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Sunday Cycle: Year B
Weekday Cycle: Year 2
Psalter Week: 2

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

We were encouraged to observe a Day of Fasting on Friday. As explained at Mass last weekend, the fruits of your self-sacrifice are being collected this weekend for the work CAFOD does on behalf of the church in England & Wales. The Gospel on Ash Wednesday set before us the three tools we can use in this Season of Lent: prayer, fasting and giving to others.

Once again this year, I encourage you to consider making small regular sacrifices during the weeks of Lent, putting aside whatever you save and are able to give to charity. In Lent last year a number of families used a jar or decorated container for these amounts - and they soon add up. We will collect them on the weekends after Easter and the total given will be split equally between **CAFOD** and **FLEDGE**. You all know that Cafod is the agency acting on behalf of the Catholic Church to reach out to many different parts of the world. Fledge is a small Christian charity which operates in Eastleigh to support young adults with housing needs to make their first step into independent housing. It is focused in Eastleigh but serves a wider area and its services are in great demand. Together, these two charities represent the wider and the more local needs of our sisters and brothers so I hope you feel able to help them throughout Lent.

Looking ahead, Lent takes us to the great celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. In an ideal world every Christian should take part in these liturgies, from Palm Sunday, through Holy Thursday and Good Friday, into the Easter Vigil and to Easter Day. There are still parishioners who have never taken part. To help us focus on their importance, a **Day of Reflection** has been organised for Saturday 17th March in Ashurst. There are sign-up lists in all our churches but so far very few names have been added to the lists. The purpose of the day, and the talks being given, will unpack what Holy Week is about and how we can participate. Will you make the time to come along to Ashurst that day? Even more important, have you made a note to come and be part of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil? It is these days which give sense to our liturgies throughout the rest of the year. In our parish, with three priests, we are fortunate in being able to celebrate Holy Week in different churches across the parish to make these accessible to as many as possible. The opportunity is there.

Confirmation

Some weeks ago I highlighted the date when Bishop Philip will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with forty-six young people from across our parish. This will be at the Cathedral in Portsmouth on Sunday 22 April starting at 3pm. I said that it would be a great sign of support for these young members of our communities if we had a good turn-out of parishioners as well as the immediate families and friends. After all, these young people are a vital part of our church. There are two minibuses going to Portsmouth and we will ask people to sign up for places in the coming weeks. The question for now is – will you make the time to come and join us for this great celebration?

Father John

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Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide
not your face from me.

Psalm Response: I will walk in the presence of the
Lord in the land of the living.

**Readings for next Sunday 4th March 2018
3rd Sunday of Lent**

Gospel: John 2:13-25

1st reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: 18

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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.

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.

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 **Friday 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.

**Friday Masses During Lent, Holy Cross /St
Edward's**

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.**

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.

Second Collection CAFOD Lent Day

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

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) E: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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.

**Lent 2018 at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak
Lenten Suppers - every Wednesday at 7pm.**

Homemade soup, bread and cheese, proceeds to
Lenten Alms supporting CAFOD and Fledge.

Bible Studies - A series of Lenten Bible Studies will
follow the suppers at 7.45pm, entitled "Followers of
Jesus". Study 2 on **28th February** is "Martha and
Mary". Everyone is most welcome to come along.
Queries to Peter Baggott (02380 694060) or Deacon
Bob Birtles.

**Lent 2018 at St Edward's, Chandlers Ford
CAFOD Lenten Suppers - every Friday after 7pm
Mass.**

Homemade soup, bread and cheese £5, also
homemade produce on sale. All proceeds to CAFOD.

**Lenten Lunch - Thursday 8th March, served
between 12.30-1.30pm.** Adults £4, children free -
proceeds to charity.

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

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Children's Liturgy

Our next session for the children will be on **Sunday 4th
March**, at 9.30am Mass. All are welcome!

Statement from CAFOD Director Chris Bain

At CAFOD all our policies and procedures are directed
at ensuring we have zero tolerance of abuse of any
kind. Poor and vulnerable people are the centre of our
work and they often live in the most difficult and violent
situations. Here, even the strongest of policies and
practices may not stop abuses happening and in such
cases we will act quickly and transparently, always with
the welfare of vulnerable people coming first.

In line with the worldwide Church we take safeguarding
very seriously and share our skills with the Holy See,
Bishops' Conferences and other Caritas agencies
around the world, especially on child protection issues.

Finally, can I ask you to keep in your prayers all those
who have been affected by this situation especially
those vulnerable individuals in Haiti and other countries
around the world who have not been afforded the
dignity and care they deserve.

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.

First Holy Communion Preparation 2018-19

We need more catechists/helpers for next year's September 2018-June 2019 preparation programme. If you are interested please come to a meeting at 7pm on **Mon 5th March** at St Edward's Church. Enquiries to Anne Owen on 02380 254806.

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 28th**, 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.

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.

Divine Mercy Day of Reflection, Sat 7th March

10.30am-4pm at Saint Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Rd, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU. Father Des will lead a Reflection Day focusing on the Divine Mercy of God in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday; this will include the celebration of the Mass and a homemade soup lunch. The cost of the day is £20 per person. If you would like to attend then simply email: fatherdes@icloud.com or leave a message on the centre's answering machine: 02380 292337.

Social Justice Assembly for Lent 2018, Sat 3rd Mar

10am to 3pm at St Bede's, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. *'Christian Choices in our Common Home'*. Everyday responses to the cry of the poor and the earth, highlighting Fairtrade.

Fundraising for St Swithun Wells Primary School

Jenni Myszkowski, St Swithun Wells PTA Vice Chair and parent, is running in this year's London Marathon and all money raised will go directly to the school. Please spare some time to look at Jenni's charity page: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JenniferMyszkowski1> Please see church Noticeboards for more information.

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.

Southampton Celebrate Weekend

29th & 30th September 2018

Full details and a booking form can be found on their website: www.celebrateconference.org/southampton.

They have been fully booked for the past few years, so early booking is advisable!

Prayer Link - Please contact me if you have any requests, queries or comments. **Marion** (02380 692416) marionbirtles@gmail.com

SWAG - St Swithun Wells Acting Group

Please contact me on 07437 440299 or joannaaz@cwqsy.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**.

A Message of Thanks

The family of Marjorie Harris would like to thank everyone in the Parish for the support afforded us during this difficult time. The number of beautiful cards, flowers, prayers and telephone calls were simply amazing. The attendance at the funeral of so many from the Parish made a difficult time pass a little easier. Please accept this public note of thanks to show our gratitude. **Linda Roberts**

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

URC Hall, Romsey. Tickets 50p per person, to include tea and biscuits. If you would like to come, please contact Rosemary on 01794 522411.

St Edward's Church - Babies & Toddler Group

Will be looking for someone to take over in September. It is fun to do and a very worthwhile activity! All the toys are provided and the paperwork is simple and organised. The group, however, could be adapted to your own way of working. Help and support to start with can be given and two to three people would be ideal. Please let Anne Hubbard know if interested: anne.hubbald@yahoo.com

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections: £1,592.07; SO/SD for January 2018: £14,156.09

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION		
Sat 24th Feb Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Andrew Bates RIP	Thurs 1st March	9.30am	HC	Armstrong Family RIP		
	6.00pm	St J	Eugene Garigan RIP		10.00am	OLQA			
	6.00pm	OLQA			6.00pm	St J			
	6.30pm	St Ed	Keith Small RIP						
Sun 25th (Second Sunday of Lent)	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 2nd	9.30am	HC	Marjorie Harris RIP		
	9.00am	St Ed	Alfie Evand (for healing)		10.00am	St J (AH)			
	9.00am	St A			12 noon	HC			
	9.30am	OLQA			7.00pm	St Ed			
	11.00am	St J							
	11.00am	HC	Oliver Armstrong RIP						
Mon 26th	10.00am	St Ed	John & Bridget Baker (Wedding Anniversary)	Sat 3rd	9.30am	HC	Kelly & Magee Families FM		
					Sat 3rd Vigil Masses	5.00pm		St Sw	James Haren RIP
						6.00pm		St J	
	6.00pm	OLQA			6.30pm	St Ed	Keith Small RIP		
Tues 27th	9.30am	HC	NO MASS	Sun 4th (Third Sunday of Lent)	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta		
	10.00am	St A			9.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM		
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A			
					9.30am	OLQA			
	11.00am	St J		11.00am	St J				
	11.00am	HC		11.00am	HC	Margaret McElhinney (Anniversary)			
Wed 28th	9.30am	HC	Caroline & Chloe Leydon RIP Anniversary						
	10.00am	St Ed	Nancy Hill RIP						

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
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 HC Holy Cross, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. SO50 9DF
 St Sw St Swithun Wells, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB
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