

Our Mission: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - MAKE DISCIPLES



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Sunday Cycle: Year B
Weekday Cycle: Year 2
Psalter Week: 4

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It was Harold Wilson, Prime Minister in the mid-1960s who is supposed to have said: “a week is a long time in politics.” I suspect that Theresa May would concur with that sentiment following the events which unfolded the week before last. The resignation of the Foreign Secretary, the resignation of the Brexit Secretary, the appointment of replacements, the need for a new Health Secretary, not to mention the lower-level government ministers who decided to resign because they want to challenge what the Cabinet came up with at their gathering in Hertfordshire at Chequers.

Into the mix flew Donald Trump, President of the United States, who arrived for a ‘working visit’: dinner at Blenheim Palace, meetings with the Prime Minister and tea with the Queen. His various interventions did little to steady the ship although it was difficult to work out exactly what message he wanted to impart. Two days of golf in Scotland and he was off to Helsinki to meet President Putin.

Whilst most of us look on with incredulity at the machinations, and apparent chaos, it should not be forgotten that what happens in political circles has real consequences for millions of people and their daily lives. The outcome of negotiations taking place in Brussels will impact on every one of us – and especially the younger members of our society. People like Theresa May are acutely aware of this. Her constituency of Maidenhead is within our diocese. From priests who have served there I’ve heard that she connects really well with people on a personal level and gets involved in activities and local events even though she has important matters of state to deal with. Watching her as a spectator at Wimbledon on Sunday I thought how much she must need those moments of calm and enjoyment to keep her going. She also has her faith and attends church regularly with her husband.

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus can see how exhausted his disciples are and so he encourages them to take some time off. This is not about escaping but rather shows the necessity of finding an oasis of calm and peace in the midst of what can feel like never-ending demands. How many of you experience the same? The constant expectations, all that we try to squeeze into each day, the fact that at the end of every day we still have things on our minds which need to be done. We can be our own worst enemies because we need to learn to strike a balance and occasionally to say ‘no’ when asked to take on yet another commitment. It’s true what people say: “if you want something done, ask a busy person.”

Another Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, was once asked by a journalist what was most likely to blow a government off course. He replied: “events, dear boy, events.” In other words, you can never foresee every eventuality – there is no crystal ball to provide information about what’s going to happen next. Just as we think our lives are on an even keel, gliding along in a manageable way, an unexpected event can knock us off course. We can’t stop those things happening but we can make practical and sensible preparations so, when they do occur, we can weather them. Jesus told his friends: “you must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while.” For some of you that might mean a holiday in the coming weeks. But you don’t have to go away to find a place of peace, a place of restoration and quiet. That can be found within ourselves – if we seek it.

Father John

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Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Readings for next Sunday 29th July 2018
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: John 6:1-15

1st reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm: 144

2nd reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Changes to Mass in July

Holy Cross

Tuesday 24th July: Mass will be **replaced** by a Service of Word & Communion;

Wednesday 25th July: **No Mass;**

Tuesday 31st July: Mass will be replaced by a Service of Word & Communion;

Saturday 28th July: **No Mass.**

St Andrew's - No Mass or **Adoration** on Tuesday 24th & 31st July.

St Joseph's - Mass will be **replaced** by a Service of Word & Communion on Thurs 26th & Friday 27th July.

Funeral Service - Monday 30th July, 10.30am

There will be Funeral Service held at Holy Cross for Mary Ellen Dodds RIP. Mary was from Canterbury but lived here in Eastleigh for many years.

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.

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

Invitation from CAFOD

You are invited to come to our Harvest fast day briefing meeting on **Saturday 8th September** at St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX from 10:30am to 1pm to hear about CAFOD's work from a speaker from Head Office. Please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or calling Jo Lewry on 01252 329385.

Alton Day of Renewal - Sat 28th July, 11am-4pm

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on Renewal and Mission. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. There will be a shared lunch at 1pm - please bring finger food to share and a talk "Good News and Gospel" by Canon Jeremy Garratt at 2.30pm.

There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more info see poster on church notice boards; see website: www.altonrenewal.com or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

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.

Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Reflection Day
Sunday 23rd Sept 2018

Fr Des Connolly SMM invites you to join Padre Pio Prayer Groups and other devotees to celebrate his Padre Pio's birthday/Feast day in this his 50th Anniversary of his death. The day will be held in St Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Rd, Ashurst, SO40 7DU. Arrival from 10am for a 10.30am start, until 4pm and will include Mass. A donation of £22.50 per person would be very much appreciated. Please bring a packed lunch.

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.

Reminder about Cheques:

Cheques to the Parish for any collections (including Father John's leaving gift) should be made payable to: **PRCDT St Swithun Wells**

Please ensure the counters know what the funds are for e.g. name of special collection, priest farewell leaving gift etc, by writing this on the back of the cheque. Funds can then be allocated accordingly.

**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.

**St Edward's Prayer Group—Valley Park
Thursday 26th July at 2pm**

There will be a Scripture Reading and Social Afternoon at the home of Susan Johnston: 9 Danebury Gardens, Chandlers Ford, SO53 4NQ. All are welcome.

Recycling for CAFOD at St Edward's

If you have any items which can be recycled please bag them and deposit them in the box/ sack provided in the Cloisters. There is a notice advising which items are suitable on display by the box or flyers on the stand next to the newsletters.

Please note this is an ongoing collection until the sack is full. For more information please contact Clare Lasker on 02380 252138.

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

Newsletter Submission Cut-off Changes

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

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.

Christian Aid Solo Cycle Ride 2018 - Thank you

Jane Hough would like to thank the many generous members of St Swithun Wells who have contributed to helping her raise **£1,735** this year for Christian Aid - a wonderful sum which will be well used to benefit many people in desperate need.

Two Saints - Thank you

Thank you for your kind donation of clothes. Clients often arrive at our services with few possessions and no means of support. We have a clothing store so new arrivals can have a bath and put on clean clothing. On behalf of all our clients and staff I'd like to thank you for supporting Two Saints.

Penny Hepburn-Hodgson (Reception support worker)

Messages of Thanks

"Thanks to all who have kept us in their thoughts and prayers, sent cards etc. It has all been very supportive and we are very grateful. God Bless you all."

Alain & Mary Hunt

"A big thank you for all the prayers, good wishes and cards. They have been a source of great comfort. God bless you all."

Pauline Wilson

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.

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

Date for your diaries! More details to follow soon.

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. If you don't normally attend Holy Cross or St Edward's and are unable to put your name on the sign-up sheet please phone the Parish Office and they will put your name on the list if any spaces are left.

Joanna (joannapuzzle@gmail.com)



Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 21st July Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Geraldine Rattray & Doris Murphy RIP	Thurs 26th	9.30am	HC	William Gove (Birthday) Service of Word & Communion
	6.00pm	St J	Ron & Sheila Rhymer RIP Anniversary		10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	OLQA			6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Mongan & Turner Families FM				
Sun 22nd July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 27th	10.00am	St Ed	Service of Word & Communion
	9.00am	St Ed	For Veronika's neighbours in the Highbridge Community - for the Gift of Faith		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	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				
Mon 23rd	10.00am	St Ed	George Kingston RIP	Sat 28th	9.30am	HC	No Mass
Tues 24th	9.30am	HC	Service of Word & Communion	Sat 28th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Andrew Bates RIP
	10.00am	St A	No Mass		6.00pm	St J	Robert Bucknell RIP (10th Anniversary)
	10.00am	OLQA			6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	Rose Murray RIP (Birthday)
Wed 25th	9.30am	HC	No Mass	Sun 29th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St Ed	Edward Fenwick FM		9.00am	St Ed	
					9.00am	St A	Arthur Heslop RIP Anniversary
					9.30am	OLQA	
					11.00am	St J	
					11.00am	HC	Beatrice & George White; Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandes FM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday	HC	Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
Tuesday	St A	No Adoration in July
Thursday	St ED	No Holy Hour, restarts in Sept (date TBC)
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
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