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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Is it wrong to get angry?

As with pretty well everything – it all depends! There is a world of difference between the blind fury that can so often lead to mayhem and hurt and what we sometimes call “righteous anger”. The “cleansing of the Temple” story in Mark’s Gospel occurs at the end of Jesus’ ministry, shortly before his trial. In today’s reading from John the incident occurs at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. Leaving aside who is right, Mark or John, Jesus is certainly angry! The merchants in the temple were going about the legitimate business they had been doing for years. Jesus was undoubtedly aware of this but when he saw it he reacted strongly.

St John’s account of the temple “incident” is not to highlight Jesus’ strange behaviour but to put over a very different point. The disciples remember the words of Psalm 69 “Zeal for your house will devour me” and Jesus says “stop turning **my Father’s** house into a market”. Jesus is speaking about the sanctuary which is his own body, not the temple, and he stakes his claim to be the Son of God right at the very beginning of his ministry.

Every one of us is angry sometimes in our lives. Very often we are angry at ourselves but take it out on someone else. On another level, it is not difficult to get very angry at headlines such as “Syrian ceasefire furore”. It is not difficult to get angry at teenagers gunning down children at school. Not old enough to buy a drink, but old enough to buy an assault rifle! I read a cogent comment on this recently.

*“If a child hits another child with a stick, would you:*

*a: Give every child a stick in order to defend themselves?*

*b: Give certain children a stick in order to defend those who don’t have a stick?*

*c: Take the stick away?”*

The Australian response to a single incident in 1996 was to ban assault rifles altogether. I rest my case!

There is a famous quote, which allegedly was attributed to John F Kennedy: “the only thing necessary for evil to triumph is that good people do nothing” (slightly adapted!) Anger is fine, providing it leads to appropriate action. Sadly, we are frustrated because we seem to be powerless; afraid that if we do something we might end up looking foolish. At times like this it is good to recall the letter of St Paul in today’s second reading, to his wayward Corinthians: “God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom”. We must do what we can do, but then leave the rest to God. This is not abdication of responsibilities, note the words *must* and *can*.

Not all headlines are bad. There are some which leave us inspired rather than angry. For example, the family of the late Sir David Frost have raised £1.5m for a new kind of heart test. In lent, we too can raise funds for CAFOD and the various causes each of our church communities have chosen.

There is another adage, in our personal lives, about “not letting the sun go down on your anger.” On a different level particularly concerning hunger, war, racism and the many forms of injustice, I think there are times when we should wake up angry as well!

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**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**Psalm Response:** You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

**Readings for this 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

**Readings for next Sunday 11th March 2018  
4th Sunday of Lent**

Gospel: John 3:14-21

1st reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

Psalm: 136

2nd reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

**Growing in Faith Together**

**Tues, 10.15-11.30am, Holy Cross Resource Centre**

We have now completed our topic on the Holy Spirit. Over the next few weeks during Lent we will be undertaking a series of Lectio Divina. The last session will be on Tues 20th March. We will then break for Easter and restart on 10th April, where the new topic will be decided by the group. All are very welcome.

**Prayer Link**

Last year I wrote a "**Stations of the Cross with a difference**" which consisted of a very short prayer for each station. These prayers cover a number of different intentions and there are ideas on the sheet as to how this version of "The Stations" can be used. People commented that they found this helpful and so it is being made available again this weekend for use in the rest of Lent and Holy Week. **Marion**  
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**Bishop's Waltham Churches Good Friday Walk of Witness, March 30th 2018**

Please join members of Our Lady Queen of Apostles, the United Free Church and St. Peter's as we follow a cross, stopping at twelve places around the town for a short reading, hymn and prayers about Jesus' path to the resurrection. This allows participants to think and pray together about Jesus' suffering and death, and remind others of the importance of Good Friday. Hot cross buns, wrapped in napkins printed with the Good Friday Story, are given out as we walk. The Walk starts at St Peter's at **10am** and finishes at the United Free Church, Basingwell Street, at about 11am (followed by coffee and hot cross buns for the walkers!). For more info please email:  
[angussomerville@hotmail.com](mailto:angussomerville@hotmail.com)

**Parishioners unable to get to Mass**

If you are aware of any parishioner who cannot attend Mass because of age, infirmity etc then please contact the Parish Office and let us know. Similarly, if you have not seen a parishioner at Mass for a while then please let the Parish Office know.

**Second Collection - Clergy Assistance Fund**

Please note there is a second collection next weekend for the Clergy Assistance Fund.

**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 in aid of Poitiers Care, a local Catholic Charity that delivers food to people in need in and around the Southampton area. There will be a book stall at the Lenten Lunch - please leave any books in the clearly marked box in St Edward's welcome area or bring them with you to the lunch. Thank You.

**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 3 on **7th March** is "The Woman at the Well". Everyone is most welcome to come along. Queries to Peter Baggott (02380 694060) or Deacon Bob Birtles.

**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.**

**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](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Royal South Hampshire Hospital Winchester**

If you are expecting to be admitted into the Hospital in the near future, please inform St Peters Parish Office so they can arrange for a member of the clergy to come and visit and/or bring Holy Communion. They can be contacted on 01962 852804.

### **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.

### **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.

**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: March 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: March 18th**, April 29th, May 20th, June 17th, July 8th.

**60 Club** - The next meeting is on **Mon 12th Mar, 2pm** in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For more information please phone Maureen on 02380 692682.

### **Divine Mercy Day of Reflection, Sat 7th April**

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](mailto:fatherdes@icloud.com) or leave a message on the centre's answering machine: 02380 292337.

### **'Come and Sing' at OLQA on Sat 14th April 2018**

Save the date for OLQA's Spring social event - bring and share a meal together, learn one or two simple songs (probably themed for Easter, so "Alleluias etc.") and finish by performing the song together in simple harmony. Come along, whether you can sing or just enjoy listening to others, in a thoroughly convivial atmosphere. More details to follow.

### **Southampton Celebrate Weekend 29/30th Sept '18**

Full details and a booking form can be found on their website: [www.celebrateconference.org/southampton](http://www.celebrateconference.org/southampton). They have been fully booked for the past few years, so early booking is advisable!

#### **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.

### **Oasis - Parish Women's Group: Tuesday 13 March**

**A Taste of Korea:** Come along for our Korean cookery demonstration. A chance to see how three dishes are made, and an opportunity to taste them. Bring your appetite!

Meet at 7:30pm, St Edward's Cloister, finish at 9pm. Future dates: 24th Apr, 15th May, 12th Jun, 10th Jul. All Ladies Warmly Welcomed.

### **Holy Cross Shop**

Come and pay the shop a visit - we are located between the church and the resource centre. We have Lenten reading books for children, and cards and gifts for all occasions. We look forward to seeing you.

***Pat & Angela***

### **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***.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:anne.hubbald@yahoo.com)**

### **Bishops Waltham United Free Church**

Would like to invite the members of Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church to our Lent Lunch on **Wednesday 21st March at 12.00 midday**. Donations for the lunch will be for Prison Fellowship and the local Gateway Club. If there is anyone who would be prepared to make some soup for the lunch, please could they contact me on 01489 890149 or email me ([jenny@just-jenny.net](mailto:jenny@just-jenny.net)).

***Jenny***

### **Cheque Payments to the Parish**

Lloyds are imposing stricter conditions on cheques. For any payments to the parish using a cheque please ensure the following details are used or the bank may refuse to accept the cheques.

Payee - **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells.**

### **St Edward's Church Shop**

Open before and after all weekend Masses.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS

Last week's collections: £1,408.79; 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	
<b>Sat 3rd March Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	James Haren RIP	<b>Thurs 8th</b>	9.30am	HC	Lillian Rachael Gardiner FM	
	6.00pm	St J	Dennis Carlow RIP		10.00am	OLQA		
	6.00pm	OLQA			6.00pm	St J	Special Intention	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Keith Small RIP					
<b>Sun 4th (Third Sunday of Lent)</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	<b>Fri 9th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>Bella &amp; Jerry McDonnell (RIP Special Intention)</b>	
	9.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM		10.00am	St J (AH)		
	9.00am	St A			<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>St Ed</b>	<b>David Oag RIP (1st Anniversary)</b>	
	9.30am	OLQA						
	11.00am	St J						
	11.00am	HC	Margaret McElhinney (Anniversary)					
<b>Mon 5th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Sheila Mundy RIP	<b>Sat 10th</b>	9.30am	HC	O Brian Family RIP	
					<b>Sat 10th Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Joanna & Maximilian Karnecki RIP
						6.00pm	St J	
						6.00pm	OLQA	
6.30pm	St Ed	Anna King RIP (Anniversary)						
<b>Tues 6th</b>	9.30am	HC	Antonio Cicu FM	<b>Sun 11th (Fourth Sunday of Lent)</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	
	10.00am	St A			9.00am	St Ed	Andrew Wilson RIP	
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>OLQA</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		9.00am	St A		
					9.30am	OLQA		
					11.00am	St J		
	11.00am	HC	Bridget Bell (nee Caroll) RIP					
<b>Wed 7th</b>	9.30am	HC	Collette Reynolds FM					
	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small 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  
**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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# EASTER 2018

## HOLY WEEK - EASTER TRIDUUM - MASS TIMES

### Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham:

<b>Maundy Thursday</b> (29th March), 7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Good Friday</b> (30th March), 3pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
<b>Holy Saturday</b> (31st March), 8pm (No Confessions)	Easter Vigil
<b>Easter Sunday</b> (1st April), 9.30am	Easter Day Mass

### Holy Cross and St Edward's, Eastleigh & Chandler's Ford:

<b>Maundy Thursday</b> (29th March) Holy Cross, 7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Good Friday</b> (30th March) St Edward's, 3pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
<b>Good Friday</b> (30th March) Holy Cross, 5pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
<b>Holy Saturday</b> (31st March) St Edward's, 8pm	Easter Vigil
<b>Easter Sunday</b> (1st April) St Edward's 9am	Easter Day Mass
<b>Easter Sunday</b> (1st April) Holy Cross 11am	Easter Day Mass

### St Andrew's and St Joseph's, North Baddesley & Romsey:

<b>Maundy Thursday</b> (29th March) St Andrew's, 7pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Good Friday</b> (30th March) St Andrew's, 3pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
<b>Holy Saturday</b> (31st March) St Joseph's, 8pm	Easter Vigil
<b>Easter Sunday</b> (1st April) St Andrew's, 9am	Easter Day Mass
<b>Easter Sunday</b> (1st April) St Joseph's, 10.30am	Easter Day Mass

*Please note – Wednesday before Maundy Thursday Confessions at St. Joseph's are at 12 noon.  
There is no Adoration on Holy Thursday.*

### Polish Liturgy:

<b>Maundy Thursday</b> (29th March), 7pm, St Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Good Friday</b> (30th March), 7pm, St Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
<b>Holy Saturday</b> (31st March), 7pm, Holy Cross, Eastleigh Easter Vigil
<b>Blessing of the Food on Holy Saturday</b> (31st March), 10am at Holy Cross, Eastleigh
<b>Easter Sunday</b> (1st April), 9am, Holy Cross, Eastleigh Easter Day Mass
<b>Easter Monday</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> April), 9am, Holy Cross, Eastleigh

### 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.

### 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 – there is however, Children's Stations of the Cross, Good Friday at 10am);  
**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.

