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Sunday Cycle: Year B  
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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The first Saturday of Lent is the day when those who are to be baptised or received into full communion with the Church at Easter are invited to St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth for the Rite of Election. It is a very important step on the road towards becoming a Catholic and marks the start of their final period of preparation.

For catechumens (those who are to be baptised – called the Elect after the Rite of Election), this final period of preparation is called the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. For candidates (those already baptised in another Christian church), it is a call to continuing conversion. For both catechumens and candidates this final period leads up to the crucially important milestone of receiving the appropriate sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

The Rite of Initiation of Adults (which is the Church's guidance on reception into the Church) talks of the Period of Purification and Enlightenment: *"... as a period of more intense spiritual preparation consisting more in interior reflection than in catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the minds and hearts of the elect ... This period is intended as well to enlighten the minds and hearts of the elect with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Saviour"*.

The rite goes on to say that because they are asking for the sacraments of initiation, those who are being baptised or received: *"...must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church, and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance."*

That is why for those to be baptised we celebrate the scrutinies at Sunday Mass during Lent. They are intended to: *"..uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect, to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good."* These rites, therefore *".. should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all"*.

For all of us, not just those who are to be received into the church, conversion should very much be a priority in Lent. As the prophet Joel urges us in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading from Ash Wednesday: *"Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart..."* The process that those to be baptised and received go through during Lent is one that we should all go through. As we pray for them, we might also remember that during this Lenten season we are all called to review our own lives and to turn again to the Lord so that we can better live up to our own Baptismal calling.

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**Entrance Antiphon:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**Psalm Response:** Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

**Readings for next Sunday 25th February 2018  
2nd Sunday of Lent**

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10  
1st reading: Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18  
Psalm: 115  
2nd reading: Romans 8:31-34

**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:** Feb 21st, Mar 21st, Apr 18th, May 16th, Jun 13th, July 8th.

**TOZ (Time Out Zone)** School years 10,11 and Sixth Form College, Sundays once a month.

Contact Cath 07846438224 for more information.

**Next Meetings:** Feb 25th, March 18th, April 29th, May 20th, June 17th, July 8th.

**Mustard Seed** - The new 'Lent 2018' edition is available this weekend in all of our churches.

**Parish Pastoral Area - Valley Park**

There will be a scripture reading and social morning at the home of Helen & Daverio Matteucci - 21 Velmore Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 3HD, on **Thursday 22nd February 2018, at 10am.**

All are very welcome.

**Holy Cross - Soup Kitchen, 12-2pm**

There will be a soup kitchen every Saturday during Lent until the 24th March (excluding Holy Saturday).

Please contact Elizabeth Nash  
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Cath Szymanski

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if you would like to be involved.

**Journey in Faith, St Edward's every Wednesday**

Is for anyone enquiring 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 from 7.30pm to 9pm. For further information please contact: Deacon Paul Owen (tel: 02380 254806)

email: [powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**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. We then look forward to welcoming parents for an **Essential Preparation Session** on **Sunday 25th March 2018 (4.30-6pm)** at Holy Cross Resource Centre.

It would be very helpful if you could arrive a little early - refreshments are available from 4.15pm.

**Stations Of the Cross**

Are being said during Lent at the following Churches:

**St Andrew's:** Tuesdays at 9.30am; (please note there will be no Adoration with Morning Prayer during Lent due to Stations of the Cross);

**St Swithun Wells:** Tuesdays at 10.30am; followed by tea/coffee;

**OLQA:** Wednesdays at 7.00pm;

**Holy Cross:** Thursdays at 9.00am;

**St Edward's:** Fridays at 6.30pm;(excluding Good Friday);

**St Joseph's:** Fridays at 7.00pm (including Good Friday), **except 23rd March** which is the evening of the Penitential Service at St Andrew's.

**Friday Masses During Lent, Holy Cross /St Edwards**

**Holy Cross:** Every Friday during Lent there will be an additional Mass at 9.30am.

**St Edward's:** Mass will be at 7.00pm with the Stations of the Cross before Mass and supper after Mass. **Note this 7pm Mass REPLACES the Friday 10am Mass.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Pope Francis has requested that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament should take place for 24hrs during Lent in all Parishes throughout the world. In response to this, Eucharistic Adoration will take place at St Joseph's church for the whole Parish of St Swithun Wells on **Fri 9th March at 6pm** to include Stations of the Cross. The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed until Sat 10th March concluding with Rosary and Benediction from 5.20pm prior to Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm.

**Lent Penitential Services with Confession**

**Thurs 22nd March, 7.30pm** - Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham;

**Fri 23rd March, 7.30pm** - St Andrew's, North Baddesley;

**Sat 24th March, 11am** - St Edward's, Chandler's Ford.

**Lent 2018 at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak**

**Lenten Suppers** - Homemade Soup and Cheese at 7pm on Wednesday evenings, proceeds to Lenten Alms supporting CAFOD and Fledge.

**Bible Studies** - Following the Lenten Suppers, there will be a series of Bible Studies, starting at 7.45pm called "Followers of Jesus" looking at New Testament characters who encounter Jesus at a point in their lives and the effect that has on them. They are all disciples and have something to teach us during this season of Lent. The first study on **21st February** looks at Nicodemus. Everyone is most welcome to come along. Queries to Peter Baggott (02380 694060) or Deacon Bob Birtles.

**Growing in Faith Together**

Meet at Holy Cross Resource Centre (10.15-11.30am) on a Tuesday. Our topic is the Holy Spirit. All are very welcome.

### **Second Collection CAFOD Lent Day**

Please note there will be a second collection **next weekend** for CAFOD.

### **CAFOD - Lenten Fast Day**

On **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** please give up a meal or eat a simple meal and then put the money you would have saved in the CAFOD family fast day envelope (attached to the newsletter/available in our churches). This Lent your donation will make double the difference! For every pound you donate the UK Government will also donate a pound up to a total of £5 million meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed.

### **St Edward's - CAFOD Lenten Suppers**

**Every Friday after 7pm Mass.** Homemade soup bread and cheese, £5, also homemade produce on sale. All proceeds to CAFOD.

### **St Edward's - Lenten Lunch Thurs 8th Mar, 12.30pm**

Proceeds to charity - more details to follow.

### **St Edward's - Way of the Cross**

The Children's Liturgy Group will be running a Way of the Cross for the children at **10am on Good Friday**.

### **St Andrew's - Knit for Peace Wed 21st Feb, 2-4pm**

For this month only the Knit for Peace meeting will be on the third Wednesday of the month (**21st Feb**). Donations of mens clothes and shoes always welcome for 2Saints. Thank you, Anne Harcourt 02380 734710.

### **St Edwards Prayer Group , Fryern**

The next prayer group is on **Monday 19th Feb, 2-3pm** at the home of Sheila and Pauline O'Neill - 19 Carthage Close, Chandlers Ford. All welcome!

### **SWAG - St Swithun Wells Acting Group**

Please contact me on 07437 440299 or [joannaaz@cwgsy.net](mailto:joannaaz@cwgsy.net), or find the Facebook page "S.W.A.G." if you would like to be part of the **next show at the end of the May Half Term Week**. Rehearsals will begin weekend of April 14th. *Joanna*.

### **Prayer Link** - Prayer Sheet (Winter 2018) is still in use.

Please contact me if you have any requests, queries or comments. *Marion*  
(02380 692416) [marionbirtles@gmail.com](mailto:marionbirtles@gmail.com)

### **60 Club** - The next meeting is on **Mon 26th Feb, 2pm**

in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For more information please phone Maureen on 02380 692682.

### **St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School: Vacancy**

There is a vacancy for a class teacher to start in Sept 2018. Please see the School's website for more info. [www.st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk/community](http://www.st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk/community)

#### **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.

### **Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 2nd March**

The service, compiled by the Christian women of Suriname, is entitled "All God's Creation is Very Good" and has a theme of respect for our environment. The offering of this service world-wide begins in Tonga and within 24hrs prayers will have been said in 60 languages/over 1000 dialects around the world. Please come along, **everyone is welcome!**

Services will be held at the following churches:

**1.30pm - St Joseph's Church, Romsey.**

**1.45pm - St Martin in the Wood Church, Chandlers Ford.** We invite you to join us after the service for refreshments.

**2pm - Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishops Waltham, SO32 1DN.** Afternoon tea will be served in the Church hall after the service.

**2pm - North Baddesley Baptist Church, in Nutburn Road.**

### **ALTON Day of Renewal - 24th Feb, 11am-4pm**

"The Spirit has anointed me" by Father Anthony Meredith, at Alton School, Ansty Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. No need to book, you are invited to make a donation to cover costs.

### **Lenten Lunch in Romsey, Fri 23rd Feb, 12-1.30pm**

The Catholic community in Romsey is hosting one of a series of Lenten lunches in the Abbey Rooms (rear of Romsey Abbey). Come along to enjoy a bowl of home-made soup, bread and cheese. All profits go to Christian Aid's work throughout developing countries. Your support would be appreciated.

### **Waitrose Chandlers Ford - Green Tokens**

Waitrose have agreed to have "St George It's a Knockout" as one of their charities for February. This will help to enable **all** Yr 6 pupils from the Catholic feeder schools in our area to take part in the Yr 6 Mass and It's a Knockout Day at St George on **28th June**. Please ask for a green token and place it in the relevant collecting box.

### **Thank You**

I would like to thank Father John, Deacon Paul and all who came to the Funeral Mass to pray for my dear husband, Keith Small. My thanks also for the many cards, expressions of sympathy and support so generously given to me. God Bless. *Rita*

### **A Day of Eucharistic Adoration**

Why not spend some quiet time with Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament this Lent? There will be Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Cross on **Sat 3rd March** after Mass, 10am-5pm.

### **Games Afternoon - Thursday 1st March, 2-4pm**

URC Hall, Romsey. This will involve a Beetle Drive and Call My Bluff. Tickets 50p per person, to include tea and biscuits. We need to know numbers so if you would like to come, please contact Rosemary on 01794 522411.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections: £TBC; SO/SD for the month of Jan: £14,156.09

# Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	
<b>Sat 17th Feb</b> <b>Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Edward Dillman RIP	<b>Thurs 22nd</b>	9.30am	HC	Ann Burns & Jackie Kennedy (Special Intention)	
	6.00pm	St J	Eugene Garigan RIP		10.00am	OLQA		
	6.00pm	OLQA			6.00pm	St J		
	6.30pm	St Ed	Jean Heffernan RIP					
<b>Sun 18th</b> <b>(First Sunday of Lent)</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	<b>Fri 23rd</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs John RIP</b>	
	9.00am	St Ed	Alfie Evans (for healing)		10.00am	St J (AH)		
	9.00am	St A			<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>St Ed</b>		<b>Rachel Thorpe (Birthday)</b>
	9.30am	OLQA						
	11.00am	St J						
	11.00am	HC	Mrs S Chambers RIP					
<b>Mon 19th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Mahima Anthraper (Special Intention)	<b>Sat 24th</b>	9.30am	HC	The Armstrong Family (Special Intention)	
					<b>Sat 24th</b> <b>Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Andrew Bates RIP
				6.00pm		St J	Eugene Garigan RIP	
				6.00pm		OLQA		
	6.30pm	St Ed	Keith Small RIP					
<b>Tues 20th</b>	9.30am	HC	Holy Souls	<b>Sun 25th</b> <b>(Second Sunday of Lent)</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	
	10.00am	St A			9.00am	St Ed	Alfie Evans (for healing)	
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A		
					9.30am	OLQA		
					11.00am	St J		
					11.00am	HC	Oliver Armstrong RIP	
<b>Wed 21st</b>	9.30am	HC	Gualteri Smyth FM					
	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM					
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Mass at St Swithun Well's Primary School - all welcome</b>					

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday** HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm  
**Thursday** St Ed 7-8pm  
**Thursday** St J from Noon-6pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm (before Mass at 6pm) Thursday

### Rosary And Prayers

**St Edward** 9.30 am Wednesday The Holy Rosary  
**St Joseph** 6.00pm Wednesday Evening 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  
**St J** **St Joseph's Church**, Abbey House Drive, Romsey SO51 8YB

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