



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

14th JULY 2024: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We Are One Body

The word "body" is one of the most meaningful in our vocabulary. It indicates the appearance of a person, what makes them different from others on the outside, and what makes them unique. Human communication wouldn't be complete without bodily interaction. That's why body language is so important to understand what is going on in people's minds. We are a unity of body and soul, both essential in defining what a human being is.

We also use the word "body" to refer to a group of people united by a common purpose, like the "body of trustees." Additionally, the word "body" is used to indicate planets: Earth is a planetary body. These examples show that "a body" is a unity of different parts, interacting so closely that they appear as one entity.

Last Sunday, I had an experience that reminded me of that word. The day began with Fr. Matteo celebrating his first Masses at St. Edward's and Holy Cross. His parents were there, along with many friends from all over the country. In the afternoon, we moved to St. Swithun Wells School: some people prepared food, others collected money, organized football tournaments, or arranged art and crafts for the little ones. At the end, some people voluntarily helped with the cleaning.

It was amazing to see clergy and laity together and people from different cultures moving in unison. It was a spectacle of unity. When I came back home, I stopped for a moment in Holy Cross Church. It was 7 o'clock in the evening. Nobody was there except for me and Jesus. I knelt in front of the tabernacle and thanked God for showing me that day His body, the Church, a community where everyone knows their place and works together for a single purpose: building the Kingdom of God by letting themselves be captured by His work in the world.

In a society that is becoming increasingly polarized and divided, the Church stands as a beacon of hope for everyone. It is a group of people, sinners like everyone else, sometimes broken or anxious, and occasionally angry, like everyone else. Yet, they are united like one body because they know where to go. The words of the English poet T. S. Eliot came to my mind last Sunday. He describes the Church by saying that we are... «Bestial as always before, carnal, self-seeking as always before, selfish and purblind as ever before, Yet always struggling, always reaffirming, always resuming their march on the way that was lit by the light; Often halting, loitering, straying, delaying, returning, yet following no other way».

No other way than falling in love with Jesus and his mission can make us one body.

Fr Luca

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 17th July**, 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 14th July 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: LET US SEE, O LORD, YOUR MERCY, AND GIVE US YOUR SAVING HELP.

1st reading Amos 7:12-15 **Psalm 84** **2nd reading** Ephesians 1:3-14 **Gospel** Mark 6:7-13

Sunday 21st July 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD: THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

1st reading Jeremiah 23:1-6 **Psalm 22** **2nd reading** Ephesians 2:13-18 **Gospel** Mark 6:30-34

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)

Our Youth Groups have now come to the end of their meetings for this 2023/24 pastoral year. We would like to thank all those who gave their time and effort to help with the running and organisation of these groups. Youth Group Registrations for the next year, 2024/25 will open shortly on our website.

Growing In Faith Together Group

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

The Happy Monday Club would like to invite you to another film screening on **Monday 22nd July at 2pm** in the Holy Cross Resource Centre in Eastleigh. The film will be "Phantom Of The Open" a hilarious comedy about Maurice Flitcroft's attempt to enter the 1976 Open without ever having played a round of golf. Suggested donation £2 to include ice cream. Please do come and join us, the Happy Monday Club is open to

adults of ALL ages. We look forward to seeing you, for more info please contact us on 07809 596831 or email: jakeman1966@hotmail.co.uk

Learn to Pray with the Weekly Scripture Readings Wednesdays at 11am in St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water, Romsey;

The group in St Edward's Church, Chandler's Ford (who normally meet on Thursdays) are now on a summer break and will restart in September.

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.

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!

Afternoon Club - St. Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. Please note the next games afternoon will be held on Tuesday 1st October at 2pm.

MESSAGES



Second Collection This Weekend

Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris) the Catholic Church's maritime charity - 13th & 14th July Seafarers and fishermen play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers are working in ports up and down this country and across the world: but they cannot do it without your support. This Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishermen get the support they need. If you would like to donate online please go to: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/apostleship-of-the-sea-sea-sunday-second-collection-2024>

Please do not use the yellow gift aid envelopes for this collection.

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

New Lectionaries

The Church in England and Wales is bringing out a new set of Lectionaries - new translation. They will be beautifully published but there is a cost. We need six sets, one for each of our churches.

Each set (comprising 4 volumes) cost £695 to order. Donors are welcome to sponsor a set of books - to commemorate a special occasion, anniversary, etc. If anyone would like to sponsor the set for one of our churches, please contact the parish office or speak to one of our priests.

Parish Barbeque

The Knights of St Columba and the CAFOD group invite you to a Parish barbecue at St Edward's on **Saturday 17th August from 1pm.**

Food including desserts and a free first drink all for **£12. Children under 12 are free.**

BBQ, dessert and raffle contributions gratefully received and there will be a CAFOD produce stall. Enquiries to Neil Hendricks (02380 266324).

Tickets on sale after Masses from weekend of 20th/21st July. Places are limited so don't delay!

Good Companions

Our next get-together will be at 3pm on **Friday 19th July in the Cloister at St. Edward's.** If you live alone, are lonely, or just in need of friendly company, please join us. Call Tony Wilson on 023 80266617 if you have any queries. See you there!

MESSAGES CONTINUED

Come & See Summer Club

(ages 7 to 14 years)

St Edward's Church, 8.30am to 3.30pm

Mon 5th to Fri 9th August 2024

Daily cost: £10 for the first child, £5 per additional child (siblings). For more information and to register go to: <https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee>
Volunteers will open the venue and welcome children from 8.30am (activities start at 9am) and will close it at 3.30pm (activities finish at 3pm). In order to join the Summer Club please complete the registration form on our website and **pay the whole amount by bank transfer by Friday 26th July 2024.**

Changes to Mass in July - Frs Raffaele, Luca, Mario, Matteo & Pietro will be at their formation during part of July (15th to 19th). There will be no weekday Masses apart from at Holy Cross on Thursday 18th and at OLQA on Friday 19th July.

Deacon Paul Owen and Deacon John di Meo will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion following the normal church timetable for St Edward, St Andrew and St Joseph. Deacon Paul Owen will also celebrate Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion at Holy Cross on Monday 15th July.

There will still be Eucharistic Adoration at St Edward on Tuesday 16th and at St Joseph on Thursday 18th however Eucharistic Adoration will not take place at Holy Cross on Wed 17th July.

Tea & coffee will carry on as usual that week.

Parish Office Closures - Fiona, our Finance Administrator, will be taking annual leave for a week from 15th July, therefore the main parish office will be **closed on Mon 15th & Tues 16th July** with reduced opening hours (9.30am-2.30pm) on Wed 17th and Thurs 18th July. The office is open as normal on Friday 19th July.

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

Weddings 2024 - This year many couples are preparing for, or have already celebrated their weddings. The Sacrament of marriage allows us to deepen our baptismal commitment and is a public declaration that a couple are giving themselves totally to each other.

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday: **Not at St Edward on Tues 16th July**

Tuesday: **Not at St Andrew on Tues 16th July**

Saturday: 10.00am-10.30am (after Mass) Holy Cross
5.30pm-6pm St Joseph

Sunday: 8.30am-9.00am (before Mass) St Edward
8.30am-9.00am (before Mass) St Andrew

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues: St Edward - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)

Wednesday: **Not at Holy Cross on Wed 17th**

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

Please pray for:

Kevin Stokes & Jessica Stokes;

Matthew Maynard & Kristie Sheryn;

Luke Dcaccia & Jules Arya;

Joe Eddy & Christina Tapper;

Jonny Carter & Trudy Cummings;

Matthew Rose & Amanda Hendrikse;

Jack Fisher & Alba Garcia;

Fergus McConnell & Hollie Klonowicz.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Sanders and for her family. Helen's Funeral Service takes place on **Wednesday 17th July at 10am in St Joseph's.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Valerie Newey and for her family. Valerie's Funeral Service takes place on **Wednesday 24th July at 11am in Holy Cross.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Brown and for her family. Mary's Funeral Service takes place on **Wednesday 31st July at 12 Noon in Holy Cross.**

Legacy Gifts - Our firm belief and hope as Catholics is that, 'for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended', and that - even amidst the sadness of death - the light and love of Christ abound. One beautiful and practical expression of this conviction is by committing support to the work and witness of the Church beyond the span of our own mortal lives, and leaving a legacy gift to the Church in our wills. For more information about legacies please contact Fiona at: accounts@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk or by phoning 02380 273882.

SCHOOL NOTICES



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/>

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

adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk

St Anne's Catholic School & Sixth Form College

were delighted to welcome the Catholic School Inspectorate to St Anne's before half term and were thrilled to be graded outstanding in the majority of judgements. The full inspection report can be found on our website. For those new to the area, we are a state comprehensive school in Southampton city centre for girls in years 7 to 11 with a mixed gender Sixth Form College. For more information about our school please go to: <https://st-annes.uk.com>

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays: **Fr Raffaele not available 16th July,** 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross R/Centre, Eastleigh

Wednesdays: **Fr Luca not available 17th July,** 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre.

Saturdays: **Fr Mario not available 13th & 20th July,** 2.30pm-4.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26A Abbey Water), Romsey.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 13th July	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	People of the Parish Cecilia Harris RIP Anniversary Intentions of the Layzell Family
Sunday 14th July <i>Fifteenth 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> Anna Ryan RIP Birthday Anniversary Eileen & Norman Joyce RIP Mrs Anne Clayton-Smith RIP FM Anne Kelly RIP Anniversary
Monday 15th July <i>St Swithun</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	<u>Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Communion</u>
Tuesday 16th July	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	<u>Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Communion</u> <u>Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Communion</u>
Wed 17th July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	9.30am 10.00am <u>10.00am</u>	Holy Cross St Edward <u>St Joseph</u>	<u>No Mass</u> <u>Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Communion</u> <u>Funeral Service: Helen Sanders RIP</u>
Thurs 18th July	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Cross St Joseph	Regina Turl (Special Intention) <u>Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Communion</u>
Friday 19th July	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	<u>Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Communion</u> <u>Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Communion</u>
Saturday 20th July	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Ron & Sheila Rhymer RIP Anniversary Bryan George Dolbear FM
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