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

## PALM SUNDAY

At the beginning of Mass this weekend, the priest says:

“Dear sisters and brothers,  
 since the beginning of Lent until now  
 we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works.  
 Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church  
 the beginning of the celebration  
 of our Lord’s Paschal Mystery,  
 that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection.  
 For it was to accomplish this mystery  
 that he entered his own city of Jerusalem.”

And so the scene is set. In various ways we have used these weeks of Lent to prepare our hearts for what we now enter into, the celebration of what Our Lord has done for us. Holy Week begins.

Remember the Gospel passage on Ash Wednesday? Jesus encouraged us to use the tools of prayer, fasting and giving to others so that we might deepen the bond we have with him. Across our parish people have gathered in prayer, sometimes to meditate upon the Stations of the Cross. On many occasions those times of prayer have been married with a simple soup supper and support of CAFOD and those in need. One initiative that came from younger members of the parish was to run a Soup Kitchen in the centre at Holy Cross, Eastleigh. Over the Saturdays of Lent about thirty young people have been involved, along with parents and other adults, and a welcome has been extended to a whole variety of people. Some have been glad of the food on offer, for others the chance simply to sit and chat and enjoy a bit of company has been just as valuable. I would like to offer my thanks to all of those involved – especially the young people whose idea it was – and I’m sure there will be further projects like this in the future.

I hope too that families and individuals across the parish have taken seriously the suggestion about putting aside small amounts of money, perhaps as a result of giving up those little extras we take for granted. We will gather those offerings at Masses on the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> April (the weekend after Easter) and whatever is collected will be split between CAFOD and Fledge, a local charity housing young adults.

Throughout Lent it has been noticeable that numbers at weekday Mass have been larger than usual as people made the effort to come and join in a celebration of the Eucharist. Whatever you’ve done, and however you have used the Season of Lent, it has brought us to the threshold of Holy Week and now we are ready to take part in the unfolding of the events of Jesus’ suffering, passion, death and resurrection.

The times and location of all our Holy Week liturgies were on a separate sheet a few weeks ago, and are on the back of this Newsletter. Try and come to as much as possible because this is the central week of our Christian year. Everything we mark and celebrate during the rest of the year takes its meaning from this week. Come and be part of it.

*Father John*

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

**Psalm Response:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Readings for next Sunday 1st April 2018  
Easter Sunday**

Gospel: John 20:1-9

1st reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

Psalm: 117

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

**Second Collection on Good Friday - Holy Places**

Please note there will be a second collection at all the Liturgies on **Good Friday** for the Holy Places.

**Good Friday Morning (30th March) at Holy Cross**

There will be a special service at 11am based on the "Stations of the Cross." Everybody welcome. We are hosting this service for our fellow Christians in, "Churches Together in Eastleigh" and have entitled it, "From Grief to Glory." Afterwards there will be tea/coffee and hot cross buns in the Resource Centre.

Any queries, please contact Deacon Bob and Marion.  
[bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Bishop's Waltham Churches Good Friday Walk of Witness, 30th March 2018**

Please join members of OLQA, 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!). Email: [angussomerville@hotmail.com](mailto:angussomerville@hotmail.com)

**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.

**Divine Mercy Sunday - Holy Cross, 8th April, starting at 2.45pm.**

Refreshments will be available afterwards in the Resource Centre. For more information please contact Roz on 07752 639593.

**Easter Flowers Collection**

There will be a second collection for Easter flowers in all our churches **this weekend 24th/25th March**. Thank you for your generous support in helping to make our churches beautiful with the floral arrangements.

**Easter Offerings 31st March/1st April 2018**

Traditionally, your Offering at Easter is for the personal use of the priests and in our diocese forms a major part of their annual income.

Please be generous.

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

**Stations of the Cross - Tuesdays at 10.30am;** followed by tea/coffee.

**Lenten Suppers** - There will be **no Lenten Supper** at St Swithun Wells Church on 28th March in Holy Week.

**CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day**

Many thanks for your support of the CAFOD Lent family fast day. You can still contribute to the Lent appeal online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) or by calling 0300 100 0089. Remember, all donations received for the appeal until the 12<sup>th</sup> May will be doubled by the UK Government.

**Planned Giving Weekly Envelope Boxes**

The new boxes of envelopes which begin on the 8th April are available in the welcoming areas of our churches. Please collect the box with your name on it. If anyone would like to contribute by envelope planned giving please see your gift-aid coordinator :

**St Joseph and St Andrew** - David Martin.

**St Edward** - Ian Fearon and Mike Greenslade.

**Holy Cross and St Swithun Wells** - Pat Baggott.

**OLQA** - Hank Dawson.

**Growing in Faith Together - Restarts on 10th April**

Tuesdays, 10.15-11.30am, Holy Cross Resource Centre. The new topic will be decided by the group. All are very welcome.

**Journey in Faith, St Edward's - Restarts 11th April**

Is for anyone enquiring about the Catholic faith and for people intending to become a Catholic. The sessions run every Wednesday 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)

**Fellowship Group Meetings - Restarts on 25th April**

Wednesdays, 7.30pm, St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. Queries to Peter Baggott (02380 694060) or Deacon Bob Birtles.

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

**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: £833.39; SO/SD for February 2018: £13,087.09

**Preparation for Baptism - Sun 25th Mar (4.30-6pm)**

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** at Holy Cross Resource Centre (25th Mar). It would be very helpful if you could arrive a little early - refreshments are available from 4.15pm.

**60 Club** - Our usual fortnightly meeting will take place this **Monday (26th March) at 2pm** in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For more information please phone Maureen on 02380 692682.

**Coffee Stop - closed on Maundy Thursday 29th March and Thursday 5th April.**

Re-opens Thursday 12th April. Tea/coffee/hot chocolate and biscuits only 70p; hot buttered tea cakes only 50p! Please come along and support us and meet old and new friends.

**Parish Lunch - Tues 10th April, 12.30pm** at the Luzborough. Menus are on the notice boards. All are welcome but please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Wednesday 4th April as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

**'Come and Sing' at OLQA on Sat 14th April, 7.30pm**

Bring and share a meal together, learn some simple Easter songs and finish by performing them together in simple harmony. After arriving at 7.30pm, the outline programme will be conversation & nibbles; main course (s); learn/practice the songs; dessert; "performance" (with readings); applause!! Should finish by 10pm at the latest. Come along, whether you can sing or just prefer to be the audience, and enjoy a thoroughly convivial occasion. All are very welcome. Tickets £5 each (includes a drink). For more info please contact Angus Somerville (angussomerville@hotmail.com or Steve Judd (steve68@fastmail.co.uk)

**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 15th April, 4pm at St Edward's. Joanna.**

**Would you like to train to be a Primary School Teacher? Do you have a degree?**

You can train locally with the Primary Catholic Partnership either for a PGCE or through School Direct. Why not come along and find out more? We will be holding a short open event at Springhill Catholic Primary, Milton Road Southampton SO15 2HW on **Tuesday 30th March at 2.30pm**. As well as hearing about routes into teaching, there will be an opportunity to meet the PCP Director, current trainees, and teachers who have completed the course and are working in the Southampton area. If you would like to attend, please contact the school office on 023 8033 3954 or [office@springhillcatholic.net](mailto:office@springhillcatholic.net).

**Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, or send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office, for the form you need to complete. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **copy** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively scan and send via email to above email address. Again if you have no access to the internet you can post a **copy** along with completed form by post to the following address:  
St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please mark the envelope 'Significant Wedding Mass'.

**Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life & Peace in the British Isles - Sunday 29th April at 3pm**

The "Rosary on the Coast" campaign (<https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk>) invites the faithful, with the support of the clergy, to gather at various sites along the coast and pray the Holy Rosary at 3pm on Sunday 29th April for faith, life and peace in the British Isles. In the Parish of St Swithun Wells we will be gathering at the beautiful and peaceful setting of **Royal Victoria Country Park** overlooking Southampton Water. We are considering running a minibus from either Holy Cross or St Edward's. If you would like to take advantage of this, please email me at [chasnbex@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chasnbex@hotmail.co.uk), or phone me on 02380 694482. **Charles Forrest**

**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: 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 info. **Next Meetings: April 29th**, May 20th, June 17th, July 8th.

**Parish Office Closures during April**

The Office will be closed on the following days:  
**Good Friday; Easter Monday; Friday 6th April; Friday 13th April.**

**Holy Cross Car Parking Barrier**

Will be operational on **Tuesday 27th March**. The barrier will be raised for Mass on weekdays and Saturday morning at 9.05am and closed at 9.35am. Sundays as normal.

# Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

| DATE                                  | TIME    | CHURCH   | MASS INTENTION  | DATE  | TIME                       | CHURCH                                | MASS INTENTION  |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--|---|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Sat 24th March</b><br>Vigil Masses | 5.00pm  | St Sw  | Allan & Margaret Kennedy (Golden Wedding Anniversary) | <b>Thurs 29th</b><br><i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>                             | <u>7.30pm</u>              | HC                                    | <b>Beatrice &amp; George White; David, Laura &amp; Eduardo Fernandes FM</b> |  |
|                                       | 6.00pm  | St J   | Dian Sebi (Birthday)                                  |   | <u>7.30pm</u>              | OLQA                                  |   |  |
|                                       | 6.00pm  | OLQA   |   |   | <u>7.00pm</u>              | St A                                  |   |  |
|                                       | 6.30pm  | St Ed  | Charles Egan RIP                                      |   | <u>7.00pm</u>              | St Ed                                 |   | Polish Liturgy                         |
| <b>Sun 25th</b><br>Palm Sunday        | 9.00am  | HC   | Polska Msza Święta                                    | <b>Fri 30th</b><br>Good Friday<br><br><i>Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</i> | <u>10.00am</u>             | St Ed                                 | <b>Children's Stations of the Cross</b>                                     |  |
|                                       | 9.00am  | St Ed  | Oliver Shamkhani (Special Intention)                  |   | <u>3.00pm</u>              | St Ed                                 |   |  |
|                                       | 9.00am  | St A   | David & Eileen Smith (Golden Wedding Anniversary)     |   | <u>3.00pm</u>              | OLQA                                  |   |  |
|                                       | 9.30am  | OLQA   |   |   | <u>3.00pm</u>              | St A                                  |   |  |
|                                       | 11.00am | St J   | All Souls   |   | <u>5.00pm</u>              | HC                                    |   |  |
| 11.00am                               | HC      | Bridget Dee & Margaret Flynn (RIP Anniversary) | <u>7.00pm</u>   | St Ed   | Polish Liturgy             |                                       |   |  |
| <b>Mon 26th</b><br>Of Holy Week       | 10.00am | St Ed  | Danny Connelly RIP                                    | <b>Sat 31st</b><br>Holy Sat   | <u>10.00am</u>             | HC                                    | <b>Polish Liturgy - Blessing of the Food</b>                                |  |
|                                       |         |  |   |   | <b>Sat 31st</b>            | <u>5.00pm</u>                         | St Sw   | <b>No Mass - vigil at St Edward's</b>  |
|                                       |         |  |   |   | <b>Easter Vigil Masses</b> | <u>7.00pm</u>                         | HC  | <b>Polska Msza Święta</b>              |
|                                       |         |  |   |   |                            | <u>8.00pm</u>                         | St J  | <b>Regina Krzeczowska (Well Being)</b> |
|                                       |         |  |   | <u>8.00pm</u>   | OLQA                       |                                       |   |  |
|                                       |         |  |   | <u>8.00pm</u>   | St Ed                      |                                       |   |  |
| <b>Tues 27th</b><br>Of Holy Week      | 9.30am  | HC   | Grace Moore FM  | <b>Sun 1st April</b><br>Easter Sunday   | 9.00am                     | HC                                    | Polska Msza Święta  |  |
|                                       | 10.00am | St A   | For the Protection of Unborn Children                 |   | 9.00am                     | St Ed                                 | The Wellbeing of the Armed Forces   |  |
|                                       | 10.00am | OLQA   |   |   | 9.00am                     | St A                                  |   |  |
|                                       |         |  |   |   | 9.30am                     | OLQA                                  |   |  |
|                                       |         |  |   | <u>10.30am</u>  | St J                       | <b>Joseph Poulo RIP (Anniversary)</b> |   |  |
|                                       |         |  |   | 11.00am   | HC                         | Henry Karnecki RIP                    |   |  |
| <b>Wed 28th</b><br>Of Holy Week       | 9.30am  | HC   | CSM Walter Cullen RIP (100th Anniversary)             | <b>Mon 2nd April</b><br>Easter Monday   | <u>9.00am</u>              | HC                                    | <b>Polska Msza Święta</b>   |  |
|                                       | 10.00am | St Ed  | Keith Small RIP                                       |   | 10.00am                    | St Ed                                 | Julia Jackson FM  |  |

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday** HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00 1.00pm  
**Thursday** St Ed **No Adoration on Maundy Thursday**  
**Thursday** St J **No Adoration on Maundy Thursday**

### Rosary And Prayers

St Edward 9.30am Wednesday The Holy Rosary  
 St Joseph 6.00pm Wednesday Evening Prayer

### CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

**Next Saturday:** **No Confession at Holy Cross**  
**No Confession at St Edward's**  
**No Confession at OLQA**  
**No Confession at St Joseph**

**Next Sunday:** **No Confession at St Andrew**

**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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