



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ
25th JULY 2021: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GENEROSITY THE KEY TO ABUNDANCE

The Gospels for the last few weeks have been windows into the relationship that Jesus is developing with His disciples. Jesus gently directs them but also allows Himself to be more intimately known to them through His actions and His teaching. One of the characteristics of Jesus that I find attractive is the way that he cares for the physical and mental welfare of those called to follow Him; Jesus calms the fears of the disciples when they are anxious about a storm which will sink their boat, by taking away the cause of their fear; He realizes when the disciples are tired and need a rest; He takes them aside and gives them tasks to perform which gradually reveal to them an understanding of their future Mission. This weekend although we switch from St Mark's Gospel to that of St John, the same care for the needs of individuals is carried forward in the feeding of the large crowd of over 5,000.

The crowds that follow Jesus manage to find Him no matter where Jesus goes for rest. Seeing the crowd Jesus discerns that they too must be tired and in need of refreshment. He takes command of the situation and begins what we could say is the first of a unique but simple liturgy. He requests some bread and he organizes the disciples to assist by making the people sit down - they are no longer a straggling crowd but attentive and orderly. Jesus, uses the offering of the young lad's fishes to be joined with His prayers, and so carrying forward the bond established by Him with the people. We now have an important Blessing by Jesus of the food and the miraculous distribution of an endless amount of satisfying food.

It is no wonder that many of the Early Church Fathers saw in this event a foreshowing of the Eucharistic miracle as they contemplated the meaning of the structure of the event with the everlasting food that satisfies and refreshes. I like the way in which St John says that this food was only given to those who were "sitting ready." It would seem that even at this early date only those who were prepared to receive the Blessed food, in other words those who believed in the power and goodness of Jesus, were the recipients. There would be some who were there to watch but not participate.

Last, but by no means least, I wonder about the young lad whom I presume willingly gave up his fish as food for all. He must have been amazed and overcome by the way in which it was used. I believe that Jesus responded to the generosity of the young lad in the way he always does to those who are generous - he gives back more than can ever be expected or imagined.

May the generosity of the young lad and the Blessing of the presence of Jesus ripple down through the ages and touch our hearts with the same amazement as touched the hearts of those present with Jesus at the feeding of the 5,000.

Father Bruce

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a short video about the **Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano** - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com

Newsletter items should be received into the Parish Office by Wednesday 9:30am

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 25th July 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: YOU OPEN WIDE YOUR HAND, O LORD, AND GRANT OUR DESIRES.

READINGS: 1st reading: Kings 4:42-44 Psalm: 144 2nd reading: Ephesians 4:1-6 Gospel: John 6:1-15

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST:

READINGS: 1st reading: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15 Psalm: 77 2nd reading: Ephesians 4:17,20-24 Gospel: John 6:24-35

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups - Year 2021/2022

Our Youth Groups will start again in September after the summer break. Registrations for the year 2021/2022 are now open on our website.

We would like to remind you that if a child or a teenager wants to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion (and is at least in school year 3) or Confirmation (and is at least in school year 9) we will ask them to come regularly to one of the three groups according to their age. They will receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation when they are ready (usually after one year).

There will be a meeting on **Saturday 18th September 2021 at 11am** in St Edward's cloister for all the parents and guardians where we will present the 2021/2022 Stars of Abraham programme.

There will be a meeting on **Saturday 18th September 2021 at 3pm** in Holy Cross for all the parents and guardians where we will present the 2021/2022 Grail Seekers programme.

Communion & Liberation Groups

Now on Summer break, will resume in September.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church (or know more about the Catholic faith) please email Deacon Paul Owen: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively please speak to a priest. The next group will start in September 2021.

Fellowship Group

Now on Summer break, will resume in September.

MESSAGES



Come and See Holiday Activities

We are pleased to announce this Summer we are running the following activities for young people:

August 2021 Summer Club (Age 7-14)

St Edward's Cloister, Chandlers Ford

Mon 9th; Wed 11th; Fri 13th

Mon 16th; Wed 18th; Fri 20th

August 2021 Summer Camp (Age 11-18)

OLQA Hall, Bishops Waltham

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th

For more information and how to book & pay for your place please go to:

www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee

Alternatively, please email Fr Luca and Fr Marco at: comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

The deadline to register for the Summer Club and Summer Camp is the 31st July 2021.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeffery Macklin and for his family. Jeffery's Funeral Service takes place at St Joseph on **Wednesday 28th July at 2pm.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Capstick and for his family. John's Funeral Mass takes place at St Joseph on **Tuesday 3rd August at 1pm.**

Parish Picnic

Sunday 22nd August, 12.30pm-4pm

Fleming Park (Passfield Ave, Eastleigh, SO50 9NL)

The picnic will take place in the field behind Fleming Park Leisure Centre. Please use the car park of the Leisure Centre. It is an event for all of the parish. Please bring your own food, drinks, cups/plates/cutlery. There will be some music, entertainment and activities for the children. There is no cost associated with this event. For more details and to book please go to our website.

BBO for St Andrew & St Joseph Communities

Sunday 8th August at 12 Noon in the gardens at St Andrew's Church, North Baddesley

All parishioners of St Andrew's and St Joseph's are welcome. The event will be by ticket only. Please put the date in your diary. Parishioners will remember a successful similar event a few years ago. The main menu consists of chicken or salmon along with a choice of desserts. The main organisers are Roger Lillie and Tennyson Scaria, please speak to them for tickets and more information. Additional help will be welcome.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Covid Roadmap Update

On Monday 19th July the Government in England moved to step 4 of its COVID response roadmap. The Catholic Bishops' Conference has issued a comprehensive guidance document on how we can continue to provide a safe environment within our churches. Certain preventative practices will still be required and we will be reviewing conditions at a local level. Although not a legal requirement, it has been strongly recommended that face coverings are worn by those in Church. We will provide a more detailed update next week when Fr Raffaele, Fr Luca & Fr Marco return from their Formation. To date we have ensured that we provide a safe environment for worship in all of our Churches. We thank you for your support and we will continue to work hard to keep each other safe.

Suggested reading for the Summer

Full Life: Letters to My Students by Mr Hans van Mourik Broekman

These letters are reflections on the issues and questions students brought up to the author (religious studies teacher and headteacher) during a 30 year career working with young people. Their content touches upon many experiences at school and in the life of students. A provocative and original book for students, teachers, parents and everyone interested in education. Available on Amazon. The author will come in person to our **Cultural Friday on 1st October.**

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

On a trip to the South of France, the shy heroine of Rebecca falls in love with Maxim de Winter, a handsome widower. Although his proposal comes as a surprise, she happily agrees to marry him. But as they arrive at her husband's home, Manderley everything changes...A classic suspenseful novel about the power of distrust and suspicion in life.

Coffee Stop at Holy Cross - Thursdays after

Mass: Please can you help? We need volunteers to help out on Thursday mornings from 9am to 11.30am getting the Resource Centre ready and serving tea and coffee after Mass. This popular Coffee Morning has been running for nearly 30 years and is such a worthwhile and friendly way to spend a Thursday morning. But over this last year situations have changed and we need more people to join our number of wonderful volunteers. Please consider helping if you can. The more volunteers the less often you have to be on the rota. Contact Pat Baggott 02380 694060, Monica Dunne 02381 780630 or Glenda Hinton 02381 780298 for more information or why not visit us on a Thursday Morning to see.

SCHOOL NOTICES



St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants Required

We would like a caring, enthusiastic and responsible person to join us at St Swithun Wells Primary School. You will be working as part of a team and duties will include supervising children in the school hall, outside as they play, ensuring the safety, welfare and positive behavior of all children during their lunch break.

Hours of work: 12pm until 1.30pm daily (7.5 hours per week, term time only). The rate of pay will be within Grade B: £9.62-£9.78 per hour.

For an application pack please contact the school office on 02380 266210 or email:

adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk

All successful candidates will be subject to DBS checks and other relevant employment checks.

LIVE STREAMED MASS, BOOKING SYSTEM & CONFESSION

Live Streamed Services

All of the Services from Holy Cross & the Sunday Mass at OLQA are live streamed. To join please go to our parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk For details of all of our Public Masses/Services please see the timetable on the back page of the newsletter.

To reserve a seat at Mass in St Joseph, Romsey

• **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm**

To reserve a seat for the Saturday Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Wed to Friday (Tel: 01794 513528 / teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk).

• **Sunday 11.00am**

To reserve a seat for the Sunday Mass please contact Joanna Russell from Wed through to Friday (Tel: 07917 802814 / joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk).

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: St Edward's - after Mass (6.30-7.30pm)
Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00-11.00am)
Thursday: St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00-6.00pm)

CONFESSION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesdays:	10.30am	St Andrew
Saturdays:	10.00am	OLQA
	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew

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, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
Fridays:	Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
Saturdays:	Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 24th July	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	<u>Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)</u> OLQA St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	<u>Liturgy of the Word & Communion (Deacon led)</u> For the People of the Parish Margaret Martindale RIP Intentions of the Layzell Family
Sunday 25th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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> Edward Fenwick RIP FM Arthur Heslop RIP Anniversary Beatrice & George White; Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandes FM Anne Kelly RIP Anniversary
Mon 26th July <i>Ss Joachim & Anne</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Regina Turl (Special Intention)
Tues 27th July	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Living and Deceased Members of the Mongan & Turner Families FM
Wed 28th July	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Edward OLQA	Deceased Members of the Bradley & Cahill Families RIP Anne & Sean Connolly RIP
Thurs 29th July <i>St Martha</i>	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	The Robinson Family (Special Intention)
Friday 30th July	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Cagampang Family (In Thanksgiving)
Saturday 31st July <i>Morning Mass: St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Janet Burton RIP FM For the People of the Parish Ron & Sheila Rhymer RIP Bryan George Dolbear FM
Sunday 1st August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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> Keith Small RIP Margaret Martindale RIP Ellen Lane RIP John & Marian Peacock (Well-being)

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