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PENTECOST SUNDAY

No one could have missed the fact that, this weekend, Prince Harry married Meghan Markle. For some, the more important date in their diaries was the FA Cup Final but let's leave that to one side. As I write (on Wednesday) it is still unclear whether Meghan will have her father at her side as she walks down the aisle in St George's Chapel, Windsor. On top of everything every couple has to deal with in the days before their Wedding, dubious elements of the American media have been involved in creating a situation which has caused embarrassment. It is also reported that Thomas Markle has health problems which may prevent him from flying anyway. We're told that Meghan has a close relationship with her father and it would indeed be sad if he cannot be with her in Windsor.

It struck me that, in the circumstances surrounding Harry and Meghan, we have a snapshot of the complexities of family life. Her parents are divorced; she has half siblings (one or two of whom have openly said and written really quite cruel things about her); her mother lives in the United States and her father in Mexico. She herself has left behind a life and way of life in California which must seem a distant memory as she adjusts to having protection officers with her most of the time. Harry's own family background is complicated: his parents divorced when he was young and in candid interviews he has described the impact on him of his mother's sudden death when he was still a boy. Whilst the Queen and Prince Philip have been married for more than seventy years, three of her four children divorced, and two remarried. These are the realities of our society today.

It is in this environment that children are now growing up. A few years ago, at the Catholic Primary School in the parish where I was, one seven year old failed to answer to her name when the teacher was calling them out at the start of the day. It turned out that, due to her mother being in a new relationship, the child's surname had been changed and she didn't recognise it. Actually, this same seven year old was already on her third surname. We have children with two Mums and no Dad, others growing up with two fathers and no mother. Arguments are being advanced for enabling children to choose their gender – whilst in Primary School.

I mention these realities because most of us grew up in a less complex world when it comes to human relationships and families. But it is in this world, the world of today not yesterday or last century, that we are called to spread the Good News we have received from Jesus. It isn't easy as we can feel ourselves at odds with the world around us and the temptation might be to retreat, to circle the wagons and try to blot out what we don't like to see or hear. But this isn't really an option.

At Pentecost the disciples were huddled in the Upper Room, unsure, afraid, anxious, about the future and their future. Then the power of the Holy Spirit filled them and brought those gifts of courage, discernment, and the rest. This enabled the disciples to open the doors and engage with the world outside. Lo and behold, when they spoke people understood them and were keen to hear what they had to say. The feast we celebrate today calls us to be open: 'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful'. Only with the energy of God's Holy Spirit can we properly and effectively engage with the world of which we are part - a complicated yet beautiful world.

Father John

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Entrance Antiphon: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

Psalm Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

**Readings for next Sunday 27th May 2018
The Most Holy Trinity**

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

1st reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

Psalm: 32

2nd reading: Romans 8:14-17

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

This will be held during Mass at 9.30am.

Candlelight Prayer - Wed 23rd May, 7.30pm

Hosted by the Fellowship Group at St Swithun Wells church. An evening of prayer, readings, hymns and reflection. Refreshments available.

Queries to Deacon Bob and Marion 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. Just for this coming week, we are going to concentrate on the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Rosary with scripture readings led by Deacon Paul Wilson. All are very welcome. Any queries please contact Paul on 02380 616618.

(pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

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

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.

CAFOD - Share the Journey

This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called *Share the Journey*. You can *Share the Journey* by joining a walk. This is not just any walk, this is a walk around the world. Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world.

CAFOD will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration. For more information on organising your own parish walk or to find out about a walk in your area please contact Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385

St Edward's Prayer Group - Fryern

Monday 21st May, 2-3pm

At the home of Sheila and Pauline O'Neill, 19 Carthage Close, Chandlers Ford. All Welcome.

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.

Parish Data Audit

Anyone within the Parish holding or processing data please inform the Office or David Martin **before the 25th May** as we will need to include you in the Parish Audit. Also, if you have moved recently or changed telephone numbers/email addresses please remember to let the Office know so we can keep your records up to date.

Thank you.

Lampedusa Pilgrimage of the Refugees - 12th June, 7.30pm, Wisdom Centre, Romsey

A reflective walk round the grounds (weather permitting) and rooms of the Centre considering experiences of refugees, as told to CAFOD workers, and praying for them. Children aged 8 and upwards welcome. Primary school children should be accompanied by an adult. £1 per person to cover costs of Wisdom Centre. If you'd like to take part please give name and phone number to either Rosemary (01794 522411) or the Wisdom Centre (01794 830206; email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk) before 5th June.

Thank you from Poitiers Care

The parish has received a thank you letter from Poitiers Care for the **£300** donated from the proceeds of the Lenten Lunch held at St Edward's church. Poitiers Care is a local Catholic Registered Charity that supports families in urgent need of food who live in and around the wider Southampton area. Father Des & the Poitiers team appreciate and thank everyone concerned for their support for this small but vital charity.

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

Mass at St Andrew's

Please note there is **No Mass** or Adoration with Morning prayer at St Andrew's on **Tuesday 22nd May**.

60 Club - Our next meeting is on **Monday 21st May** at the usual time of 2pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For more information please phone Maureen on 02380 692682.

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.

Good Companions Lunch

Our next lunch will be on **Thursday 7th June**, 12.30pm at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield. Please note the changed day of the week. All who live alone or are lonely are welcome to join us for good food and companionship. Please ring Pauline on 02380 266617 to book a place.

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: 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.

Preparation for Baptism

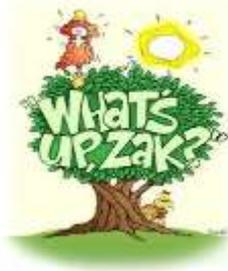
If you wish to have your child baptised, please contact the Parish Office for an application form, and return the completed form to the Office. Then we look forward to welcoming parents for an essential Preparation Session on **Sunday 10th June 2018** at Holy Cross Resource Centre. The meeting begins 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.

You are very welcome to attend the preparation while you are preparing for your baby's birth. (Please note the next session of preparation, after the June date is likely to be in September).

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

SWAG Performance - "What's Up Zak?" Friday 1st June, 7.30pm at St Edward's (FREE ENTRY!)

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



St Edward's Shop - Volunteers Required

The Church Shop has been built up over the past 25 years (from a cardboard box to its present state) with the help of family and friends. This has come about by being available almost every Saturday and Sunday through most of this period. I now need some positive help to keep up the momentum. With family commitments and in my 81st year, I would like to ensure that this valuable church resource survives and flourishes in the future. The ideal would be to have a team so that no one has to be in the shop more than say, once or twice a month. For more details, please see me in the shop. **Teresa Layzell**

Street Pastors - Volunteers Required

Street Pastors engage with people on the streets to care, listen and to help them. They work together with other partners in the night-time economy to make our communities kinder and safer. *Could you spare 4-5 hours once a month on a Friday night to serve in our community?* Next set of provisional training dates are: 14/15/16 Sept 2018; 28/29/30 Sept & 12/13/14 Oct. Volunteers needed in Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh and Fair Oak. Enquiries to Eric Hyom, t: 02380643457 or e: erichyom@hotmail.com.

GDPR Notice from the Diocese of Portsmouth

The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on the 25th May 2018 and will impact every organisation which holds or processes personal data. The diocese in conjunction with parishes and curial offices are now in the process of revising processes to ensure that we are compliant. The diocese is committed to ensuring high standards of information security, privacy and transparency.

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**

St Edward's Babies & Toddler Group

Regret to announce the final session will be on **Tues 22nd May** as we have no one volunteering to carry it on. Our thanks to all those who have supported us and to the church for their help. We wish the children and their families the very best for the future.

Holy Cross Shop

For first Holy Communion gifts and cards, pay the shop a visit, either before or after Sunday Mass as we have these and many other items for sale. **Pat & Angela**

Mass for Peace followed by Rosary

Last Friday of each month at 7pm;
St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, Southampton.
Please join us to pray for peace in our world.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 19th May Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Barbara Bryan-Brown RIP Anniversary In Thanksgiving to St Joseph	Thurs 24th	9.30am	HC	Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM
	6.00pm	St J			10.00am	OLQA	
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	6.30pm	St Ed					
Sun 20th May Pentecost Sunday	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 25th	10.00am	St Ed	Mary Bain RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	Pat Garrett (Sick)		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A					
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	The Walker Family				
	11.00am	HC	Bryan Hobbs FM (18th Anniversary)				
Mon 21st	10.00am	St Ed	Umberto Pugi RIP	Sat 26th	9.30am	HC	Conor Curtin RIP (4th Anniversary)
				Sat 26th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Andrew Bates RIP
6.00pm	St J						
6.00pm	OLQA						
6.30pm	St Ed	David MacArthur (In Thanksgiving)					
Tues 22nd	9.30am	HC	Roan Moriarty (Success in Exams)	Sun 27th May The Most Holy Trinity	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>St A</u>	<u>No Mass</u>		9.00am	St Ed	Chloe Godding RIP (6th Birthday Anniversary on 30th May)
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St A	
					9.30am	OLQA	
				11.00am	St J	Marie & Allan Johnson's Intentions	
				11.00am	HC	Oswald Carr FM	
Wed 23rd	9.30am	HC	Shane Tarrant (Success in Exams)	Mon 28th	10.00am	St Ed	Mary Bain RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	Heike Junghans RIP				

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday	HC	Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
Tuesday	<u>St A</u>	<u>No Adoration with Morning Prayer</u>
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
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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