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Weekday Cycle: Year 2
Psalter Week: 4

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A few days ago, I went to the cinema to see the film: "First Man". It is the story of Neil Armstrong, the first man on the Moon. It is not just an historical film, it is a kind of "story of a soul", the soul of a man who, despite the appearance of being a "nerd engineer", had a restless heart, in search of the meaning of life.

A month before the launch of Apollo 11, the space-shuttle that reached the Moon, Armstrong, at the request of *Life* magazine, reflected on the meaning of the Moon landing:

"It would be presumptuous of me to pick out a single thing that history will identify as a result of this mission. But I would say that it will enlighten the human race and help us all to comprehend that we are an important part of a much bigger universe than we can normally see from the front porch. I would hope that it will help individuals, the world over, to think in a proper perspective about the various endeavours of mankind as a whole. Perhaps going to the Moon and back in itself isn't all that important. But it is a big enough step to give people a new dimension in their thinking – a sort of enlightenment".

When I read this statement from him, I was struck by the fact that Armstrong was aware that a simple gesture of a man can influence the whole world. If I think carefully about my daily life, it is clear that he is right. Our lives are connected: we follow examples, celebrities, stories... we can't live without been inspired. We can't live alone. We always follow someone or something. Absolute human independence is merely an unreal achievement. Even those who want to be independent from everything and everyone, follow those who stand for this mind set.

The second thing that struck me was the meaning that Armstrong gave to his landing on the Moon: a step to give people a new dimension in their thinking, helping them to see the things from another perspective, a much greater perspective. He explained this in more detail later in the interview:

"If you are in the middle of a crowd, the crowd appears to extend in every direction as far as you can see. You have to step back and look down from the Washington Monument or something like that to see that you're really pretty close to the edge of the crowd, and that the whole picture is quite a bit different from the way it looks when you are in the middle of all those people".

Reading these words, I was thinking about my Christian life: living within the Church has been and is now for me like landing on the Moon, looking at the things from God's perspective. Everything in the life of the Church (praying, celebrating Mass, listening the Gospel, meeting people of our parish...) is the opportunity given to me to take part in the gaze of God, to look at the things, at my problems and challenges, from above. Having God's perspective doesn't mean escaping from this world, and this is the difference with the analogy of Armstrong's story: we don't need to go to the Moon or elsewhere to take a step back and see the "whole picture", our life meaning. God was made flesh, which means that the Moon is on earth: God's perspective, God's eyes are the eyes of the saints that surround us and that live in our community.

Father Luca

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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:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Psalm Response:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**Readings for next Sunday 18th November 2018
 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32
 1st reading: Daniel 12:1-3
 Psalm: 15
 2nd reading: Hebrews 10:11-14. 18

Parish Groups

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays between 10.15-11.30am (after Mass) in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. We grow in faith by sharing in several different ways. Often by viewing DVD's on various topics the group select, with scripture and prayer, and occasional guest speakers. For more info email Deacon Paul Wilson on pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or ring June Wilson on 02380 616618, or Lynette Washford on 02380 618542. Upcoming topics: St Edmund of Abington, The Rich man, The 4 Magi.

Journey in Faith - Wednesdays at St Edward's

Is for anyone enquiring about the Catholic faith and for people intending to become a Catholic. The sessions run **every Wednesday** from 7.30pm to 9pm.

For further information please contact:

Deacon Paul Owen (tel: 02380 254806)

email: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Fellowship Group - Wed 14th November, 7.30pm

St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. We will be looking at St. Francis - The Apostle of The Poor. Everyone welcome and Refreshments are served at the end of the meeting. Any queries contact Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

CaFE - Catholic Faith Exploration

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 13th November** at 7.30pm in St Andrew's. Please contact Sheila Keefe on 01794 518071 or s.keefe@btopenworld.com

Youth Groups at Holy Cross Resource Centre

All young people from school year 4 up to and including 6th Form are welcome to come and join us once a month on Sunday evenings. We will be running age specific activities using different rooms at Holy Cross Resource Centre 7pm-8.30pm. For more info please contact: Marianne Wanstall on 07771 704600 [Inspire - school yrs 4-9];

Cath Szymanski on 07846 438224 [TOZ - school yrs 10, 11 & Sixth Form College]

Upcoming dates: 18th Nov; 9th Dec; 13th Jan; 10th Feb; 17th Mar.

Oasis - Parish Women's Group: Tues 13th Nov

7.30pm-9pm, St Edward's Cloister.

Women In Prison: We welcome Kate who works for the charity 'Women in Prison'. We'll discuss what circumstance cause so many women to be in prison, the impact this has on their families, and how we might respond. All ladies warmly welcomed. Future Dates: 11th Dec; 15th Jan.

November Parish Events

Reflections for Advent - Friday 23rd Nov, 10am

At the home of Richard and Irene James, 10 Lancelot Close, Knightwood Park. Everyone welcome.

Knit & Natter - St Edward's, Mon 12th Nov, 2-4pm

Refreshments available and everyone most welcome! Any queries please contact Maureen Stephenson on 02380 252104.

Knit for Peace - St Andrew's, Wed 14th Nov, 2-4pm

Donations of mens clothes and shoes for Two Saints welcome. Please contact Anne Harcourt on 02380 734710 with any queries.

Book Sale - 10th Nov, St Swithun Wells Church

After 5pm Mass, to raise funds for Poitiers Care (organised by Fr Des Connolly for local families in great need).

CAFOD Christmas Cards on Sale - OLQA

After Sunday Masses from **18th November** onwards. Advent calendars will also be available during November.

Remembrance of Parishioners (from Holy Cross, St. Swithun Wells & St Edward's) who have died in the past year

The Remembrance will take place during weekend Masses at Holy Cross, St Swithun Wells & St Edwards on **24th & 25th November**.

December Parish Events

Parish Altar Servers Day

Saturday 1st December, 10am to 3:30pm, OLQA

All altar servers from all of our churches are invited to spend the day together: games, chatting, lunch and songs. Invitations will be handed out this weekend. If you have any questions or would like more info please email: altarservers.sswp@gmail.com.

Essential Baptism Preparation Session

If you wish to have your child baptised, please contact the Parish Office for an application form, and return the completed form to the Office. Then we look forward to welcoming parents for an essential Preparation Session on **Sunday 9th December 2018 (4.30pm-6pm)** at Holy Cross Resource Centre. It would be very helpful if you could arrive a little early, refreshments available from 4.15pm. If you want you can attend the preparation session in advance of your baby's birth.

December Parish Events Continued

Romsey & North Baddesley Christmas Lunch

Hunters Inn, Romsey, **Tuesday 11th December** at 12.30pm. Menus are on the notice boards.

All are welcome.

Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Sunday 2nd December as we have to pre-order. £10 non-refundable deposit required for each person.



Parish Christmas Party Sunday 16th December

Venue: St Swithun Wells School, Chandlers Ford.

Time: 1-4pm

Cost: £3 per ticket, children 5 years and under are free.

We would like to get together, as a Parish, for Christmas lunch, followed by a quiz and music. Everyone is welcome, but limited space means we have to restrict numbers. Tickets will be on sale from next weekend 17th/18th November at each Mass (tickets will be allocated to each church according to the Mass counts). The last opportunity to purchase tickets will be 1st & 2nd December.

A vegetarian and gluten-free option will be provided - if you require this please advise the person you are buying the ticket from.

All you need to do is bring your own drink.

Allergies - we cannot guarantee that the food will be free of allergens.

School Notices

St Mary's Independent School, Year R Open Week

St. Mary's is holding an open week for children who are planning on starting Year R in September 2019. Tours start at 9:30am every morning between **Monday 19th - 23rd November**. To book a tour please email:

prep@stmiss.co.uk.

"Teaching in the early years is among the strongest in the school. Children flourish in their development and settle down to well-established routines from an early age." Ofsted 2018

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 October '18: £13,732.59

Messages

Peggy Martin a parishioner of Chandlers Ford since 1954 was 100 on Wednesday 7th November. Peggy was a regular at the Sunday morning Mass until it became too much for her two years ago. The day itself was celebrated at home with lots of visitors and cards from both the Queen and Ireland's President.

We wish Hilda Greenfield a parishioner at Holy Cross a very happy 90th Birthday.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Annual Informal Service, Bishops Waltham House warmly welcomed parishioners for their Service on Sunday evening which was much enjoyed by all.

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

Other Events

Christmas at Sea - Hearing and Doing the Word of God (Joint Event with CARITAS) - Sat 24th Nov

10am to 3pm, St Peter's, Winchester, SO23 8RY.

There will be a Bible study on the Incarnation in the morning, and in the afternoon, an opportunity to get together and wrap Christmas presents for the many seafarers who will be spending Christmas far from home and family, in hard conditions. This event is open to everyone in the diocese, as a preparation for Advent. If you wish to attend please book at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/sea>.

Thanksgiving Mass for the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero - Sat 24th November

Portsmouth Cathedral, 2pm; to be celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan. Mass will be followed by a keynote address in the Discovery Centre about the life and works of St Oscar Romero and provides an opportunity for us to thank God for the life and example of Saint Oscar Romero. For more info see poster on Noticeboard or phone 07843 514376.

Upcoming Chandler's Ford Autumn Ecumenical Quizzes...brains required for charity!

A new quiz for Tear Fund (a 50th Anniversary National Quiz) at Velmore Community Centre on **17th November** from 7-9pm - tickets £5 direct from Velmore Church, info@velmore.org or 02380 261139). See poster on Noticeboards.

ADORE (Alton Day of ReNewal) - Sat 24th Nov

11am-4pm. Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. There will be a shared lunch at 1pm - please bring finger food to share. There will be a talk "Liberty for Captives: Mission and Deliverance" by David Matthews. No need to register in advance, and no charge though a collection will be taken to cover costs.

For more information see poster on noticeboards.

Mass Times for our Six Church Communities

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 10th Nov Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	Joe & Lydia Fonseca RIP	Thurs 15th	9.30am	HC	
	6.00pm	St J	Sr Kathleen Huges RIP (Anniversary)		10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	OLQA			6.00pm	St J	
	6.30pm	St Ed	Rosemary Oxby RIP				
Sun 11th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <u>Remembrance Sunday</u>	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta	Fri 16th	10.00am	St Ed	Donald & Maura Gorman RIP (Anniversary)
	9.00am	St Ed			10.00am	St J	
	9.00am	St A				(AH)	
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.30am	St J					
11.30am	HC	<u>Emily Ray RIP</u>					
Mon 12th	10.00am	St Ed		Sat 17th	9.30am	HC	
Tues 13th	9.30am	HC		Sat 17th Vigil Masses	5.00pm	St Sw	
	10.00am	St A			6.00pm	St J	John Spittle RIP
	10.00am	OLQA			6.00pm	OLQA	
			6.30pm		St Ed	Joe Conlon (Get Well)	
Wed 14th	9.30am	HC	Cowling & Tierney Families FM	Sun 18th Nov 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	Polska Msza Święta
	10.00am	St Ed	<u>Funeral Mass: Jessie Regan RIP</u>		9.00am	St Ed	Constance Brixey FM
					9.00am	St A	Denis Keefe RIP
					9.30am	OLQA	
					11.00am	St J	
					11.00am	HC	Pat Daniels (For Well Being & Recovery)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday HC Adoration 1st Tuesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm
Thursday St ED Holy Hour (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

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
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