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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Registered Charity No. 246871

Sunday Cycle: Year B
Weekday Cycle: Year 2
Psalter: Week 1

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Tidings of great joy

No, I'm not referring to the birth of the new Prince who arrived on Monday morning – although of course a baby being born safely is always a happy event. What I was thinking about was the good news that forty-six of our young parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth last Sunday afternoon. It was a beautiful celebration of Mass with Confirmation. Sponsors, families and parishioners gathered to support these young people as they marked this significant step on their faith journeys.

Bishop Philip was on very good form, taking the time to greet the Candidates before Mass started and preaching a homily which encouraged them to see the realities of our world with the advantage of faith and empowered with the gifts of God's Holy Spirit. Everyone prayed quietly for the outpouring of the Spirit before the Bishop and priests extended their hands for the prayer over the Candidates. When they came up one by one to be anointed with the Oil of Chrism the Bishop took time for a few words of encouragement, or to share a thought about the saint each had chosen.

This Sunday afternoon at 3pm we are meeting again with those who were confirmed last weekend just to consider: So What Now? What avenues might they want to explore to deepen the faith which has brought them this far? What areas of practical outreach would they like to look into in service of others in the community?

Congratulations to all those who were confirmed: a great moment for you and for the whole of our parish.

And now some not-so-good news

It seems that, in recent weeks, our churches have been targeted by thieves. The projector at St Edward's was disconnected and taken from its mount (those who did so made time to break into the cabinet and take the remote control which went with the projector). The laptop which operated the system went missing some time ago. So, we have no facility in the Cloister for projecting – only the screen remains.

Recently, at Holy Cross, the candle stand near the Lady Altar was stolen during daytime when the church was open for people to come in and pray. This is the large metal stand on which people can light votive candles. We reported the theft to the police and our insurers. However, our policy has a £300 excess so the replacement cost of £470 (not taking into account the money in the box at the time it was taken) was only partly covered. The new stand arrived and was placed in the church ready to be anchored to the wall. Sadly, last Tuesday this stand was also stolen. We can't continue to replace the stand at £470 a time so for now we will have to manage without whilst a solution is found.

It is a sad fact of life today that some people have no qualms about stealing from within churches. Bishop Philip encourages parishes to keep church buildings as open and accessible as possible but, if we continue to do so, it looks as though everything not bolted to the floor is vulnerable and could be stolen.

Father John

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Office hours: Monday–Wednesday 9am–4pm; Thursday & Friday 9.30–2.30pm Newsletter items should be received by Wednesday 12:00 noon

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Psalm Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

**Readings for next Sunday 6th May 2018
Sixth Sunday Of Easter**

Gospel: John 15:9-17

1st reading: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Psalm: 97

2nd reading: 1 John 4:7-10

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

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

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays, 10.15-11.30am, Holy Cross Resource Centre. Over the next few weeks we will be concentrating on the Mass. All are very welcome. Any queries please contact Paul Wilson on 02380 616618 (pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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

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**. **Charles Forrest** (t: 02380 694482; e: chasnbex@hotmail.co.uk)

Fellowship Group Meetings

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 2nd May** at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak at 7.30pm.

The Meal that Jesus gave us

A five session exploration of the Last Supper, looking at the ways in which Christians have interpreted this event over the centuries and what it means for us today.

Week 1 - How it all began: A look at how we celebrate special occasions, how the elements of the Passover meal help those eating it to connect with the event it commemorates and what the disciples might have felt, at the time, about the meal we now call the Last supper. Everybody welcome, each session stands on its own so don't worry if you can't make them all. Queries to Peter Baggott (02380 694060) or Deacon Bob Birtles.

Formation for Mission - Upcoming Events (Posters on Church Noticeboards)

Essential Training for Catechists - St Patrick's Church, Woolston, every Thursday evening, from the **14th June to the 12th July**, from 7.30pm till 9pm;

FHC Catechists Training Day, 12th May, for those interested in having a look at the new programme published by Redemptorist Publications. St Bede's, Basingstoke from 9.30am to 3pm;

Diocesan Day for Readers, 16th June, from 9.30am-3pm at St Bede's, Basingstoke. See <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers> for more info and to register.

Maryvale Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry for all adults in the parish. It's a year long course, which offers both a theological and pastoral first formation for every adult in the parish.

Sr Hyacinthe (tel: 01590 681874; e: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

SWAG - St Swithun Wells Acting Group

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

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: £1,338.62; SO/SD for March 2018: £13,400.59

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.

Fundraising for Christian Aid 2018

Jane Hough from St Swithun Wells will be doing her 24th Solo Christian Aid Cycle Tour in Sardinia. 1,000kms in 2 weeks leaving on May 11th 2018. Please support her fundraising for this wonderful charity either online: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janehough2018 or sign forms in the churches.

St Edward's Christian Aid week collection (Sun 13th - Sat 19th May 2018)

Reluctantly St Edward's have decided not to collect for Christian Aid this year, mainly due to difficulty with the high proportion of No Cold Calling Zones in the Hiltingbury area. However some Chandlers Ford churches will be collecting as usual, and if any parishioners would like to assist them then please contact me, Paul Carmody, by email: carmodys16@btinternet.com, or phone 02380 615373.

Evangelist Magazine

The annual magazine from St John's Seminary, Womersley, is available from each of our churches. As there are only a few free copies please read and return the magazine to the church.

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. evangelisation@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

St Edward's Choir

Is looking for new singers...no experience necessary. Is singing part of your ministry in our community? Are you aged 18 or over? Do you enjoy singing? Come along with an open mind, a willing heart and a smile!! We rehearse on **Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm**. Contact Joanna on 07437 440299 or email on joannapuzzle@gmail.com or just find me after the 9am Mass on a Sunday.

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.

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/22tqLY> or contact kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. See poster & conference agenda on noticeboards.

Upcoming Events run by Sherry Weddell

Sherry Weddell, author of "Called and Gifted", and "Forming Intentional Disciples", is coming to the diocese next month. There are two events for laity, held at the Basingstoke Country Hotel:

Friday 18th May, 2pm-7pm Sherry will be speaking about parish renewal and a few of our parishes will be sharing what they are doing.

Saturday 19th May, 9.30am-4.30pm, Sherry will be focusing on the personal spiritual journey and how each of us can develop our love and relationship with the Lord. For more details and to book free places, please email Clare at csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.

Parish Office Closures in May

Please note the Office will be closed on **Friday 4th May**.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

| DATE | TIME | CHURCH | MASS INTENTION | DATE | TIME | CHURCH | MASS INTENTION |
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| Sat 28th April Vigil Masses | 5.00pm | St Sw | Marc Belcourt RIP | Thurs 3rd | 9.30am | HC | Thomas & Flora Kelly RIP |
| | 6.00pm | St J | Thanksgiving for coming back to St Joseph's | | 10.00am | OLQA | No Mass |
| | 6.00pm | OLQA | | | 1.00pm | St Ed | Funeral Mass: Mary Bain RIP |
| | 6.30pm | St Ed | Kristina & Andrew Blake (Thanksgiving) | | 6.00pm | St J | |
| Sun 29th April Fifth Sunday of Easter | 9.00am | HC | Polska Msza Święta | Fri 4th | 10.00am | St Ed | Keith Small RIP |
| | 9.00am | St Ed | George, Gertrude & Mary Lawton RIP Anniversary | | 10.00am | St J (AH) | |
| | 9.00am | St A | Clare's Intention | | | | |
| | 9.30am | OLQA | | | | | |
| | 11.00am | St J | | | | | |
| 11.00am | HC | Barbara Chapman RIP | | | | | |
| Mon 30th | 10.00am | St Ed | No Mass: Service of Word & Communion | Sat 5th | 9.30am | HC | David Wall RIP (2nd Anniversary) |
| | | | | Sat 5th Vigil Masses | 5.00pm | St Sw | Gerald Monaghan RIP |
| | | | | | 6.00pm | St J | Thanksgiving |
| | | | | 6.00pm | OLQA | | |
| | | | | 6.30pm | St Ed | Mary Hollingworth (Get Well) | |
| Tues 1st May | 9.30am | HC | Amarant Ferreria RIP | Sun 6th May Sixth Sunday Of Easter | 9.00am | HC | Polska Msza Święta |
| | 10.00am | St A | | | 9.00am | St Ed | All the Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP |
| | 10.00am | OLQA | No Mass | | 9.00am | St A | |
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| | | | | 11.00am | St J | | |
| | | | | 11.00am | HC | All Souls in Purgatory RIP | |
| Wed 2nd | 9.30am | HC | Bernie Casey RIP | Mon 7th | 10.00am | St Ed | No Mass: Service of Word & Communion |
| | 10.00am | St Ed | Mrs Edward Christian FM | | | | |

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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| 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)

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| Saturdays: | 10.00am | Holy Cross Church |
| | 12 noon | St Edward's |
| | 5.30pm | OLQA |
| | 5.30pm | St Joseph |
| Sundays: | 8.30am | St Andrew |

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HC Holy Cross, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. SO50 9DF
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