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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are all called to holiness: *“Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect”* as it says in Matthew’s Gospel. The Second Vatican Council re-stated this clearly: *“..all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect.”* There is often a temptation to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from the world to spend time in prayer. That holiness is just for religious, bishops, priests - or deacons for that matter.

But what do we mean by holiness? The Church tells us that we should aim: *“.. do the will of the Father in everything, that we might wholeheartedly devote ourselves to the glory of God and to the service of our neighbour.”* The question for us is how can we achieve holiness in a world which seems to have lost many of its core values and principles and for which a Christian God appears to have very little meaning.

Pope Francis has sought to help us by recently issuing an Apostolic Exhortation on the call to holiness in today’s world. It is called *Gaudete and Exsultate (Rejoice and Exult)*. It is very much a down-to-earth presentation of the theme of holiness. One of the first points he makes is that God wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland existence.

He emphasises the importance of joy in the midst of life. He describes the Beatitudes as a Christian’s identity card; that God desires our happiness and this reality directly relates to his call to holiness. So the word “happy” or “blessed” in the Beatitudes becomes a substitute for “holy”. Pope Francis points out that the values of this world do not provide either happiness or holiness. Jesus calls us to an alternative path, one that is set out in the Beatitudes through our merciful actions to those in need.

Pope Francis emphasises that holiness is both desirable and possible in the midst of ordinary daily life. Holiness is not merely a value for Sundays but for every day. He gives examples in the patience of God’s people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families etc. He describes it as a holiness found in our next-door neighbour, in the midst of fulfilling our everyday obligations to family, employers, friends. It is about all we say and do as an expression of our love of God and our desire to serve him.

Next Wednesday 15th August is the great Solemnity of the Assumption. We can have no greater example of holiness than Mary. She gave herself completely to the will of God. Her total response to the plan of God is the perfect a model for us in our search for holiness.

As Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said: *“Holiness consists of doing the will of God with a smile.”*

Deacon Paul Owen

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Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Psalm Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Readings for next Sunday 19th August 2018
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: John 6:51-58

1st reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm: 33

2nd reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

ADORE (Alton Day of Renewal)

Saturday 18th August, 11am-4pm

At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton, GU34 2NG.

There will be a shared lunch at 1pm (please bring finger food to share).

Talk: "The Church exists to evangelise" by

Fr Mark Hogan.

No need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information see poster on noticeboard, or phone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

Holy Cross Children's Liturgy—Safeguarding

We will be registering children for children's liturgy over the next few weeks. Parents—please complete the index cards that will be available in the welcoming area (with instructions) and return them to one of the catechists. Someone will be there to help or collect them on return. This **will not** mean children **have** to attend every week, it will be as before, but it is important for us to have basic information to keep your children safe when they attend. Thank you.

Prayer Link - "Summer 2018" is now available in all of our churches. Please contact me if you have any requests, queries or comments. **Marion** (02380 692416) marionbirtles@gmail.com

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group

The GIFT group is taking a summer break, 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.

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

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 can all Gift Aid donors use the yellow collection envelopes for their cheques/cash to ensure that Gift Aid can be claimed on them.

The last date for *all* 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: **PRCDTR 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.

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.

Bookings close on 12th August, so there's not long left to book your place - email: ffcm1995@gmail.com.

Young Catholic Adults Weekend: 7-9th Sept 2018

Will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey for young catholic adults (18-40yrs). To guarantee your place please book your place by 17th August 2018. For more information please see poster on church noticeboards.

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.

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.

Upcoming Afternoon Tea Events

Afternoon Tea in aid of AWAMU

Holy Cross Resource Centre
Thurs 16th Aug, 2-4.30pm

£5 each - to book a cup please contact Jenny Walsh on 07787 532642.

Proceeds to AWAMU - a charity that works in the slums of Kampala, Uganda to change the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children. Their purpose is to ensure these children gain the education and skills that are vital to their future.



Parish Tea at Poppies (Choice Plants Nursery) - **Tues 21st Aug, 3pm**

All are welcome. As we have to provide numbers please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know by Monday 13th August if you would like to attend. Poppies is about 2 miles out of Romsey on the Stockbridge Road.

Summer Tea - St Edward's

Wed 22nd Aug, 2.30pm

Adults £5.00/Children free - everyone is very welcome! Proceeds to Christians Against Poverty (CAP). This is a Christian charitable company in the UK specialising in debt counselling for people in financial difficulties. It also provides Job Clubs for those seeking employment and Fresh Start Courses for people looking to overcome addictions and dependencies. A brief talk about the charity will be given during the afternoon.

BOOK SALE

We hope to have a Book Sale at the summer tea, as in previous occasions, to raise funds for Poitiers Care, the Foodbank organised by Father Des Connolly for local families in great need. If you would like to donate any unwanted books please bring them to the Cloister of St. Edward's Church before or on the day of the Summer Tea on 22 August. Please leave them in the boxes clearly marked for the book sale. We will be most grateful for any book donations.

St Andrews - Adoration

There will be no Tuesday Adoration until the Autumn.

Newsletters During August

Sarah is now on holiday and back in the Office Wed 22nd August. Peter Nash has kindly volunteered to publish the Newsletters whilst she is away and can include additional notices—please either phone these through to the office or email stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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: £1467.88; SO/SD for July '18: £14341.09

Knit & Natter at St Edward's

Monday 13th August, 2-4pm

Refreshments available and everyone most welcome!
Please contact Maureen Stephenson on 02380 252104 with any queries.

Good Companions

The next lunch, which is for those who live alone or are lonely, will be at 12.30pm on **Thursday 16th August** at Keats Restaurant in Ampfield. As Pauline has been in hospital, it has been necessary to make alternative arrangements, therefore if you wish to attend please call John Williams on 023 80251483.

Healing Day with Little Way Healing Ministries:

on Saturday 1 September 2018, 10am – 4.30pm,
Third Age Centre 3AC, 11 Cranbury Terrace,
Southampton SO14 0LH

Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching and healing. Please invite relatives, friends and neighbours, no need to be a churchgoer or even a believer. Come all day or just pop in. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'... **Come and see.**

Tea and coffee will be provided. Booking not required!

Tour of NHS Treatment Centre

Margaret French is trying to arrange a guided tour of the NHS Treatment Centre in Southampton. This will take place hopefully during the last week of August and will be during the daytime. If you think you might be interested, please contact Margaret on 01794 278151 or 07534 214937. At this stage you will not be making a commitment, but she is just trying to find out how big the group might be, plus she may have a confirmed date by then.

Royal Hampshire County Hospital Winchester

If you are expecting to be admitted into the Hospital in the near future, please inform St Peters Parish Office so they can arrange for a member of the clergy to come and visit and/or bring Holy Communion. They can be contacted on 01962 852804.

Parishioners unable to get to Mass

If you are aware of any parishioner who cannot attend Mass because of age, infirmity etc then please contact the Parish Office and let us know. Similarly, if you have not seen a parishioner at Mass for a while then please let the Parish Office know.

Father Wojciech - New Address

Father Wojciech has moved into the flat at 26 Abbey Water, Romsey (the former Oratory). His new phone number is 01794 522884.

Parish Office - Changes to August Opening Hours

The office will be closed on:

Friday 10th & 17th ; Bank Holiday Monday (27th) & Tuesday 28th

Reduced hours on:

Thursday 9th & 16th (until 1pm instead of 2.30pm);
Wed 22nd (until 2.30pm).

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 11th August Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Douglas Shaw RIP	Thurs 16th	9.30am	HC	Reverend Paul Beaumont FM
	6.00pm	St J			10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	OLQA			11.00am	HC	Funeral Service: Kathleen Gallon RIP
	6.30pm	St Ed	The Living & Deceased Members of the Johns Family FM		6.00pm	St J	
Sun 12th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 17th	10.00am	St Ed	In Thanksgiving to St Jude
	9.00am	St Ed	John Davis RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)	
	9.00am	St A	Susan & Harold Butcher RIP				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	St J	Herbert Howie RIP				
11.00am	HC	Emily Ray RIP					
Mon 13th	10.00am	St Ed	Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP	Sat 18th	9.30am	HC	Michael Lane FM
Tues 14th	9.30am	HC	Raymond Kelly (Special Intention)	Sat 18th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Douglas Shaw RIP
	10.00am	St A			6.00pm	St J	
	10.00am	OLQA			6.00pm	OLQA	
					6.30pm	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Wed 15th <u>Holy Day of Obligation: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>	9.30am	HC	Bridget McQuinn RIP	Sun 19th August 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	OLQA			9.00am	St Ed	Mary Hobbs RIP
	10.00am	St J			9.00am	St A	Alan French RIP
	7.00pm	St A			9.30am	OLQA	
	7.30pm	St Ed	Skipton Leonard Haslam & Mary Marjorie Haslam (RIP Anniversary)		11.00am	St J	
				11.00am	HC	Paddy Hall RIP	

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday	HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
Tuesday	St A Adoration will restart in the autumn.
Thursday	St ED No Holy Hour, restarts 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
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
St J	St Joseph's Church , Abbey House Drive, Romsey SO51 8YB

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