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

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SWAG

Bishop Philip encourages all the parishes in our diocese to focus on the youth in the next pastoral year. One of the opportunities for the youth in our parish is SWAG - St Swithun Wells Acting Group. We meet and work at St Edward's church. What's SWAG like? SWAG is for the young people of the whole parish and is open to ALL young people in Year Five and above. SWAG runs twice a year for approximately 6 weeks each time ending in a show for the whole parish community supporting a specific local charity at each show. SWAG is a place for community, friendship, sharing of gifts and talents, supporting each other, enjoying the camaraderie that goes with putting a show together, laughing together and sharing faith together.

In other words, SWAG is about helping young people to use their gifts to explore the Word and reach the wider community which gives them the opportunity to raise awareness for certain charities and look beyond this community into the wider world just outside the door. The second aim of SWAG is about giving everyone an opportunity to try new things. Putting a show together requires more than just what you actually see as a member of the audience though. There's a need for technical support, lighting and sound as well as art. So there is huge potential for many of our young people to become part of something special which we hope will stay with them as they grow into adults.

SWAG was born in 2016 and began with a group of 10 or so young people who were willing to use their gifts and talents to tell the story of Jesus' birth by performing for their community. This first production was "the Gift" which was then followed by a story of how Jesus might find disciples in ordinary people in "Disciple".

In the second year, a production "Join the Angels" told the story of the birth of Our Lord the way the Angels wanted to tell it and this was then followed by SWAG's most recent success in "What's up Zak?" in which we were given insight into the life of Zacchaeus, his friends, his family and the people in the crowd that so hated him. Even more, it demonstrated that it wasn't enough for Zak to give back the money he had stolen. He needed to change the way he lived and DO SOMETHING...and do it NOW.

SWAG is already planning the next show and posters are in all the churches with dates and details. SWAG needs actors and backstage support. No auditions because SWAG is all inclusive. So please, join us. We need you, your talent, ability, your gift. In SWAG there is always a place free for you.

PLEASE contact Joanna or myself if you would like to join in the fun.

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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:** All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**Psalm Response:**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

**Readings for next Sunday 8th July 2018  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

1st reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Psalm: 122

2nd reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**Journey in Faith is taking a Summer break -  
restarts September 2018**

It is for anyone enquiring about the Catholic faith and for people intending to become a Catholic. For further information please contact: Deacon Paul Owen (tel: 02380 254806) E: [powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk))

**Changes to Mass this week**

OLQA - No Mass on Tues 3rd or Thursday 5th July.

Holy Cross - No Mass on Wednesday 4th July.

St Andrew's - No Mass on Tuesday 3rd July (or 10th; 17th; 24th & 31st July due to Father Wojciech being away).

**St Swithun Wells Church 40th Anniversary**

There will be a celebration to mark the 40th anniversary of the opening and blessing of St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak at the **5pm Mass on 21st July**.

This will be followed by wine and a light buffet.

We would like to invite all those parishioners who have been involved in any way with the church from its beginnings to the present day.

Queries to Peter and Pat Baggott 02380 694060.

**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).

**Fellowship Group**

There will be **no meeting** on **Wednesday 4th July**.

On the **11th July** (last meeting before the Summer holidays) we will be joining the Family Church at Lakesmere House (the Old Convent) at 7.30pm for a meeting and service followed by a tour of the old convent.

Date of the next meeting in Sept to be announced.

Queries to Peter Baggott and Deacon Bob Birtles.

**Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola Retreat  
Sunday 22nd July to Friday 27th July 2018**

A five-day retreat for men led by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph Abbey, Flavigny at Carmelite Retreat Centre, Boars Hill, Oxfordshire. Please speak, call or email Deacon Paul Owen as soon as possible if you are interested in going as he will need to register you.

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**Second Collections**

Please note there will be a second collection this weekend for Peters Pence and next weekend for Apostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday).

**Essential Training for Catechists (Sept 2018)**

5 sessions to cover five essential themes in Catechesis and Children's Liturgy of the Word, on Tuesday evenings at St Edward's (7.30-9pm) starting on 4th September. This is open to anyone who is interested in becoming a catechist. Please speak to Anne Owen for more information or look at the poster on the church noticeboards. To register please email Sr Hyacinthe at [ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**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.

**Flame - 2nd March 2019**

Booking for Flame is now open! This is a highlight national event for Catholic young people in Wembley Arena, featuring inspirational international speakers, award winning music and celebrating faith and the young Church. Last year 350 people attended from Portsmouth Diocese, joining over 8000 people from all over the UK. Ages 14-25. See poster on noticeboards. Please speak to Cath (07846 438224) to register.

**Thank you from Friends of the Holy Land**

For your generous donation of **£407.34**.

Your support will make a real difference - last years crib offerings enabled us to significantly increase the number of Christian families benefitting from our support programme and to offset the adverse effect of the exchange rates. Your prayers and financial help are very much appreciated by the Christian families and individuals who receive help from FHL.

**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](mailto:headsrez@virginmedia.com).

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

**St Edward's Church Shop**

Open before and after all weekend Masses.

### **Open Parish Meeting - Monday 16th July, 7.30pm in the Resource Centre at Holy Cross**

During a recent Health & Safety Inspection carried out by the Diocese, a number of issues were raised in connection with the occupation of people using the Gallery area at Holy Cross Church. Following an investigation, changes to the Gallery access arrangements are now being proposed. These will be explained at the meeting when there will be an opportunity to ask questions or to comment on the proposals. This meeting is open to all.

### **Calling all young people school yrs 5 and up**

SWAG, TOZ and Inspire are having a joint social on **Sunday 8th July, 5.30-7pm** in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Please come and join us for GAMES and PIZZA! It doesn't matter if you have been to the groups before or not, this is an ideal time to come and find out more and meet with friends to have some fun. Everyone is welcome. Please contact: Marianne [mwanstall@btinternet.com](mailto:mwanstall@btinternet.com), Cath [cathszymanski@gmail.com](mailto:cathszymanski@gmail.com), or Joanna [joannapuzzle@gmail.com](mailto:joannapuzzle@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Oasis - Parish Women's Group: Tuesday 10th July**

7.30pm-9pm, St Edward's Cloister.

**Celebration:** For our last meeting before the Summer, a 'bring and share' celebration supper. Please bring along a little food/drink to share, and your ideas for next year. It would be lovely to see all of you who have met with us over the last few months. Come along if you're 'new' and interested in finding out more about us. All ladies warmly welcomed.

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

### **Poitiers Care Food Bank**

This local Catholic charity is organised by Fr Des Connolly. The charity delivers food to families in great need. The following items are always needed - tinned foods, soup, meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, plus tea, coffee and sugar. Please leave any non perishable donations in the boxes provided at St Edward's and St Andrew's churches.

### **Wanted**

A lockable garage or shed to store furniture and household goods in the Eastleigh area if possible within a 2 mile radius. Timescales needed as soon as possible and maybe for the duration of one year. Please contact Jackie Higgins on 02380 620718.

### **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: £1,463.39; SO/SD for June 2018: £TBC

### **Bereavement Support Workshop – Sat 7<sup>th</sup> July**

You are warmly invited to a workshop that will look at the process of a parish helping people going through dying and bereavement. Our main speaker will be Kathryn Turner, Head of the Department for Spirituality in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. There will also be a few speakers from parishes in our diocese. Please come if you are at all interested in learning more, even if you or your parish aren't currently doing any work in this area. It will be held at Milner Hall, next to the Winchester Parish Centre, between 10am - 12.30pm. Please book a free place by contacting Philippa Foster, the Leader of the Pastoral Care Services team in the diocese, on [pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfoster@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

If you cannot come but would be interested in registering your interest, please email Philippa too, who is looking to help parishioners and parishes develop bereavement support.

### **Two Saints (St Dismas Night Shelter for the Homeless)**

The above charity has always been widely supported by our churches. The night shelter is particularly grateful for men's new or clean used clothing, summer or winter, for any age group. Socks, shoes and boots are also very welcome. Please leave any donations in large bags clearly marked for Two Saints Night Shelter inside any of the following churches: St Swithun Wells, Holy Cross, St Edward's & St Andrew's. Thank you.

### **Annual CAFOD BBQ - St Edward's, Sat 21st July**

Date for your diaries! More details to follow soon.

### **Newsletter Submission Cut-off Changes**

Due to training and holidays, the submission cut-off for notices will change on the following weeks:

- Items for the 15th July edition will need to be received by 9am Tuesday 10th July.
- Items for the 29th July edition will need to be received by Midday Tuesday 24th July.

Sarah will be taking holiday from Friday 3rd Aug, back in the Office Wed 22nd August and will be preparing the 5th, 12th & 19th August Newsletters before she goes. If you know of any notices you would like included in those editions please email her with them as soon as possible. Peter Nash has kindly volunteered to publish the Newsletters whilst she is away.

### **Parish Office - Changes to July & August Opening Hours**

The office will be closed on:

**Wednesday 11th July** (due to staff training)

**Friday 13th July**

**Thursday 26th July**

**Friday 27th July**

**Friday 3rd; 10th & 17th August**

With reduced hours on:

Thursday 9th & 16th August until 1pm (instead of 2.30pm).

# Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
<b>Sat 30th June Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Mary Connelly (Intentions)	<b>Thurs 5th</b>	9.30am	HC	Chant & Clifton Families FM
	6.00pm	St J	Father George Lyons RIP		<u>10.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	<u>No Mass</u>
	6.00pm	OLQA			6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed					
<b>Sun 1st July 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	<b>Fri 6th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	John Milles FM		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A					
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J					
11.00am	HC	For the People of the Parish (Special Intention)					
<b>Mon 2nd</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Lilian De Melo RIP	<b>Sat 7th</b>	9.30am	HC	Tony Kane (80th Birthday)
				<b>Sat 7th Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Allan Westwood RIP
					6.00pm	St J	
				6.00pm	OLQA		
	6.30pm	St Ed					
<b>Tues 3rd</b>	9.30am	HC	Florence Bohan FM	<b>Sun 8th July</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>St A</u>	<u>No Mass</u>		9.00am	St Ed	Dick Lloyd RIP
	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	<u>No Mass</u>	<b>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	St A	
			9.30am		OLQA		
			11.00am		St J	John Crowther RIP	
				11.00am	HC	Diane Lopez RIP	
<b>Wed 4th</b>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>No Mass</u>	<b>Mon 9th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	
	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs McManus FM				

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

<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)

<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  
**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  
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