



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

26th JUNE 2022: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DEADLY RIVALS

When I was a seminarian I was sent on my first Parish experience to Tuebrook, Liverpool. The first advice the Parish Priest gave me was to NOT mention football, but, if I did, I had to say that I supported Everton as that part of Liverpool was a staunch supporter. Later, when I went to Birmingham I was faced with an even greater problem as there were several Midland Teams each with their own fiercely pro-active supporters. In the end I was encouraged to support West Bromwich Albion to save getting caught up in the rivalries between Birmingham City and Aston Villa. (This just happened to be the favourite team of the Parish Priest). Need I say any more, except that I find myself as a Portsmouth boy in a Southampton postal area (let the readers who follow football understand). Luckily, Bishop's Waltham is strategically placed on neutral ground between the two rival football teams and I avoid discussions concerning football.

Rivalry can be a barrier to friendship and when fired by prejudice can result in violence; Greek against Turk; Arab against Jew; Protestant against Catholic. Jesus experiences this type of rivalry when approaching the Samaritan village. The Samaritans were deadly rivals to the Jews and each had their special way of worshipping God and their own separate Temples. So when the villagers heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem and to the Temple they did not want to receive him. The disciples' reaction to this snub is so typical and so often the natural reaction to this sort of situation - Let's have a fight! - Let's destroy them and show them who's boss and who is the most powerful! *Lord do you want us to call down fire from heaven and burn them up?* The reaction of Jesus to this situation is not what the disciples expect.

Jesus does not comment directly on the decision of the Samaritan villagers. He simply turns away and finds another route. He follows this with three injunctions to the Disciples to be more fully committed to their calling. They are based upon the requests of three persons who aspire to be a Disciple. To the first Jesus reminds them that to be a Disciple is to work tirelessly for that cause. The second is to be totally committed to a new way of life with no emotional ties for the spread of the Kingdom of God. The third is a call for them to be focused and without prejudice in what they do.

The examples set before us by Jesus are not easily lived. Not everyone can uproot themselves and go off and travel around the countryside – times and social patterns have changed and are different around the world. However, we do have those men and women who have given of themselves to the Religious Life and the Priesthood. They stand as a sign that these examples can be attained and are a necessary part of the Universal Discipleship of the Church. They also hold up to us, even in their enclosed life, the necessity to be unprejudiced in serving the Lord with one's whole heart and soul.

We are allowed to have preferences and choices as human beings and I would not want to suggest for one moment, that we should not be good supporters of whatever sport or interest we have. I suppose Jesus would remind us that we must not allow that support to take us away from those we are called to serve by spending too much time on our personal preferences, in sport or any other distraction, from being a Christian.

Fr Bruce (PLAY UP POMPEY!)

GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is, "War and Us" by **Monsignor Paolo Pezzi** - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com



For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by **9.30am on Wednesday 29th June**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 26th June 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: O LORD, IT IS YOU WHO ARE MY PORTION.

READINGS: 1st reading 1 Kings 19:16b,19-21 Psalm 15 2nd reading Galatians 5:1,13-18 Gospel Luke 9:51-62

Sunday 3rd July 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: CRY OUT WITH JOY TO GOD, ALL THE EARTH.

READINGS: 1st reading Isaiah 66:10-14c Psalm 65 2nd reading Galatians 6:14-18 Gospel Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

Youth Groups

Stars of Abraham (school years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

These groups meet regularly in person. Stars of Abraham also prepares the children for First Holy Communion usually in school year 3. Grail Seekers also prepares the children for Confirmation usually in school year 9. For more details and how to join please go to the parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community meet weekly:

Holy Cross every Wednesday at 8pm;

St Edward's every Thursday at 8pm.

For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - there will be no meeting on Wednesday 29th June, meetings will resume on 6th July.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays at 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. On 28th June we will be showing a DVD entitled 'Global Healing', based on Pope Francis Encyclical, 'Laudate Si'.

Knitting Club - Third Tuesday of the month, from 2pm-4pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. If you would like to join us for a knit and cup of tea please come along, all levels of knitting ability welcome!

PARISH GROUPS



The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 10am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. The group is for 0-4 years and their families. More information is on the website or you can email: littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com

Afternoon Club - St. Joseph's Parish Centre (26A Abbey Water), first Tuesday in the month at 2pm. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. All welcome!

Ark of Fellowship - Group for learning disabilities or learning difficulties, their families and friends

Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Interested in volunteering or know some young adults who would like to join the group? If yes, please contact Fr Luca at: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

CaFE - latest course is The Gift, a Life in the Holy Spirit. Our meetings will be as usual at 2pm in the Parish Centre Romsey, repeated at 7.30pm in St. Andrew's N. Baddesley, on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, finishing on 26th July. For more information please call/email Ann Heslop: 02380 734429 ann.heslop@virginmedia.com

60 Club - Meets fortnightly in Holy Cross Resource Centre from 2pm to 4pm. All welcome!
Next Meeting: 4th July

MESSAGES

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday 29th June is the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul. Please see the back page of the newsletter for changes to Mass times on this day.

Mass for the Sick & Housebound

Sunday 3rd July at 3pm in St Edward's Church there will be a special Mass in which we will pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish. During the Mass it will be possible to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are welcome to participate. The whole Parish will be invited to join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.

Second Collection This Weekend (25th/26th June)

Peter's Pence: The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to

the support of the Holy See. You can also donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-pence>

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Kearney and for his family. Paul's Funeral Mass takes place at **St Joseph's on Tuesday 28th June at 12.30pm.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anand Moodley and for his family. Anand's Funeral Mass takes place at **Holy Cross on Wed 6th July at 11.30am.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Curtis and for his family. Richard's Funeral Mass takes place at **Holy Cross on Thursday 7th July at 1.30pm.**

Parish Office will be closed on **Mon 28th & Tues 29th June** as Fiona will be on the Parish Pilgrimage.



MESSAGES CONTINUED



Parish BBQ

On **Sunday 10th July** from 1pm-5pm there will be a BBQ for all of the Parish in the field behind Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Eastleigh. Please use the car park of the Leisure Centre, we can also use their toilet facilities during the event.

We will provide standard BBQ food (burgers, sausages, bread, vegetarian option) however please bring your own drinks, plates, cutlery, chairs/picnic blankets and some salad/cakes to share.

Booking system in place on our website, please book your place/food by **Thursday 7th July**.

Price £5 per person, for children 10 years and under it will be free. Payment by cash or card reader on the day. There will be some music, entertainment and activities for children during the afternoon.

As you know Andrew Lee our Seminarian will be ordained a Deacon on 2nd July in Rome and returns to us on 8th July. Andrew will be with us during the BBQ, we will therefore look to celebrate his Ordination during this event.

Come and See Clubs & Camp

Registrations are open for our Summer Club and for our Summer Camp. For more information, cost and registration please click on the "Come and See" section on our website homepage.

Volunteer Mini Bus Driver Required for Come & See Holiday Activities. You will need to have the required license to drive a mini bus. Please speak to Fr Marco/ Fr Luca for more details or email: comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

Meeting for all the Volunteers of the Parish

In our Parish we are blessed with many volunteers and we are very grateful for what you do. For this reason we would like to have a meeting with all of you at the end of this pastoral year. We will listen to some of your experiences and we will spend some time together in friendship. The meeting will be on **Sunday 17th July, 3pm to 4.30pm in St Edward the Confessor in Chandler's Ford**. We are so grateful for all you do for the Parish and hope to see all of you at the meeting.
Fr Raffaele

Holy Cross Missio (Red Boxes)

The spring newsletter is available. I will be in the Holy Cross Welcome Area before and after Mass on **Sundays 26th June & 3rd July** to give out and collect any Red boxes that need emptying. You can always contact me on 07912 257455. *Denise Karnecki*

Scam Alert Message from the Diocese

We have just been made aware of Parishioners in our Diocese being contacted by text, by someone pretending to be their Parish Priest. This person asked the Parishioners to buy vouchers or goods needed urgently by the Parish Priest. Parishioners are reminded to: **report the text Phone number to Action Fraud** and send the text number to: report@phishing.gov.uk
Parishioners are advised to ignore any messages coming from a non-saved contact.

Volunteers Urgently Needed for Street Pastors

Patrols - we need more volunteers to show God's love on the streets of Eastleigh. Can you spare one Friday night a month? There is a choice of shifts, from 8pm to around midnight, or from 11pm to around 3.30am. Each Friday there has been some reason for us to be out there. Whether it is: keeping someone safe; calming situations; providing a listening ear; or, those reminded by seeing us that they have previously been helped. Provisional dates for our next training programme:
Friday 7th, Sat 8th & Sun 9th October 2022
Friday 21st, Sat 22nd & Sunday 23rd October 2022
Friday 4th, Sat 5th & Sunday 6th November 2022
Please note the training dates are Fri 7.30pm to 9.15pm and Sat/Sun 9.30am to 4.30pm

You can also come out as an observer with one of our patrols. No Street Pastors have been hurt since we started in 2009. Our newsletter can be found at <https://streetpastors.org/locations/eastleigh/about-us/newsletters/>

Contact Eric Hyom at erichyom@sky.com or phone 07736967921 for an informal chat. Or email: eastleigh@streetpastors.org.uk

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: St Edward's - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)

Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)

Thursday: St Joseph - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday: 6.30pm-7.30pm St Edward

Tuesday: 9.30am-10.00am St Andrew

Saturday: 10.00am-10.30am Holy Cross

5.30pm-6.00pm OLOA

5.30pm-6.00pm St Joseph

Sunday: 8.30am-9.00am St Andrew

9.00am-9.30am OLOA

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays: Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh)

Wednesdays: Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh)

Fridays: Fr Raffaele, 10.30am-11.30am, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

Saturdays: Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 25th <i>Morning Mass: The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Fr Raffaele (Special Intention) Mary Costigan RIP For the Intentions of John Dolbear & Lydia Crang and their Future Together
Sunday 26th June <i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also live streamed) Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> For the Intentions of John Dolbear & Lydia Crang and their Future Together People of the Parish
Mon 27th	9.30am	Holy Cross	Kim Robinson (Wellbeing)
Tues 28th <i>St Irenaeus *Ss Peter & Paul Vigil</i>	10.00am <u>12.30pm</u> 6.00pm*	St Andrew <u>St Joseph</u> St Edward	Special Intention <u>Funeral Mass: Paul Kearney RIP</u>
Wed 29th <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am 7.00pm 7.00pm	Holy Cross (also live streamed) OLQA St Joseph St Andrew St Edward	Marieanne West RIP
Thurs 30th June	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Jackie Higgins RIP Ellen Jackson RIP
Fri 1st July	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Roy Russell-Smith RIP John Milles FM
Sat 2nd July	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Regina Turl (Special Intention) People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd July <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also live streamed) Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Margaret Martindale RIP Dennis Bensiek (Special Intention - Ordination) Tony Porter RIP Anniversary

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