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

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I don't know whether it comes with the change from August to September, or the schools starting again which reminds us that the summer break is over, or if it's the cooler temperatures that normally begin to take hold, but I always did feel that now is the beginning of a new phase of the year. This is mirrored in parish life: sacramental programmes begin to enrol and get underway; people think about having children baptised; and those with children in Year Five look at options for the transition to Secondary School this time next year. After a lull it all starts to happen again.

Of course, this September there is more change than in most years here with the arrival of Father Raffaele and Father Luca. They have been down from Reading twice in recent weeks, once for a guided tour of all our churches. It's a lot to take in and they will need your patience in the coming months as they get to grips with the structure and complexity of St Swithun Wells Parish. However, they will benefit, as I have, from the support of many dedicated and truly inspirational people spread from Bishop's Waltham to Romsey – and all points in between. There are the obvious and more visible groups and Committees [the key ones being the Pastoral Groups, Property Committee and Finance Committee]. Then there are the numerous parishioners who, week in and week out, ensure our churches are ready for worship each [Sacristans, flower arrangers, cleaners] whose contribution goes unseen but is of vital importance. In addition the people who prepare our weekend Masses [Musicians, Readers and Servers, to name just some] play a crucial role in shaping what I believe to be fitting and joyful yet solemn liturgies for our communities.

Something else which you may take for granted but I haven't always come across in every parish is the sheer volume of 'good works' between the weekends. This includes Communion being taken to the housebound but also involves people giving lifts, taking time to call on others and just generally being good neighbours. There is so much which qualifies as Christian witness happening every day in our parish. So, when we come together to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist, you bring in your prayers all those you've come across during the week – especially those finding life a struggle or almost impossible. Father Alan mentioned just recently how many parishioners in Bishop's Waltham are now actively involved with the Food Bank there. This is what it's really all about because it connects our liturgical celebrations with the realities of human life. They fit together and can never be separate.

In the course of my life as a priest I have worked in a number of parishes and from each I've drawn inspiration. People are inclined to think of the priest as a minister who looks out for the needs of others and there is truth in that. But the priest is a human being, he makes mistakes (and hopefully learns from them) he has his strengths and he has his weaknesses and blind-spots. But I know of no priest who doesn't recognise that, in pastoral ministry, he receives more than he is able to give. We put ourselves at the service of the Lord in his people and see where it leads.

At the ordination of a priest the Bishop comes to a point where, having conferred the sacrament and drawing on St Paul, he says: "May the Lord who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion." But I don't think that's confined to the ordained. And so, may the Lord who has begun his good work in **each of you**, bring to it to completion.

*Father John*

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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:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**Psalm Response:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Readings for next Sunday 9th September 2018  
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37  
1st reading: Isaiah 35:4-7  
Psalm: 145  
2nd reading: James 2:1-5

**Second Collection - Next Weekend**

Please note there will be a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

**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.

**Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group**

**Restarts on 4th September** with a new programme. Any queries please contact Paul on 02380 616618; [pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**Journey in Faith restarts Wed 19th September 2018**

Restarts with a special enquirers evening - if you know of anyone who would like to become a Catholic or to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches, then bring them along on **Wednesday 19th September** from 7.30-9pm at St Edward the Confessor Church. This is your chance to do something practical for evangelisation! For further information please contact Deacon Paul Owen. Tel: 02380 254806; E: [powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:powen@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.

**Southampton Celebrate Weekend 29/30th Sept '18**

Full details and a booking form can be found on their website: [www.celebrateconference.org/southampton](http://www.celebrateconference.org/southampton). Please see posters on noticeboards for more info.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Briefing Day: Sat 8th Sept**

From 10.30am-1pm at St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. You are invited to come to our Harvest fast day briefing to hear about CAFOD's work in Peru from Weronika Ozieranska CAFOD's Regional Officer for Latin America. Please book your place by emailing [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385.

**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 [fm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:fm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**Confraternity of the Rosary - Day Visit to IOW**

**Thursday 6th Sept.** Coach pick up from St Edmunds, The Avenue, Southampton; Fareham West Street; St John's Cathedral Portsmouth. Cost of coach travel & return sailing with a complimentary lunch £40. Holy Mass at Quarr Abbey, a visit to Sandown and to St Mary's Ryde for recitation of the Holy Rosary and Exposition, and a welcome from Peter Clarke. For more info and to book please phone 02392 820744.

**Extra Masses and Marian Procession at Douai Abbey 8th-9th September 2018**

There will be an extra High Mass (EF) for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday 8th September** at 11am in the Parish Church at Douai Abbey, followed by a Marian procession in the grounds of the Abbey.

**Sunday 9th September** at 10:30am there will be an extra Dominican Rite Sung Mass (EF) at 10:30am in the Parish Church at Douai Abbey.

The Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge will be singing Gregorian Chant for all the Masses. All these events are open to the public and ALL AGES. They are organised by Young Catholic Adults who are staying at the Abbey, during that weekend.

**Apostleship of the Sea Mass - Tuesday 18th Sept**

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come and pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Tues 18th Sept at 12.15pm in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, PO1 3HG.

Bishop Philip Egan will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to: [salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

**Upcoming Caritas Event**

Please see the Caritas flyer on the noticeboards promoting the Community Sponsorship initiative throughout the Diocese. The event is free (and can be attended on either day; 15th Sept in Waterlooville or 29th Sept in Maidenhead), and offers the chance to find out what community sponsorship is and how communities can help resettle refugees. There will be talks from leading voices and sponsors at each event and advice on how to get involved in sponsorship.

If anyone is interested in attending please sign up to EVENTBRITE under 'Welcoming our neighbour in need' or email [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@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.

**St Edward's Shop - 'YOUCAT for Kids'**  
New 'YOUCAT for Kids', children's catechism, is now available in the shop at St Edward's.

**Thank You**  
A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the Charity afternoon tea event at Holy Cross Resource Centre on 16th Aug in support of AWAMU. We raised a magnificent **£625!** **Jenny**

**Street Pastors - Volunteers Required**  
Street Pastors engage with people on the streets to care, listen and to help them. They work together with other partners in the night-time economy to make our communities kinder and safer. *Could you spare 4-5 hours once a month on a Friday night to serve in our community?* Next set of provisional training dates are: 14/15/16 Sept 2018; 28/29/30 Sept & 12/13/14 Oct. Volunteers needed in Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh and Fair Oak. Enquiries to Eric Hyom, t: 02380643457 or e: [erichyom@hotmail.com](mailto:erichyom@hotmail.com).

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

**The Knights of Columba Annual Barbecue**  
**St Edward's Church - Sat 22nd Sept, 1pm**  
Cost £10  
The Knights of St Columba invite all parishioners to a BBQ at St Edward's Church. Proceeds go towards parish causes including parish youth and Lourdes pilgrimage. Tickets will be on sale in early September and/or RSVP to Neil Hendricks 023 8026 6324.

**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.

**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: £TBA; SO/SD for August'18: £TBA

**Book Sale For Poitiers Care Foodbank**  
Thank you to all parishioners who generously donated books or gave donations for the books. We had a wonderful response and so have extended the sale to take place after Mass at:  
Holy Cross Church on **Sunday 2nd September** (*there will also be a table of items that Father John is keen to get rid of! He invites you to please help yourself*);  
St Andrew's Church on **Sunday 9th September**.  
Thank you once again for your past and continuing support. Total monies raised will be advised a.s.a.p.  
**Pauline**

**Parish Lunch**  
**Monday 24th Sept**, 12.30pm at The Luzborough, Romsey. All are welcome. Menus are on the notice boards. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Sunday 16th Sept as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning - Sat 29th September**  
Margaret French will be holding her annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in St Andrew's hall on Saturday 29th September from 10.30am-12.30pm. Please come along and help to make it the best year yet!

**Youth Groups at Holy Cross Resource Centre**  
Both groups run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm on a Sunday once a month:  
**Inspire (School yrs 7, 8 and 9)** - please contact Marianne 07771704600 for more information.  
**TOZ (Time Out Zone) (School yrs 10, 11 & Sixth Form College)** - please contact Cath on 07846 438224 for more information.

**Upcoming dates: 23rd Sept; 14th Oct; 18th Nov; 9th Dec; 13th Jan; 10th Feb; 17th Mar.**

**Bridge The Gap**  
Is our parish's new quarterly YOUTH Magazine and was "published" last weekend. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for an electronic copy, please let me know. Please also let me know if you wish to write something for the next issue. A hard copy is available in each Church within the parish and also at St Swithun Wells School. Thank you.  
**Joanna** ([joannaaz@cwgsy.net](mailto:joannaaz@cwgsy.net))

**New to the Parish?**  
A very warm welcome to our Parish; we are delighted that you have joined us. Please feel free to make yourself known to one of the Welcomers or Priest at each Mass and join us for a cup of coffee after Mass.

Please complete one of the new to the parish registration forms available in the church foyers, giving us your contact details and leave the form with one of the Priests or Welcomers. All families are welcome at **ALL** Masses; however we have specific Children's Liturgies on Sundays.

Please ask one of the Welcomers for details of the times at your Church.

# Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
<b>Sat 1st Sept Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Father John's Special Intention (Health & Wellbeing)	<b>Thurs 6th</b>	9.30am	HC	Jerry McDonnell FM
	6.00pm	St J	Father George Lyons RIP (3rd Anniversary of Death)		10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	OLQA			<b>11.00am</b>	<b>St J</b>	<b>Funeral Mass: Peggy Robinson RIP</b>
	6.30pm	St Ed	Father John's Special Intention (Health & Wellbeing)		6.00pm	St J	Francis Desmond Pond RIP
<b>Sun 2nd 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	<b>Fri 7th</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	Father John's Special Intention (Health & Wellbeing)		10.00am	St J (AH)	Mrs Morton FM
	9.00am	St A	Father George Lyons RIP (3rd Anniversary of Death)				
	9.30am	OLQA	Father John's Special Intention (Health & Wellbeing)				
	11.00am	St J	Steve Carter's Intentions				
11.00am	HC	Father John's Special Intention (Health & Wellbeing)					
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	10.00am	St Ed	Father George Lyons RIP	<b>Sat 8th Sept</b>	9.30am	HC	Rev Murphy O'Connor FM
<b>Tues 4th</b>	9.30am	HC	Dudley Roberts RIP	<b>Sat 8th Vigil Masses</b>	5.00pm	St Sw	Harry Long RIP
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St A</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		6.00pm	St J	
	10.00am	OLQA			6.00pm	OLQA	
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>St J</b>	<b>Funeral Mass: John Marlow RIP</b>		6.30pm	St Ed	Maria Szczetnikowicz RIP
<b>Wed 5th</b>	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP	<b>Sun 9th Sept 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St Ed	Skipton Leonard & Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP		9.00am	St Ed	Susan & John Johnston (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
					9.00am	St A	David & Eileen Smith's Intention
					9.30am	OLQA	
					11.00am	St J	
					11.00am	HC	In Thanksgiving for all the Wonderful Staff at St Swithun Wells Primary School

### 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  
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HC Holy Cross, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. SO50 9DF  
St Sw St Swithun Wells, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB  
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