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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On Wednesday this past week we celebrated the Feast of St Benedict. His life and work have had great influence on our history, culture and the pattern of Christian belief and practice through the centuries. Even today nearly 1500 years after his death Benedict has a message for us in our daily lives both as individuals and as communities.

Born at Nursia in the Italian region of Umbria, Benedict was educated in Rome but left his studies to lead a solitary life in a remote, mountain cave at Subiaco for three years. The life of a hermit was not to be his vocation; those who sought him out, in a like-minded wish to 'leave everything for God' he formed into small communities of twelve men and he agreed, at first reluctantly, to become a community leader. Later he travelled south to another mountain-top location north of Naples to found the great Abbey of Monte Cassino. This is where he wrote the Rule which has ever since been his great legacy.

The Rule of St Benedict is a monastic code which, taking account of the various Rules already in existence, Benedict moulded into his own vision of the life totally dedicated to God. The Rule is orderly, detailed and practical; it is imbued with an underlying sense of balance, moderation and humanity. Benedict had a rare insight into human nature and the power to read and understand the souls of others. The Rule, like his advice for the qualities required of the Abbot is firm but fair, demanding yet humane, aspirational yet pragmatic: the miscreant is corrected, the able are challenged, the weak are supported but all is done with compassion. For Benedict salvation was a team effort, a spiritual craft to be worked at, and community was key. Community life was seen as a school of holiness.

The Prologue to the Rule is a timeless call to "turn from the pursuit of one's own self-will and ask to enlist under Christ, who is Lord of all." It reads with the conviction of a writer who is setting out on a wonderful adventure, a challenge that will be lifelong and one that he wishes us to share. As we progress along this way of life and faith we are told that "our hearts will warm to its vision... with eager love we shall go forward... we shall persevere in fidelity... that we might be granted some part in Christ's own passion and receive a share in his kingdom."

Benedict's advice begins with prayer: "Make prayer the first step in anything worthwhile that you attempt. Persevere and do not weaken in that prayer." His scheme for monks sets out the times of day and night when the community gathers to pray (see 1Thess 5:17) and this is complemented by the times he allocates to reflective reading (*lectio divina*) and manual work. To these are added silence and rest, mealtimes and recreation. Such a pattern emphasises the importance of a balanced life.

Ever pragmatic, Benedict warns against the permanently dissatisfied (murmurers), the self-centred and the self-indulgent; his Rule proclaims moderation and warns against any form of excess. He extols the value of humility and gives a 12-step ladder towards perfection: there are some real challenges here! He stresses the importance of silence, saying that it should be cultivated and cherished; he reminds us not to indulge in idle gossip nor to be constantly talking. In practical terms Benedict offers us powerful insights into the spiritual life, as relevant now as they were in his day.

There is much more to be explored in the wisdom of St Benedict's Rule and there are plenty of modern editions and commentaries that reveal its relevance and application to Christian life in today's world.

Deacon John

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Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Psalm Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

**Readings for next Sunday 22nd July 2018
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

1st reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm: 22

2nd reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Changes to Mass this week

OLQA - On Tues 17th July, the Funeral Mass for Dr John Massy RIP (**11am**) replaces the 10am Mass.

Holy Cross - Mass on Thurs 19th July **starts at 9am**.

St Andrew's - No Mass or Adoration on Tuesday 17th (and also on 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.

St Edward's Prayer Group Fryern

Our next prayer group is on Monday 16th July, 2-3 pm, at the home of Sheila & Pauline O'Neill, 19 Carthage Close, Chandlers Ford. All Welcome.

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

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 (tel: 02380 254806) for more information or look at the poster on the church noticeboards. To register please email Sr Hyacinthe at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Fellowship Group is taking a Summer break

Date of next meeting in September TBA.

Queries to Peter Baggott and Deacon Bob Birtles.

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

OLQA - Children's Liturgy Sunday 15th July

Our next session will be on the above date during 9.30am Mass. All are welcome.

Joanna Somerville (joannasomerville1@hotmail.com).

Message from CAFOD

Our **2018 Lent donations** from all sources exceeded £4.2million. This is truly wonderful because every Family Fast Day offering will be matched by the UK Government. We have planned projects to help 245,000 people in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Eritrea. This will mean that fewer parents will struggle to grow vegetables to help feed their families and more children will become healthier and more likely to attend school.

We are grateful to the thousands who have taken part in the Share the Journey walks. The miles covered by our walkers across England and Wales have lapped the earth - and more! **Jo Lewry**

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group

The GIFT group will be taking a summer break, with the last session being **17th July**, however we will still meet for coffee and a chat after Tuesday Mass in the resource centre. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Group, which restarts fully on 4th Sept. Any queries please contact Paul on 02380 616618; pwilson@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) or Tony (tony.cassidy1@virgin.net) before or after Saturday evening Mass or by e-mail.

Father John's Leaving Gift

If you would like to contribute to Father John's leaving gift (a cheque), collection baskets will be made available at each of our churches at the end of Mass on the following weekends:

4th/5th August; 18th/19th August;

11th/12th August; 23rd/24th August.

Please note that the last date for monetary donations will be **Sunday 24th August** as we have to centrally count and bank the money, and raise the cheque.

This will be presented to Father John at his final Parish Mass on Sunday 2nd September at Holy Cross.

60 Club - Monday 16th July at the usual time of 2pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. This will be the last meeting until September. **Maureen** (02380 692682).

Summer Tea - St Edward's (Wed 22nd August)

Date for your diaries! More details to follow soon.

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.

Annual CAFOD BBQ - St Edward's - Postponed

Due to unforeseen circumstances it has been necessary to postpone the CAFOD BBQ to a later date yet to be decided. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

An Evening With Fr Michael Peters & his Photos Wed 25th July, 7pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre

An evening supper and photo slide show. It's the 50th Anniversary of his arrival in Eastleigh and Fr Michael is giving us a nostalgic trip down memory lane celebrating his first appointment with us at Holy Cross 50 years ago this month. Fantastic photos of the old Holy Cross school and church events from the late 1960's to the early 1970's.

Tea and Coffee on the night, please bring and share some light snacks. With a raffle break at half time. Please contact Steve Carter with any queries tel: 02380 602410; 07818 067330.

Newsletter Submission Cut-off Changes

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

- 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:

**Thursday 26th July & Friday 27th July
Friday 3rd; 10th & 17th August**

Reduced hours on:

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

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 June '18: £12,853.59

Eastleigh Basics Bank - Vacancy

Is urgently seeking to recruit a Foodbank Shop Manager. A copy of the job description is on the noticeboards or can be obtained from the Parish Office. Application forms are also available in each of our Churches. The closing date for applications is **31st July**. Please pray for EBB during this time of change and take action if you feel called to this work.

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 mens 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.

St George Catholic College - Applications

This year they had a record number of applications to join St George in Year 7, meaning they are heavily over-subscribed with 100 children on the waiting list for Year 7.

One of the main reasons many children were not able to get a place, was because the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) was not completed.

To apply to St George, two things must be done:

1. Parents must apply to the LA between Sept and 31st October 2018;
2. Parents must complete and return a SIF (with evidence if necessary) by 31st October 2018.

If you are applying for a place at St George, please complete a SIF. SIFs can be downloaded electronically from www.stgcc.co.uk, they are also available on the Southampton Admissions website. Hard copies are also available in each of our churches.

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.

Parish Tea Party for Our Senior Citizens (hosted by Our Young People)

Sat 11th Aug, 3-5pm at St Edward's

If you would like to be a guest at this tea party, please put your name on the list (in the foyer at Holy Cross and Cloister at St Edward's). If you would like to come and need a lift, please let me know. Max 50 guests across the WHOLE parish.

Joanna (joannapuzzle@gmail.com)



Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 14th July Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Michael Foster RIP (1st Anniversary)	Thurs 19th	<u>9.00am</u>	HC	For those who died in the Spring Campaign at the Somme (Special Intention)
	6.00pm	St J	Jim Savage RIP		10.00am	OLQA	
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	6.30pm	St Ed	Jan Szczetnikowicz RIP				
Sun 15th July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 20th	10.00am	St Ed	Bryan George Dolbear FM
	9.00am	St Ed	For every member of the St Swithun Wells Parish family - for an infilling of the Holy Spirit		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Gladys & Vincent Curmi RIP				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Margaret & George's Intentions				
	11.00am	HC	Finnerty & Molloy Families FM				
Mon 16th	10.00am	St Ed	Rebeca & Alex (Special Intention)	Sat 21st	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP
				Sat 21st Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Geraldine Rattray & Doris Murphy RIP
					6.00pm	St J	Ron & Sheila Rhymer RIP Anniversary
					6.00pm	OLQA	
6.30pm	St Ed	Mongan & Turner Families FM					
Tues 17th	9.30am	HC	Anne Clayton-Smith FM	Sun 22rd July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	<u>10.00am</u>	St A	No Mass		9.00am	St Ed	For Veronika's neighbours in the Highbridge Community - for the Gift of Faith
	<u>11.00am</u>	OLQA	Funeral Mass: Dr John Massy RIP		9.00am	St A	Valerie Farrugia RIP Anniversary
					9.30am	OLQA	
					11.00am	St J	Anne Kelly RIP (4th Anniversary)
					11.00am	HC	William Dee & Michael Flynn RIP Anniversary
Wed 18th	9.30am	HC	Angela Speight FM	Mon 23rd	10.00am	St Ed	George Kingston RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM				

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday	HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
Tuesday	<u>St A</u> No Adoration in July
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

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