



*Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ*  
**22nd AUGUST 2021: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

LET US GO WITH THE LORD

After taking a look at the 1st reading at Mass this weekend from the Book of Joshua, I can't help feeling that the tribes of Israel have certainly changed their tune from their time in the wilderness. However, they still need encouragement to be followers of the One True God. You will remember that the period in the wilderness was a testing time for Israel; they did not like the discomfort of the wilderness and they reacted strongly against the instructions of Moses to the point where they even constructed a golden calf to worship instead of God. They hankered after the "security" of slavery to the Egyptians where they at least had food. Now Joshua has to remind the Tribes, yet again, that they are at the disposal of God and are called into a special relationship with Him by virtue of the Covenant. This Covenant demands that the Tribes of Israel do as they are told. If they do not want to do this, then, they are free to choose not to follow the God of their ancestors. The affirmation of the people is 100% for serving the Lord and focusing on Him alone as their Lord and the Master of their destiny.

The struggle of the Tribes of Israel to come to terms with accepting that God knows best is something which we all have to learn. It is not easy. Our natural disposition is to want what is best for us as and when we want it, which often means we subject the real good for the transitory comfort or enjoyment of the moment, or, of an imaginary "good time" of the past; the object of our longing, whether it be wealth, a football team or whatever, becomes the golden calf of the wilderness to which we bow down. Joshua offers the people a choice as God offers us each day choices and opportunities to serve Him and to follow that path set out for us in His Son, Jesus. The choice is to move forward with God or to stay behind with the objects of our desires. There can be little doubt that if left to our own desires things go wrong pretty quickly. This can happen both individually and within those spheres where we work and pray. People of Faith, when they forget to follow what the Lord requires, can degenerate into bloodshed and violence in the name of Religion. Like the united voice of those who faced the decision to go forward in Faith or remain in the clutches of pagan gods, let us echo the words of Joshua in our hearts and minds as we say - *as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

*Fr Bruce*

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God's providence shines with greater strength than the light of this world. So do not examine events that are above you, do not scrutinize His motives which you cannot understand. For your very existence has been given you out of pure generosity. God has no need of help from us. Let us rather marvel and give Him glory.

*(John Chrysostom)*

## GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a "Statement from the Bishop's Conference about Sunday Mass Obligation"  
- you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact  
[website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

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

# LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 22nd August 2021:** Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 1

**PSALM RESPONSE:** TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Psalm: 33 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

**Gospel:** John 6:60-69

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST:**

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 Psalm: 14 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Letter of St James 1:17-18, 21b-22,27

**Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 3pm** in St Edward's cloister for all the parents and guardians where we will present the 2021/2022 Grail Seekers programme.

### Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group in August

We will be offering coffee and discussion of the readings of the day on Tuesday Mornings at 10.15am at Holy Cross Resource Centre. All are welcome.

### 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](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or alternatively please speak to a priest. The next group will start in September 2021.

### Communion & Liberation Groups

Now on Summer break, will resume in September.

### Fellowship Group

Now on Summer break, will resume in September.

### Come and See Holiday Activities

A reminder of dates for those booked into the Summer Camp:

OLQA Hall, Bishops Waltham

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th August

**Please note the Summer Camp is now closed to new registrations.**

More Come & See Holiday activities are being planned for the October Half Term and the Spring & Summer Half Terms in 2022, please check our website as registrations for these Half Term clubs will open soon.

### 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. Fleming Park Leisure Centre has agreed to us using their toilet facilities. There is no cost associated with this event. For more details and to book please go to our website.

### Message

A young mother with an 11 year old boy (both are parishioners) urgently need accommodation, preferably

## MESSAGES



In Eastleigh. If you can help please email: [elicelvanessacdea@hotmail.com](mailto:elicelvanessacdea@hotmail.com)

### Opening Times for St Edward & Holy Cross Churches

Opening times as are follows:

#### **Holy Cross**

Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm;

Saturday from 9am to 12 Noon;

Sunday from 8.30am to 12 Noon.

#### **St Edward**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9.30am to 4pm; Tuesday from 9.30am to 7.30pm.

Saturday from 9.30am to 7.30pm;

Sunday from 8.30am to 11am.

### Suggested reading for the Summer

**Full Life: Letters to My Students** by Mr Hans van Mourik Broekman. The author will come in person to our **Cultural Friday on 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

**Rebecca** by Daphne Du Maurier.

### Upcoming Parish Office Closures

Due to staff holidays the Parish Office will be closed on: **Friday 20th, Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th, Friday 27th, Bank Holiday Monday 30th August & Friday 3rd September.**

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



### COVID Roadmap Update

The government has removed some of the legal requirements regarding COVID, however we need to ensure that we continue to keep each other safe and our churches be a place where parishioners can come and worship with confidence and feel safe.

The Catholic Bishop's Conference of England & Wales has recommended that churches continue with a number of measures.

We strongly recommend the use of face coverings whilst attending church;

We are continuing to provide hand sanitiser;

If you wish to check in at any of our churches please use the QR code or give your details to a steward;

If anyone has any particular health care needs or concerns please speak with the stewards;

Although social distancing is no longer required you may prefer a gap of one or two seats as before;

We will continue with our one way system;

The physical sign of peace remains suspended;

Congregational singing will resume but will be phased in gently. Face coverings should be worn whilst singing until infection levels reduce;

The offertory basket will resume being circulated during Mass;

Holy Communion will continue under one kind;

Thank you for your support.

### St Swithun Wells Parish requires a Part-Time Housekeeper for the clergy in Eastleigh

The position will be based in Eastleigh, and involves housekeeping support to the parish clergy; dealing with house cleaning, laundry for the clergy and house; grocery shopping and cooking of some meals.

We require an enthusiastic, discreet and self-motivated person sympathetic to the ministry and mission of the Catholic Church. Good communication skills are a must

and a flexible and positive attitude is required. The role promises a varied and interesting workload. The job is part-time (7 hours per week to be worked Tuesday 09.30am to 12.30pm and Thursday/Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm) with a salary of £3,535.30 per annum (FTE £17,672.20). For more details and an application form please see the parish website, [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk), or contact the Parish Office on email: [stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) tel: 02380 273882.

**The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Tuesday 31st August 2021.**

Interviews will then be held the following week.

The intention is that the successful applicant will start as soon as possible once references have been received.

### St Swithun Wells Parish Financial Summary 2019/2020

A summary of the Parish Finances covering the period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020 has been produced and will be made available this weekend in all of our churches, please pick up your copy.

### MISSIO - Your Red Box Is Vital

If it hasn't been emptied in a while, please count the money in your Red Box and:

i) Give via text - text REDBOX5 (to donate £5) or REDBOX10 (to donate £10) to 70085

ii) Call Missio on 0207 7821 9755 to donate

iii) Bank Transfer - Account Name: Missio; Sort Code: 16-00-16; Account Number: 10824230

Reference: RB+ your postcode

Alternatively, (for St Edward only) post it through my letter box: 65 Pine Crescent, Chandler's Ford.

Many thanks, Mary Vokes

## LIVE STREAMED MASS, BOOKING SYSTEM & CONFESSION

### Live Streamed Mass

All of the Masses from Holy Cross & the Sunday Mass at OLQA are live streamed. To join please go to our parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

For details of all of our Public Masses 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](mailto: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](mailto:joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk)).

### 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's - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

### CONFESSION

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

|                   |                 |            |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------|
| <b>Tuesdays:</b>  | 6.30pm-7.30pm   | St Edward  |
| <b>Tuesdays:</b>  | 9.30am-10.00am  | St Andrew  |
| <b>Saturdays:</b> | 10.00am-10.30am | Holy Cross |
|                   | 5.30pm-6.00pm   | OLQA       |
|                   | 5.30pm-6.00pm   | St Joseph  |
| <b>Sundays:</b>   | 8.30am-9.00am   | St Andrew  |
|                   | 9.00am-9.30am   | OLQA       |

### TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>Tuesdays:</b>   | Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh |
| <b>Wednesdays:</b> | Fr Luca, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh     |
| <b>Fridays:</b>    | Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey                          |
| <b>Saturdays:</b>  | Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey                              |

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

| DATE  | TIME    | CHURCH                          | MASS INTENTION   |
|---|---------|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Saturday 21st August</b><br><i>Morning Mass: St Pius X</i>                 | 9.30am  | Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) | Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM                              |
|   | 5.00pm  | St Swithun Wells                | Andrew Bates RIP Anniversary                                 |
|   | 6.00pm  | St Joseph                       | Sr Alice (Professed 70 years)                                |
|   | 6.00pm  | OLQA                            |  |
|   | 6.30pm  | St Edward                       | For the People of the Parish                                 |
| <b>Sunday 22nd August</b><br><br><b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  | 8.30am  | Holy Cross                      | <i>Polska Msza Święta</i>                                    |
|   | 9.00am  | St Edward                       | Harry & Cavanagh Families Living & Dead FM                   |
|   | 9.00am  | St Andrew                       |  |
|   | 9.30am  | OLQA (also Live Streamed)       | Jeffery Tuppein RIP  |
|   | 11.00am | Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) | John Marlow RIP Anniversary                                  |
|   | 11.00am | St Joseph                       |  |
| <b>Mon 23rd August</b>  | 9.30am  | Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) | Frederick John Johnson FM<br>Pat Daniels RIP 1st Anniversary |
| <b>Tues 24th August</b><br><i>St Bartholomew</i>                              | 10.00am | St Andrew                       |  |
|   | 6.00pm  | St Edward                       | Margaret Martindale RIP                                      |
| <b>Wed 25th August</b>  | 9.30am  | Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) | Algirdas Juozas Rimutis RIP                                  |
|   | 10.00am | St Edward                       | Anne & Sean Connolly RIP                                     |
|   | 7.30pm  | OLQA                            |  |
| <b>Thurs 26th August</b>  | 9.30am  | Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) | Ron & Collette Reynolds FM                                   |
|   | 12 Noon | OLQA                            |  |
|   | 6.00pm  | St Joseph                       | Paddy Mulligan RIP   |
| <b>Friday 27th August</b><br><i>St Monica</i>                                 | 9.30am  | OLQA                            |  |
|   | 10.00am | St Joseph                       | Sr Alice (Professed 70 years)                                |
|   | 10.00am | St Edward                       | For Beccs on the Occasion of her Birthday                    |
| <b>Saturday 28th August</b><br><i>Morning Mass: St Augustine of Hippo</i>     | 9.30am  | Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) | Thomas Charles Robinson FM                                   |
|   | 5.00pm  | St Swithun Wells                |  |
|   | 6.00pm  | St Joseph                       | Sr Margaret RIP  |
|   | 6.00pm  | OLQA                            |  |
|   | 6.30pm  | St Edward                       | Cagampang Family (Special Intention)                         |
| <b>Sunday 29th August</b><br><br><b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> | 8.30am  | Holy Cross                      | <i>Polska Msza Święta</i>                                    |
|   | 9.00am  | St Edward                       | Deceased Members of the McCormack & Leavy Families RIP       |
|   | 9.00am  | St Andrew                       | For the People of the Parish                                 |
|   | 9.30am  | OLQA (also Live Streamed)       |  |
|   | 11.00am | Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) | Bill Richards RIP  |
|   | 11.00am | St Joseph                       | For Lucy & Frances (Special Intention)                       |

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