

Our Mission: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - MAKE DISCIPLES



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Sunday Cycle: Year B  
Weekday Cycle: Year 2  
Psalter Week: 3

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Say one for me...”**

If a person runs on to a motorway with cars zooming by at 70 miles an hour, however hard we pray... “Save him,” we know that the consequences are, almost certainly, going to be fatal. A big hand is not going to reach out from the sky and lift that person up, out of the way of the traffic.

So, why then do we make part of our prayer asking God for what we want/need? (Sometimes called prayers of petition). Why do we pray for one another?

God does not change his mind! He does not change! So what is the point of our prayer? Prayer does not change God – but it does change us! It is only human for us to pray that someone who is ill will get better. Sometimes they do get better and we often, in a sense, understand the power of prayer when the unlikely happens – a cure is a miracle in our eyes of faith. So when someone does not get better, does that mean God has not answered our prayer? We may feel “gutted,” we may blame God, and perhaps be very direct in our prayer, telling God exactly what we think of him!

There is a lovely line from a hymn, based on a prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola;  
“Lord of the universe, you walked upon this earth.

You knew, like me, the sorrows and the joys that living brings” *(Estelle White)*

We know that Jesus, God, “gets it” – understands. When his friend Lazarus died, “Jesus wept.”

When we pray, we step into “God’s time.” We do not always “get it” - we do not always understand. Sometimes we see our prayer answered in a dramatic way, though not in such a dramatic way as Martha and Mary, who saw their brother raised from the dead!

We need to be able to put our trust in God. “Lord, if you had been here, our brother would not have died.” When we pray, we are holding a person in the presence of God – placing them in God’s hands. Many people tell us that they have felt the power of others’ prayer in supporting them in a particular situation. Sometimes we also ask our family and friends who have gone to the Lord, “the saints in heaven,” to pray with us and for us.

And so we pray for one another. Saint Paul says, in his letter to the Romans.

“For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers,” (Romans 1:9)

Every so often in our parish a “Prayer Link” sheet is made available with some thoughts and prayers written specially for the time of the year/liturgical season. A notice is placed in the newsletter when a new sheet is available – copies are placed in in all our churches for anyone who would like one.

In addition to this “Prayer Requests” are sent out by email and this helps us think in a particular way of special intentions. Many people have commented on how they feel supported by our prayer. Those who pray are exercising a very valuable ministry in our parish, from their home, without having to attend meetings. Please contact me if you wish to join the email list or for more information.

*Marion Birtles (St Swithun Wells Prayer Link Coordinator)*

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**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

**Psalm Response:**

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

**Readings for next Sunday 24th June 2018  
The Nativity of St John the Baptist**

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66. 80

1st reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm: 138

2nd reading: Acts 13:22-26

**Fellowship Group - Wednesday 20th June, 7.30pm**

At St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak.

**The Meal that Jesus Gave Us** - a five session exploration of the Last Supper looking at ways in which Christians have interpreted this event over the centuries and what it means for us today.

**Session 4 - The Presence of Jesus:**

Whenever we celebrate the Jesus meal we discover that Jesus' death, the unique past event, somehow catches up with us again. Exploring how Jesus is present in the Bread and Wine.

Everyone welcome, each session stands on its own so don't worry if you can't make them all. Queries to Peter Baggott and 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](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Reflections on the Sacred Heart of Jesus – from the French School of Spirituality**

**Sunday 24th June, 10am-4pm**

A day of reflection will take place at Saint Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU. The day will include Holy Mass for that Sunday and a simple lunch. We would very much appreciate a donation of £22.50 to support our missionary activity. To book a place please contact Father Des on [fatherdes@icloud.com](mailto:fatherdes@icloud.com) or leave a message on 02380 292337.

**Message from Father John Lee, Chair of the Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Rosemary Lennon to the newly-created post of Refugee Project Development Officer. Rosemary will assist interested parishes, pastoral areas and community groups to put in applications to directly sponsor a Syrian family through the Community Sponsorship Scheme.

**Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass - Reminder**

St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke, **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June**, 11am. N.B. If anyone has registered but not received a formal invitation please could they phone St. Bede's Parish Office on 01256 465214.

**Second Collection**

Please note there will be a second collection this weekend for Day for Life.

**ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal)**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 11am-4pm**

At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. Talk "**Good News to the Poor**" – Rev'd Andrew Micklefield. For more info and directions, see poster or website: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com).

**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](mailto:pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)).

**St Edward's Prayer Group - Valley Park**

**Thursday 21st June at 10am**

There will be a scripture reading and social morning at the home of Irene James, 10 Sir Lancelot Close, Chandlers Ford, SO53 4HJ.

**St Edward's Prayer Group - Fryern**

**Monday 18th June from 2-3 pm**, at the home of Sheila & Pauline O'Neill, 19 Carthage Close, Chandlers Ford. Our theme will be Celtic Prayer. All Welcome.

**St Edward's - Welcomers Wanted**

Do you feel able to devote just half an hour to welcome your fellow parishioners to Mass at the weekend? We just need you to be present half an hour before Mass begins until after the entrance hymn has been sung to greet the faithful arriving for Mass, distribute the parish bulletin and assist any new parishioners at either the Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses. The rota runs quarterly across the year and obviously the more people taking part the less frequent it will be.

If you can assist, especially with Sundays, then please contact either Trish ([trish.cassidy1@virginmedia.com](mailto:trish.cassidy1@virginmedia.com)) or Tony ([tony.cassidy1@virgin.net](mailto:tony.cassidy1@virgin.net)) before or after Saturday evening Mass or by e-mail.

**St Edward's Church Shop Volunteers Meeting**

Thank you for responding to my request for volunteers to help run the Chandlers Ford Shop. May we please meet on Tuesday morning, **19th June at 10.00am** in the cloister. If anyone else is interested in helping in any way they would be very welcome. Thank you and God Bless, **Teresa** (023 8027 6116).

**CAFOD - Gifts in Wills**

You might be surprised to learn that gifts in wills raised £9 million last year - enough to pay for a third of our international work. To find out more about leaving a gift to CAFOD in your will and our free will-writing service please see the leaflets available in our churches, see the poster on the noticeboards or call Hannah on 020 7095 5367.

**Parish Office - Changes to June Opening Hours**

The office will close early on Thursday 21st June at 1pm; open later on Friday 22nd June (from 11.30am); be closed on Friday 29th June.

### **Our young people need your help!**

We are launching new Inspire and TOZ youth groups in September and also want to do more one off projects following the success of the lent soup kitchen.

We need people with a wide range of skills to be leaders and helpers, provide administration support, be guest speakers and to organise and help run community outreach projects.

There will be an information evening on **Sunday 17th June 7-8.30pm at Holy Cross Resource Centre.**

Come along and find out what the future plans for our young people this year will be and ask us questions about what we do and how you could get involved while enjoying a glass of wine and some nibbles too.

Or if you are not able to make it but want to find out more please contact Cath Szymanski [cathszymanski@gmail.com](mailto:cathszymanski@gmail.com) or Marianne Wanstall [mwanstall@btinternet.com](mailto:mwanstall@btinternet.com)

### **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 Meeting: 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 Meeting: July 8th.**

### **Safe-Guarders**

Are you interested in becoming a Safe-Guarder in order to provide the relevant support so that our youth programmes and events can continue? Often this means just being another pair of eyes and not much more. This could be a small way to do something in your community. Please contact Joanna at [joannapuzzle@gmail.com/07437440299](mailto:joannapuzzle@gmail.com/07437440299) or in the choir at St Edward's on a Sunday for more information.

### **CAFOD Charity Recycling**

Thank you for your magnificent response to the call for items to be recycled in aid of CAFOD. We already have sufficient donations to be sent off, and the money raised will go to CAFOD. **June Wilson**

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

### **Parish Lunch - Wednesday 27th June, 12.30pm at the Hunters Inn, Romsey**

Menus are on the noticeboards. All are welcome. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by **Tuesday 19th June** as we have to pre-order.

### **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: £1,885.72; SO/SD for May 2018: £12,904.09

### **Ofsted Inspection**

Congratulations to St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School for the outcome of their recent Ofsted Inspection where the Inspector recognised the good quality of education at the school. The school was commended for building the school "on a clear set of values based on a strong Catholic ethos. These values focus on enabling pupils to achieve well." The full report is available on the School's website.

### **St Swithun Wells Primary School - Walk to Mass**

**Friday 29th June**, leaving school at about 1.20pm for Mass at 2pm in St Edward's Church.

CAFOD have responded to Pope Francis' call that schools and Parish communities take part in a walk as a sign of solidarity with refugees from around the world. The aim is for communities, from across the world, to walk the circumference of the world (24.900 miles). The school will be walking to Mass to celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. We know lots of parents and parishioners join us for Mass on Holy Days and would encourage you to walk with us rather than meet us at the church. If you are unable to do this you are still most welcome to join us at the church for Mass.

### **St Swithun Wells Primary School - Vacancy**

For a full time teacher starting Sept 2018. See Advert on Noticeboards for more info. Closing date for applications is noon on **Wednesday 20th June.**

### **Knights of St Columba**

St Swithun Wells Primary school would like to thank the Knights of St Columba for their generous donation of **£300** which will help support their Year 6 residential trip to Mill Rythe on Hayling Island later this month.

**Over 60 Club** - Our next meeting is on **Monday 18th June** at the usual time of 2pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For more information please phone Maureen on 02380 692682.

### **Share the Journey - Walk in St Swithun Wells Parish, Sunday 1st July**

Please join us for our 'lap' of Pope Francis' initiative to show your support for refugees.

Gather at St Edward's Church straight after 9am Mass and walk 1 mile in the local area, i.e. around the lake. Each person walking counts as 1 mile towards the grand total. Light refreshments afterwards at St Edward's. All supporters welcome. For more info about CAFOD's Share the Journey see: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey>.

### **Eastleigh Basics Bank - Vacancy**

Is urgently seeking to recruit a Tuesday Shop Manager and more shop volunteers. A copy of the job description for each of these roles is on the noticeboards or from the Parish Office. An online application form can be found under the 'volunteering' section of the website: [www.eastleighbasicsbank.co.uk](http://www.eastleighbasicsbank.co.uk). Closing date for applications for the shop manager role is **30th June**. Please pray for EBB during this time of change and take action if you feel called to this work.

# Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

| DATE   | TIME           | CHURCH      | MASS INTENTION                     | DATE   | TIME    | CHURCH          | MASS INTENTION  |
|--|----------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--|---------|-----------------|---|
| <b>Sat 16th June Vigil Masses</b>                      | 5.00pm         | St Sw       | Mary Bain RIP                      | <b>Thurs 21st</b>  | 9.30am  | HC              | Thomas Kelly RIP  |
|  | 6.00pm         | St J        | Stella Ann Doyle RIP               |  | 10.00am | OLQA            | Mary Matkowsky RIP  |
|  | 6.00pm         | OLQA        |                                    |  | 6.00pm  | St J            |   |
|  | 6.30pm         | St Ed       |                                    |  |         |                 |   |
| <b>Sun 17th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b> | 9.00am         | HC          | Polska Msza Święta                 | <b>Fri 22nd</b>  | 10.00am | St J (AH)       | Mrs Edward Christian FM                                       |
|  | 9.00am         | St Ed       | Umberto Pugi RIP                   |  | 10.00am | St Ed           |   |
|  | 9.00am         | St A        | Chon, Ana & Family (Intention)     |  |         |                 |   |
|  | 9.30am         | OLQA        |                                    |  |         |                 |   |
|  | 11.00am        | St J        |                                    |  |         |                 |   |
|  | 11.00am        | HC          | Mary Bain RIP                      |  |         |                 |   |
| <b>Mon 18th</b>  | 10.00am        | St Ed       | John & Phylis Wood RIP Anniversary | <b>Sat 23rd</b>  | 9.30am  | HC              | Exam Success (Special Intention)                              |
|  |                |             |                                    | <b>Sat 23rd Vigil Masses</b>                             | 5.00pm  | St Sw           | Andrew Bates RIP  |
|  |                |             |                                    |  | 6.00pm  | St J            |   |
|  |                |             |                                    |  | 6.00pm  | OLQA            |   |
|  | 6.30pm         | St Ed       | Ena Mary Greenfield RIP            |  |         |                 |   |
| <b>Tues 19th</b>                                       | 9.30am         | HC          | Exam Success (Special Intention)   | <b>Sun 24th June The Nativity of St John the Baptist</b> | 9.00am  | HC              | Polska Msza Święta  |
|  | 10.00am        | St A        | Patrick Lake RIP                   |  | 9.00am  | St Ed           | Living & Deceased Members of the Bonetti and Wilson Family FM |
|  | <u>10.00am</u> | <u>OLQA</u> | <u>No Mass</u>                     |  | 9.00am  | St A            |   |
|  |                |             |                                    |  | 9.30am  | OLQA            |   |
|  |                |             |                                    | 11.00am  | St J    |                 |   |
|  |                |             |                                    | 11.00am  | HC      | Peter Casey RIP |   |
| <b>Wed 20th</b>  | 9.30am         | HC          | Jack & Chris Molloy FM             | <b>Mon 25th</b>  | 10.00am | St Ed           | Carol Williams RIP Anniversary                                |
|  | 10.00am        | St Ed       | Adrian Bonetti & Karen Parish RIP  |  |         |                 |   |

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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| <b>Tuesday</b>  | HC    | Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | St A  | Adoration 9.15-10am with Morning Prayer                              |
| <b>Thursday</b> | St ED | 7-8pm  |
| <b>Thursday</b> | 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)

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

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 OLQA Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham. SO32 1DN  
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 St Sw St Swithun Wells, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB  
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