good. The Bishop is also keen for teachers working in our schools to participate, especially in the Symposium on Friday 7th September.

If you would like to know more about this you can find information by emailing congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. To be part of this will require some effort (the costs involved will be supported by the parish) but it is a major initiative of our Bishops with the aim of refocusing us as a Catholic community in England & Wales on the Eucharist – which is of course, at the heart of our faith.

Father John

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Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Readings for next Sunday December 3rd 2017
1st Sunday of Advent**

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

1st reading: Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64:1. 3-8

Psalm: 79

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

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 - Wednesday 29th November

At that Time – An Advent Bible Study based on the lectionary readings for Year B. Advent offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to also wait in expectation for his Second Coming in glory.

Week 1 – Waiting in Hope.

Meetings Start at 7.30 pm in St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. Everyone welcome.

Queries to Peter Baggott 02380694060 or Bob Birtles.

Prayer Link - The sheet for November is in use. More sheets have been made available where necessary. Do please let me know if you need more copies at your church or want an email copy. Thank you for your prayer—our link is growing! Marion Birtles (02380 692416) (marionbirtles@gmail.com).

Growing in Faith Together

Everyone welcome!

Over the next five weeks we will continue our topic on Prayer; listening to various speakers on DVD and participating in Lectio Divina. We continue to meet at Holy Cross Resource Centre (10.15-11.30am) on a Tuesday.

We will have a break from the 19th December for Christmas, recommencing on the 9th January 2018 with a new topic on the Holy Spirit.

Feast of St. Francis Xavies - Patron Saint of Goa, India

We will be having a celebration on **3rd December** at St. Andrew's Church after the 9am mass on Sunday. All are welcome. Please bring finger food to share.

Wisdom Centre, Romsey - 9th December 2017

Advent Day: Follow that Star - Our Journey to Bethlehem

Our Advent Day is on the 9th December and we would love for you to join us. During Advent, we are all invited to travel our own personal "Journey to Bethlehem". If we look at the lives of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the Magi and even the Donkey - the journey was not comfortable or easy; yet for each of these individuals, their efforts produced great fruit.

This day looks at important Characters in the Christmas story and how we might relate their experiences to our own lives.

For more information and to book please see our website - www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk/.

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.

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Thursday 14th December at 7.00pm.

If you feel you would benefit from this simple but profound encounter with Christ then you are welcome to Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU.

Unto us a child is born!

Saturday 16th December at 10.30am.

A day of reflection in preparation for Christmas will take place at Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU. The day will begin at 10.30am and close after Mass at 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch. A suggested donation of £20.00 would be gratefully received.

Faith In Genesis

Saturday 20th January 2018, 2pm in St. Edward's Cloisters.

If you've ever struggled to reconcile the account of creation given in the Book of Genesis with what modern science says, you're not alone! Come and hear about new scientific discoveries that cast doubt on evolution and support the Genesis account.

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits.

For more information please contact Charles Forrest (tel: 02380 694482; email chasnbex@hotmail.co.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: £1,210.11

SO/SD for the month of Oct £14,160.59.

St. Edward's - Christmas Gifts for 2 Saints & Pointiers.

Gift tags will be distributed at St. Edward's after both Masses, week ending **November 25th & 26th** for these two charities. Labelled gifts can be brought to Mass on the following two weekends:

December 2nd-3rd & December 9th-10th

Items to include men's hats, socks, gloves scarves, toiletries, sweets, chocolates, biscuits etc.

Please indicate which charity you are supporting.

St. Edward's - CAFOD & Fairtrade

Christmas related goods will be on sale after both masses on the **9th & 10th December**, including cakes, biscuits, sweets, preserves, gifts and candle decorations. Donations will be gratefully received.

There will also be a raffle. All proceeds to Connect2 project in Peru. For more information call Clare Lasker on 02380 252138.

St. Edward's Bamenda Breakfast

Clinicare will be selling bacon butties and croissants after the 9am Mass on Sunday **3rd December**. All money raised will go towards supporting Clinicare and Healthcare Projects in Bamenda.

Bring your appetites!

St. Edward's Cleaning Rota

There is now a new cleaning rota. If you did not receive an email with the new cleaning rota attached there are a few spare ones in the cleaning cupboard. Rebecca Forrest.

St. Edward's Church Shop

Advent and Christmas stock now available; calendars, charity cards, candles, books, cribs, gifts, literature, and a childrens table. Open before and after all weekend Masses. Volunteer led & non profit. Please come in and browse - we look forward to seeing you.

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**

Holy Cross - 60 Club

Our next meeting is on **November 27th (2-4pm)** in the Resource Centre, where we will play Scrabble as usual, and finalize plans for our Christmas lunch. For more info please contact Maureen on 023 80 692682.

St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's Christmas Draw

This will take place at Marie Louise Nursing Home, Romsey on **Tuesday 5th December**. Tea & cakes will be available between 2.30-4pm. The Draw will be held at 3.15pm. Please make sure that all ticket counterfoils, money and any unsold tickets are returned to either church by Monday 4th December. Thank you.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles - CAFOD Christmas Cards

These will be on sale for the next three Sundays. Advent Calendars are available this week.

Youth Groups running at Holy Cross Resource Centre. 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:** 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.

Good Companions Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 5th December 2017, 12.30pm.

Our festive lunch will be at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield. We welcome all who live alone, or are lonely, to come and join us for delicious food and pleasant company. Please ring Pauline Wilson on 023 80266617 to let me know if you are coming no later than *Friday 1st Dec*.

Oasis - Parish Women's Group Meeting

Tuesday 5th December

Advent - this month we will be thinking about our Advent traditions, including some Christmas craft, featuring a lesson in Candle Decoration. A chance to relax together and perhaps, try something new. Meet as usual at 7:30pm, St Edward's, finish by 9pm. If possible, please bring a small donation (suggested £2) towards cost of materials.

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

ALL LADIES WARMLY WELCOMED.

SWAG'S next performance is on December 22nd at 7.30pm

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.

Christmas Appeal for the Men of Elderfield 2017

Once again we are making up Christmas gift parcels for the men of Elderfield, some of whom have never experienced a 'family' Christmas. They look forward to their gifts and greetings from our community. We hope that you will continue to support us generously this year. Monetary donations are preferable, enabling us to plan our selection of gifts. Enquiries/donations please to Moira Moriarty on 023 8026 5441.

Hospital Admittances

If you are expecting to be admitted into the Royal Hampshire Hospital Winchester in the near future, please inform St Peters Parish Office (Tel: 01962 852804) so they can arrange for a member of the clergy to come and visit and/or bring Holy Communion. Additionally, if you are being admitted to Southampton General Hospital please contact Father Michael Cronin on 02380 774273.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 25th Nov Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Lydia & Joe Fonseca RIP	Thurs 30th	9.30am	HC	Kenneth Sweet FM
	6.00pm	OLQA			<u>10.00am</u>	OLQA	NO MASS
	6.00pm	St J			6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	John Edward Milne (anniversary)				
Sun 26th	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 1st Dec	10.00am	St Ed	Fiona Haben RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	Barney Rice FM		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A					
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Timothy & Penny Bible RIP				
	11.00am	HC	Charlie & Rita Kelly FM				
				Sat 2nd Dec	9.30am	HC	In Memoriam FM
Mon 27th	10.00am	St Ed	Pat Watson (anniversary)	Sat 2nd Dec Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Jadwiga & Jozef Michalak RIP
					6.00pm	St J	
					6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	Rosemary Oxby RIP
Tues 28th	9.30am	HC	Ittiyavirah RIP	Sun 3rd Dec (First Sunday Of Advent)	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St A	Greg Fernandes RIP (1st anniversary of death)		9.00am	St Ed	Enid Scappaticci RIP
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A	
Wed 29th	9.30am	HC	Antonio Cicu FM		9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Ed	Andrew Gorman (Special Intention)		11.00am	St J	
					11.00 am	HC	Deceased Members of Queen Family 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

And St Edward 9.30 am Wednesday The Holy Rosary
Prayers 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.

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
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