



*Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ*

9th August 2020: **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Hiroshima and the Transfiguration

Not only was the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020 the day the Church celebrated the Transfiguration of Jesus, but it was also the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of the most terrible tragedies in human history: the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima. Evil and light, darkness and goodness. The whole history of the world is a twist of war and peace, the fight between God and the devil. Maybe the visit of Pope Francis to Hiroshima, which happened last year, can enlighten this vital topic.

The following words are from an article of *Alessandra Stroppa*.

*In 1945, on the morning of 6th August, at Hiroshima, in a single instant, eighty thousand people died, and sixty thousand more died in the following months. "Here, in an incandescent burst of lightning and fire, so many men and women, so many dreams and hopes, disappeared, leaving behind only shadows and silence". The Pope plunges himself into that instant, that abyss, and pronounces his message of peace at the Hiroshima Memorial, at the end of the most intense day of his trip to Japan.*

*On this day, Francis' words are strong. He condemns the hypocrisy with which people speak of peace whilst financing arms and conflict, the false security of the use of arms, the distrust that poisons relations between peoples, the prevalence of the dynamics of distrust, the erosion of multilateralism. "The use of atomic energy for purposes of war is immoral, just as possessing of nuclear weapons is immoral...We will be judged for this. Future generations will rise to condemn our failure if we spoke of peace but did not act to bring it about among the peoples of the earth. How can we speak of peace even as we build terrifying new weapons of war? How can we speak of peace even as we justify actions by speeches filled with discrimination and hate?...A true peace can only be an unarmed peace." He specifies that it is immoral not only to use nuclear weapons, but so is "possessing nuclear weapons".*

*"Evil has no preferences; it does not care about people's background or identity. It simply bursts with its destructive force", the Pope said, as soon as he landed in Japan. Within the wound of that moment in history there are all other kinds of wounds, personal and social, that become a cry, that can only be a cry, to be saved. This is how Francis ends the day in Hiroshima: "Come, Lord, for it is late".*

We know that this cry does not remain unheard. The Lord came, showed his face, in the shining face of Jesus. His face serene and calm, which shines on the faces of the saints of the Church, is the answer to our cry for justice.

Fr Luca

## GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "**Mother Teresa: A Saint for our time**". If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



### Sunday 9th August 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

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

**READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Kings 19:9a,11-13a

**Psalm:** 84 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Romans 9:1-5 **Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

### Sunday 16th August 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

**PSALM RESPONSE:** ON YOUR RIGHT STANDS THE QUEEN, IN GARMENTS OF GOLD.

**READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-

6a, 10ab **Psalm:** 44 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Corinthians 15:20-27 **Gospel:** Luke 1:39-56

### Sunday 23rd August 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1

**PSALM RESPONSE:** YOUR LOVE, O LORD, IS ETERNAL: DISCARD NOT THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS.

**READINGS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Isaiah 22:19-23 **Psalm:** 137 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Romans 11:33-36 **Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST:

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Jeremiah 20:7-9 **Psalm:** 62 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Romans 12:1-2 **Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27

## COME AND SEE (Holiday Club)

During August we will start a Holiday Club for children and young people. Club options dependant on age (subject to review, due the current pandemic) are:

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August 9.30 – 15.00, for children and young people school years 3 – 9 (beginning September 2020):** A walk in one of the parks nearby, packed lunch and chat. Parents or guardians will need to bring and collect their children at Holy Cross Resource Centre. Volunteers will open the venue and welcome children from 8.30am and will close at 3.30pm. If you are interested and want to come along to each event you will need to complete a new form on the homepage of our website. Due to the current situation we will accept a maximum number of 20 children.

## MESSAGES



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August 7.00pm, for young people school year 10, 11 and sixth form (beginning September 2020):** Meet at 7.00pm in the Resource Centre to have dinner together (pizza or pasta) and then either watch a film or have a chat. If you are interested and want to come along to each event you will need to complete a new form on the homepage of our website. Due to the current situation we will accept a maximum number of 25 people.

### Parish Newsletter

Due to Summer holidays the next Parish Newsletter to be published will be Sunday 30th August.

## PARISH OFFICE & MASS INTENTIONS

### Main Parish Office

The Office is open **Monday to Wed 9.30am-5.30pm, Thursday & Friday 9.30am-2.30pm.**

Parish Office telephone number: **02380 273882.**

If you need to speak to a member of staff please knock, step back and wait.

Please note that due to holidays the Office will be closed on Friday 14th & 21st August.

### Mass Intentions

For St Andrew's & St Joseph's please book these through Deacon John Di Meo.

For all other churches please send an email or call/email the Parish Office.

To make an offering:

(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).

Alternatively you could hand your offering to a priest, deacon or the office when it is open.

For those who are still isolating:

(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. Please note:

On Mondays and Fridays, Mass will be private however our Priests will offer the Mass according to the requested intentions (up to a maximum of 2 intentions).

For Tues, Wed, Thurs, Saturdays a maximum of 2 intentions can be offered each day.

For Sundays only 1 Mass intention will be offered at each public Mass celebrated in our churches.

# MASS TIMES, PRIVATE PRAYER & CONFESSIONS



## St Edward the Confessor:

- **Wednesday 10.00am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Saturday 6.30pm** (the church will close after Mass)
- **Sunday 9.00am** (church will remain open until 11.00am for private prayer)

## Holy Cross:

- **Thursday 9.30am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Sunday 11.00am** (church will remain open until 1.00pm for private prayer)

Both public Masses in Holy Cross (Thursday and Sunday) will also be streamed. To join please go to our parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

## St Andrew:

- **Tuesday 10.00am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Sunday 9.00am** (church will remain open until 11.00am for private prayer)

## St Joseph - please note the booking system in place:

- **Thursday 6.00pm** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Monday through to Wednesday (Tel: 01794 513528 / [teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk)).
- **Sunday 11.00am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Charles Crampin from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 02380 410595 / [sancha@virginmedia.com](mailto:sancha@virginmedia.com)).

## Our Lady Queen of Apostles:

- **Sunday 9.30am** (the church will close after Mass)

## St Swithun Wells Primary School Field:

- **Sunday 4.30pm** (Bring your own seating. Mass will be suspended only in case of very bad weather).

## Confessions

After every Mass a priest will be available for confession - please just ask.

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 8th Aug	6.30pm	St Edward	Eric & Clare Lasker (55th Wedding Anniversary) Living & Deceased Members of the Layzell Family FM
Sun 9th Aug <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph SSW Primary School	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Timothy Layzell RIP Alan French RIP Kate Murphy RIP John Gare RIP (2nd Anniversary) Val & Phil Talbot - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Thanksgiving)
Mon 10th Aug <i>St Laurence</i>		Private Mass	
Tues 11th Aug <i>St Clare</i>	10.00am	St Andrew	Maureen Boog RIP & her family Mrs Marykutty & Mr Augustine (Special Intention)
Wed 12th Aug	10.00am	St Edward	The Living & Deceased Members of the John's family FM Denis McCormack (Well Being)
Thurs 13th Aug	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph	Ron & Tibby Taylor RIP Sr Catherine Carey (Diamond Jubilee)
Fri 14th Aug <i>St Maximilian Maria Kolbe</i>		Private Mass	Sr Delores Caine RIP Ita Rattray RIP

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DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 15th Aug	6.30pm	St Edward	Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP Layzell Family (Intentions)
Sun 16th Aug <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph SSW Primary School	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Skipton Leonard & Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP Patricia Gillibrand RIP Reverend Paul Beaumont FM Sr Marie Bernadette (Diamond Jubilee)
Mon 17th Aug		Private Mass	Michael Lane FM
Tues 18th Aug	10.00am	St Andrew	Sr Marie Bernadette (Well Being)
Wed 19th Aug	10.00am	St Edward	Mrs Edward Christian FM Michael Craven RIP
Thurs 20th Aug <i>St Bernard</i>	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph	Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM Sr Maureen Seddon (Well Being)
Fri 21st Aug <i>St Pius X</i>		Private Mass	
Sat 22nd Aug	6.30pm	St Edward	Harry & Cavanagh Families (Living & Dead) FM Felino Cagampang (Thanksgiving)
Sun 23rd Aug <i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph SSW Primary School	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Philomena Murphy Krikorian RIP Kathleen & Albert Harrison RIP (Anniversary) Andrew Bates RIP (3rd Anniversary) John Marlow RIP (Anniversary)
Mon 24th Aug <i>St Bartholomew</i>		Private Mass	Frederick John Johnson FM Mary Vokes (Birthday)
Tues 25th Aug	10.00am	St Andrew	Selwyn Luckwell RIP Sr Patricia Wragg (Well Being)
Wed 26th Aug	10.00am	St Edward	Timothy Layzell RIP
Thurs 27th Aug <i>St Monica</i>	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph	Ron & Collette Reynolds FM Sr Catherine Carey (Well Being)
Fri 28th Aug <i>St Augustine of Hippo</i>		Private Mass	Thomas Charles Robinson FM
Sat 29th Aug	6.30pm	St Edward	
Sun 30th Aug <i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph SSW Primary School	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Susan Butcher RIP Maureen & Jim Robinson 65th Wedding Anniversary & Family