



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

12th SEPTEMBER 2021: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Newsletter Covers Sunday 12th September & Sunday 19th September

The Joy of God

A few days ago, Fr Marco, Andrew and I went to visit the Isle of Wight. We have recently been blessed with a very good weather and had the chance to go around the island and admire the outstanding beauty of the island.

First we visited Quarr Abbey, then we went for a short walk to the Tennyson Monument, close to Totland Bay. From there you can see the vastness of the English channel and the Solent. The words Psalm 125 were continuously coming to my mind: "What marvels the Lord worked for us"!

The most significant moment for me was meeting the Benedictine Sisters of St Cecil's. I was surprised by their joy and hospitality and so I started reading a book that is a collection of works by one of them, sister Mary David, who died in 2017. The book is called *The Joy of God* and I would like to share some quotes with you. God knows how important it is for us, in this difficult time, to find words that can give us hope!

Joy, said G.K. Chesterton in his book Orthodoxy, 'is the gigantic secret of the Christian', the distinguishing atmosphere of the Christian life. It lies at the very heart of the Christian's vocation as a child of God. Joy is something established in our relationship with God, the expression of one who is loved by God and lives in God. Christian joy springs from the fact that we are so rich, so saturated with God...

It is noteworthy how often in the New Testament joy and affliction go together... The joy in the midst of suffering is nothing other than the joy of love. It is not a question of loving suffering for itself, but of seeing the acceptance and overcoming of it, and even the choice of it, as a proof of love. It is in this love that the Christian rejoices... We often think of the Cross as an obstacle to joy, as something barring the way to happiness. The saints are far simpler: for them joy means loving someone. This means they can suffer anything and still be happy, if not on the surface, at least essentially...

So the joy in question here is not an emotion; it is a choosing to place one's happiness where it properly belongs, holding on to what is true and real whether we feel it or not... In other words, joy is not something determined by our state of mind or situation; it lies deeper than happiness or unhappiness, consolation or desolation, pleasure or pain. It is not something we feel but something we do. It is something to be chosen, a choice God calls us to. In calling us to himself, he calls us to joy, for he is our joy. This is why we can always rejoice in the Lord, even when we have a thousand reasons for being sad or upset...

Such joy cannot be shaken because it lives in that part of us where God reigns and dwells. It may be accompanied by felt joy, it may not. Either way it does not matter, for it is the Lord's own joy that nothing can take from us.

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a "A Thousand Voices: The views, hopes and fears of the lay faithful in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth"- 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 22nd September, please email your messages/notices to: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 12th September 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: I WILL WALK IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING.

READINGS: 1st reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a Psalm:114 2nd reading: Letter of St James 2:14-18 Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER:

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD UPHOLDS MY LIFE.

READINGS: 1st reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 Psalm:53 2nd reading: Letter of St James 3:16-4:3 Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER:

READINGS: 1st reading: Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm:18 2nd reading: Letter of St James 5:1-6 Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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 18th 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 18th 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.

The three Youth Groups (Stars of Abraham, Grail Seekers and Student Youth) are restarting the week commencing 20th Sept. For more information please go to our website

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays, 10.15am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For the **14th September** we will watch a DVD on 'The joy of the Gospel' and on the **21st September** we will watch 'The gift of the Spirit'.

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. The next group will start in September 2021.

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community in Holy Cross restarts on **22nd September** and meets every **Wednesday**, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

School of Community in St Edward restarts on **23rd September** and meets every **Thursday** at **8pm** in St Edward's cloister.

Candlelight Prayer by Zoom - recommences this **Monday 13th September at 7.30pm**. A link will be sent on the day to those people on the list. All are welcome - if you would like more information or to receive the link please email Bob or Marion. marionbirtles@gmail.com

Fellowship Group - recommences on Zoom **Wednesday 15th September at 7.30pm**.

We shall have a "Beginning of Term" Liturgy and give some consideration to themes for the coming term. All are welcome. Please contact Bob for the link (if you usually do not receive it): bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Afternoon Club - **St Joseph's Parish Centre (26 Abbey Water)**, first Tuesday in the month. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. All welcome!

Upcoming Second Collections

This **Sunday 12th September** there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

On **Sunday 19th September** there will be a second collection for Home Missions.

Upcoming Parish Office Closures

Due to staff training the Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday 15th September**.

The Parish Office will also be closed on **Friday 17th September**.

MESSAGES



Upcoming funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Colin Davidovitz and for his family. Colin's funeral takes place at **St Edward** on **Wednesday 22nd September** at **12 Noon**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Raymond Kelly and for his family. Raymond's funeral takes place at **Holy Cross** on **Wednesday 29th September** at **12 Noon**.

Beginning Day Communion & Liberation (CL) - Sunday 12th September

Starting at 12.30pm at OLOA. Everyone welcome.

Parish Quiz - Open to all!

Saturday 18th September at 7pm in the Resource Centre, Holy Cross

Join us for a fun quiz evening (you don't have to be a Mastermind!). Teams of no more than 6. Cost £1 per person. Please bring your own food and drink. As numbers are limited please ring Val Talbot on 07766 056488 to book a place.

St Joseph's Picnic

Sunday 19th September after the 11am Mass

Venue: Memorial Park in Romsey

Please bring your own food & drink. All are welcome!

Meeting for all the Volunteers of the Parish

In our Parish we are blessed with many volunteers and we are very grateful for what you do. For this reason we would like to have a meeting with all the volunteers twice a year to reflect all together on the meaning of being a volunteer and the reason why we give our time to the Parish. The first meeting will be on **Sunday 26th September from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in St Edward the Confessor in Chandlers Ford.**

You can prepare for the meeting by trying to answer the following questions:

1. Why am I a volunteer?
 2. What have I learnt by being a volunteer?
- We are so grateful for all you do for the Parish and hope to see all of you at the meeting. Remember to bring your mask!
Fr Raffaele

Cultural Friday

On **Friday 1st October** there will be a meeting with Hans Brockman to listen to his experience as a head teacher, there will also be the opportunity to put forward your questions to him. The meeting will start at 7pm. Venue to be confirmed.

To reserve a seat at Mass in St Joseph, Romsey

From **Monday 13th September** there will no longer be a requirement to reserve a seat for Mass in St Joseph Romsey.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Invitation to Parishioners to join OLOA's Wilfred

Walk - Members of OLOA's congregation will be walking through the Hampshire countryside, visiting five beautiful churches in the Meon Valley, dating back to Saxon times. The walk will take place on **Saturday 2nd October starting at Exton at 10.00am.** Parishioners are very welcome and if you would like to join us please contact Angus Somerville for details at angussomerville@hotmail.com or phone 07929 867472.

Live Streamed Mass

All of the Masses from Holy Cross & the Sunday Mass at OLOA are live streamed. To join please go to our parish website: www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk For details of all of our Public Masses please see the timetable on the back page of the newsletter.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 1st October

Our local experts are helping people all over the world adapt to climate change and to protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this family fast day you can help communities affected by the worst impact of the climate crisis. Donation envelopes will be provided in all of our churches in the next few weeks. Many thanks for your support.

Baby & Toddler Group

We would like to start a baby and toddler group in the parish (possibly in Holy Cross or St Edward) and need some volunteers to organise the sessions and to help set up and clear down. If you are interested please email Katie: katiestickland2013@gmail.com

Volunteers Urgently Needed for Street Pastors

Patrols - Could you help by giving five hours a month to spread the love of Christ in our Community? Over the last twelve years the churches in Eastleigh working together through Street Pastors have played an essential role in keeping people safe. **Our comprehensive training starts on the 8th October.** Details can be found in our newsletter: https://streetpastors.org/locations/eastleigh/wp-content/uploads/sites/67/2021/07/newsletter_Edition_23.pdf For more details or an informal chat contact Eric Hyom on 07736 967921 or email: erichyom@sky.com

CONFESSION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesdays:	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
Saturdays:	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	OLOA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLOA

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)

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

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

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday 11th Sept	9.30am	HC	Raymond Kelly RIP	Monday 20th Sep <i>St Andrew Kim Taegon & St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions</i>	9.30am	HC	
	5.00pm	SSW					
	6.00pm	OLQA					
	6.00pm	St J	For the People of the Parish				
	6.30pm	St Ed	Rosario Nicosia RIP				
Sunday 12th Sept <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>	Tuesday 21st Sep	10.00am	St A	
	9.00am	St Ed	The Intentions of Maura & Tom Downes		6.00pm	St Ed	
	9.00am	St A	Irene Dornan RIP	Wed 22nd Sept	9.30am	HC	Margaret Martindale RIP
	9.30am	OLQA			10.00am	St Ed	
11.00am	HC	Maria Szczetnikowicz RIP Anniversary		7.30pm	OLQA		
11.00am	St J	Sr Margaret RIP	Thursday 23rd Sept	9.30am	HC	Sergejus & Severinas Ancupovai RIP	
Monday 13th Sept <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	9.30am	HC	Marjorie Harris RIP FM		Midday	OLQA	
				<i>St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	6.00pm	St J	
Tuesday 14th Sept <i>The Exalta- tion of the Holy Cross</i>	10.00am	St A	The Suffering People of Myanmar (Special Int)	Friday 24th Sept	9.30am	OLQA	Ann Wood RIP Anniversary
	6.00pm	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM		10.00am	St J	
					10.00am	St Ed	
Wed 15th Sept <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.30am	HC	Special Intention	Saturday 25th Sept	9.30am	HC	Pat Freemantle FM
	10.00am	St Ed	David & Barbara Layzell and family (Intentions)		5.00pm	SSW	
	7.30pm	OLQA			6.00pm	St J	
Thursday 16th Sept <i>Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	9.30am	HC	Andrew Andrews RIP		6.00pm	OLQA	
	Midday	OLQA			6.30pm	St Ed	
	6.00pm	St J	Jane Mary Roberts RIP Anniversary	Sunday 26th Sept	8.30am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Anne & Sean Connolly RIP
Friday 17th Sept	9.30am	OLQA			9.00am	St A	
	10.00am	St J	Margaret Martindale RIP		9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Ed		<i>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11.00am	HC	Julia & Jozef Kusy RIP For the People of the Parish
Saturday 18th Sept	9.30am	HC	Annamma RIP Anniv		11.00am	St J	
	5.00pm	SSW					
	6.00pm	St J	In Memory of Sr Margaret Young DW				
	6.00pm	OLQA					
	6.30pm	St Ed	For the People of the Parish				
Sunday 19th Sept <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>				
	9.00am	St Ed	Folco Scappaticci RIP Anniversary				
	9.00am	St A	Kathleen & Albert Harrison RIP Anniversary				
	9.30am	OLQA					
	11.00am	HC	Lee Presley RIP				
	11.00am	St J	Annie Carville RIP Anniv				

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