



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

**30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

LOOKING FORWARD – LOOKING BACK

'Looking forward' must be one of the most frequent things that we do and say in our lives. We may be looking forward this week to meeting an old friend, planning a holiday, starting a new hobby or just having some quiet time to ourselves.

As children most of our looking forward is to the very immediate future, although I'm sure we all remember milestone moments of great excitement and anticipation like the build-up to Christmas. As we grow into the teenage years and then adulthood our 'looking forward' takes on the important concerns of education for the world of work, building a lifelong relationship, recognising a vocation or progressing a career, buying a home and achieving independence. We are so occupied with these developments that we probably look forward more than we look back.

In middle age we are focussed on our family, our career or vocation, our hobbies and interests. We also have to consider that our parents are getting older too. We have to face the reality of illness and death among our relatives which reminds us of our past, our upbringing, the debt of gratitude we owe to others.

When retirement comes our attitudes have probably shifted quite considerably. No longer do we have to consider promotion prospects or a full-time job. While we look forward to having more time for hobbies and leisure, volunteering in the parish, seeing the grandchildren growing up, we also have time to look back on our lives and to reflect on all that has happened to us.

As we enter November our thoughts turn to those who have gone before us. On All Souls' Day we pray for family, friends and parishioners who have died; we remember by name and light a candle for those who have died within the past year. On the national Remembrance Day we give thanks to all whose lives were sacrificed for us in the name of right and freedom. We visit our cemeteries and churchyards to pray at the graves of people from our local communities. While November is the special month for remembrance, we know too that those who have died are remembered at every Mass that is celebrated, every day, across the world; and in the Evening Prayer of the Church the final intercession is offered each day for those who have died.

You will see elsewhere in the newsletter the days and times that our churches in the parish are open for private prayer. It is a great Catholic tradition for people to pop into the church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament as they go about their daily life. Perhaps this is something we might be able to do during November: to make a personal visit to the church for say, fifteen minutes, to make an Act of Gratitude for the lives of all those we have known, remembering them by name. They are the ones who, in so many different ways, have helped to shape us to be the people we are today. If getting to the church is not possible then you might find a quiet space at home for this prayer of remembrance. We all have so many people to be grateful for, so let us 'look back' as well as looking forward.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them;  
may they rest in peace. Amen.*

*Deacon John*

## GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Ten Year Mission Strategy" Pastoral Letter of Bishop Philip - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by **9.30am on Wednesday 2nd November**, please email your messages/notices to: [office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 30th October 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

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

READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> reading Wisdom 11:22-12:2 Psalm 144 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Sunday 6th November 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: I SHALL BE FILLED, WHEN I AWAKE, WITH THE SIGHT OF YOUR GLORY, O LORD.

READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> reading Maccabees 7:1-2.9-14 Psalm 16 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5  
Gospel Luke 20:27-38

## 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)

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

Youth Group Registrations for the year 2022/23 are still open on our website: [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

### Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community meet weekly:

Holy Cross every Wednesday at 8pm;

St Edward's every Thursday at 8pm.

For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - Wed 2nd November, 7.30pm at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. Deacon Bob will be talking about the current Papal letters.

Everyone welcome. To join us on Zoom, please contact [peterbaggott@aol.com](mailto:peterbaggott@aol.com) for the link.

### Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays at 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. All are welcome!

### The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Groups

Holy Cross Group meet on Wednesdays from 10am in the Resource Centre, Eastleigh;

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](mailto: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. Interested in volunteering or know some young adults who would like to join the group? If yes, please contact: [arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com)

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.

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!

OASIS Women's Group - All ladies are welcome to join us for our next meeting: **Monday, 14th November at 7:30pm at St Edward the Confessor.** We are fortunate to welcome Marianne Wanstall who will be talking about the history of Pilgrimages and what Pilgrimages are like today. Marianne will be sharing some of her experiences in Lourdes. Do come and join us for a friendly and informative evening.

Romsey Prayer Group - Every Wednesday morning at 11am in the St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water. Although this group came about following the CaFE group's sessions on The Gift, a Life in the Spirit, it is open to everyone in the Parish. The sessions last no longer than an hour. All will be made very welcome.

## MESSAGES



### Feast of All Saints - Tues 1st November

Please remember this is a Holy Day of Obligation, a number of Masses will be held across the Parish on this day, please see the back page for details.

### Feast of All Souls: Annual Mass and lighting of candles for parishioners who have died in the past year

This will take place at the following churches:

Holy Cross, Wed 2nd November at 9.30am;

St Joseph, Wed 2nd November at 10am;

St Edward, Wed 2nd November at 7pm

St Andrew, Wed 2nd November at 7pm;

St Swithun Wells, Sat 5th November at 5pm.

### Feast of All Souls at OLQA

Two Masses will be celebrated at OLQA on Wed 2nd November.

9.30am Mass for All Souls (names not read out)

7.30pm Mass for Parishioner's Holy Souls (Sung)

We are encouraging all those who attend the evening Mass to bring a white flower to present to the Altar when the names of their loved ones have been read.

The flowers will be placed in vases around the altar to remind us of the presence of the Holy Souls.

### Upcoming Second Collections

Bamenda on 5th/6th November

## MESSAGES CONTINUED

### St Charles Borromeo Feast Day

The 4th November is the Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, patron of The Fraternity of Frs Raffaele, Luca, Marco and our Deacon Andrew. On this day we will pray for all the missionaries of The Fraternity.

### Blessing of the Graves

In November each year we remember in a special way those who have died and gone before us. One of our traditions is the Blessing of Graves in the cemeteries within our Parish. Details for this year are:

#### **13th November (Remembrance Sunday)**

Romsey Cemetery 2pm

Woodley 2.30pm

Bishopstoke Cemetery 2pm

Eastleigh Cemetery 3pm

Fair Oak Cemetery 2pm

Ramalley Cemetery 3pm

**15th November** - North Baddesley 10.30am

### Remembrance Sunday (13th November)

**Holy Cross** - Mass will start at 11.30am following the civil commemoration in the park.

**St Joseph's** - Mass will be at 11.30am following the civil commemoration in the park.

### Good Companions

The next tea for those who live alone or are lonely will be at 3pm on Friday 4th November in St Edward's cloister. Please ring Tony Wilson on 023 80266617 if you wish to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

### Parish Get2Gether - 6th November, 1-4pm

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH

An event for all of the parish, especially families.

We begin at 1pm, sharing a meal together. The topic for discussion is Family & Prayer. No cost, however we kindly ask you to give a donation to cover the hire of the Pavillion. Please bring some food, beverages or cakes to share with others. We would be grateful if you could please write down the main ingredients and allergens on a piece of paper so people can make an informed decision as to whether the food is suitable for them. Please can you bring your own cups/plates/cutlery. To book your place please go to our parish website and click the link. Next Get2Gether date for your diaries: 11th December (Christmas Party)

CAFOD Christmas cards will be on sale after both weekend Masses at St Edward's commencing this weekend.

### CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

**Tuesday:** Not on All Saints (1st November) St Ed

**Tuesday:** 9.30am-10.00am St Andrew

**Saturday:** 10.00am-10.30am Holy Cross

10am or by appointment OLOA

5.30pm-6.00pm St Joseph

**Sunday:** 8.30am-9.00am St Edward

8.30am-9.00am St Andrew

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday:** Not on All Saints (1st November) at St Ed

**Wednesday:** Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)

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

### AS ONE event in Fair Oak

You may have seen the 'As One' banners around with the message 'Fill your street with friendliness'. The As One campaign has teamed up locally with Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council, Fair Oak Family Church, St Swithun Wells RC Church and King's School for an event in Fair Oak. The As One 'brunch' event will happen at 10.30am-12 Noon on Saturday 12th November in the main hall at King's School Allington Lane Fair Oak. Bacon rolls, tea and coffee and more - absolutely free. Everyone is invited.

### Holy Cross Shop

Volunteers needed on Sundays to help at Holy Cross shop. If you feel you can give your time before and/or after Mass on a Sunday, please contact Angela on 02380 647042. Hopefully, if we are able to get a team together it would not involve every Sunday.

The Digital Collection Plate - A card reader is now available in the church foyers at Holy Cross, St Edward & St Andrew (to start with). The digital collection is another way to give, it does not replace the second collection baskets or direct debits/standing orders. Alternatively, please scan in this QR code which will take you directly to the online giving page.



CAFOD - Thank you to all who supported the recent Soup Lunch at St Edward's. £187 was raised for the Harvest Appeal.

### End of British Summer Time

Please remember that the clocks go back by one hour this weekend of 29th/30th October.

## SCHOOL NOTICES



### St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School Open Mornings & Information Evening for parents with children starting school in 2023

**Wed 2nd November from 9.30am-10.30am**

**Thursday 3rd November from 9.30am-10.30am**

**Thursday 3rd November from 6.30pm-7.30pm**

To book a place at any of the open mornings or information evening, please follow the link below:

<https://forms.gle/Dn47LhDtv4zyjaRM8>

If you are unable to attend any of the sessions and would like to arrange another time please phone the school office on 02380 266210 or email us at [adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk).

School Mass - Parishioners are welcome to join us for Mass at 2pm in the school hall for All Saints Day on Tuesday 1st November.

### TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

**Tuesdays:** Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh

**Wednesdays:** Fr Luca, 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 29th Oct	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLOA St Joseph St Edward	Deceased Members of the Russell Family RIP  Roy Russell-Smith RIP Anniversary Jessie Regan RIP Anniversary
Sunday 30th Oct <i>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLOA (also live streamed) Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Paul Chandler RIP 7th Anniversary People of the Parish  Tony & Jackie Barsi RIP Mackenzie Family Members
Mon 31st	9.30am	Holy Cross	Gerard Carr RIP FM
Tues 1st Nov <i>All Saints</i>	<u>9.30am</u> <u>10.00am</u> <u>2.00pm</u> <u>7.00pm</u> <u>7.00pm</u> <u>7.30pm</u>	<u>Holy Cross</u> <u>St Andrew</u> <u>SSW School Hall</u> <u>St Joseph</u> <u>St Edward</u> <u>OLOA</u>	Christy Coughlan RIP  Nigel Tait RIP Mrs Edward Christian FM
Wed 2nd Nov <i>All Souls</i>	<u>9.30am</u> <u>9.30am</u> <u>10.00am</u> <u>7.00pm</u> <u>7.00pm</u> <u>7.30pm</u>	<u>Holy Cross</u> <u>OLOA</u> <u>St Joseph</u> <u>St Andrew</u> <u>St Edward</u> <u>OLOA</u>	Mass offered for our deceased Mass offered for our deceased Mass offered for our deceased Mass offered for our deceased Mass offered for our deceased Mass offered for our deceased (Sung)
Thurs 3rd <i>Blessed John Body</i>	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLOA St Joseph	Keith Clark RIP  Mary Costigan RIP
Fri 4th <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLOA St Joseph St Edward	Jane Palmer RIP Margaret Martindale RIP
Sat 5th Nov	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLOA St Joseph St Edward	Annina Neri RIP Birthday Anniversary Mass offered for our deceased  Nigel Tait RIP John Foster RIP & the Postles Family
Sunday 6th Nov <i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLOA (also live streamed) Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Keith Small RIP Patricia Roydon RIP Anniversary  Beatrice & George White; Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandes Jesus Ocaya & Francisco Villaver RIP

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