

Our Mission: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - MAKE DISCIPLES



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Often referred to as 'Good Shepherd Sunday', this weekend is always a time when we focus our prayer especially on vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. In the centre pages of the most recent issue of *Portsmouth People* the twelve students who are training for our diocese were listed. There was also a short Prayer for Vocations you could use to support these men as they discern their way ahead.

We are all called and gifted with what we need to live the life God's has in mind for us. Celebrating that giftedness lies at the heart of the Sacrament of Confirmation which Bishop Philip will administer to young people from our parish this Sunday afternoon. These are our Candidates for Confirmation:

Charlie Anderson
Lukasz Bialecki
Luke Blishen
Murray Boyle
Eilish Calnan
Joseph Cassar
Matthew Cassar
Libby Cutts
Edward Dare
Madeline Elliott
Ella English
Katie George
Finbar Gibbons
Jacob Gilpin
Abigail Hadley

Charlotte Harris
Rose Havill-Molloy
Nolan Holloway
Emily Inganni
Oliver Ingoe
Nathaniel Joyce
Matthew Leary
Emily Little
Ewan MacBride
Manual Malamel
John McCormack
Joseph Mills
James Moody
Oliver O'Hara
Liam Paradine-Ford

Grace Parker
Sophie Parker
Davana Raichura
Nathan Ray-Trotter
Ishbel Robinson
Mary-Ellen Sewell
Oliver Shamkhani
Ethan Sheldon
Annabel Spink
Lucy Spink
Cristeena Tennyson
Jesteena Tennyson
Mike Villaver
Joseph Vijayanathan
Bertie Vokes
William Vokes

During the Confirmation Mass, Bishop Philip and the priests will extend their hands over these young members of our parish, praying that the gifts of God's Spirit will come into them and infuse them with all that they need to be effective instruments in the building up of God's Kingdom on earth. Then they will be anointed and sealed with the Oil of Chrism. With the reception of this third Sacrament of Initiation, these forty-six young people become full members of Christ's Body – the Church. They have equal rights and each has an important part to play.

In 1982 Pope (now Saint) John Paul II came to visit Great Britain. In Coventry he celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and in his homily addressed the assembled Candidates: "Today you must understand that you are not alone. The sponsor who stands at your side represents for you the whole community. Together, with a great crowd of witnesses drawn from all peoples and every age, you represent Christ. You are young people who have received a mission from Christ, for he says to you today: 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.'"

At the end of his visit Pope John Paul met with young people from all over England & Wales at Ninian Park, Cardiff. He left them with these words: "You are, my dear friends, the Church of today and the hope of tomorrow."

Father John

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Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Psalm Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Or Alleluia!

Readings for next Sunday 29th April 2018
Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Gospel: John 15:1-8

1st reading: Acts 9:26-31

Psalm: 21

2nd reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Our Lady Queen Apostle - Children's Liturgy
Sunday 22nd April

Our next session for the children will be at the 9.30am Mass on the above date. All are welcome.

Joanna Somerville (01489 891540).

Easter Thanks

THANK YOU to everyone for your Easter greetings, prayers, cards and thoughts expressed in so many different ways. We are also very grateful for your generosity shown through the Easter Offerings which we do appreciate. Thank you to all the many people who had a part in ensuring our Triduum liturgies were well-prepared and celebrated joyfully.

Fathers John, Alan and Wojciech.

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays, 10.15-11.30am, Holy Cross Resource Centre. We continue with our prayer group on the 'Father's Love' with complementing DVD.

On the 24th April we will be focussing on St Catherine of Siena. All are very welcome. Any queries please contact Paul Wilson on 02380 616618 (pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

School Mass - Tuesday 24th April, 2pm

There will be a School Mass at St Swithun Wells Primary School on Tuesday 24th; parishioners are most welcome to come along.

Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life & Peace in the British Isles - Sunday 29th April at 2.45pm

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 **2.45 pm** 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 main entrance to Royal Victoria Country Park at 2.30pm.**

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, or phone me on 02380 694482. **Charles Forrest**

Second Collection This Weekend

Please note there is a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund this weekend.

Readers required for the Saturday Evening Mass at St Edward's

Would you like to join the rota of readers for Saturday evening Mass at St Edward's?

At the moment there are four teams of readers for Saturdays, reading about once a month. We would like to expand the numbers and if you are able to join us, please contact Maria Head at

headsrez@virginmedia.com or ring 02380 260275.

There is a meeting for readers at St Edward's on **28th April at 10am**. Why not come and join us?

Journey in Faith - St Edward's

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

Fellowship Group Meetings - Restarts 25th April

Fellowship Group - the next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th April at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak at 7.30pm.

This will be a Bible Study on 'Resurrection - an empty tomb'. Everyone in the Parish is very welcome.

Queries to Peter Baggott (02380 694060) or Deacon Bob Birtles.

SWAG - St Swithun Wells Acting Group

The next show is on **1st June**. Please contact me on 07437 440299 or joannaaz@cwqsy.net, or find the Facebook page "S.W.A.G. **Joanna**."

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

Share the Journey - A Conference on Refugees

"Responding to Pope Francis's and Caritas Internationalis call to "Share the Journey", CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth are co-sponsoring a conference on refugees on the **12th May** at St Edward the Confessor Church in Chandlers Ford.

The conference will also be entitled "Share the Journey" so come along and see what we can practically do as a diocese to assist refugees including coming together as parishes to sponsor and house refugee families. More information and registration at <https://goo.gl/22tgLY> or contact kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

See poster & conference agenda on noticeboards.

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: £1,411.65; SO/SD for March 2018: £13,400.59

General Data Protection- new legislation and impact on our Parish

We have been asked by the Diocese to undertake a data audit. This will include all aspects of how data is held, processed, used and stored. This is to ensure we are compliant with the new more rigorous aspects of the new law due out on **25th May 2018**. As a parish we hold personal data for many parishioners and we need to make sure we are relevant, accurate and current.

There are many groups working for the parish and we need to make sure each one of us understands the nature of the processes we need to follow to ensure the parish does not breach the data laws.

Over the next few weeks you will be approached by the team working on the data audit to get your feedback in terms of how you handle any data in your care. Please let them have as much information as you can to help them complete this piece of work.

This might be a good time to check that what we hold on record is correct in terms of address and telephone or other contact details. We are very lucky to have David Martin from Romsey as our Lead Data Protection Co-Ordinator. David will be liaising with the Diocese once the audit is completed and communicate any findings or recommendations thereafter.

Fr John

60 Club - The next meeting is on **Mon 23rd April, 2pm** in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For more information please phone Maureen on 02380 692682.

Youth Groups at Holy Cross Resource Centre

Both groups run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm:

Inspire (School yrs 7, 8 and 9)

Wednesdays once a month please contact Marianne 07771704600 for more information.

Next Meetings: May 16th, Jun 13th, July 8th.

TOZ (Time Out Zone) (School yrs 10, 11 & Sixth Form College)

Sundays once a month please contact Cath on 07846 438224 for more info. **Next Meetings: April 29th**, May 20th, June 17th, July 8th.

Refugee Project Development Manager (Part time)

This is an exciting new role, representing the Diocese of Portsmouth and acting to promote, develop and coordinate the Community Sponsorship model of refugee resettlement within the Diocese. The appointed person will work closely with parish and community sponsors to resettle refugee families safely by providing a high quality service of support, information, training, monitoring and liaison with the responsible agencies appointed by the Home Office and Local Authorities.

For more info please see full job vacancy on church noticeboards.

Application closing date: **Tuesday 1st May**; Interviews: Friday 11th May. For informal enquiries about the post please contact Fr Mark Hogan; tel: 01962 852804. evevangelisation@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Raffle at St Edward's

Weekending **21st/22nd April** there will be another "one-off" raffle in aid of the CAFOD Lenten Appeal. The prize is a Fortnum & Mason Gift Box of Champagne and Champagne Truffles. Tickets £1 each; on sale after both Saturday & Sunday Masses.

Oasis - Parish Women's Group: Tues 24th April

Women's Health Awareness: We have a speaker who is kindly going share her experience of breast cancer. A chance to share, support each other and look at the hope in similar difficult circumstances.

Meet at 7:30pm, St Edward's Cloister, finish at 9pm. Future dates are: 15th May, 12th Jun, 10th Jul. All ladies warmly welcomed.

SSG Spring Gathering (Liturgy Matters!)

Sat 28th April, 10am-4pm

St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth;
Speaker: Monsignor Kevin McGinnell;
Cost: £10 per person (please bring packed lunch).
See posters on church noticeboards for more info.

A Workshop for singing the Mass - Lift up your hearts! (Saturday 12th May 10.30am-7.30pm)

Holy Family, Redbridge Hill, Southampton SO16 4PL
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 or t:02380 778203.

Fair Trade Fashion Show

Friday 18th May, 7.30-9.30pm at St Martins in the Wood Church, Chandler's Ford. Posters to follow!

Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale at St Edward's on 23rd May, after 10am Mass

In aid of CAFOD Connect2 Peru. More details to follow.

Fryern Prayer Group - Monday 21st May, 2pm

At the home of Sheila and Pauline O'Neill, 19 Carthage Close, Chandlers Ford. Remember All Prayer Intentions continue being prayed for by our Prayer Groups.

Christian Aid Week: Sun 13th May - Sat 19th May

If you are willing to help with the Christian Aid collection in central Eastleigh this year, please contact John Elton by email: janetandjohnelton@hotmail.com or phone 023 80615220.

Volunteer Required

Eastleigh Basics Bank is seeking a fit and active volunteer from the churches who does not have child care commitments and can help at the shop on Tuesday afternoons 12.30 - 3.30pm.

If you are interested, please complete the volunteering form on the website www.eastleighbasicsbank.co.uk or speak to Hazel Bateman 023 8090 3028/07919 487 220

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 21st April Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Andrew Bates RIP	Thurs 26th	9.30am	HC	Marjorie Harris RIP
	6.00pm	St J			10.00am	OLQA	No Mass
	6.00pm	OLQA			1.30pm	St Ed	Funeral Service: Emily Mary Ray RIP
	6.30pm	St Ed	Rosemary Oxby RIP		6.00pm	St J	
Sun 22nd April Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 27th	10.00am	St Ed	Ed & Mary Vokes (Well being)
	9.00am	St Ed	Oliver Shamkhani (Special Intention)		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Anna Barrett RIP				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Deceased relatives of the Coughlan & Corry Families				
11.00am	HC	Jackie Higgins (Wellbeing)					
Mon 23rd	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM	Sat 28th	9.30am	HC	Domiciano Alves De Almeida and Souls in Purgatory RIP
	11.30am	HC	Funeral Mass: Moira Goodburn RIP				
Tues 24th	9.30am	HC	Oswald Carr FM	Sat 28th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Marc Belcourt RIP
	10.00am	St A			6.00pm	St J	
	10.00am	OLQA	No Mass		6.00pm	OLQA	
	11.00am	St Ed	Funeral Mass: Umberto Pugi RIP		6.30pm	St Ed	
	2.00pm	School	Mass at St Swithun Wells School All Welcome!				
Wed 25th	9.30am	HC	Marie-Claire Calvert (Special Intention)	Sun 29th April Fifth Sunday Of Easter	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta George, Gertrude & Mary Lawton RIP Anniversary Clare's Intention Barbara Chapman RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	The Intentions of Ursula Allinson		9.00am	St Ed	
					9.00am	St A	
					9.30am	OLQA	
					11.00am	St J	
			11.00am	HC			
Mon 30th April	10.00am	St Ed	No Mass: Service of Word & Communion				

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
Tuesday St A Adoration 9.15-10.00am with Morning Prayer
Thursday St ED 7.00-8.00pm
Thursday St J from Noon-6.00pm, 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)

Saturdays: 10.00am Holy Cross Church
 12 noon St Edward's
 5.30pm OLQA
 5.30pm St Joseph
Sundays: 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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