



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

21st June 2020: **TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Family or Friend

It has been an unusual time in the Church for months. But one thing that has struck me over this time was a simple statement by Fr Raffaele made very early on in his time here. He spoke lovingly of the family relationship between those he shared the house at Eastleigh with. At first I put this down to the strong link between all those in their confraternity. I remember how Dennis spoke of the closeness in the seminary. I thought it was unusual that they spoke of being a family, because traditionally we think of family as being blood kin, and there is an old saying that says "you can pick you friends but not your family" but here we see another form of family.

Recently I was exploring the BBC iplayer, and spotted a revue of Fast and Furious, a series of 7 films, about a group of friends who share a love of speed (Fast) and also live at an exaggerated pace (Furious) The revue explained that the lead character is Dom, he has a girlfriend, and a sister plus several friends who work together. This motley crew; are quite anti-establishment; share meals together as a family (and say grace before meals). They look out for each other and speak and act as if they were one family. An individual called Brian, who is an undercover cop is tasked with getting close to Dom and the group because they are thought to be carrying out criminal acts.

To cut a long story short, Brian falls in love with Dom's sister – but he gets exposed as a cop and there is some obvious bad feeling as he is one of them not one of us. But Brian bonds with Dom and the group and is eventually accepted as a new family member. The core to all the films is **that they are a family who are there for each other.**

Now some of you may be thinking why this is in our newsletter, and the simple answer is that Christianity is about open friendships and love for those around you not just kin. The recent Covid situation has shown how important it is for mankind to reach out to others in need. This reaching out is a key part of the Social Action of the Catholic Church. However, this social action is one of the best kept secrets of the Catholic Church.

One of the hymns for last Sunday opens with "One bread, one body, one Lord of all, One cup of blessing which we bless. **And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**" This reminds us that we are one throughout the world and we are all one family to Jesus. The situation with the Covid virus will eventually improve, but remember how we reached out to those in need. If you want to find out how you can better carry out this "social action of the church" go on the diocesan website and see what Caritas Portsmouth are doing.

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/caritas> maybe there are some examples we can follow.

Deacon Paul Wilson

GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is the video recording from our meeting with sister Lucy and Ciara (Dominican Sisters of St Joseph). If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on website.sswp@gmail.com



LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 21st June 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 12

PSALM RESPONSE: IN YOUR GREAT LOVE, ANSWER ME, O GOD.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2020:

1st reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13 **Psalm:** 68 **2nd reading:** Romans 5:12-15 **Gospel:** Matthew 10:26-33

MESSAGES



Reopening of our Churches for Private Prayer

The Diocese has now given us permission to reopen our churches. In the first instance this will be for private prayer only. In order to do so there are a number of things that we have to do to ensure that this is achieved in a safe way and that we have minimised or addressed any risks involved.

1) Volunteers

To make this happen we need your help. Volunteers will be needed to manage the opening of the churches, ushers to ensure and maintain social distancing and cleaners to ensure that we have a clean environment.

Who can be a volunteer?

People who are in the High or Moderate Risk Groups, as defined by the NHS, at this stage cannot be volunteers. This includes those people who are 70 yrs. or more and those who have underlying health conditions. This is to ensure that these groups of people are protected during this time of transition. As the situation is changing rapidly, this can be reviewed and we are hopeful that we can be more inclusive in the near future.

If you want to help as a volunteer please contact the following people. We really do need you!

St Edward the Confessor: Deacon Paul Owen
powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Holy Cross: Elizabeth Nash
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Our Lady Queen of Apostles: Canon Alan
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2) Requirements for parishioners coming to the church for private prayer

Private prayer is open to all, but please consider if it is safe for you to do so. Please follow the guidance given to you by the ushers and sit in the designated seating areas. All parishioners on entering and leaving the church will need to use the alcohol based hand gel. Some Parishioners may wish to wear a mask.

Times the churches are open for private prayer

St Edward the Confessor:

Tuesday 3.00-6.00pm

Saturday 10.30-1.00pm

Holy Cross:

Thursday 10.30-1.00pm

Sunday 3.00-6.00

St Andrew:

Tuesday 3.00-6.00pm

Saturday 10.30-1.00pm

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Friday 10.00-11.00am

Offerings for our Parish

We have expanded our donation section on the website. There is now a document with a comprehensive guide found at the bottom of the donation section.

Please consider making your offerings by direct Bank Transfer, Direct Debit or Standing Order. We have listed the bank account details and the contact details of the Gift Aid Co-ordinators.

Romsey: St Andrew, North Baddesley and St Joseph
Bank Account: sort code 30-93-04
Account number: 00886557
Gift Aid Co-ordinator: David Martin: 01794 511883

Chandlers Ford: St Edward the Confessor
Bank Account: sort code 30-93-04
Account number: 00876187
Gift Aid Co-ordinator: Mike Greenslade: 02380 262870 or
Ian Fearon: 02380 265248

Eastleigh Holy Cross & Fair Oak: St Swithun Wells,
Bank Account: sort code 30-93-04
Account number: 00877299
Gift Aid Co-ordinator: Patricia Baggot: 02380 694060

Bishops Waltham: Our Lady Queen of the Apostles
Bank Account: sort code 30-93-04
Account number: 00874648
Gift Aid Co-ordinator: Patricia Baggot: 02380 694060

Fr Joe Mcnerney (Southampton Hospital Chaplain)

Fr Joe Mcnerney expressed his deep gratitude for the many rosaries and holding crosses that he received from the people of our parish.

ONLINE MASS TIMES & PRAYING OF THE ROSARY



Mass will be live streamed from Holy Cross Church

Sundays at 10.00am

Mon to Sat at 9.30am

Please go to our website

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/> where you will be able to watch and join in Mass being celebrated live from Holy Cross Church.

Communal Praying of the Rosary with Meditations from the Holy Cross Presbytery

Monday to Friday at 7.00pm

You can listen to a short meditation by one of the priests or special guests and then join in praying the rosary.

Special guest: On Thursday 25th June Sister Valentina Stilo from the *Verbum Dei* community (Southampton University) will be our special guest.

How to join our ZOOM meetings

Via internet:

Go to <https://zoom.us/j/6942241055>

If you don't have the "zoom" app, it will be automatically downloaded.

Click "join a meeting"

Enter the Meeting ID: 694 224 1055

Via phone:

Dial one of these four numbers

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196

Follow the instructions

When asked enter the Meeting ID:

694 224 1055

CHANGES TO PARISH OFFICE OPENING & MASS INTENTIONS



Main Parish Office/Priest Availability

The Parish Office is closed to visitors however the office telephone will be manned either by the Parish Secretary or by one of our Priests from Tuesday to Friday 10.00am-6.00pm.

If you want to speak to one of our Priests, for personal support or spiritual direction, please call this number during these times.

Parish Office telephone number: 02380 273882.

Outside of these times or if the matter is urgent please phone the emergency number below.

Emergency Number Tel: 02380 612430

If you urgently need to speak to one of our Priests please use this number. If no-one is around to immediately answer your call please leave a message and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions: There are open spaces in the following weeks for Mass intentions. Please book them by sending an email or calling the office.

How to make an offering for your Mass intention.

(1) You can send cash or a cheque to the office made payable to **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** (writing on the back the date your Mass was said and your Mass intention).

(2) You can make a bank transfer to the main parish account **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** with sort code **30-93-04** and account number **01786599**

Please indicate that the transfer is for a Mass intention, the date it was celebrated and who/what the Mass was celebrated for. This is very important for keeping everything in order.

PARISH GROUPS



The following groups are continuing to meet through ZOOM:

Stars of Abraham

(Live meeting) 7.00pm Tuesdays.

Grail Seekers

(Live meeting) 4.00pm Saturdays.

On Wednesday evening, be sure to take a look at the upcoming input we will discuss together on Saturday. You can find the weekly input at www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/grailseekers

TOZ

(Live meeting) 7.00pm Sundays.

On Wednesday evening you can see the topic of the week at www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/toz

School of Community

(Live meeting) 8.00pm Wednesdays.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 20th June <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Jack and Chris Molloy (FM) James Kerr (RIP) Carol Williams (RIP)
Sun 21st June <i>Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Philip Hamlin (Thanksgiving) Mary Matkowski (RIP) Gail Patrick (RIP)
Mon 22nd June <i>St John Fisher and St Thomas More</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Mrs Edward Christian (FM) Richard and Teresa Layzell (Wedding Anniversary)
Tues 23rd June	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Father Luca (Special Intention)
Wed 24th June <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Liung and deceased members of the Bonetti and Wilson family (FM) Father Marco (Special Intention)
Thurs 25th June	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Father Raffaele (Special Intention)
Fri 26th June	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Philip Stokman (Special Intention)
Sat 27th June	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Elie Joseph Abdo (RIP)
Sun 28th June <i>St Peter and St Paul</i>	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Louisa and Gavin Lockhart (Wedding Anniversary) Hazel Brown (RIP) Margaret and Raymond Kaufman (RIP)

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