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 Psalter Week: 4

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I surprised myself by being drawn into watching quite a bit of the recent European Championships in a whole range of sports. Televised from Glasgow, other parts of Scotland and Berlin, these were great celebrations of human endeavour and the performances were the result of hundreds of hours of training. 'Elite sport', as it's described these days, receives a lot of funding – much of it from the National Lottery – and the argument for this is that it will inspire more of us to get on a bike, or go for a run, or play a team sport. Whether there is evidence to show that this works I'm not sure. One of the problems of watching great athletes is that the gap between them and the rest of us mortals seems too wide and so we fail to get started, let alone be inspired to achieve.

In another field of achievement, this week tens of thousands of students received the results of their A Levels. Next week GCSE results will be published. There will be those who are delighted with what they have received enabling them to move on to the next phase of their education. There will be those who are disappointed with the outcomes. It all comes down to a grade printed on a piece of paper. Or maybe not. In the end only we know what effort we've put into an activity, be it study or sport or something else we engaged with. Our hope is that what we have tried to achieve receives external recognition but, deep down, only we truly know what we've done.

I'm old enough to remember the Olympics in Seoul when the great Jamaican-born Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson blew away the field and set a new world record in the 100 metres race. He mounted the podium with tears in his eyes as his National Anthem was played and he posed for the cameras with the gold medal in his hand. Not so long afterwards it emerged that this athlete – among others – had benefitted from performance-enhancing drugs. His medals were rescinded, he received a lengthy ban from the sport and became a pariah. Today, all these years later, his name has become synonymous with what went wrong with sport when those who find a way to cheat can get away with it and deprive others of their just awards. Athletes with the Russian Athletics Federation are still banned from competing because of 'state-sponsored cheating on an industrial scale.'

Winning at any cost, especially at the expense of others, presents the dark side of what human beings can achieve. It leaves a stain and you have to wonder what satisfaction those who do it actually get from receiving a medal when they know it hasn't been honestly won. Or maybe they've convinced themselves that it's OK and that others must be doing it too. It demonstrates a fundamental lack of honesty.

Ultimately our values and standards must be part of who we are. It isn't about doing what someone else tells us to do and it certainly isn't about avoiding detection when doing wrong. Politicians like to speak about the need for 'a moral compass' to guide decisions. As Christians we have spoken for centuries about the requirement for a 'formed conscience' to guide us through life. The reality is that no one could ever draw up a list of every situation we might possibly face with guidance about what actions to take when something occurs. Life doesn't work like that. We must shape who we are to the extent that, instinctively, we know what's right and act accordingly. Then, having put in the effort, we have to be comfortable with the outcome.

*Father John*

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

**Readings for next Sunday 26th August 2018  
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: John 6:60-69

1st reading: Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Psalm: 33

2nd reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

**Holy Cross Children' 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:powen@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.

**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](mailto: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) 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th September and 2nd October. 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](mailto:ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland**

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock

17<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

£649.00 per person sharing. For details, see the poster on the notice board.

### Upcoming Afternoon Tea Events

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Coffee Stop - Holy Cross Resource Centre

Do you come to Eastleigh on a Thursday morning? If so why not pop in to the Resource Centre for coffee/tea/hot chocolate and biscuits. Pleasant surroundings and good company. No strangers here, just friends you haven't met yet. Why not give us a try? We look forward to meeting you, open 10am - 12 noon.

#### St Andrews - Adoration

There will be no Tuesday Adoration until the Autumn.

#### 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: £1395.03; SO/SD for July '18: £14341.09

**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!

#### Bishop Philip's FREE weekly e-Newsletter

Keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit

[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews) to sign up.

#### 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:

**Bank Holiday Monday (27th) & Tuesday 28th**

Reduced hours on: **Wed 22nd** (until 2.30pm).

# Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
<b>Sat 18th August Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Douglas Shaw RIP	<b>Thurs 23rd</b>	9.30am	HC	Frederick John Johnson FM
	6.00pm	St J	Mrs Patsy Drewe		10.00am	OLQA	<b>Funeral of Janet Larcombe</b>
	6.00pm	OLQA			11.00am	<b>OLQA</b>	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM		6.00pm	St J	
<b>Sun 19th August 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	<b>Fri 24th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Andrew Bates RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	Mary Hobbs RIP		10.00am	St J (AH)	Sheila Sandal RIP
	9.00am	St A	Alan French RIP				
	9.30am	OLQA					
11.00am	St J	Ann & Peter Hooper (63rd Wedding Anniversary) Paddy Hall RIP					
<b>Mon 20th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	In Thanksgiving to St Jude	<b>Sat 25th</b>	9.30am	HC	
<b>Tues 21st</b>	9.30am	HC	Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM	<b>Sat 25th Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Andrew Bates RIP
	10.00am	St A			6.00pm	St J	Fr George Lyons RIP
	10.00am	OLQA			6.00pm	OLQA	In Thanksgiving to St Jude
			6.30pm		St Ed		
<b>Wed 22nd</b>	9.30am	HC	Harry and Cavanagh Families, living and dead FM  <b>Funeral Service for Anna Kaleta</b>	<b>Sun 26th August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St Ed			9.00am	St Ed	Vishal Raichura (Special Intention)
					9.00am	St A	
		9.30am	OLQA				
			11.00am		St J	Barbara Crowther's Intentions	
			11.00am		HC	Ron and Collette Reynolds FM	

### 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  
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