

Our Mission: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - MAKE DISCIPLES
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Just recently, on Saturday 21st April, Pope Francis received the students and staff of the Venerable English College in a private audience. He addressed them as a community within which for more than 400 years vocations have been fostered and discerned. You might like to read some highlights of what he said to them.

“Our meeting today gives me an opportunity to speak to you directly, as a father, from the heart! As you continue your journey of responding to the Lord’s call, I would like to share with you some words of encouragement. Above all I pray that you will grow ever more deeply in your relationship with the Lord and in your attentiveness to others, especially those most in need. Love of God and love of neighbour: the two foundation stones of our lives (cf. Mark 12:30-31).

First, love of God. It is good to see young people preparing to make a firm and life-long commitment to the Lord. But this is harder for you than it was for me, because of today’s ‘culture of the temporary’. To overcome this challenge, and to help you make an authentic promise to God, it is vital, in these years in seminary, to nurture your interior life, learning to close the door of your inner cell from within. In this way your service to God and the Church will be strengthened and you will find peace and happiness which only Jesus can give (cf. John 14:27). Then, as Christ’s joyful witnesses, you in your turn can become recipients of the tribute paid by Saint Philip Neri to your martyr forebears: *salvete flores martyrum*.

Second, love of neighbour. As you know, we do not witness to Christ for our own sake but for others, always in service. And we seek to offer this service not out of mere sentiment, but in obedience to the Lord who kneels down to wash the disciples’ feet (cf. John 13:34). Nor is our missionary discipleship offered in isolation, but always in cooperation with other priests, religious and lay men and women. At times, loving our neighbour is difficult, which is why, for our ministry to be effective, we need to be ‘firmly grounded in God who loves and sustains us. From this inner strength it is possible to endure ... with patience and constancy in doing good’ (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 112). This inner strength – this fidelity of love – characterised the lives of your college martyrs, and it is essential for us who to follow Jesus, who calls us in our poverty to serve his majesty, and who reveals his majesty in the midst of the poor.

Finally, by nurturing friendships, good and wholesome relationships that will sustain you in your future ministry, I trust you will come to cherish your real friends, who are not simply those who agree with us, but are gifts from the Lord to help us on the journey to what is true, noble and good (cf. Philippians 4:8).

It is with affection that I offer you these thoughts, to encourage your faithful love of God, and humble service to your brothers and sister. Entrusting you to the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham, I assure you of my prayers for you and your families, and for all who support the mission of the Venerable English College. And I ask you also, please remember to pray for me each day. Thank you!”

Pope Francis

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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 Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Psalm Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

**Readings for next Sunday 20th May 2018
Pentecost Sunday**

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

1st reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: 103

2nd reading: Galatians 5:16-25

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 on 02380 260275; headsrez@virginmedia.com.

Fellowship Group Meetings

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 16th 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.

Session 2 - New Meal, New Family, New Story, New Life. As the early church grew, they met to break and eat bread together in remembrance of Jesus and it seemed to bring the past and future into one moment. 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.

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

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).

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.

Our Lady Queen Of Apostles Children's Liturgy Session - Sunday 20th May

This will be held during Mass at 9.30am. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing your families and children! **Joanna Somerville** (01489 891540).

Second Collection

Please note there will be a second collection this weekend for World Communications.

Alton Day of Renewal - Sat 19th May, 11am-4pm

Proclaiming the Lord's Favour: How the Good News sets us free from condemnation and unforgiveness. No need to book and no set charge - you are invited to make a donation to the collection to cover costs. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton, GU34 2NG.

**St Edward's Pastoral Area - Valley Park
Thursday 24th May at 10am**

There will be a Rosary said at the home of Ann Harding, 21 Salcombe Close, Chandlers Ford, SO53 4PJ (there are no parking restrictions). Everyone is most welcome.

A Day of Reflection: The Secret of Mary

Saturday 26th May 2018, 10.30am-3.30pm; St Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton SO40 7DU.

Mass will be celebrated during the day and a delicious home-made soup will be served for lunch. If you would like to take part in this day led by Father Des, please email: fatherdes@icloud.com or leave a telephone message on 02380 292337. If you are able, a donation of £22 would be very much appreciated.

Change of Mass Times

St Andrew's, Tues 15th May - the funeral Mass for Peter Murphy RIP starts at 11am and replaces the 10am Mass.

Holy Cross, Thurs 17th May - Mass starts at 9am and not 9.30am.

Lenten Alms

The fruits of the sacrifices you made during Lent have now been sent on to the two charities we were supporting this year. What you gave was split between **CAFOD** and **Fledge** (a local charity working to help young adults with first-step accommodation). A total of £2286.96 was collected in the parish. In addition, the children at St Swithun Wells Schools, through their Lenten efforts, collected £542.20 for the same two charities. Therefore, Fledge has been given £1414.58 towards its work. The CAFOD share was added to the collection through the Lent Fast Day and so a total of £5324.80 was sent to CAFOD which should attract a matching sum from the Government. This is a tremendous effort from the whole parish and will make a real difference to the lives of many, here and abroad. On their behalf, thank you.

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: £1,499.85;
SO/SD for April 2018: £15,140.09

St Edward's - Knit & Natter (Mon 14th May, 2-4pm)

Refreshments available and everyone most welcome!
Any queries please contact Maureen Stephenson on 02380 252104.

Oasis - Parish Women's Group (Tues 15th May)

7.30–9pm, St Edward's Cloister. *Inspirations: Come along for an interesting evening of sharing inspiration, another way to pray and reaching out to others.*

Future Dates: 12th June, 10th July.

All ladies, new or familiar faces, warmly welcomed.

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: May 20th, June 17th, July 8th.

Pentecost at St Edward's

To celebrate the birthday of the Church, we would like to share local sweets/delicacies from around the world with coffee after the 9am Pentecost Mass on **Sunday 20th May**. If you would like to make/bring along any delicacies on the day please do.

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

Please bring along any unwanted gifts, bric-a-brac or home made cakes and produce. There will also be a raffle. All proceeds to CAFOD Connect2 Peru.

For more information please contact Clare Lasker on 80252138.

Fair Trade Fashion Show & Fair Trade Sale

Fri 18th May, 7.30–9.30pm at St Martins in the Wood Church, Chandler's Ford, SO53 5AG.

Complimentary wine & nibbles.

Please see posters on church noticeboards.

Publication of Cardinal Vincent Nichol's new book

"*Faith Finding a Voice*" has just been published in paperback and e-book and is available from all major bookshops and online booksellers.

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

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. Then we look forward to welcoming parents for an essential Preparation Session on **Sunday 10th June 2018** at Holy Cross Resource Centre. The meeting begins at 4.30pm and ends at 6.00pm. It would be very helpful if you could arrive a little early, refreshments available from 4.15pm.

SWAG Performance - "What's Up Zak?"

Friday 1st June, 7.30pm at St Edward's.

Please come along and support our young people as they tell the story of Zacchaeus in a very different way. FREE entry! **Joanna (07437 440299).**

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;

e: joannapuzzle@gmail.com or just find me after the 9am Mass on a Sunday.

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

A note of thanks

Thank you all so much for the thoughtful cards, beautiful flowers and tremendous support you have given me. **Mrs Pugi**

Churches Together - "Thy Kingdom Come"

A global prayer movement (begun by Anglicans) which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. (In "Catholic speak" a kind of "novena"). Some interesting information and lots of resources on www.thykingdomcome.global. Really worth a look and explains well what you may be hearing or reading about this week— and how you can join in this prayer. **Marion**

Little Way Healing Ministries**Healing Outreach Evening - Mon 4th June 7-9.30pm**

New Venue - 3rd Age Centre, 11 Cranbury Terrace, Southampton. Booking not required.

Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer an evening of teaching and healing.

Please invite relatives, friends and neighbours. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'...Come and see. Tea and coffee provided.

Fanning the Flame Catholic Mission: Summer Camp

20th-24th August 2018 - for ages 10-25 years.

Come and join us in the New Forest, Hampshire! Wherever you are in your Catholic faith, come and be refreshed and renewed in God's love for you! See www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk for more info.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 12th May Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Friends of Suffering Souls RIP	Thurs 17th	<u>9.00am</u>	HC	Francesco Papallo FM
	6.00pm	St J			10.00pm	OLQA	
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	6.30pm	St Ed	Patrick Flavin RIP				
Sun 13th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 18th	10.00am	St Ed	Patricia White RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	Thomas William Mason FM		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Doris Bonello RIP				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J					
	11.00am	HC	Sheila Starrs FM				
Mon 14th	10.00am	St Ed	Eric & Roslyn Lasker and family RIP	Sat 19th	9.30am	HC	Geraldine Biddle RIP (2nd Anniversary)
				Sat 19th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Barbara Bryan-Brown RIP Anniversary
6.00pm	St J						
6.00pm	OLQA						
6.30pm	St Ed	In Thanksgiving to St Joseph					
Tues 15th	9.30am	HC	Arthur Mason FM	Sun 20th May Pentecost Sunday	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	<u>11.00am</u>	St A	Funeral Mass: Peter Murphy RIP		9.00am	St Ed	Pat Garrett (Sick)
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A	
					9.30am	OLQA	
					11.00am	St J	The Walker Family
					11.00am	HC	Bryan Hobbs FM
Wed 16th	9.30am	HC	Kate Mason FM	Mon 21st	10.00am	St Ed	Umberto Pugi RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	Phyllis & Georg Roman FM				

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	7-8pm
Thursday	St J	from Noon-6pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm (before Mass at 6pm)

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
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