



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 9th July 2023: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That's All That Matters

Some days ago I came across a surprising interview with the Oklahoma Softball players. You can find the video on our homepage.

During a press conference, after having won for the third time in a row the College World Series, three Oklahoma softball players were asked by an ESPN reporter a very simple question: "How do you handle pressure?". In fact if you happen to watch on YouTube some extracts of their games, you will notice that the players of the Oklahoma softball team are often joyful and easy going.

While the question of the journalist wasn't very surprising, the answer was quite unusual. Captain Grace Lyons responded: "The only way that you can have a joy that doesn't fade away is from the Lord. Any other type of joy is actually happiness that comes from circumstances and outcomes."

I find very interesting the distinction between happiness and joy, and think that today we often confuse the former with the latter. Happiness is momentaneous, it is a short-term sensation, mainly deriving from a particular achievement, linked to particular circumstances or outcomes. Success can give happiness, for example every time our own plans are fulfilled. I study hard for a good grade, they give me an 'A'... I'm happy. I put a lot of effort into obtaining a promotion, finally I get there... I'm happy.

But the tricky thing of happiness is that it doesn't last long and it always depends on my capacities. What if I'm not talented enough? What if I work hard to achieve something, but then an unexpected event happens and I'm out of the game? And what happens after I have achieved my goal? I think we all have experienced at least once in our life, that sense of disillusion that comes after we have reached something we thought was *everything*.

Joy is something different. "God-given joy isn't dependent on on-field success... Joy from the Lord is really the only thing that can keep you motivated [and] in a good mindset, no matter the outcomes," Captain Grace said.

This doesn't mean that engaging with your job is useless or secondary. Team-mate Jayda Coleman says at the end of the interview: "We wanna win, but it's not the end of the world [if we lose] because our life is in Christ, and that's all that matters".

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "That's All That Matters" a surprising interview with the Oklahoma softball players - 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 **9.30am on Wednesday 12th July 2023**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 9th July 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOR EVER, O GOD MY KING.

READINGS: 1st reading Zechariah 9:9-10 Psalm 144 2nd reading Romans 8:9,11-13 Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Sunday 16th July 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: SOME SEED FELL INTO RICH SOIL AND PRODUCED ITS CROP.

READINGS: 1st reading Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 64 2nd reading Romans 8:18-23 Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups (including First Holy

Communion & Confirmation) - are now taking a Summer Break, they will resume in September.

Please check the parish website for the calendar of meetings, times and venues.

www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community groups are now on their summer break, resuming in September.

For more information please click the link on the homepage of 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 - Wednesday 12th July, 7.30pm at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. This is our last Fellowship before the summer break. There will be an "End of Term" liturgy and refreshments. More details from Bob Birtles. If you would like to join us on Zoom, please contact Peter at peterbaggott@aol.com

Romsey Prayer Group - Every Wednesday morning at 11am in the St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water. All will be made very 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.

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Groups

Holy Cross Group normally meet on Wednesdays in the Resource Centre, Eastleigh, however the group is now on a summer break, resuming in September (dates to be confirmed);

St Joseph's Group meet on Thursdays from 10.30am –12 Noon in the Hall (26 Abbey Water, Romsey).

The groups are for 0-4 years and their families. More information is on the website or you can email: littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com

Ark of Fellowship - Group for learning disabilities or learning difficulties, their families and friends

Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. More information is on the website. Interested in volunteering or know some young adults who would like to join the group? If yes, please contact: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

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!

Sunday Boules Group OLOA

Meet in the car park at 11am, all welcome! If you have a set of boules please bring them along.

MESSAGES



Upcoming Second Collections

Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris) the Catholic Church's maritime charity - 9th July

Seafarers lead hard and dangerous lives. This Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishers get the support they need. 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.

Parishioners may use their gift aid envelopes or donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/apostleship-of-the-sea-second-collection-2023>

The collection closes on 18th July 2023. Thank you.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John McGhee and for his family. John's Funeral Mass will take place at Holy Cross on Tuesday 11th July at Midday.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila 'Jean' Sillence and for her family. Jean's Funeral Service will take place at St Joseph's on Tues 11th July at 3pm.

Lyn Fryer, a long standing member of St Swithun Wells

Church has died aged 99 years. Lyn's funeral will take place at Wessex Vale Cemetery on Tuesday 11th July at 10am. There will be a reception after at East Horton Golf Club and everyone who knew Lyn is most 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 or alternatively please speak to a priest.

Latest Diocesan Job Vacancies

Full Time Estates Manager/Building Surveyor

For all current vacancies please go to: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat on Zoom, 22nd July 10am-1pm "SIGHT FOR THE BLIND - The Charisms of healing and miracles in Evangelisation." For more information please see the poster on church noticeboards.

MESSAGES CONTINUED

Parish Party in the Park

On **Sunday 9th July from 1pm-6pm** there will be a Parish Party in the field behind Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Eastleigh (as we did last year). Please see the map of the exact location, plus the event programme on our website. Please use the car park of the Leisure Centre, we can also use their toilet facilities during the event. We will provide standard BBQ food (burgers, sausages, bread, vegetarian option) however please bring your own drinks, plates, cutlery, chairs/picnic blankets and some salad/cakes to share. **Price £5 per person, for children 10 years and under it will be free.** Payment by cash or card reader on the day.

Come & See Summer Club

(ages 7 years to 14 years)

St Edward's Church, 8.30am to 3.30pm

Mon 7th to Fri 11th August 2023

Mon 14th to Fri 18th August 2023

Daily cost: £10 for the first child, £5 per additional child (siblings). For more information and to register please 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). Please note that every day the Summer Club is on we are offering a **Club Extension** where children can stay at the venue from 3.30pm until (maximum) 5.30pm. The Club extension costs £10 per day per child.

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 4th August 2023.** Please also include the cost of the Club Extension (3.30pm-5.30pm) if your child is going to attend.

Cultural Friday - 14th July, 7pm, St Edward's Cloister

Please save the date for the Cultural Friday on 14th July, where we will be introduced to the book "Miguel Manara" - a man with an infinite thirst for great things who found peace after leading a restless life. It's a great story that shows us what can happen when one takes their religious sense seriously! Cheese and wine from 7pm, the talk starts at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Good Companions - Our next gathering for those who live alone or are lonely is at **3pm on Friday 21st July in St. Edward's cloister.** Please join us for tea and a chat. If you have any queries call Tony Wilson on 023 80266617. Hope to see you there.

Clergy Retreat & Holidays

From the afternoon of 16th July until 28th July, Frs Raffaele, Luca & Marco will be away. Fr Andrew also leaves us on 16th July. Supply priests have been arranged to cover weekend Masses and weekday Masses (24th - 28th July). Fr Bruce will also be away from 22nd to 29th July.

Engaging the Disengaged: How to accompany non religious persons

Online seminar on **Tuesday 21st November at 6pm**, exploring strategies for all Catholics to fulfil their mission to bring people closer to Christ. *Engaging the Disengaged* is about how to accompany the non-religious person in daily life. Demand for the event is expected to be high and early booking is advised to reserve a place. **Tickets are priced at £10 per person (non refundable).** To book please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engaging-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-non-religious-persons-tickets-646139539757>

St Anne's Catholic School Open Mornings

St Anne's is an outstanding 11-18 state funded Catholic school for girls with a mixed sixth form in the heart of Southampton, with excellent transport links to all points of the compass. Places are open to all families seeking a school with a strong Catholic ethos. Parents can visit us during our **Open Mornings (9am - 11am) on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th July 2023.** Parents can book a free ticket via Eventbrite (see poster on church noticeboards). We ask that parents arrive at 9am to hear from our Senior Leadership team and then take a tour or between 9.30am and 10am for tours only.

Life Shop – Volunteers & Donations Required

As a charity we manage a group of Life Houses, maintain a national helpline and send out thousands of free pregnancy tests each month. Our mission is to support vulnerable women with an unplanned pregnancy. This work saves lives. We draw much of our support from the Catholic community across England. Our shop in Eastleigh requests donations (clothing, linen, books, media, shoes, handbags, toys and bric-a-brac), we also ask for volunteers to help with customer service roles, that could include operating the till, replenishing stock, sorting out donations, as well as visual merchandising. Our shop can be found at: 3 Market Street, Eastleigh, SO50 5RJ. You can call the team there on 023 8061 7870.

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesday:	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
Saturday:	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	10am or by appointment	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am	St Edward
	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues:	St Edward after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)
Wednesday:	Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)
Thursday:	St Joseph - before Mass (5.30pm-6.00pm)

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays:	Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh
Wednesdays:	Fr Luca is not available on 12th July 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh
Fridays:	Fr Raffaele, 10.30am-11.30am, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
Saturdays:	Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 8th July	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Jim McGinn RIP People of the Parish Bellwood Family (Wellbeing)
Sunday 9th July <i>Fourteenth 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> Ana Da Silva RIP Anniversary Timmy Fung RIP Anniversary Charles & Maria Cooper RIP FM Sr Shirley RIP
Monday 10th July	9.30am	Holy Cross	
Tuesday 11th July <i>St Benedict</i>	10.00am <u>12 Noon</u> <u>3.00pm</u> 6.00pm	St Andrew <u>Holy Cross</u> <u>St Joseph</u> St Edward	<u>Funeral Mass: John McGhee RIP</u> <u>Funeral Service: Sheila 'Jean' Silience RIP</u> People of the Parish
Wed 12th July	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward	Diane Lopez RIP Anniversary Keith Small RIP
Thurs 13th July	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Layzell Family Intentions Sr Shirley RIP
Friday 14th July	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	 Mrs Edward Christian FM
Sat 15th July <i>Morning Mass: St Swithun</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Finnerty & Molloy Families FM Agnes Carter RIP Graham & Pauline Alldred (Golden Wedding Anniversary) Jan Szczetnikowicz RIP Anniversary
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