



Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

22nd September 2019: **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

OUR VISION – PART 2

Last week we started speaking about the vision of our Parish. We said that **our vision is the person of Jesus Christ**. We want to help people to be on a Christian journey, to know Christ more, to be on a personal path of conversion and to be part of the Christian community that is in our Parish. This is our proposal. Following this vision we spoke about the changes in the Sacramental Preparation and Youth Groups. Today we will address the following area: Groups/Formation for adults. Next week we will speak about Culture and in two weeks about Charity and other issues.

Groups/Formations for adults

In our Parish we have many different kinds of people: children, teenagers, parents, elderly and sick. It is nice to see all of them together at Mass on Sunday. Everyone is in a particular and unique stage of their human journey, and we have to address everyone in a way specific to them. That is why the proposal for a child has to be different from the one for a teenager or an adult.

In our community we are blessed with many adults, most of them with family life, hard jobs, a lot of responsibilities and joys. As a Parish we want to give special attention to all the adults, we want to nourish their Christian life, both as individuals and as families.

When I arrived I found a great number of groups to help adults to encounter the Lord and to have a community life: **GIFT, Fellowship Group, Journey in faith with the Bible, Prayer Groups, CAFÉ, Oasis** and others. They are all open to new people. All of them will take the opportunity of the Year of the Bible 2020 to be more focused on the Scripture. A new group started last year called **School of Community**, for all the adults who want to be helped by the Movement of Communion and Liberation in their Christian life.

In our society families face many challenges: it is difficult to find places where they can meet each other and be helped, the values that we receive from our society are often superficial or negative, the world changes so quickly that it is difficult to make decisions especially about children. To help our families we would like to offer first of all a Christian friendship. That is why we will continue the first Sunday of the month to have the **Get2Gether Family Afternoon** in St Edwards from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. It is an event for all the parents, children, grandparents... During that afternoon we will have some music and games for all of the families, and also a little discussion with the parents about some topics of family life like education of the children, prayer in the family and so on.

Our community is very rich in volunteers, probably more than a hundred. They have a special place. Without them our Parish wouldn't be as alive and vibrant as it is. Cleaning the Churches, arranging the flowers, helping the youth Groups, visiting the sick, singing in our choirs and doing many other activities, they offer their service for the Glory of God and His Kingdom. All of them help the mission of the Parish and of the Church. We would like this year to help them in their ministry. That is why we will begin a **formation for all the volunteers of the Parish**. There will be three evenings during the year in which we will speak to them about the following topics: Religious Sense, Incarnation and the Church. It will be on the following Fridays: 18th October, 14th February and 19th June at 8.00pm in St Edwards Church.

An **Advent Retreat** (Sunday 8th December at St Edwards) and a **Lent Retreat** (Sunday 8th March at St Edwards) will be open to everybody and will help all of us to prepare for Christmas and Easter.

Fr Raffaele Cossa

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Where mission begins" – a meditation on the meaning of Church's Mission by Emanuele Silanos. You can find it on our homepage.

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

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday Cycle: Year C - Weekday Cycle: Year 1 - Psalter Week: 1

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I AM THE SALVATION OF THE PEOPLE, SAYS THE LORD. SHOULD THEY CRY TO ME IN ANY DISTRESS, I WILL HEAR THEM, AND I WILL BE THEIR LORD FOR EVER.

PSALM RESPONSE: PRAISE THE LORD, WHO RAISES THE POOR.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019:

1st reading: Amos: 6:1. 4-7 - Psalm: 145 - 2nd reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16- Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

PARISH GROUPS



Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

Tuesdays between 10.15-11.30am (after Mass) in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. This week our Seminarian Philip is giving a talk to the group. For more details contact June or Paul Wilson on 02380 616618. Or email: pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

School of Community

The weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation every Wednesday at 8pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.

Candlelight Prayer - Wed 25th September at 7.30pm

St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. Join us for an evening of prayer, readings, reflection and hymns around the Tabernacle, hosted by the Fellowship Group. Refreshments are served at the end of the evening. Contact Dcn Bob or Marion Birtles for details.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church please speak to a priest or email Deacon Paul Owen at powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Preparation will be on Wednesday evenings fortnightly at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford starting on 2nd October at 7.30pm.

Journey in Faith with the Bible: An opportunity for all to develop through prayer and reflection a better understanding of the readings for the following weekend's Sunday Mass. On Wednesday evenings fortnightly between 7.30pm and 9pm at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford starting on Wednesday 9th October.

Dates up until Christmas: 9th, 23rd October; 6th, 20th November; 4th, 18th December. All are welcome to attend. Further details from Anne Owen on 02380 254806.

CAFE - the next meetings will be held on:

Tuesday 15th October in St Andrews at 7.30pm;
Monday 21st October in St Joseph's at 2pm.
Further details from Sheila on 01794 518071.

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 2nd October, 7.45pm at St. Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak.

Refreshments served at end of meeting. Everyone welcome. Queries to Peter Baggott or Dcn Bob Birtles.

TOZ (for young people from school year 10) meet twice a month on Sunday in the Resource Centre in Eastleigh. Next Meeting Date: 22nd Sept at 7pm. Contact: toz.sswp@gmail.com or phone 07846 438224 (Cath Szymanski)

Stars of Abraham (school years 3,4,5 & 6)

Starting in October 2019 there will be meetings every other week for school years 3-6.

Tuesday, 5.30-7.00pm in St Edwards Cloister;

Saturday 10.30am-Noon in HC Resource Centre.

Please complete the application form available on our website or from the Parish Office and give it to the Parish Secretary as soon as possible. There will be a meeting for all the parents interested (during which we will explain the activities of the group and few notices for those who want to receive First Holy Communion) on Sunday 22nd September at 4.30pm in Holy Cross Church.

Grail Seekers (school years 7,8,9)

Starting in September 2019 there will be weekly meetings for everyone in school years 7, 8 and 9 every Saturday from 2.30pm-4.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre. To join the group complete the application form (available on our website or from the Parish Office) and give it to the Parish Secretary as soon as possible.

CHANGES TO MASS & PARISH OFFICE OPENING



Due to Bishop Philip's visit to OLOA there will be No Vigil Mass on Saturday 28th September and Mass on Sunday 29th September will start at 11am instead of the usual 9.30am.

The Parish Office will be closed on:
Tues 24th (for Staff Training) & Fri 27th September.

OFFERINGS & SECOND COLLECTIONS



St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC;
SO/DD for August'19: £12,279.59.

Upcoming Second Collection

5th/6th October for CAFOD Harvest.

PARISH EVENTS



Bishop Philip's Visitation Programme

We welcome Bishop Philip back to our Parish during the weekend of 28th/29th September where he will be visiting St Swithun Wells, St Andrew's & OLQA.

Saturday 28th September

4.15pm: Bishop arrives at St Swithun Wells Church.
5.00pm: Bishop celebrates Mass & delivers the homily.

Sunday 29th September

8.00am: Bishop arrives at St Andrew's.
8.30am: Bishop Philip celebrates confessions.
9.00am: Bishop celebrates Mass & delivers the homily.
11.00am: Bishop celebrates Mass and delivers the homily at OLQA.

Good Companions Lunch: Wednesday 2nd October, 12.30pm at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield (meet from Midday). If you would like to join us please ring Pauline on 023 80266617 or Susie on 023 80263436 by Friday 27th September. Hope to see you there.

Fast Day Soup Lunch: Friday 4th October

12noon-1.30 pm at St Edward's in aid of this years appeal. Cost £5 each, children £1.
Please come along and bring your friends.

Parish Lunch: Monday 7th October, 12.30pm at the Hunters Inn, Romsey. All are welcome. Menus are on the notice boards. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Sunday 29th September as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

Get2Gether Family Afternoon

Sunday 6th October from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in St Edward's Church (Cloister). If you want to bring a cake or some juice, it will be much appreciated, at the end we finish with some refreshments.

Next Get 2Gether date: 3rd November

SCHOOL NOTICES



St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

Is seeking Foundation Governors to join our vibrant and supportive Governing Body. No experience of working in education is necessary as the role of the Governors is to work with the head teacher, staff and other Governors to ensure the school continues to flourish. **Closing Date for applications is Friday 11th October** (see notice on Church noticeboards).

For further information please contact the School directly (02380266210) or have a look on their website www.st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk/community.

St George's Catholic College

There is an Open Morning and Evening on **Thursday 3rd October** (9am-11am & 6pm-8pm), and Open Morning on **Thursday 10th October** (9am-11am). Go to www.stgcc.co.uk or phone 02380 322603.

St Mary's Independent Catholic School

There is an Open Evening on **Tuesday 8th October** 6pm to 9pm. St Mary's Independent School is Southampton's only Catholic all-through co-educational school. No appointment necessary; details can be found at: www.stmarysindependentschool.co.uk.

MESSAGES



First Holy Communion (FHC)

The next FHC celebration will be in June 2020 for children in Year 3 (or older children who haven't yet received First Holy Communion). To be prepared we ask you to join the Stars of Abraham group and get involved regularly for one year with the activities (see the Parish Groups section). Please return completed forms to the Parish Office **by 30th Sept '19**.

Confirmation

The next confirmation celebration will be in April 2020 for anyone who will be in Year Eight or Nine next year (i.e. starting in September). To be prepared we ask you to join the Grail Seekers group and get involved regularly for one year with the activities (see the Parish Groups section). Please return the completed form to the Parish Office **by 30th Sept 2019**.

We Need You! Volunteers welcome to help with cleaning St Edward's church. We work in teams of 3-4 and each team cleans once every 5-6 weeks. It is a simple yet essential way to help the parish and a nice way to meet some friends. No experience needed! If interested please contact Rachel on 07766223181 or rachel.sipaul@me.com. Thank you.

St Swithun Wells Church - Help needed to

clean the brassware. As they are used only once a week it would only be necessary to clean them once a month. If enough people volunteer to go on a rota, hopefully you would only have to clean 2/3 times a year. Please give this your utmost consideration and contact Pat Baggott after Mass or on 02380694060. Many thanks.

Message from Jim Robinson

I would like to thank parishioners for their support and prayers during my recent illness. *Jim*

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 4th October

This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help the world's poorest people. Fast Day envelopes will be made available in all of our churches from Sunday 29th September.

Submissions for the Parish Newsletter

Please note that any notices/messages will need to be received into the Parish Office by **9.30am** (previously Midday) on **Wednesday** for inclusion into the coming Sunday's Newsletter. Thank you.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 21st <i>St Matthew</i> *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Regina Turl (Special Intention)
	5.00pm*	SSW	Marie Lewis RIP (2nd Anniversary)
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Skipton Leonard & Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP
Sun 22nd Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Ann Wood RIP
	9.00am	St A	Jane Mary Roberts RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	Russell Speight (Special Intention)
Mon 23rd <i>St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	10.00am	St Ed	Vivienne Dolbear RIP
Tues 24th <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	9.30am	HC	George & Molly Quigley & Family RIP
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 25th	9.30am	HC	Amarant Ferreria RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	James & Evelyn Bonetti RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 26th	9.30am	HC	
	10.00am	OLQA	
	<u>11.00am</u>	<u>St Ed</u>	<u>Funeral Mass: Vivienne Dolbear RIP</u>
6.00pm		St J	
	10.00am	St Ed	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
Fri 27th <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	10.00am	St J:AH	
	10.00am	St Ed	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Sat 28th *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Cyril Hoskins RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	Pat Freemantle FM
	6.00pm*	St J	Newton Carrasco RIP (Anniversary)
	<u>6.00pm*</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	<u>No Mass</u>
	6.30pm*	St Ed	
Sun 29th Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Living & Deceased Members of the Murphy and Lucas Families FM
	9.00am	St A	
	<u>11.00am</u>	<u>OLQA</u>	
	11.00am	St J	
	11.00am	HC	Robert Richard Alexander Levey FM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Tues: HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)
 Thurs: St Ed - Holy Hour 7-8pm, restarts 19th Sept
 Thurs: St J - from 4-6pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm

ROSARY AND PRAYERS
 St Edward's 9.30am, Wednesday - The Holy Rosary
 St Joseph's 6.00pm, Wednesday - Evening Prayer

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)
Saturdays: 10.00am Holy Cross
 12.00 Noon St Edward's
 5.30pm OLQA
 5.30pm St Joseph's
Sundays: 8.30am St Andrew's

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET
Tuesdays: Fr Raffaele, 4pm-6pm in the Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.
Fridays: Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Office (23 Abbey Water), Romsey.
Saturdays:
 Fr Marco, 10am-Midday, Parish Office (23 Abbey Water), Romsey.
 Fr Luca, 11am-1pm, Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.

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CHURCH ADDRESSES

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- OLQA Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham SO32 1DN
- HC Holy Cross Church, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF
- SSW St Swithun Wells Church, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB
- St A St Andrew's, Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley, SO52 9EP
- St J St Joseph's Church, Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

- St Swithun Wells Primary School 023 80266210
- St George Catholic V.A. College 023 8032 2603
- St Anne's Catholic School 023 80328200
- Charlton House 023 8067 7575
- St Mary's Independent School 023 8067 1267