



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 23rd JUNE 2024: TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Pursuit of the Common Good

This week we would like to share with you an interesting leaflet that has been published recently by the catholic movement Communion and Liberation, regarding the next UK General Election.

The UK General Election on 4th July gives us the opportunity to look at the state of our society and reflect on what we can do to contribute to the common good. It is not a useless exercise. An authentic interest for self-realization, so present in our culture, cannot be detached from a genuine interest for the human flourishing of those who live in our neighbourhood, walk our streets and work with us.

As the English poet T. S. Eliot once said: "What life have you if you have not life together? There is no life that is not in community". The **epidemic of loneliness** that we are all experiencing in our society, especially among young people, and the **growing polarisation** in public debates, call for an urgent renewal of a sense of community that our country is losing.

If we look at the newspapers and TV debates, the General Election discussion at the moment seems to be: "Vote for the X party if you are angry at the Y party"; "Vote for the Y party if you are angry at the migrants"; "Vote for the Z party if you are angry with both the Y party and the migrants". It seems to us that **we need to move from a politics of anger and self-affirmation to a politics of construction**, centred on the pursuit of the *common good*.

A fruitful discussion about the common good presupposes the acknowledgement of something given, that all humans have in common. **"Every human person possesses an infinite dignity**, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter. This principle is fully recognizable even by reason alone... It is essential to point out that dignity is not something granted to the person by others based on their gifts or qualities, such that it could be withdrawn... Instead, dignity is intrinsic to the person: it is not conferred subsequently, it is prior to any recognition, and it cannot be lost. All human beings possess this same intrinsic dignity, regardless of whether or not they can express it in a suitable manner" (Vatican Dicastery of the Doctrine of Faith, *Dignitas Infinita*, 1, 15).

We believe that this concept of human dignity should inform every policy: from education to economics, from immigration to social care and healthcare.

The Catholic Church in this country, while being a minority, has always been the voice of those who stand for the tireless pursuit of the common good and the defence of the infinite value of each person. Recently the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has published a **series of online resources that can help us** navigate this election time. We invite you to read it here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>.

We seek out politicians that not only desire the common good, but that are willing to create a climate in which others can contribute towards building, through their own initiatives, a society where the infinite dignity of every human person is acknowledged and served. This is a work that goes beyond 4th July and **we are willing to contribute to it by continuing to build spaces where this vision can be embodied.**

Communion and Liberation
uk.clonline.org

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is the Trailer of Takashi and Midori Nagai Exhibition - 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 **10am on Wednesday 26th June**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

If you wish to make a donation to our parish please go to: <https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/financesdonations>

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 23rd June 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HIS LOVE ENDURES FOR EVER.

1st reading Job 38:1,8-11 **Psalm** 106 **2nd reading** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 **Gospel** Mark 4:35-41

Sunday 30th June 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: THE ANGEL OF THE LORD RESCUES THOSE WHO REVERE HIM.

1st reading Acts 12:1-11 **Psalm** 33 **2nd reading** 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18 **Gospel** Matthew 16:13-19

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation)

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

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9) &

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Please check the parish website for the calendar of meetings, times and venues. To register for these groups please go to our website.

Growing In Faith Together Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.45am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. There will be no meeting on Wednesday 26th June. Meetings will resume on 3rd July at 7pm when we shall be looking at the Four Women Doctors of the Church; Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Sienna, Therese of Lisieux and Hildegard of Bingen.

Everyone is welcome, refreshments served at the end of the evening. If you would like to join on Zoom, please contact Peterbaggott@aol.com for the link.

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!

Learn to Pray with the Weekly Scripture Readings

Wednesdays at 11am in St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water, Romsey;

Thursdays at 10am in St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford.

Please come along if you would like to grow in your life of prayer by praying with the following Sunday's Mass readings. All are welcome.

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.

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: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Meet on Wednesdays during term time from 10am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh. The group is for 0-4 yrs and their families. More information is on the parish website or you can email:

littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com

Confirmation - Sunday 30th June 2024

Please keep our young people in your prayers as they are confirmed by Bishop Philip at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on 30th June.

We welcome Fr Pietro Pausco FSCB who will be joining our parish from the beginning of July. Fr Pietro was born in Milan and lived with his family in Legnano until the end of high school. He studied Physics in Milan and Vienna earning his master's degree (2012) before entering the seminary of the Fraternity of St Charles Borromeo in Rome. From August 2015, he lived with the priests and deacons of the Fraternity in the house at Santa Giulia Parish in Turin. He was ordained a priest in Turin in 2020. After ordination, Fr Pietro continued his work as a teacher in the high schools of Turin and undertook an apostolate among the young people of the parish of Santa Giulia.

Changes to Mass - there will be **No Mass** on **Weds or Thursdays** for the time being at OLQA.

Upcoming Parish Festival (2nd -7th July)

Please make sure you take a leaflet regarding the programme for the Parish Festival.

Programme Summary

MESSAGES



Tuesday 2nd July: 6pm Mass for Vocations at St Edward's;

Thursday 4th July: 7.30pm Presentation of the Exhibition: Takashi & Midori Nagai - Beacons of Faith and Hope Among the Ruins of War (There will be cheese and wine from 7pm);

Saturday 6th July: Football Tournament, St Swithun Wells Primary School. To take part in the tournament book your place on the parish website by Wed 3rd July;

Sunday 7th July:

First Mass of Fr Matteo, 9am at St Edward's and 11am at Holy Cross;

Parish Party in the Park, 1pm-6.30pm, Field behind Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Eastleigh.

Please go to our website to book your place/BBQ food by Thursday 4th July.

Grail Seekers & Student Youth Summer Camp

Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August

St Joseph's House, 8 Lyndhurst Rd, Southampton

Cost: £180 for eldest/only child, siblings £130 each

Registrations are now open. For more information and to register please go to:

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/camp>

MESSAGES CONTINUED

Ordination to the Priesthood of Dcn Matteo Pagani

By the time you read this newsletter (at the Vigil and Sunday Masses) our former Dcn, Matteo, will have been ordained to the priesthood (at 3pm on Saturday 22nd June in St Paul outside the Walls in Rome). This is an occasion of great joy for both Matteo and for our parish and we would like to present him with a gift to mark this momentous occasion. If you would like to make a donation for Matteo's gift please either put cash or a cheque (made payable to CDP St Swithun Wells) in an envelope and hand this to the clergy or take the envelope down to the parish office. If you would like to contribute to the collection please do so by **Monday 1st July 2024**.

You can also make a transfer to the parish account.

The account details are as follows:

Account Holder: CDP ST SWITHUN WELLS

Account number: 01786599 Sort Code: 30-93-04

Reference: please indicate

"MATTEO_yoursurname" (for example:

MATTEO_Smith). Fr Matteo will be celebrating his first

parish Masses at St Edward (9am) & Holy Cross

(11am) on Sunday 7th July and at St Andrew,

St Joseph & St Swithun Wells the following

weekend. He will be presented with the gift during the

Parish Summer BBQ on 7th July.

Upcoming Second Collection

29th/30th June: Peter's Pence

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Carmel DW and for her family. Sr Carmel's Funeral Mass takes place on **Tuesday 25th June at 12 Noon in St Joseph's**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Copley and for his family. Richard's Funeral Service takes place on **Wednesday 3rd July at 11.30am in St Edward's**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Fitzpatrick and for his family. John's Funeral Service takes place on **Thursday 4th July at 12.30pm in St Edward's**.

Mark Masterman RIP – The funeral of Mark Masterman, who died recently, will be at St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke, SO32 3NE at **2pm on Monday 1st July 2024**. Mark lived in Meonstoke, but he and his family worshipped at OLQA for over 50 years, and he played the organ every Sunday for over 20 years.

Message of thanks - Thanks to all who supported last weeks Coffee Morning at St Edward's. **£275** was raised for CAFOD's appeal for Sudan.

The Digital Collection Plate (DONA)

Just a reminder that there is a card reader available in the church foyers at Holy Cross, St Edward & OLQA. The digital collection is another way to give, it does not replace the second collection baskets or direct debits/standing orders. Gift Aiding your contactless donations: You only need to register for Gift Aid once per card. Once registered, the card reader in the church will recognise it the next time you make a gift aided payment. When you donate using your contactless card without Gift Aid, no personal information is collected.

Tom Doherty celebrated his 101st birthday last month. His family will be attending the usual coffee after Mass this Sunday (23rd June) in the Holy Cross Resource Centre and would like to invite parishioners to join them in celebrating with some cake.

Misa en Castellano / Mass in Spanish

Padre Mark Hogan les quiere invitar a una celebración de la Santa Misa en Castellano el 24 de junio (La Natividad de San Juan Bautista) a las 1900h en la iglesia de San Pedro, Jewry Street. Todos son bienvenidos. Por favor traen un plato típico de su país para compartir en el Pastoral Centre después de la Misa.

Fr Mark Hogan would like to invite you to a celebration of the Holy Mass in Spanish on **24th June** (The Birth of St. John the Baptist) at **7pm in St. Peter's Church, Jewry Street**. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a typical dish from your country for us to share in the Pastoral Centre after the Mass.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you, or someone you know, would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church (or know more about the Catholic faith) please speak to a priest or email Deacon Paul Owen: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Eastleigh Parliamentary Constituency General

Election Q&A - Come and hear from your candidates hoping to be your next MP, **7pm Sunday 23rd June, Chandler's Ford Methodist Church, Winchester Rd, SO53 2GJ** (see poster on noticeboards for details).

Want to know where your MP candidates stand on abortion? Contact your MP candidates today

Ask your local MP candidates to take the Both Lives Pledge (see poster on noticeboards). The pledge outlines three policy changes that are designed to increase protections for babies in the womb and stop pregnancy discrimination for women. Email your candidates today by visiting righttolife.org.uk/bothlives before the General Election on **Thursday 4th July**.

SCHOOL NOTICES

URGENT

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

Are **URGENTLY** recruiting a Mini Bus Driver.

Please see full advert on church noticeboards.

10 hrs per week, Mon to Friday, Term Time only.

Start date: September 2024.

More info can be found on the school website:

<https://www.st-swithunwells.org.uk/staff-vacancies/>

To arrange an appointment to visit the school or for an application form please contact the school office on 02380 266210 or email:

adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays: Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh
Wednesdays: Fr Luca, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh
Saturdays: Fr Mario, 2.30pm-4.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26A Abbey Water)

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 22nd June <i>Morning Mass: Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Jozef Kusy RIP People of the Parish Mary Hollingworth RIP Fr Matteo (Special Intention)
Sunday 23rd June <i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Fr Peter Wilkie RIP Tom Doherty (Family thanksgiving for 101st Birthday) Richard Strachan RIP
Monday 24th June <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Anu (Special Intention)
Tuesday 25th June	10.00am <u>12 Noon</u> 6.00pm	St Andrew <u>St Joseph</u> St Edward	<u>Funeral Mass: Sr Carmel Wragg DW RIP</u> Living and Deceased Members of the Bonetti & Wilson Family FM
Wed 26th June	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward	Fiona Fitzgerald RIP <u>No Mass</u> Mary Hollingworth RIP
Thurs 27th June	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	People of the Parish <u>No Mass</u> Rosalind Pinnock RIP
Friday 28th June <i>St Irenaeus</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Esther Bloedorn (Wellbeing) The Marchesi & James Family Intentions
Saturday 29th June	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Children of Palestine Diane McDonnell RIP Sue Derbyshire (In Thanksgiving) Catherine Hinds RIP 30th Anniversary
Sunday 30th June <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Brian Flannery (Wellbeing) Bill James RIP Zaki & Marie Hanna Hayek RIP Roy Russell-Smith RIP

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