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## EASTER SUNDAY

**Alleluia!.....alleluia!.....alleluia!**  
**Let us rejoice and be glad – the Lord has truly risen!**

Today we see the wonderful MIRACLE – Jesus who was put to death for our sakes has risen to life as He said He would. For six weeks we have been preparing to celebrate the greatest feast of the year. St Paul writes, “our faith in Jesus Christ is vain if He had not been crucified, died, buried – and risen”. The reaction of the Apostles to the news that His body had been ‘taken away’ from the tomb only underlines for us that His rising to life is a reality. A miracle!

This little article is written to remind us all that miracles have continued to happen since that first rising from the dead. We have had our own miracle here in Romsey. In February 1925, Sister Gerard was diagnosed with tuberculosis and underwent surgery to remove a tumour. On the 31st March 1927, she suffered the first of several crises, which resulted in her confinement to bed and from then on she was not left alone day or night. On 3rd April, Sister Gerard was given the last sacrament as the crises were increasingly worse. On 8th April, she was given Montfort’s relic and in the evening Mother Provincial, who had been sitting with her, left to briefly attend the blessing in the chapel and was only away for 10 minutes. Sister Gerard’s pains became more violent and she took hold of the relic. She then saw Our Lady and Montfort at her side. When she jumped up on the bed, her bandages fell off as her abdomen was a normal size. Mother Provincial returned to find Sister Gerard sitting at the side of her bed, praying and crying “I am cured”, and the disagreeable odour from her wound had completely disappeared.

Her cure was verified as a first class miracle and was one of the two then required for the canonisation of a person. On 20th July 1947, Pope Pius XII made Louis Montfort a Saint in Rome. This occasion was celebrated throughout the congregation of The Daughters of Wisdom.

Currently The Daughters of Wisdom proclaim Wisdom’s love for all humanity in a world that hungers for meaning, justice and compassion. Their provincial house is in our parish in Romsey, where the miracle happened 91 years ago. We shall hear more about the miracle on Sunday 8th April during Mass for the sick which will be celebrated at the 11am Mass at St Joseph’s where Sister Gerard lived and was healed. We will ask God for his mercy and love for our sick sisters and brothers with St Louis Montfort’s intercession. After Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the sacrament of the sick will be celebrated.

*Sr Pauline & Fr Wojciech*

### **And just two points to mention .....**

Next weekend, please bring to Mass whatever you have collected as Lenten Alms (from what you have sacrificed and given up through Lent). If you could put the money in an envelope marked ‘Lenten Alms’ we will gather them and then divide what is given between CAFOD and Fledge.

Parishioners are *still* saying to me that they didn’t realise they are invited to join the Confirmation Candidates for the Mass with Bishop Philip on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Cathedral in Portsmouth. **Everyone** is invited to come along to support the 45 young members of our parish as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are a bit light on singers to help lead the congregation so if you are willing to be involved in this particular ministry let me know as soon as possible.

*Fr John*

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**Entrance Antiphon:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**Psalm Response:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Readings for next Sunday 8th April 2018  
Second Sunday Of Easter**

Gospel: John 20:19-31

1st reading: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm: 117

2nd reading 1 John 5:1-6:

**Prayer Link** - The new Prayer Link entitled "Spring 2018" is available this weekend. Please contact me if you have any requests, queries or comments.

**Marion**

(02380 692416) [marionbirtles@gmail.com](mailto:marionbirtles@gmail.com)

**Holy Hour - Restarts Thursday 12th April**

Holy Hour at St Edward's (Thursdays from 7-8pm) will restart after Easter on 12th April. There will be no Holy Hour on Thursday 5th April.

**Growing in Faith Together - Restarts 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 25th April**

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

**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.

**Thank You-Lenten Lunch in aid of Poitiers Care**

Thank you to all who helped and supported the Lenten Lunch and thank you to all who supported the book sale over the weekend Masses at St Edward's and St Andrew's. The total sum raised was **£300**. Poitiers Care is a local Catholic Charity that supports families in urgent need of food across the Southampton area and locally.

**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.

**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.

**New to the Parish?**

A very warm welcome to our Parish; we are delighted that you have joined us. Please feel free to make yourself known to one of the Welcomers or Priest at each Mass and join us for a cup of coffee after Mass. Please complete one of the new to the parish registration forms available in the church foyers, giving us your contact details and leave the form with one of the Priests or Welcomers. All families are welcome at **ALL** Masses; however we have specific Children's Liturgies on Sundays. Please ask one of the Welcomers for details of the times at your Church.

**A Workshop for singing the Mass - Lift up your hearts!**

**Date: Saturday 12th May 10.30am-7.30pm**

**Venue: Holy Family, Redbridge Hill, Southampton SO16 4PL**

Adam Bartlett, Editor of Illuminare Publications and accomplished musician, choir director, and composer, will be leading a workshop exploring the riches of the Catholic tradition of liturgical music. The workshop will provide formation on the role of music in the Church's life and mission, the role of music in the liturgy, and some practical sessions introducing liturgical chant (mainly in English) for use in parishes. The day concludes with a Sung Mass with the opportunity to sing in the choir directed by Adam. No previous knowledge of liturgical chant is required. The purpose of the day is to understand why the Church places such importance in this form of liturgical music, and to learn how this ancient tradition can enhance the worship of a normal parish today.

Details from the Holy Family Parish office, email:

[hfoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hfoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or t:02380 778203.

**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: £1,913.07; SO/SD for February 2018: £13,087.09

**St. Swithun Wells Church Lenten Suppers** - A big 'Thank You' to everyone who supported our Lenten Suppers and to those who kindly made the soups. Your donations raised **£300** which will be divided between CAFOD and FLEDGE.

**Coffee Stop - closed on 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.**

**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.

**Money Raised by Knights of St Columba**  
The Knights of St Columba recently were instrumental in providing a cheque for **£1,065** to Poitiers Care. This money was the proportion raised by KSC volunteers who assisted in Rotary collections in December.

**Cheque Payments to the Parish**  
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.**

**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**

**Parish Office Closures during April**

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

**Parenting workshop – 'Supporting your child in Revision & Exam preparation'**

Monday 23rd April, 7.15pm – 8.45pm in King's school hall.

The session explains how the brain learns best and how to ensure the build up to exams is supportive and, calm and peaceful. The workshop is £5 to attend and it is open to The King's school parents but also to the wider community. To book your space please follow the link: <https://kingsrevision.eventbrite.co.uk>.

**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.

# Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	
Sat 31st March Easter Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	<u>No Mass - vigil at St Edward's</u>	Thurs 5th	9.30am	HC	Valerie Gaynor (Special Intention)	
	7.00pm	HC	<u>Polska Msza Święta</u>		10.00am	OLQA		
	8.00pm	St J	<u>Regina Krzeczowska (Well Being)</u>		6.00pm	St J		
	8.00pm	OLQA						
	8.00pm	St Ed						
Sun 1st April  Easter Sunday	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 6th	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small RIP	
	9.00am	St Ed	The Wellbeing of the Armed Forces		10.00am	St J (AH)		
	9.00am	St A	Anna Barrett RIP					
	9.30am	OLQA						
	10.30am	St J	<u>Joseph Poulo RIP Anniversary</u>					
11.00am	HC	Henry Karnecki RIP						
Mon 2nd Easter Monday	9.00am	HC	<u>Polska Msza Święta</u>	Sat 7th	9.30am	HC	William Reynolds FM	
	10.00am	St Ed	Julia Jackson FM					
				Sat 7th	5.00pm	St Sw		Jim Russell RIP
				Vigil Masses	6.00pm	St J		All Souls
					6.00pm	OLQA		
				6.30pm	St Ed	Frank Odgen RIP		
Tues 3rd	9.30am	HC	Mary Webber FM	Sun 8th April  2nd Sunday Of Easter	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	
	10.00am	St A	For the Protection of Unborn Children		9.00am	St Ed		Bogdan Jakubaszek RIP (50th Anniversary)
	10.00am	OLQA	<u>No Mass</u>		9.00am	St A		Hesla Rayment RIP Anniversary
					9.30am	OLQA		
					11.00am	St J		Private Intention
			11.00am	HC	Andrew Baniak & Genowefa Grochola RIP			
Wed 4th	9.30am	HC	Peg McDonnell (Birthday)	Mon 9th April	10.00am	St Ed	Colin Challis RIP	
	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM					

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

<b>Tuesday</b>	HC	Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	St A	Adoration 9.15-10am with Morning Prayer
<b>Thursday</b>	St Ed	<b>Restarts 12th April, 7-8pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	St J	from Noon-6pm, Rosary and Benediction At 5.30pm (before Mass at 6pm) Thursday

### Rosary And Prayers

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

### CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

<b>Saturdays:</b>	10.00am	Holy Cross Church
	12 noon	St Edward's
	5.30pm	OLQA
	5.30pm	St Joseph
<b>Sundays:</b>	8.30am	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  
St J **St Joseph's Church**, Abbey House Drive, Romsey SO51 8YB

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