

Our Mission: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - MAKE DISCIPLES



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Psalter: Office Proper

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Last Tuesday the media focused on Manchester where people marked the first anniversary of the terrorist attack on young concert-goers. Even as we have come to understand that these things will now happen in our country, there was something particularly sinister about a young man deliberately targeting children and young people who were simply out for an evening enjoying themselves. Of course, adults were caught up in the carnage and as well as the twenty-two lives lost hundreds of others suffered physical and psychological trauma. The police say that, to their knowledge, over 800 people have received counselling and help with their mental health as a consequence of events that night.

The enquiry into the Grenfell Tower fire has just opened and in opening statements made by family members of those who perished it was plain to see the raw grief and understandable anger which is still very real for so many. That won't disappear any time soon and the hope has to be that, in establishing the facts and truth, the enquiry will help those people in some way to start rebuilding.

Anniversaries and commemorations are a strange thing when it comes to loss and sad events. It is often said that the 'first' of each event after someone has died is the hardest: the first time when you would have celebrated their birthday with them; the first time you don't get to celebrate a wedding anniversary with a spouse; the first Christmas without them. Just as you thought you were beginning to get on top of the emotions it hits you again that the person who was part of your life for so long (in the case of our parents – the whole of our life) is not present in the way they were.

And yet we want to mark the anniversary of someone's death. We pray for them especially at that time, perhaps we visit their grave and place flowers or simply pause and remember. It is cathartic, not so much clinging on but rather accepting and coming to terms with loss.

What can make all the difference is doing this in solidarity with others. Watching the crowds standing together in silence around Manchester, and seeing them enjoying the opportunity to sing together that evening, was a stark reminder of the healing power that comes from companionship. Perhaps it's just me, but I think we've become better as a nation when it comes to expressing our feelings. Holding hands, giving someone a hug, happens more naturally now than it did in the past which is a good thing. Physical touch can speak volumes in terms of reassurance. We do it naturally when a loved is nearing death and can no longer communicate. We hold a hand, stroke their hair and kiss their forehead.

If we ever needed a reminder of the importance and power of relationship then we have it in the Holy Trinity. Three yet one - a mystery which distinguishes and celebrates the individual in relationship to others. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bound in love, inseparable. Better than that, this is the relationship into which we are being drawn, by the Father, through the Son and with the Holy Spirit. So you could say that the solidarity witnessed in Manchester this week, the arms around the shoulders of the grieving after Grenfell, are the human reminder of what we celebrate today. The Holy Trinity is relationship in love.

Father John

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Office hours: Monday–Wednesday 9.30am–5pm; Thursday & Friday 9.30–2.30pm Newsletter items should be received by Wednesday 12:00 noon

Entrance Antiphon: Blest Be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Psalm Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

**Readings for next Sunday 3rd June 2018
The Most Holy Body And Blood of Christ**

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16. 22-26

1st reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Psalm: 115

2nd reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Mustard Seed - The new edition, "The Age of the Holy Spirit" is available in all of our churches this weekend.
Deacon Bob Birtles

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays, 10.15-11.30am

Holy Cross Resource Centre.

All are very welcome!

Any queries please contact Paul on 02380 616618.

(pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

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.

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.

CAFOD - Thank You

For generously raising **£4,962.25!** Your donation can support people like Cynthia Ntala, who is on the chair of a CAFOD funded vegetable garden project in Zimbabwe. Cynthia explains "A lot has changed since the garden was planted. Our nutrition is better, we have more diverse food to eat, we're better at preparing food and even our health is better. I can't imagine life without the garden now. I am very, very grateful. May God bless you." Thank you for bringing the light of hope to our brothers and sisters across the world. **Chris Funnell, CAFOD**

Fellowship Group

There will be **no meeting** on Wednesday 30th May. Meetings resume on 6th June.

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

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.

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.

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;

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.

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

Mass at St Edward's - Friday 1st June

Please note the Funeral Mass for Danny Murtagh RIP at 1.30pm **replaces** the 10am Mass.

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

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.

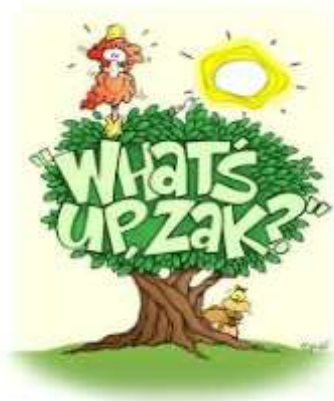
SWAG Performance

"What's Up Zak?"

**Friday 1st June, 7.30pm
at St Edward's Church
(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).



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: June 17th, July 8th.

60 Club - Our next meeting is on **Monday 4th June** at the usual time of 2pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For more information please phone Maureen on 02380 692682.

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.

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).

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**

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: £1,491.62; SO/SD for April 2018: £15,140.09

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.

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**

Hospital Admittances

If you are expecting to be admitted into the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, in the near future, please inform St Peters Parish Office (Tel: 01962 852804) so they can arrange for a member of the clergy to come and visit and/or bring Holy Communion. Additionally, if you are being admitted to Southampton General Hospital please contact Father Michael Cronin on 02380 774273.

St Swithun Wells School Summer Fayre Saturday 16th June, 12-3pm

Please come along and support our event. Raffle tickets will be on sale in churches this weekend. The Spitfire Sisters are performing an Andrew's Sisters tribute act! For more information about stalls and giving donations of goods please contact Louise Rowe on 07828 025389.

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.

Eastleigh Council of Knights of St Columba

The Knights recently made **£800** available for youth activities in the parish. We are very keen to help youth further and will thus consider requests for sponsorship for young people in the parish (probably teenagers) to attend organised Catholic events. For more information please email David Martin on 2dmartin@gmail.com

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	
Sat 26th May Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Andrew Bates RIP	Thurs 31st	9.30am	HC	Thomas & Flora Kelly RIP	
	6.00pm	St J			10.00am	OLQA		
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	6.30pm	St Ed	David MacArthur (In Thanksgiving)					
Sun 27th May The Most Holy Trinity	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 1st June	10.00am	St J (AH)	Funeral Mass: Danny Murtagh RIP <i>(please note this replaces the 10am Mass)</i>	
	9.00am	St Ed	Chloe Godding RIP (6th Birthday Anniversary on 30th May)		1.30pm	St Ed		
	9.00am	St A						
	9.30am	OLQA						
	11.00am	St J	Marie & Allan Johnson's Intentions					
	11.00am	HC	Oswald Carr FM					
Mon 28th	10.00am	St Ed	Mary Bain RIP	Sat 2nd	9.30am	HC	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP	
				Sat 2nd Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Exam Success	
					6.00pm	St J		
					6.00pm	OLQA		
	6.30pm	St Ed	Bridget Baker RIP					
Tues 29th	9.30am	HC	In Thanksgiving to St Joseph	Sun 3rd June	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	
	10.00am	St A	John Harrison RIP		9.00am	St Ed	Marie Whitty RIP Anniversary	
	10.00am	OLQA			The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	9.00am	St A	
						9.30am	OLQA	
						11.00am	St J	
			11.00am	HC	Nora Grimes & the Deceased Members of the Nolan Family RIP			
Wed 30th	9.30am	HC	Poor and Sick People	Mon 4th	10.00am	St Ed	Agnes & John Walker FM	
	10.00am	St Ed	Mary Bain RIP					
	3.00pm	St J	Funeral Mass: Priscilla Manton RIP					

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday	HC	Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
Tuesday	St A	Adoration 9.15-10am with Morning Prayer
Thursday	St ED	No Holy Hour 31st May
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

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